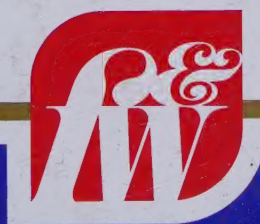


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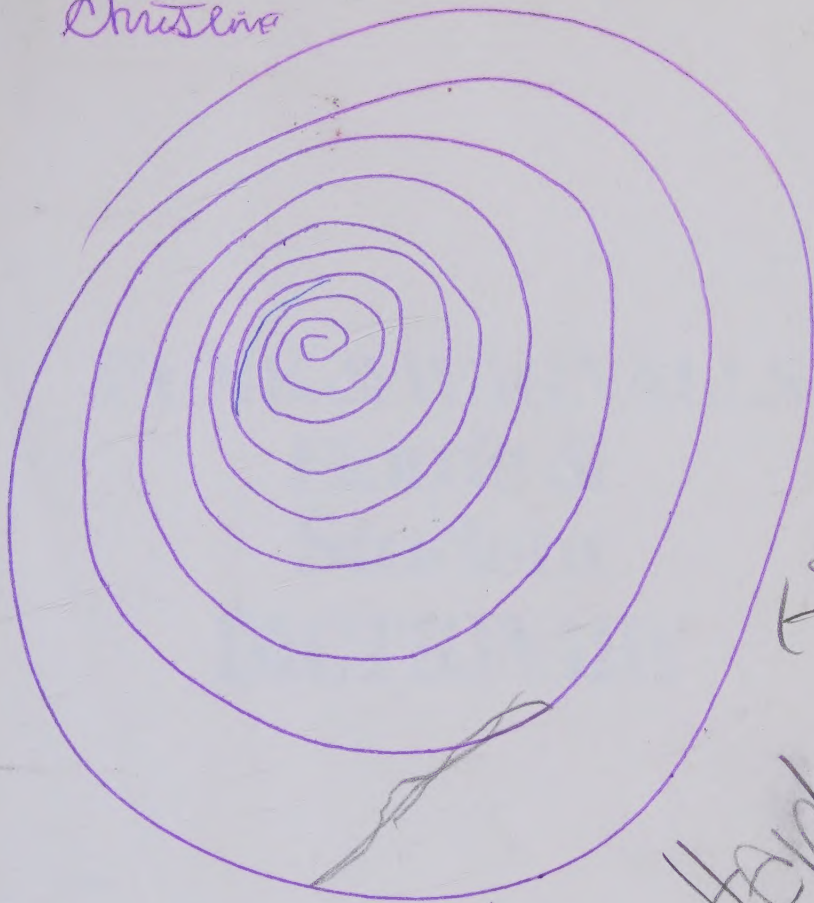
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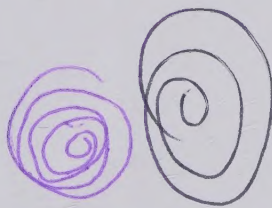
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Preface

WEBSTER'S NEW IDEAL DICTIONARY, SECOND EDITION, is the most recent in a series of Merriam-Webster® concise dictionaries that extends back more than 130 years. Over the years, books in this series have carried varied titles, such as Webster's Condensed Dictionary, Webster's Practical Dictionary, and Webster's Ideal Dictionary, but all have shared in being designed to meet the day-to-day needs of dictionary users in the home or office. The new edition is firmly within the tradition of those previous books in its emphasis on practicality, range of material offered, and ease of use, but it also draws much new information—including new vocabulary—from Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, the latest in our Collegiate® line of dictionaries.

The heart of Webster's New Ideal Dictionary, Second Edition, is the A-Z vocabulary. Within this section, one finds the core of the English vocabulary; obsolete, rare, and highly technical words and obsolete meanings of common words have been omitted. The vocabulary is thus a compilation of the words most likely to be looked up by any person searching for a meaning, pronunciation, or end-of-line division point. Every definition in this section is based on examples of actual usage found among the more than 13,500,000 citations in the Merriam-Webster files.

The A-Z vocabulary is followed by several sections that dictionary users have long found helpful: a list of common English given names; a list of foreign words and phrases that often occur in English texts but that have not yet become part of the English vocabulary; a list of nations of the world; a list of places in the United States having 16,500 or more inhabitants in the most recent census, with a summary by states; a similar list of places in Canada, with a summary by provinces and territories; a section devoted to widely used signs and symbols; and several others. All are listed on the Contents page.

The A-Z vocabulary is preceded by a section of Explanatory Notes that should be read carefully by every user of the dictionary. An understanding of the information contained in these notes will add markedly to the satisfaction and pleasure that come from looking into the pages of the dictionary. Following these notes is a page that lists and explains the pronunciation symbols used in this dictionary.

Webster's New Ideal Dictionary, Second Edition, is the product of a company that has been publishing dictionaries for nearly 150 years. It has been edited by an experienced staff of professional lexicographers, who believe that it will serve well those who want an easy-to-read record of today's English words.

Explanatory Notes

Entries

A boldface letter or a combination of such letters set flush with the left-hand margin of each column of type is a main entry. The main entry may consist of letters set solid, of letters joined by a hyphen, or of letters separated by one or more spaces:

hot . . . *adj*
hot-blooded . . . *adj*
hot dog . . . *n*

The material in lightface type that follows each main entry on the same line and on succeeding indented lines presents information about the main entry.

The main entries follow one another in alphabetical order letter by letter: *bill of exchange* follows *billion*; *Day of Atonement* follows *daylight saving time*. Those containing an Arabic numeral are alphabetized as if the numeral were spelled out: *4-H* comes between *fourfold* and *Four Hundred*; *3-D* comes between *three* and *three-dimensional*. Those derived from proper names beginning with abbreviated forms of *Mac-* are alphabetized as if spelled *mac-*: *McCoy* comes after *Maccabees* and before *mace*.

A pair of guide words is printed at the top of each page. These indicate that the entries falling alphabetically between the words at the top of the outer column of each page are found on that page.

The guide words are usually the alphabetically first and the alphabetically last entries on the page:

alto • amends

Occasionally the last printed entry is not the alphabetically last entry. On page 34, for example, ³*average* is the last main entry, but *averring*, an inflected form at *aver*, is the alphabetically last entry and is therefore the second guide word. The alphabetically last entry is not used, however, if it follows alphabetically the first guide word on the succeeding page. Thus on page 18 *anchoring* is not a guide word because it follows alphabetically the entry *anchorage* which is the first guide word on page 19.

Any boldface word—a main entry with definition, a variant, an inflected form, a defined or undefined run-on—may be used as a guide word.

When one main entry has exactly the same written form as another, the two are distinguished by superscript numerals preceding each word:

¹**egg** . . . *vb* ¹**rash** . . . *adj*
²**egg** *n* ²**rash** *n*

Words precede word elements made up of the same letters; solid compounds precede hyphenated compounds; hyphenated compounds precede open compounds; and lowercase entries precede those with an initial capital:

self . . . *n*
self- *comb form*

run-down . . . *n*
run-down . . . *adj*
run down . . . *vb*
fed-er-al . . . *adj*
Federal *n*

The centered dots within entry words indicate division points at which a hyphen may be put at the end of a line of print or writing. Thus the noun *res-er-va-tion* may be ended on one line and continued on the next in this manner:

er-va-tion *res-*
va-tion *reser-*
tion *reserva-*

Centered dots are not shown after a single initial letter or before a single terminal letter because typesetters seldom cut off a single letter:

evict . . . *vb*
mighty . . . *adj*
oleo . . . *n*

Nor are they usually shown at the second and succeeding homographs of a word:

¹**pilot** . . . *n*
²**pilot** *vb*
³**pilot** *adj*

There are acceptable alternative end-of-line divisions just as there are acceptable variant spellings and pronunciations, but no more than one division is shown for any entry in this dictionary.

A double hyphen at the end of a line in this dictionary (as in the definition at **dromedary**) stands for a hyphen that is retained when the word is written as a unit on one line. This kind of hyphen is represented in boldface words in this dictionary with an en dash, which appears whether or not it falls at the end of a line.

When a main entry is followed by the word *or* and another spelling, the two spellings are equal variants. Both are standard, and either one may be used according to personal inclination:

lou-ver *or* **lou-vre**

If two variants joined by *or* are out of alphabetical order, they remain equal variants. The one printed first is, however, slightly more common than the second:

coun-sel-or *or* **coun-sel-lor**

When another spelling is joined to the main entry by the word *also*, the spelling after *also* is a secondary variant and occurs less frequently than the first:

fo-gy also fo-gey

Secondary variants belong to standard usage and may be used according to personal inclination. If there are two secondary variants, the second is joined to the first by *or*. Once the word *also* is used to signal a secondary variant, all following variants are joined by *or*:

²wool-ly also wool-ie or wooly

Variants whose spelling puts them alphabetically more than a column away from the main entry are entered at their own alphabetical places and usually not at the main entry:

tsar . . . var of CZAR

Variants having a usage label appear only at their own alphabetical places:

la-bour chiefly Brit var of LABOR

To show all the stylings that are found for English compounds would require space that can be better used for other information. So this dictionary limits itself to a single styling for a compound:

book-sell-er
yes-man
home run

When a compound is widely used and one styling predominates, that styling is shown. When a compound is uncommon or when the evidence indicates that two or three stylings are approximately equal in frequency, the styling shown is based on the analogy of parallel compounds.

A main entry may be followed by one or more derivatives or by a homograph with a different functional label. These are run-on entries. Each is introduced by a lightface dash and each has a functional label. They are not defined, however, since their meanings are readily understood from the meaning of the root word:

healthy . . . *adj* . . . — health-i-ly . . . *adv* — health-i-ness . . . *n*
as-sent . . . *vb* . . . — assent *n*

A main entry may be followed by one or more phrases containing the entry word or an inflected form of it. These are also run-on entries. Each is introduced by a lightface dash but there is no functional label. They are, however, defined since their meanings are more than the sum of the meanings of their elements:

¹go . . . *vb* . . . — go to bat for : . . .
¹hand . . . *n* . . . — at hand : . . .

Defined phrases of this sort are run on at the entry constituting the first major element in the phrase. When there are variants, however, the run-on appears at the entry constituting the first major invariable element in the phrase:

¹seed . . . *n* . . . — go to seed *or* run to seed 1: . . .

Boldface words that appear within parentheses (as **co-ca** at **co-caine** and **jet engine** and **jet propulsion** at **jet-pro-pelled**) are run-in entries.

Attention is called to the definition of *vocabulary entry* on page 585. The term *dictionary entry* includes all vocabulary entries as well as all boldface entries in the section headed "Foreign Words and Phrases."

Pronunciation

The matter between a pair of reversed virgules \ \ following the entry word indicates the pronunciation. The symbols used are explained in the chart printed inside the back cover.

A hyphen is used in the pronunciation to show syllabic division. These hyphens sometimes coincide with the centered dots in the entry word that indicate end-of-line division:

vol-ca-no \vāl-'kā-nō\

Sometimes they do not:

grind-er \'grīn-dər\

A high-set mark ' indicates major (primary) stress or accent; a low-set mark , indicates minor (secondary) stress or accent:

cat-bird \'kat-,bərd\

The stress mark stands at the beginning of the syllable that receives the stress.

A syllable with neither a high-set mark nor a low-set mark is unstressed:

fig-ment \'fig-mənt\

The presence of variant pronunciations indicates that not all educated speakers pronounce words the same way. A second-place variant is not to be regarded as less acceptable than the pronunciation that is given first. It may, in fact, be used by as many educated speakers as the first variant, but the requirements of the printed page are such that one must precede the other:

eco-nom-ic \ek-ə-'nām-ik, ě-kə-\
flac-cid \'flak-səd, 'flas-əd\

Symbols enclosed by parentheses represent elements that are present in the pronunciation of some speakers but are absent from the pronunciation of other speakers, elements that are present in some but absent from other utterances of the same speaker, or elements whose presence or absence is uncertain:

fo-liage \fō-l(ē-)ij\
duke \d(y)ük\

Thus, the above parentheses indicate that some people say \fō-lē-ij\ and others say \fō-lij\; some \dük\, others \dyük\.

When a main entry has less than a full pronunciation, the missing part is to be supplied from a pronunciation in a preceding entry or within the same pair of reversed virgules:

out-er-most \-,mōst\
pa-la-ver \pə-'lav-ər, -'läv-\

The pronunciation of the first two syllables of *outermost* is found at the main entry *outer*. The hyphens before and after \läv\ in the pronunciation of *palaver* indicate that both the first and the last parts of the pronunciation are to be taken from the immediately preceding pronunciation.

In general, no pronunciation is indicated for open compounds consisting of two or more English words that have own-place entry:

motor vehicle *n*

Only the first entry in a sequence of numbered homographs is given a pronunciation if their pronunciations are the same:

¹**mea-sure** \ˈmezʰ-ər, ˈmāzh-\ *n*

²**measure** *vb*

The pronunciation of unpronounced derivatives and compounds run on at a main entry is a combination of the pronunciation at the main entry and the pronunciation of the other element as given at its alphabetical place in the vocabulary:

— **nar-row-ness** *n*

— **at last**

Thus, the pronunciation of *narrowness* is the sum of the pronunciations given at *narrow* and *-ness*; that of *at last*, the sum of the pronunciations of the two elements that make up the phrase.

Functional Labels

An italic label indicating a part of speech or some other functional classification follows the pronunciation or, if no pronunciation is given, the main entry. The eight traditional parts of speech are indicated as follows:

fa-ce-tious . . . *adj*

al-to-geth-er . . . *adv*

if . . . *conj*

amen . . . *interj*

log-ger-head . . . *n*

in-to . . . *prep*

we . . . *pron*

stul-ti-fy . . . *vb*

Other italicized labels used to indicate functional classifications that are not traditional parts of speech include:

blvd *abbr*

self- *comb form*

super- . . . *prefix*

-ous . . . *adj suffix*

-al-ly . . . *adv suffix*

-hood . . . *n suffix*

-fy . . . *vb suffix*

Na *symbol*

ought . . . *verbal auxiliary*

Functional labels are sometimes combined:

can-ta-bi-le . . . *adv or adj*

Inflected Forms

Nouns

The plurals of nouns are shown in this dictionary when suffixation brings about a change of final *-y* to *-i-*, when the noun ends in a consonant plus *-o* or in *-ey*, when the noun ends in *-oo*, when the noun has an irregular plural or a zero plural or a foreign plural, when the noun is a compound that pluralizes any element but the last, when the noun has variant plurals, and when it is believed that the dictionary user might have reasonable doubts about the spelling of the plural or when the plural is spelled in a way contrary to what is expected:

dairy . . . *n, pl dair-ies*

po-ta-to . . . *n, pl -toes*

lack-ey . . . *n, pl lackeys*

zoo . . . *n, pl zoos*

tooth . . . *n, pl teeth*

deer . . . *n, pl deer*

al-ga . . . *n, pl al-gae*

broth-er-in-law . . . *n, pl brothers-in-law*

¹**fish** . . . *n, pl fish or fish-es*

²**pi** . . . *n, pl pis*

Cutback inflected forms are used when the noun has three or more syllables:

atro-ci-ty . . . *n, pl -ties*

The plurals of nouns are usually not shown when the base word is unchanged by suffixation, when the noun is a compound whose second element is readily recognizable as a regular free form entered at its own place, or when the noun is unlikely to occur in the plural:

car-rot . . . *n*

horse-fly . . . *n*

po-ly-g-a-my . . . *n*

Nouns that are plural in form and that regularly occur in plural construction are labeled *n pl*:

bifocals . . . *n pl*

Nouns that are plural in form but that are not always construed as plurals are appropriately labeled:

taps . . . *n sing or pl*

Verbs

The principal parts of verbs are shown in this dictionary when suffixation brings about a doubling of a final consonant or an elision of a final *-e* or a change of final *-y* to *-i-*, when final *-c* changes to *-ck-* in suffixation, when the verb ends in *-ey*, when the inflection is irregular, when there are variant inflected forms, and when it is believed that the dictionary user might have reasonable doubts about the spelling of an inflected form or when the inflected form is spelled in a way contrary to what is expected:

beg . . . *vb begged; beg-ging*

equate . . . *vb equat-ed; equat-ing*

¹**fry** . . . *vb fried; fry-ing*

²**panic** *vb pan-icked . . . ; pan-ick-ing*

obey . . . *vb obeyed; obey-ing*

¹**break** . . . *vb broke . . . ; bro-ken . . . ; break-ing*

¹**travel** . . . *vb -eled or -elled; -el-ing or -el-ling*

²**visa** *vb vi-saed . . . ; vi-sa-ing*

²**chagrin** *vb cha-grined . . . ; cha-grin-ing*

The principal parts of a regularly inflected verb are shown when it is desirable to indicate the pronunciation of one of the inflected forms:

²**spell** *vb spelled* \ˈspeld\; **spell-ing**

²**season** *vb sea-soned; sea-son-ing* \ˈsēz-(ə-)niŋ\

Cutback inflected forms are usually used when the verb has

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three or more syllables, when it is a two-syllable word that ends in *-l* and has variant spellings, and when it is a compound whose second element is readily recognized as an irregular verb:

multi-*ply* . . . vb -plied; -plying

cav-*il* . . . vb -iled or -illed; -iling or -ililing

for-*go* or fore-*go* . . . vb -went . . .; -gone . . .; -go-ing

The principal parts of verbs are usually not shown when the base word is unchanged by suffixation or when the verb is a compound whose second element is readily recognizable as a regular free form entered at its own place:

²**shield** *vb*

¹**out-reach** . . . *vb*

Adjectives & Adverbs

The comparative and superlative forms of adjectives and adverbs are shown in this dictionary when suffixation brings about a doubling of a final consonant or an elision of a final *-e* or a change of final *-y* to *-i-*, when the word ends in *-ey*, when the inflection is irregular, and when there are variant inflected forms:

¹**fat** . . . *adj* **fat-ter**; **fat-test**

¹**sure** . . . *adj* **sur-er**; **sur-est**

¹**dry** . . . *adj* **drier** . . .; **driest**

hors-ey or **horsy** . . . *adj* **hors-ier**; **-est**

bad . . . *adj* **worse** . . .; **worst**

sly . . . *adj* **sli-er** also **sly-er** . . .; **sli-est** also **sly-est**

The superlative forms of adjectives and adverbs of two or more syllables are usually cut back:

scanty . . . *adj* **scant-i-er**; **-est**

¹**ear-ly** . . . *adv* **ear-li-er**; **-est**

The comparative and superlative forms of regularly inflected adjectives and adverbs are shown when it is desirable to indicate the pronunciation of the inflected forms:

strong \ˈstrɒŋ\ *adj* **stron-ger** \ˈstrɒŋ-gər\; **stron-gest** \ˈstrɒŋ-gəst\

The inclusion of inflected forms in *-er* and *-est* at adjective and adverb entries means nothing more about the use of *more* and *most* with these adjectives and adverbs than that their comparative and superlative degrees may be expressed in either way: *kindlier* or *more kindly*; *kindest* or *most kindly*.

At a few adjective entries only the superlative form is shown:

²**mere** *adj* **mer-est**

The absence of the comparative form indicates that there is no evidence of its use.

The comparative and superlative forms of adjectives and adverbs are usually not shown when the base word is unchanged by suffixation or when the word is a compound whose second element is readily recognizable as a regular free form entered at its own place:

²**quiet** *adj*

un-hap-py . . . *adj*

Inflected forms are not shown at undefined run-ons.

Capitalization

Most entries in this dictionary begin with a lowercase letter. A few of these have an italicized label *often cap*, which indicates that the word is as likely to be capitalized as not and that it is as acceptable with an uppercase initial as it is with one in lowercase. Some entries begin with an uppercase letter, which indicates that the word is usually capitalized. The absence of an initial capital or of an *often cap* label indicates that the word is not ordinarily capitalized:

spice . . . *n*

ba-bel . . . *n*, *often cap*

Quak-er . . . *n*

The capitalization of entries that are open or hyphenated compounds is similarly indicated by the form of the entry or by an italicized label:

living room *n*

in-dia ink . . . *n*, *often cap 1st I*

all-Amer-i-can . . . *adj*

German shepherd *n*

lazy Su-san . . . *n*

Jack Frost *n*

A word that is capitalized in some senses and lowercase in others shows variations from the form of the main entry by the use of italicized labels at the appropriate senses:

Apoc-ry-pha . . . *n* **1** *not cap*

¹**Pres-by-te-ri-an** . . . *adj* **1** *often not cap*

cath-o-lic . . . *adj* . . . **2** *cap*

east-ern . . . *adj* **1** *often cap* . . . **2** *cap*

Etymology

This dictionary gives the etymologies for a number of the vocabulary entries. These etymologies are in boldface square brackets preceding the definition. Meanings given in roman type within these brackets are not definitions of the entry, but are meanings of the Middle English, Old English, or non-English words within the brackets.

The etymology gives the language from which words borrowed into English have come. It also gives the form of the word in that language or a representation of the word in our alphabet if the form in that language differs from that in English:

ae-gis . . . [L, fr. Gk *aigis* goatskin]

¹**sav-age** . . . [ME *sauvage*, fr. MF, fr. ML *salvaticus*, fr. L *silvaticus* of the woods, wild . . .]

An etymology beginning with the name of a language (including ME or OE) and not giving the foreign (or Middle English or Old English) form indicates that this form is the same as the form of the entry word:

ibi-dem . . . [L]

na-dir . . . [ME, fr. MF . . .]

An etymology beginning with the name of a language (including ME or OE) and not giving the foreign (or Middle English or Old English) meaning indicates that this meaning

is the same as the meaning expressed in the first definition in the entry:

tur-quoise . . . [ME *turkeis*, *turcas*, fr. MF *turquoyse* . . .]

Small superscript figures following words or syllables in an etymology refer to the tone of the word or syllable they follow. They are used only with forms cited for languages in which tonal variations distinguish words of different meaning that would otherwise sound alike.

kow-tow . . . [Chin *k'o' t'ou²*, fr. *k'o'* to bump + *t'ou²* head]

Usage

Three types of status labels are used in this dictionary—temporal, regional, and stylistic—to signal that a word or a sense of a word is not part of the standard vocabulary of English.

The temporal label *obs* for “obsolete” means that there is no evidence of use since 1755:

³**post** *n* 1 *obs*

The label *obs* is a comment on the word being defined. When a thing, as distinguished from the word used to designate it, is obsolete, appropriate orientation is usually given in the definition:

far-thin-gale . . . *n* . . . : a support (as of hoops) worn esp. in the 16th century to swell out a skirt

The temporal label *archaic* means that a word or sense once in common use is found today only sporadically or in special contexts:

com-mon-weal . . . *n* . . . 1 *archaic*
¹**thou** . . . *pron*, *archaic*

A word or sense limited in use to a specific region of the U.S. has an appropriate label. The adverb *chiefly* precedes a label when the word has some currency outside the specified region, and a double label is used to indicate considerable currency in each of two specific regions:

²**wash** *n* . . . 5 *West*
do-gie . . . *n*, *chiefly West*
goo-ber . . . *n*, *South & Midland*

Words current in all regions of the U.S. have no label.

A word or sense limited in use to one of the other countries of the English-speaking world has an appropriate regional label:

chem-ist . . . *n* . . . 2 *Brit*
loch . . . *n*, *Scot*
²**wireless** *n* . . . 2 *chiefly Brit*

The label *dial* for “dialect” indicates that the pattern of use of a word or sense is too complex for summary labeling: it usually includes several regional varieties of American English or of American and British English:

¹**boot** . . . *n*, *chiefly dial*

cal-a-boose . . . *n* . . . *dial*

The stylistic label *slang* is used with words or senses that are especially appropriate in contexts of extreme informality:

¹**rap** . . . *n* . . . 3 *slang*
tick-er . . . *n* . . . 3 *slang*

There is no satisfactory objective test for slang, especially with reference to a word out of context. No word, in fact, is invariably slang, and many standard words can be given slang applications.

Definitions are sometimes followed by verbal illustrations that show a typical use of the word in context. These illustrations are enclosed in angle brackets, and the word being illustrated is usually replaced by a lightface swung dash. The swung dash stands for the boldface entry word, and it may be followed by an italicized suffix:

¹**let-ter** . . . *n* . . . 4 . . . <the ~ of the law>
deep-seated . . . *adj* . . . 2 . . . <~ convictions>
depth . . . *n* . . . 2 . . . <the ~s of the woods>
¹**fill** . . . *vb* . . . 6 . . . <laughter ~ed the room>

The swung dash is not used when the form of the boldface entry word is changed in suffixation, and it is not used for open compounds:

en-gage . . . *vb* . . . 3 . . . <engaged his friend's attention>
drum up *vb* 1 . . . <drum up business>

Definitions are sometimes followed by usage notes that give supplementary information about such matters as idiom, syntax, and semantic relationship. A usage note is introduced by a lightface dash:

fro . . . *adv* . . . — used in the phrase *to and fro*
²**gang** *vb* 1 . . . — usu. used with *up*
¹**jaw** . . . *n* . . . 2 . . . — usu. used in pl.
¹**ada-gio** . . . *adv or adj* . . . — used as a direction in music
blast off . . . *vb* . . . — used esp. of rocket-propelled devices

Sometimes a usage note is used in place of a definition. Some function words (as conjunctions and prepositions) have chiefly grammatical meaning and little or no lexical meaning; most interjections express feelings but are otherwise untranslatable into lexical meaning; and some other words (as honorific titles) are more amenable to comment than to definition:

or . . . *conj* — used as a function word to indicate an alternative
¹**in** . . . *prep* 1 — used to indicate physical surroundings
hal-le-lu-jah . . . *interj* . . . — used to express praise, joy, or thanks
ex-cel-len-cy . . . *n* . . . 2 — used as a title of honor

Sense Division

A boldface colon is used in this dictionary to introduce a definition:

found-ry . . . *n* . . . : a building or works where metal is cast

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It is also used to separate two or more definitions of a single sense:

²**yellow** *n* 1 : a color between green and orange in the spectrum : the color of ripe lemons or sunflowers

Boldface Arabic numerals separate the senses of a word that has more than one sense:

idol . . . *n* 1 : an image worshiped as a god 2 : a false god 3 : an object of passionate devotion

A particular semantic relationship between senses is sometimes suggested by the use of one of the two italic sense dividers *esp* or *also*.

The sense divider *esp* (for *especially*) is used to introduce the most common meaning included in the more general preceding definition:

no-to-ri-ous . . . *adj* : generally known and talked of; *esp* : widely and unfavorably known

The sense divider *also* is used to introduce a meaning related to the preceding sense by an easily understood extension of that sense:

¹**flour** . . . *n* : finely ground and sifted meal of a grain (as wheat); *also* : a fine soft powder

The order of senses is historical: the sense known to have been first used in English is entered first. This is not to be taken to mean, however, that each sense of a multisense word developed from the immediately preceding sense. It is altogether possible that sense 1 of a word has given rise to sense 2 and sense 2 to sense 3, but frequently sense 2 and sense 3 may have developed independently of one another from sense 1.

When an italicized label follows a boldface numeral, the label applies only to that specific numbered sense. It does not apply to any other boldface numbered senses:

craft . . . *n* . . . 3 *pl usu craft*

¹**fa-ther** . . . *n* . . . 2 *cap* . . . 5 *often cap*

²**pre-view** *n* . . . 2 *also pre-vue* \-ˈvyü\

pub-lic-an . . . *n* . . . 2 *chiefly Brit*

At *craft* the *pl* label applies to sense 3 but to none of the other numbered senses. At *father* the *cap* label applies only to sense 2 and the *often cap* label only to sense 5. At *preview* the variant spelling and pronunciation apply only to sense 2, as does the *chiefly Brit* label at *publican*.

Cross-Reference

Four different kinds of cross-references are used in this dictionary: directional, synonymous, cognate, and inflectional. In each instance the cross-reference is readily recognized by the lightface small capitals in which it is printed.

A cross-reference following a lightface dash and beginning with *see* is a directional cross-reference. It directs the dictionary user to look elsewhere for further information:

¹**yen** . . . *n* . . . — *see* MONEY table

A cross-reference following a boldface colon is a synonymous cross-reference. It may stand alone as the only definition for an entry or for a sense of an entry; it may follow

an analytical definition; it may be one of two or more synonymous cross-references separated by commas:

maize . . . *n* : INDIAN CORN

chap-let . . . *n* . . . 2 : a string of beads : NECKLACE

²**dress** *n* . . . 2 : FROCK, GOWN

cheek . . . *n* . . . 2 : IMPUDENCE, BOLDNESS, AUDACITY

A synonymous cross-reference indicates that a definition at the entry cross-referred to can be substituted as a definition for the entry or the sense in which the cross-reference appears.

A cross-reference following an italic *var of* ("variant of") is a cognate cross-reference:

Gipsy *var of* GYPSY

Occasionally a cognate cross-reference has a limiting label preceding *var of* as an indication that the variant is not standard English:

har-bour *chiefly Brit var of* HARBOR

A cross-reference following an italic label that identifies an entry as an inflected form (as of a noun or verb) is an inflectional cross-reference:

feet *pl of* FOOT

worn *past part of* WEAR

Inflectional cross-references appear only when the inflected form falls at least a column away from the entry cross-referred to.

Synonyms

A boldface **syn** near the end of an entry introduces words that are synonymous with the word being defined:

²**fear** . . . *n* . . . **syn** dread, fright, alarm, panic, terror, trepidation

Synonyms are not definitions although they may often be substituted for each other in context.

Combining Forms, Prefixes, & Suffixes

An entry that begins or ends with a hyphen is a word element that forms part of an English compound:

maxi- *comb form* 1 . . . <maxi-kilt>

ex- . . . *prefix* . . . <ex-president>

-ship . . . *n suffix* 1 . . . <friendship>

Combining forms, prefixes, and suffixes are entered in this dictionary for two reasons: to make understandable the meaning of many undefined run-ons and to make recognizable the meaningful elements of words that are not entered in the dictionary.

Lists of Undefined Words

Lists of undefined words occur after the entries *anti-*, *in-*, *non-*, *over-*, *re-*, *self-*, *semi-*, *sub-*, *super-*, and *un-*. These words are undefined because they are self-explanatory: their meanings are simply the sum of a meaning of the prefix or combining form and a meaning of the second element.

Abbreviations & Symbols

Abbreviations and symbols for chemical elements are in-

cluded as main entries in the vocabulary:

govt *abbr* government

Fe *symbol* . . . iron

Abbreviations have been normalized to one form. In practice, however, there is considerable variation in the use of periods and in capitalization (as *vhf*, *v.h.f.*, *VHF*, and *V.H.F.*), and stylings other than those given in this dictionary are often acceptable.

Symbols that are not capable of being alphabetized are included in a separate section of the back matter headed "Signs and Symbols."

Abbreviations Used in This Work

<i>ab</i>	about	<i>Gk</i>	Greek	<i>OProv</i>	Old Provençal
<i>abbr</i>	abbreviation	<i>Gmc</i>	Germanic	<i>orig</i>	originally
<i>abl</i>	ablative	<i>Heb</i>	Hebrew	<i>OW</i>	Old Welsh
<i>acc</i>	accusative	<i>Hung</i>	Hungarian	<i>part</i>	participle
<i>A.D.</i>	anno Domini	<i>Icel</i>	Icelandic	<i>Per</i>	Persian
<i>adj</i>	adjective	<i>imit</i>	imitative	<i>perh</i>	perhaps
<i>adv</i>	adverb	<i>imper</i>	imperative	<i>Pg</i>	Portuguese
<i>AF</i>	Anglo-French	<i>interj</i>	interjection	<i>pl</i>	plural
<i>alter</i>	alteration	<i>Ir</i>	Irish	<i>Pol</i>	Polish
<i>Am</i>	American	<i>IrGael</i>	Irish Gaelic	<i>pp</i>	past participle
<i>AmerF</i>	American French	<i>irreg</i>	irregular	<i>prep</i>	preposition
<i>AmerInd</i>	American Indian	<i>It, Ital</i>	Italian	<i>pres</i>	present
<i>AmerSp</i>	American Spanish	<i>Jp</i>	Japanese	<i>prob</i>	probably
<i>Ar</i>	Arabic	<i>K</i>	Kelvin	<i>pron</i>	pronoun, pronunciation
<i>Aram</i>	Aramaic	<i>L</i>	Latin		
<i>B.C.</i>	before Christ	<i>LaF</i>	Louisiana French	<i>prp</i>	present participle
<i>Brit</i>	British	<i>LG</i>	Low German	<i>Russ</i>	Russian
<i>C</i>	Celsius	<i>LGk</i>	Late Greek	<i>Sc</i>	Scotch, Scots
<i>Calif</i>	California	<i>LHeb</i>	Late Hebrew	<i>Scand</i>	Scandinavian
<i>CanF</i>	Canadian French	<i>lit</i>	literally	<i>ScGael</i>	Scottish Gaelic
<i>cap</i>	capital, capitalized	<i>LL</i>	Late Latin	<i>Scot</i>	Scottish
<i>Celt</i>	Celtic	<i>masc</i>	masculine	<i>Serb</i>	Serbian
<i>cent</i>	century	<i>ME</i>	Middle English	<i>sing</i>	singular
<i>Chin</i>	Chinese	<i>MexSp</i>	Mexican Spanish	<i>Skt</i>	Sanskrit
<i>comb</i>	combining	<i>MF</i>	Middle French	<i>Slav</i>	Slavic
<i>compar</i>	comparative	<i>MGk</i>	Middle Greek	<i>So</i>	South
<i>conj</i>	conjunction	<i>ML</i>	Medieval Latin	<i>Sp</i>	Spanish
<i>Dan</i>	Danish	<i>modif</i>	modification	<i>St</i>	Saint
<i>dat</i>	dative	<i>MS</i>	manuscript	<i>superl</i>	superlative
<i>deriv</i>	derivative	<i>n</i>	noun	<i>Sw</i>	Swedish
<i>dial</i>	dialect	<i>neut</i>	neuter	<i>syn</i>	synonym, synonymy
<i>dim</i>	diminutive	<i>NGk</i>	New Greek	<i>trans</i>	translation
<i>E</i>	English	<i>NHeb</i>	New Hebrew	<i>Turk</i>	Turkish
<i>Egypt</i>	Egyptian	<i>NL</i>	New Latin	<i>US</i>	United States
<i>Eng</i>	English	<i>No</i>	North	<i>USSR</i>	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
<i>Esk</i>	Eskimo	<i>Norw</i>	Norwegian		
<i>esp</i>	especially	<i>n pl</i>	noun plural	<i>usu</i>	usually
<i>F</i>	Fahrenheit, French	<i>obs</i>	obsolete	<i>var</i>	variant
<i>fem</i>	feminine	<i>OE</i>	Old English	<i>vb</i>	verb
<i>Flem</i>	Flemish	<i>OF</i>	Old French	<i>vi</i>	verb intransitive
<i>fr</i>	from	<i>Old</i>	Old Italian	<i>VL</i>	Vulgar Latin
<i>G</i>	German	<i>ON</i>	Old Norse	<i>vt</i>	verb transitive
<i>Gael</i>	Gaelic	<i>OPer</i>	Old Persian	<i>W</i>	Welsh

Pronunciation Symbols

- ə . . . **a**but, **c**ollect, **s**uppose
- ʔ, ɶ . . . **h**umdrum
- ɔ . . . (in ɔ¹, ɔⁿ) **b**attle, **c**otton; (in ɪ², m², r²)
French **t**able, **p**rime, **t**itre
- ɒr . . . **o**peration, **f**urther
- ɑ . . . **m**ap, **p**atch
- ā . . . **d**ay, **f**ate
- ä . . . **b**other, **c**ot, **f**ather
- á . . . a sound between \a\ and \ä\, as in an
Eastern New England pronunciation of
aunt, **a**sk
- au . . . **n**ow, **o**ut
- b . . . **b**aby, **r**ib
- ch . . . **ch**in, **c**atch
- d . . . **d**id, **a**dder
- e . . . **s**et, **r**ed
- ē . . . **b**eat, **e**asy
- f . . . **f**ifty, **c**uff
- g . . . **g**o, **b**ig
- h . . . **h**at, **a**head
- hw . . . **w**hale
- ī . . . **t**ip, **b**anish
- ī . . . **s**ke, **b**uy
- j . . . **j**ob, **e**dge
- k . . . **k**in, **c**ook
- k . . . German **B**ach, Scots **l**och
- l . . . **l**ily, **c**ool
- m . . . **m**urmur, **d**im
- n . . . **n**ine, **o**wn
- ⁿ . . . indicates that a preceding vowel is pronounced through both nose and mouth, as in French **b**on \bōⁿ\
- ŋ . . . **s**ing, **s**inger, **f**inger, **i**nk
- ō . . . **b**one, **h**ollow
- ó . . . **s**aw
- œ . . . French **b**œuf, German **H**ölle
- œ̄ . . . French **f**eu, German **H**öhle
- ói . . . **t**oy
- p . . . **p**epper, **l**ip
- r . . . **r**arity
- S . . . **s**ource, **l**ess
- sh . . . **s**hy, **m**ission
- t . . . **t**ie, **a**ttack
- th . . . **t**hin, **e**ther
- th . . . **t**hen, **e**ither
- ü . . . **b**oot, few \fyü\
- ù . . . **p**ut, pure \pyür\
- ue . . . German **f**üllen
- üē . . . French **r**ue, German **f**ühlen
- V . . . **v**ivid, **g**ive
- W . . . **w**e, **a**way
- y . . . **y**ard, cue \kyü\
- ʸ . . . indicates that a preceding \l\, \n\, or
\w\ is modified by having the tongue ap-
proximate the position for \y\, as in
French **d**igne \dēⁿʸ\
- Z . . . **z**one, **r**aise
- zh . . . **v**ision, **p**leasure
- \ . . . slant line used in pairs to mark the begin-
ning and end of a transcription: \pēⁿ\
- ˈ . . . mark at the beginning of a syllable that has
primary (strongest) stress: \ʃhəf-əl-
bōrd\
- ˌ . . . mark at the beginning of a syllable that has
secondary (next-strongest) stress: \ʃhəf-
əl-bōrd\
- . . . mark of syllable division in pronunciations
(the mark of end-of-line division in boldface
entries is a centered dot •)
- () . . . indicate that what is symbolized between
sometimes occurs and sometimes does not
occur in the pronunciation of the word: **f**ac-
tory \fak-t(ə)-rē\ = \fak-tə-rē, f'ak-trē\

A

¹a \ə\ *n*, *pl* a's or as \əz\ *often cap* 1 : the 1st letter of the English alphabet 2 : a grade rating a student's work as superior

²a \ə, (ə)\ *indefinite article* : ONE, SOME — used to indicate an unspecified or unidentified individual (there's ~ man outside)

³a *abbr*, *often cap* 1 absent 2 acre 3 alto 4 answer 5 are 6 area

AA *abbr* 1 Alcoholics Anonymous 2 antiaircraft 3 associate in arts

AAA *abbr* American Automobile Association

A and M *abbr* agricultural and mechanical

A and R *abbr* artists and repertory

aard-vark \ərd-,vark\ *n* [obs. Afrikaans, fr. Afrikaans *aard* earth + *vark* pig] : a large burrowing African mammal that feeds on ants and termites with its sticky tongue

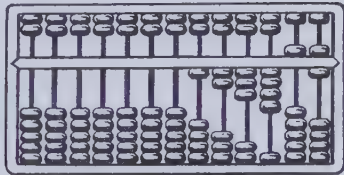
ab *abbr* about

AB *abbr* 1 able-bodied seaman 2 airman basic 3 [NL *artium baccalaureus*] bachelor of arts

ABA *abbr* American Bar Association

aback \ə-bak\ *adv* : by surprise (taken ~)

aba-cus \əb-ə-kəs\ *n*, *pl* aba-ci \əb-ə-,sī-, -kē\ *or* aba-cus-es : an instrument for making calculations by sliding counters along rods or grooves



abacus

¹abaft \ə-ˈbæft\ *prep* : to the rear of

²abaft *adv* : toward or at the stern : AFT

ab-a-lo-ne \əb-ə-ˈlō-nē\ *n* : a large edible sea mollusk with a flattened slightly spiral shell with holes along the edge

¹aban-don \ə-ˈbæn-dən\ *vb* [ME *abandonen*, fr. MF *abandoner*, fr. *abandon*, *n.*, surrender, fr. *a bandon* in one's power] : to give up completely : FORSAKE, DESERT — *aban-don-ment* *n*

²abandon *n* : a thorough yielding to natural impulses; *esp* : ENTHUSIASM, EXUBERANCE

aban-doned \ə-ˈbæn-dənd\ *adj* : morally unrestrained syn profligate, dissolute, reprobate

abase \ə-ˈbās\ *vb* abased; abas-ing : HUMBLE, DEGRADE — *abase-ment* *n*

abash \ə-ˈbæʃ\ *vb* : to destroy the composure of : EMBARRASS — *abash-ment* *n*

abate \ə-ˈbāt\ *vb* abated; abat-ing 1 : to put an end to (~ a nuisance) 2 : to decrease in amount, number, or degree

abate-ment \ə-ˈbāt-mənt\ *n* 1 : DECREASE 2 : an amount abated; *esp* : a deduction from the full amount of a tax

ab-at-toir \əb-ə-,twā\ *n* [F] : SLAUGHTERHOUSE

ab-ba-cy \əb-ə-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies : the office or term of office of an abbot or abbess

ab-bé \ə-ˈbā-, ˈab-, ˈā\ *n* : a member of the French secular clergy — used as a title

ab-bess \əb-əs\ *n* : the superior of a convent for nuns

ab-bey \əb-ē\ *n*, *pl* abbeys 1 : MONASTERY, CONVENT 2 : an abbey church

ab-bot \əb-ət\ *n* [ME *abbod*, fr. OE, fr. LL *abbat*, *abbas*, fr. LGrk *abbas*, fr. Aramaic *abbā* father] : the superior of a monastery for men

abbr *abbr* abbreviation

ab-bre-vi-ate \ə-ˈbrē-vē-, ˈāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : SHORTEN, CURTAIL; *esp* : to reduce to an abbreviation

ab-bre-vi-a-tion \ə-,brē-vē-ˈā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act or result of abbreviating 2 : a shortened form of a word or phrase used for brevity *esp*. in writing

¹ABC \,ā-,bē-ˈsē\ *n*, *pl* ABC's or ABCs \-ˈsēz\ 1 : ALPHABET — usu. used in pl. 2 : RUDIMENTS

²ABC *abbr* American Broadcasting Company

Ab-di-as \əb-ˈdī-əs\ *n* — see BIBLE table

ab-di-cate \əb-di-,kāt\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing : to give up (as a throne) formally — *ab-di-ca-tion* \əb-di-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

ab-do-men \əb-də-mən, ˈab-ˈdō-mən\ *n* 1 : the cavity in or area of the body between the chest and the pelvis 2 : the part of the body posterior to the thorax in an arthropod — *ab-dom-i-nal* \əb-ˈdām-ən-əl\ *adj* — *ab-dom-i-nal-ly* \-əl\ *adv*

ab-duct \əb-ˈdʌkt\ *vb* : to take away (a person) by force : KIDNAP — *ab-duc-tion* \-ˈdʌk-shən\ *n* — *ab-duc-tor* \-tər\ *n*

abeam \ə-ˈbēm\ *adv* or *adj* : on a line at right angles to a ship's keel

abed \ə-ˈbed\ *adv* or *adj* : in bed

ab-er-ra-tion \əb-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* 1 : deviation *esp*. from a moral standard or normal state 2 : unsoundness of mind : DERANGEMENT 3 : failure of a mirror or lens to produce exact point-to-point correspondence between an object and its image — *ab-er-rant* \ə-ˈber-ənt\ *adj*

abet \ə-ˈbet\ *vb* abetted; abet-ting [ME *abetten*, fr. MF *abeter*, fr. OF *beter* to bait] 1 : INCITE, ENCOURAGE 2 : to assist or support in the achievement of a purpose — *abet-tor* or *abet-ter* \-ər\ *n*

abey-ance \ə-ˈbā-əns\ *n* : a condition of suspended activity

ab-hor \əb-ˈhór, ˈab-ˈ\ *vb* ab-horred; ab-hor-ring [ME *abhorren*, fr. L *abhorrēre*, fr. *ab-* + *horrēre* to shudder] : LOATHE, DETEST — *ab-hor-rence* \-əns\ *n*

ab-hor-rent \ənt\ *adj* : LOATHSOME, DETESTABLE

abide \ə-ˈbīd\ *vb* abode \-ˈbōd\ or abided; abiding 1 : BEAR, ENDURE 2 : DWELL, REMAIN, LAST

abil-i-ty \ə-ˈbīl-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties : the quality of being able : POWER, SKILL

ab-ject \əb-ˈjekt, ˈab-ˈjekt\ *adj* : low in spirit or hope : CRINGING — *ab-jec-tion* \əb-ˈjekt-shən\ *n* — *ab-ject-ly* \əb-ˈjekt-lē, ˈab-ˈjekt-ˈ\ *adv* — *ab-ject-ness* *n*

ab-jure \əb-ˈjūr\ *vb* ab-jured; ab-jur-ing 1 : to renounce solemnly : RECENT 2 : to abstain from — *ab-ju-ra-tion* \əb-ˈjə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

abl *abbr* ablative

ab-late \ə-ˈblāt\ *vb* ab-lat-ed; ab-lat-ing : to remove or become removed by cutting, eating or wearing away, evaporating, or vaporizing

ab-la-tion \ə-ˈblā-shən\ *n* 1 : surgical cutting and removal 2 : removal of a part (as the outside of a nose cone) by melting or vaporization

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot,carb \au\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \i\job \i\sing \o\go \o\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

2 ablative•absolute pitch

ab-la-tive \əb-lət-iv\ *adj* : of, relating to, or constituting a grammatical case (as in Latin) expressing typically the relation of separation and source — **ablative** *n*

ablaze \ə-ˈblāz\ *adj or adv* : being on fire : BLAZING

able \ˈa-bəl\ *adj* **abler** \-b(ə-)lər\; **ablest** \-b(ə-)ləst\ **1** : having sufficient power, skill, or resources to accomplish an object **2** : marked by skill or efficiency — **ably** \-blē\ *adv*

-able also -ible \ə-bəl\ *adj suffix* **1** : capable of, fit for, or worthy of (being so acted upon or toward) (breakable) (collectible) **2** : tending, given, or liable to (knowledgeable) (perishable)

able-bodied \ˈa-bəl-ˈbād-əd\ *adj* : having a sound strong body

abloom \ə-ˈblüm\ *adj* : BLOOMING

ab-lu-tion \ə-ˈblü-shən, ə-ˈblü-\ *n* : the washing of one's body or part of it

ABM \ˌä-(ˌ)jb̄-ˈem\ *n, pl* **ABM's or ABMs** : ANTIBALLISTIC MISSILE

Ab-na-ki \əb-ˈnāk-ē\ *n, pl* **Abnaki or Abnakis** : a member of an American Indian people of Maine and southern Quebec

ab-ne-gate \əb-ni-, gāt\ *vb* **-gat-ed; -gat-ing** **1** : SURRENDER, RELINQUISH **2** : DENY, RENOUNCE — **ab-ne-ga-tion** \əb-ni-ˈgā-shən\ *n*

ab-nor-mal \əb-ˈnôr-məl\ *adj* : deviating from the normal or average — **ab-nor-mal-i-ty** \əb-nôr-ˈmal-ət-ē-, -(ˌ)nôr-\ *n* — **ab-nor-mal-ly** \əb-ˈnôr-məl-lē\ *adv*

aboard \ə-ˈbôrd\ *adv* **1** : ALONGSIDE **2** : on, onto, or within a car, ship, or aircraft **3** : in or into a group or association (welcome new workers ~)

aboard prep : ON, ONTO, WITHIN

abode \ə-ˈbôd\ *n* **1** : STAY, SOJOURN **2** : HOME, RESIDENCE

abol-ish \ə-ˈbäl-ish\ *vb* : to do away with : ANNUL — **ab-ol-i-tion** \əb-ə-ˈlish-ən\ *n*

ab-o-li-tion-ism \əb-ə-ˈlish-ə-, niz-əm\ *n* : advocacy of the abolition of slavery — **ab-o-li-tion-ist** \-ˈlish-(ə-)nəst\ *n or adj*

A-bomb \ˈä-, bām\ *n* : ATOM BOMB — **A-bomb** *vb*

abom-i-na-ble \ə-ˈbäm-(ə-)nə-bəl\ *adj* : ODIIOUS, LOATHSOME, DETESTABLE

abominable snow-man \-ˈsnō-mən, -,man\ *n, often cap* **A&S** : a mysterious animal reported as existing in the high Himalayas and usu. thought to be a bear

abom-i-nate \ə-ˈbäm-ə-, nāt\ *vb* **-nat-ed; -nat-ing** [*L. abominari*, lit., to deprecate as an ill omen, fr. *ab-* away + *omen* omen] : LOATHE, DETEST

abom-i-na-tion \ə-ˈbäm-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n* **1** : something abominable **2** : DISGUST, LOATHING

ab-orig-i-nal \əb-ə-ˈrij-(ə-)nəl\ *adj* : ORIGINAL, INDIGENOUS, PRIMITIVE

ab-orig-i-ne \əb-ə-ˈrij-ə-nē\ *n* : a member of the original race of inhabitants of a region : NATIVE

aborn-ing \ə-ˈbôr-niŋ\ *adv* : while being born or produced

abort \ə-ˈbôrt\ *vb* **1** : to cause or undergo abortion **2** : to terminate prematurely (~ a spaceflight) — **ab-or-tive** \-ˈbôrt-iv\ *adj*

abort *n* : the premature termination of a mission or of a procedure relating to an aircraft or spacecraft

abor-tion \ə-ˈbôr-shən\ *n* : a premature birth occurring before the fetus can survive; *also* : an induced expulsion of a fetus after, accompanied by, or followed by its death

abor-tion-ist \-sh(ə-)nəst\ *n* : one who induces abortions

abound \ə-ˈbaund\ *vb* **1** : to be plentiful : TEEM **2** : to be fully supplied

about \ə-ˈbaüt\ *adv* **1** : on all sides **2** : AROUND **3** : NEARBY

about prep **1** : on every side of **2** : near to **3** : on the verge of : GOING (he was just ~ to go) **4** : CONCERNING

about-face \-ˈfās\ *n* : a reversal of direction or attitude — **about-face** *vb*

above \ə-ˈbov\ *adv* **1** : in the sky; *also* : in or to heaven

2 : in or to a higher place; *also* : higher on the same page or on a preceding page

above prep **1** : in or to a higher place than : OVER (storm clouds ~ the bay) **2** : superior to (he thought her far ~ him) **3** : more than : EXCEEDING

above-board \-, börd\ *adv or adj* : without concealment or deception : OPENLY

abp *abbr* archbishop

abr *abbr* abridged; abridgment

ab-ra-ca-dab-ra \ˌäb-rə-kə-ˈdab-rə\ *n* **1** : a magical charm or incantation against calamity **2** : GIBBERISH

abrade \ə-ˈbrād\ *vb* **abrad-ed; abrad-ing** **1** : to wear away by rubbing **2** : to wear down in spirit : IRRITATE — **abra-sion** \-ˈbrā-zhən\ *n*

abra-sive \ə-ˈbrā-siv\ *n* : a substance (as pumice) for grinding, smoothing, or polishing

abrasive adj : tending to abrade : causing irritation (~ relationships) — **abra-sive-ly** *adv* — **abra-sive-ness** *n*

abreast \ə-ˈbrest\ *adv or adj* **1** : side by side **2** : up to a standard or level esp. of knowledge

abridge \ə-ˈbrij\ *vb* **abridged; abridg-ing** [*ME abregen*, fr. *MF abregier*, fr. *LL abbreviare*, fr. *L ad* to + *brevis* short] : to lessen in length or extent : SHORTEN — **abridg-ment or abridge-ment** *n*

abroad \ə-ˈbrôd\ *adv or adj* **1** : over a wide area **2** : away from one's home **3** : outside one's country

ab-ro-gate \ˈäb-rə-, gāt\ *vb* **-gat-ed; -gat-ing** : ANNUL, REVOKE — **ab-ro-ga-tion** \ˈäb-rə-ˈgā-shən\ *n*

abrupt \ə-ˈbrapt\ *adj* **1** : broken or as if broken off **2** : SUDDEN, HASTY **3** : so quick as to seem rude **4** : DISCONNECTED **5** : STEEP — **abrupt-ly** *adv*

abs *abbr* absolute

ab-scess \ˈäb-, ses\ *n, pl* **ab-scess-es** [*L abscessus*, lit., act of going away, fr. *abscedere* to go away, fr. *abs-*, away + *cedere* to go] : a collection of pus surrounded by inflamed tissue — **ab-scessed** \-, ses\ *adj*

ab-scis-sa \əb-ˈsis-ə\ *n, pl* **abscissas** *also* **ab-scis-sae** \-ˈsis-(ˌ)ē\ : the coordinate of a point in a plane coordinate system that is the distance of the point from the vertical axis found by measuring along the horizontal axis

ab-scis-sion \əb-ˈsizh-ən\ *n* **1** : the act or process of cutting off **2** : the natural separation of flowers, fruits, or leaves from plants — **ab-scise** \əb-ˈsiz\ *vb*

ab-scond \əb-ˈskänd\ *vb* : to depart secretly and hide oneself

ab-sence \ˈäb-sens\ *n* **1** : the state or time of being absent **2** : WANT, LACK **3** : INATTENTION

ab-sent \ˈäb-sent\ *adj* **1** : not present **2** : LACKING **3** : INATTENTIVE

ab-sent \əb-ˈsent\ *vb* : to keep (oneself) away

ab-sent \ˈäb-sent\ *prep* : in the absence of : WITHOUT

ab-sen-tee \ˈäb-sən-ˈtē\ *n* : one that is absent or absents himself

absentee ballot *n* : a ballot submitted (as by mail) in advance of an election by a voter who is unable to be present at the polls

ab-sen-tee-ism \ˈäb-sən-ˈtē-, iz-əm\ *n* : chronic absence (as from work or school)

ab-sent-mind-ed \ˈäb-sent-ˈmīn-dəd\ *adj* : unaware of one's surroundings or action : INATTENTIVE — **ab-sent-mind-ed-ly** *adv* — **ab-sent-mind-ed-ness** *n*

ab-sinthe *also* **ab-sinth** \ˈäb-, sinth\ *n* [*F*] : a liqueur flavored esp. with wormwood and anise

ab-so-lute \ˈäb-sə-, lüt, ˈäb-sə-ˈlüt\ *adj* **1** : free from imperfection or mixture **2** : free from control, restriction, or qualification **3** : lacking grammatical connection with any other word in a sentence (~ construction) **4** : POSITIVE (~ proof) **5** : relating to the fundamental units of length, mass, and time **6** : relating to a temperature scale on which the zero point (**absolute zero**) corresponds to complete absence of heat equal to -273.15°C **7** : FUNDAMENTAL, ULTIMATE — **ab-so-lute-ly** *adv*

absolute pitch *n* **1** : the position of a tone in a standard

scale independently determined by its rate of vibration 2 : the ability to sing or name a note asked for or heard
absolute value *n* : the numerical value of a real number that for a positive number or zero is equal to the number itself and for a negative number is equal to the positive number which when added to it is equal to zero

ab-so-lu-tion \əb-sə-'lū-shən\ *n* : the act of absolving; *esp* : a remission of sins pronounced by a priest in the sacrament of penance

ab-so-lut-ism \əb-sə-'lüt-,iz-əm\ *n* 1 : the theory that a ruler or government should have unlimited power 2 : government by an absolute ruler or authority

ab-solve \əb-'zälv-, 'sälv\ *vb* **ab-solved**; **ab-solv-ing** : to set free from an obligation or the consequences of guilt

ab-sorb \əb-'sɔrb-, 'zɔrb\ *vb* 1 : ASSIMILATE, INCORPORATE 2 : to suck up or take in in the manner of a sponge 3 : to engage (one's attention) : ENROSS 4 : to receive without recoil or echo (a ceiling that ~s sound) 5 : to transform (radiant energy) into a different form usu. with a resulting rise in temperature — **ab-sorb-ing** *adj* — **ab-sorb-ing-ly** *adv*

ab-sor-bent *also* **ab-sor-bant** \əb-'sɔr-bənt-, 'zɔr-\ *adj* : able to absorb (~ cotton) — **ab-sor-ben-cy** \-bən-sē\ *n* — **absorbent** *also* **absorbant** *n*

ab-sorp-tion \əb-'sɔrp-shən-, 'zɔrp-\ *n* 1 : a process of absorbing or being absorbed 2 : concentration of attention — **ab-sorp-tive** \-tīv\ *adj*

ab-stain \əb-'stān\ *vb* : to restrain oneself syn refrain, forbear — **ab-stain-er** *n* — **ab-sten-tion** \-'sten-chən\ *n*

ab-ste-mi-ous \əb-'stē-mē-əs\ *adj* [L *abstemius*, fr. *abs-away* + *temetum* mead] : sparing in use of food or drink : TEMPERATE — **ab-ste-mi-ous-ly** *adv*

ab-sti-nence \əb-'stə-nəns\ *n* : voluntary refraining esp. from eating certain foods or drinking liquor — **ab-sti-nent** \-nənt\ *adj*

abstr *abbr* abstract

1 **ab-tract** \əb-'strakt-, 'ab-,strakt\ *adj* 1 : considered apart from a particular instance 2 : expressing a quality apart from an object (whiteness is an ~ word) 3 : having only intrinsic form with little or no pictorial representation (~ painting) — **ab-tract-ly** *adv* — **ab-tract-ness** \-'strakt(t)-nəs-, -,strakt(t)-\ *n*

2 **ab-tract** \əb-'strakt-, '2 *also* **ab-'strakt\ n** 1 : SUMMARY, EPITOME 2 : an abstract thing or state

3 **ab-tract** \əb-'strakt-, 'ab-,strakt; 2 *usu* 'ab-,strakt\ *vb* 1 : REMOVE, SEPARATE 2 : to make an abstract of : SUMMARIZE 3 : to draw away the attention of 4 : STEAL — **ab-tract-ed-ly** \əb-'strakt-təd-lē-, 'ab-,strak-\ *adv*

abstract expressionism *n* : art that expresses the artist's attitudes and emotions through abstract forms — **abstract expressionist** *n*

ab-strac-tion \əb-'strak-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of abstracting : the state of being abstracted 2 : an abstract idea 3 : an abstract work of art

ab-struse \əb-'strūs-, əb-\ *adj* : hard to understand : RECONDITE — **ab-struse-ly** *adv* — **ab-struse-ness** *n*

ab-surd \əb-'sɜrd-, 'zɜrd\ *adj* [MF *absurde*, fr. L *absurdus*, fr. *ab-* from + *surdus* deaf, stupid] : RIDICULOUS, UNREASONABLE — **ab-sur-di-ty** \-ət-ē\ *n* — **ab-surd-ly** *adv*

abun-dant \ə-'bən-dənt\ *adj* [ME, fr. MF, fr. L *abundant-*, *abundans*, prp. of *abundare* to abound, fr. *ab-* from + *unda* wave] : more than enough : amply sufficient syn copious, plentiful, ample, bountiful — **abundance** \-dəns\ *n* — **abun-dant-ly** *adv*

1 **abuse** \ə-'byūs\ *n* 1 : a corrupt practice 2 : MISUSE 3 : coarse and insulting speech 4 : MISTREATMENT

2 **abuse** \ə-'byüz\ *vb* **abused**; **abus-ing** 1 : to attack in words : REVILE 2 : to put to a wrong use : MISUSE 3 : MISTREAT — **abus-er** *n* — **abu-sive** \-'byü-siv\ *adj* — **abu-sive-ly** *adv* — **abu-sive-ness** *n*

abut \ə-'bət\ *vb* **abut-ted**; **abut-ting** : to touch along a border : border on

abut-ment \ə-'bət-mənt\ *n* : a structure that supports

weight or withstands lateral pressure (as at the end of a bridge)

abyss \ə-'biz-əm\ *n* : ABYSS

abys-mal \ə-'biz-məl\ *adj* 1 : immeasurably deep : BOTTOMLESS 2 : absolutely wretched (~ living conditions of the poor) — **abys-mal-ly** *adv*

abys-sal \ə-'bis\ *n* 1 : the bottomless pit in old accounts of the universe 2 : an immeasurable depth

abys-sal \ə-'bis-əl\ *adj* : of or relating to the bottom waters of the ocean depths

ac *abbr* account

Ac *symbol* actinium

AC *abbr* 1 air-conditioning 2 alternating current 3 [L *ante Christum*] before Christ 4 [L *ante cibum*] before meals 5 area code

aca-cia \ə-'kā-shə\ *n* : any of numerous leguminous trees or shrubs with round white or yellow flower clusters and often fernlike leaves

acad *abbr* academic; academy

ac-a-deme \ə-'ak-ə-,dēm\ *n* : SCHOOL; *also* : academic environment

ac-a-dem-ic \ə-'ak-ə-'dem-ik\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to schools or colleges 2 : literary or general rather than technical 3 : theoretical rather than practical — **ac-a-dem-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

ac-a-de-mi-cian \ə-'ak-əd-ə-'mish-ən-, ə-,kad-ə-\ *n* : a member of a society of scholars or artists

ac-a-dem-i-cism \ə-'ak-ə-'dem-ə-'siz-əm\ *also* **acad-e-mism** \ə-'kad-ə-,miz-əm\ *n* : manner, style, or content conforming to the traditions or rules of an academy or movement

acad-e-my \ə-'kad-ə-mē\ *n*, *pl* -mies [Gk *Akadēmeia*, school of philosophy founded by Plato, fr. *Akadēmeia*, gymnasium where Plato taught, fr. *Akadēmos* Greek mythological hero] 1 : a school above the elementary level; *esp* : a private high school 2 : a society of scholars or artists

acan-thus \ə-'kan-thəs\ *n*, *pl* **acan-thus-es** *also* **acan-thi** \-'kan-,thī\ 1 : any of a genus of prickly herbs of the Mediterranean region 2 : an ornamentation (as on a column) representing the leaves of the acanthus

a cap-pel-la *also* **a ca-pel-la** \ə-'kəp-əl-\ *adv* or *adj* [It *a cappella* in chapel style] : without instrumental accompaniment (the choir sang *a cappella*)

acc *abbr* accusative

ac-cede \ə-'k-sēd\ *vb* **ac-ced-ed**; **ac-ced-ing** 1 : to become a party to an agreement 2 : to express approval 3 : to enter upon an office syn agree, acquiesce, assent, consent, subscribe

ac-ce-le-ran-do \ä-,chel-ə-'rān-dō\ *adv* or *adj* [It] : gradually faster — used as a direction in music

ac-cel-er-ate \ik-'sel-ə-,rāt-, ək-\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** 1 : to bring about earlier 2 : to speed up : QUICKEN — **ac-cel-er-a-tion** \-,sel-ə-'rā-shən\ *n*

ac-cel-er-a-tor \ik-'sel-ə-,rāt-ər-, ək-\ *n* 1 : one that accelerates 2 : a pedal for controlling the speed of a motor-vehicle engine 3 : an apparatus for imparting high velocities to charged particles

ac-cel-er-om-e-ter \ik-,sel-ə-'rām-ət-ər-, ək-\ *n* : an instrument for measuring acceleration or vibrations

1 **ac-cent** \ə-'k-,sent-, ək-'sent\ *vb* : STRESS, EMPHASIZE

2 **ac-cent** \ə-'k-,sent\ *n* 1 : a distinctive manner of pronunciation (a foreign ~) 2 : prominence given to one syllable of a word esp. by stress 3 : a mark (as ', `', ~) over a vowel in writing or printing used usu. to indicate a difference in pronunciation (as stress) from a vowel not so marked — **ac-cen-tu-al** \ə-'k-sench-(ə)-wəl\ *adj*

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ä\ace \ä\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

ac-cen-tu-ate \ak-'sen-chə-wät\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : AC-CENT — **ac-cen-tu-a-tion** \-sen-chə-wä-shən\ *n*

ac-cept \ik-'sept, ak-\ *vb* 1 : to receive willingly 2 : to agree to 3 : to assume an obligation to pay

ac-cept-able \ik-'sep-tə-bəl, ak-\ *adj* : capable or worthy of being accepted — **ac-cept-abil-i-ty** \ik-'sep-tə-'bil-ət-ē, ak-\ *n*

ac-cep-tance \ik-'sep-təns, ak-\ *n* 1 : the act of accepting 2 : the state of being accepted or acceptable 3 : an accepted bill of exchange

ac-cep-ta-tion \ak-'sep-tā-shən\ *n* : the generally understood meaning of a word

ac-cess \ak-'ses\ *n* 1 : capacity to enter or approach 2 : a way of approach : ENTRANCE

access *vb* 1 : to get at : gain access to

ac-ces-si-ble \ik-'ses-ə-bəl, ak-, ek-\ *adj* 1 : capable of being reached (∼ by train) 2 : capable of being used, seen, or known : OBTAINABLE (∼ information) — **ac-ces-si-bil-i-ty** \-ses-ə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n*

ac-ces-sion \ik-'sesh-ən, ak-\ *n* 1 : something added 2 : increase by something added 3 : the act of acceding to an office or position

ac-ces-so-ry also **ac-ces-sa-ry** \ik-'ses-(ə)rē, ak-\ *n, pl* -ries 1 : something helpful but not essential 2 : a person who though not present abets or assists in the commission of an offense *syn* appurtenance, adjunct, appendage, appendix — **accessory** *adj*

ac-ci-dence \ak-'səd-əns\ *n* : a part of grammar that deals with inflections

ac-ci-dent \ak-'səd-ənt\ *n* 1 : an event occurring by chance or unintentionally 2 : CHANCE (met by ∼) 3 : a nonessential property

ac-ci-den-tal \ak-'sə-'dent-əl\ *adj* 1 : happening unexpectedly or by chance 2 : happening without intent or through carelessness *syn* casual, fortuitous, incidental, chance — **ac-ci-den-tal-ly** \-dent-(ə-)lē\ also **ac-ci-dent-ly** \-dent-lē\ *adv*

ac-claim \ə-'klām\ *vb* 1 : APPLAUD, PRAISE 2 : to declare by acclamation *syn* extol, laud, commend, hail — **acclaim** *n*

ac-cla-ma-tion \ak-'lə-'mā-shən\ *n* 1 : loud eager applause 2 : an overwhelming affirmative vote by shouting or applause rather than by ballot

ac-cli-mate \ak-'lə-'māt, ə-'kli-mət\ *vb* -mat-ed; -mat-ing : to accustom to a new climate or situation — **ac-clima-tion** \ak-'lə-'mā-shən, ə-'kli-li-\ *n*

ac-cli-ma-tize \ə-'kli-mə-'tīz\ *vb* -tized; -tiz-ing 1 : ACCLIMATE 2 : to become acclimated — **ac-cli-ma-ti-za-tion** \-kli-mət-ə-'zā-shən\ *n*

ac-cliv-i-ty \ə-'kliv-ət-ē\ *n, pl* -ties : an ascending slope

ac-co-lade \ak-'ə-'lād\ *n* [F, fr. *accoler* to embrace, fr. L *ad-* to + *collum* neck] : a recognition of merit : AWARD

ac-com-mo-date \ə-'kām-ə-'dāt\ *vb* -dat-ed; -dat-ing 1 : to make fit or suitable : ADAPT, ADJUST 2 : HARMONIZE, RECONCILE 3 : to provide with something needed 4 : to hold without crowding 5 : to undergo visual accommodation

ac-com-mo-dat-ing *adj* : OBLIGING

ac-com-mo-da-tion \ə-'kām-ə-'dā-shən\ *n* 1 : something supplied to satisfy a need; *esp* : LODGINGS — *usu.* used in *pl.* 2 : the act of accommodating : ADJUSTMENT 3 : the automatic adjustment of the eye for seeing at different distances

ac-com-pa-ni-ment \ə-'kəmp-(ə-)nē-mənt\ *n* : something that accompanies another; *esp* : subordinate music to support a principal voice or instrument

ac-com-pa-ny \ə-'kəmp-(ə-)nē\ *vb* -nied; -ny-ing 1 : to go or occur with : ATTEND 2 : to play an accompaniment for — **ac-com-pa-nist** \-(ə-)nəst\ *n*

ac-com-plice \ə-'kām-plēs, -'kəm-\ *n* : an associate in crime

ac-com-plish \ə-'kām-plish, -'kəm-\ *vb* : to bring to completion *syn* achieve, effect, execute, perform — **ac-com-plish-er** *n*

ac-com-plished \-plisht\ *adj* 1 : EXPERT, SKILLED 2 : established beyond doubt

ac-com-plish-ment \ə-'kām-plish-mənt, -'kəm-\ *n* 1 : COMPLETION 2 : something completed or effected 3 : an acquired excellence or skill

ac-cord \ə-'kōrd\ *vb* [ME *accorden*, fr. OF *acorder*, fr. L *ad-* to + *cord-*, *cor* heart] 1 : GRANT, CONCEDE 2 : AGREE, HARMONIZE — **ac-cor-dant** \-kōrd-'nt\ *adj*

accord *n* : AGREEMENT, HARMONY

ac-cor-dance \ə-'kōrd-'ns\ *n* 1 : ACCORD 2 : the act of granting

ac-cord-ing-ly \ə-'kōrd-ig-lē\ *adv* 1 : in accordance 2 : CONSEQUENTLY, SO

according to *prep* 1 : in conformity with (paid according to ability) 2 : as stated or attested by (according to her he wasn't home)

ac-cord-ion \ə-'kōrd-ē-ən\ *n* [G *akkordion*, fr. *akkord* chord] : a portable keyboard instrument with a bellows and reeds

accordion *adj* : folding like the bellows of an accordion (∼ pleats)

ac-cost \ə-'kōst\ *vb* [MF *accoster*, deriv. of L *ad-* to + *costa* rib, side] : to approach and speak to *esp.* aggressively

ac-count \ə-'kaunt\ *n* 1 : a statement of business transactions 2 : an arrangement with a vendor to supply credit 3 : a statement of reasons, causes, or motives 4 : VALUE, IMPORTANCE (a person of no ∼) 5 : a sum of money deposited in a bank and subject to withdrawal by the depositor — **on account of** : BECAUSE OF — **on no account** : under no circumstances — **on one's own account** : on one's own behalf

account *vb* 1 : CONSIDER (I ∼ him lucky) 2 : to give an explanation — *used with* *for*

ac-count-able \ə-'kaunt-ə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : ANSWERABLE, RESPONSIBLE 2 : EXPLICABLE — **ac-count-abil-i-ty** \-kaunt-ə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n*

ac-coun-tant \ə-'kaunt-'nt\ *n* : a person skilled in accounting — **ac-coun-tan-cy** \-n-sē\ *n*

account executive *n* : a business executive (as in an advertising agency) in charge of a client's account

ac-count-ing \ə-'kaunt-ig\ *n* : the art or system of keeping and analyzing financial records

ac-cou-tre or **ac-cou-ter** \ə-'küt-ər\ *vb* -cou-tred or -cou-tered; -cou-tring or -cou-ter-ing \-küt-ə-riŋ, 'küt-riŋ\ : EQUIP, OUTFIT

ac-cou-ter-ment or **ac-cou-ter-ment** \ə-'kü-trə-mənt, -'küt-ər-mənt\ *n* [F] 1 : the act of equipping 2 : an accessory item — *usu.* used in *pl.* 3 : an identifying characteristic

ac-cred-it \ə-'kred-ət\ *vb* 1 : to endorse or approve officially 2 : CREDIT — **ac-cred-i-ta-tion** \-kred-ə-'tā-shən\ *n*

ac-cre-tion \ə-'krē-shən\ *n* 1 : growth or enlargement *esp.* by addition from without 2 : a product of accretion

ac-cru-e \ə-'krü\ *vb* ac-crued; **ac-cru-ing** 1 : to come by way of increase 2 : to be added by periodic growth — **ac-cru-al** \-əl\ *n*

acct *abbr* account; accountant

ac-cul-tur-a-tion \ə-'kəl-chə-'rā-shən\ *n* : cultural modification of an individual or group by borrowing and adapting traits from another culture

ac-cu-mu-late \ə-'kyü-myə-'lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing [L *accumulare*, fr. *ad-* to + *cumulare* to heap up] : to heap or pile up *syn* amass, gather, collect, stockpile — **ac-cu-mu-la-tion** \-kyü-myə-'lā-shən\ *n* — **ac-cu-mu-la-tor** \-kyü-myə-'lāt-ər\ *n*

ac-cu-rate \ak-'yə-rət\ *adj* : free from error : EXACT, PRECISE — **ac-cu-ra-cy** \-rə-sē\ *n* — **ac-cu-rate-ly** *adv* — **ac-cu-rate-ness** *n*

ac-cursed \ə-'kərst, -'kər-səd\ or **ac-curst** \ə-'kərst\ *adj* 1 : being under a curse 2 : DAMNABLE, EXECRABLE

ac-cus-al \ə-'kyü-zəl\ *n* : ACCUSATION

ac-cu-sa-tive \ə-'kyü-zət-iv\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being

a grammatical case marking the direct object of a verb or the object of a preposition — **accusative** *n*

ac-cuse \ə-ˈkyūz\ *vb* **ac-cused**; **ac-cus-ing** : to charge with an offense : **BLAME** — **ac-cu-sa-tion** \ˌak-yə-ˈzā-shən\ *n* — **ac-cus-er** *n*

ac-cused \ə-ˈkyūzd\ *n, pl* **accused** : the defendant in a criminal case

ac-cus-tom \ə-ˈkəs-təm\ *vb* : to make familiar through use or experience

ac-cus-tomed \ə-ˈkəs-təmd\ *adj* : **USUAL, CUSTOMARY**

1ace \ˈæs\ *n* [ME *as* a die face marked with one spot, fr. OF, fr. L, unit, a copper coin] **1** : a playing card bearing a single large pip in its center **2** : a point (as in tennis) won by a single stroke **3** : a golf score of one stroke on a hole **4** : a combat pilot who has brought down five or more enemy planes **5** : one that excels

2ace *vb* **aced**; **ac-ing** **1** : to score an ace against (an opponent) **2** : to defeat decisively

3ace *adj* : of first rank or quality

ac-er-bate \ˈas-ər-, bāt\ *vb* **-bat-ed**; **-bat-ing** : **IRRITATE, EX-ASPERATE**

acer-bic \ə-ˈsər-bik, a-ˌ\ *adj* : acid in temper, mood, or tone

acer-bi-ty \ə-ˈsər-bət-ē\ *n, pl* **-ties** : **SOURNESS, BITTERNESS**

ac-e-tate \ˈas-ə-, tāt\ *n* **1** : a salt or ester of acetic acid **2** : a textile fiber made from cellulose and acetic acid; *also* : a fabric or plastic made of this fiber

ac-e-tic \ə-ˈsēt-ik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or producing acetic acid or vinegar

acetic acid *n* : a colorless pungent liquid acid that is the chief acid of vinegar and is used esp. in making chemical compounds

ac-e-tone \ˈas-ə-, tōn\ *n* : a volatile flammable fragrant liquid compound used in making other chemical compounds and as a solvent

ac-tyl-cho-line \ə-, sēt-ˈl-kō-lēn\ *n* : a compound that is released at nerve endings of the autonomic nervous system and is active in the transmission of nerve impulses

acet-y-lene \ə-ˈset-ˌl-ən, -ˌl-, ēn\ *n* : a colorless flammable gas used as a fuel (as in welding and soldering)

ac-tyl-sal-i-cyl-ic acid \ə-ˈsēt-ˌl-, sal-ə-, sīl-ik\ *n* : **ASPIRIN**

ache \ˈāk\ *vb* **ached**; **ach-ing** **1** : to suffer a usu. dull persistent pain **2** : **LONG, YEARN** — **ache** *n*

achieve \ə-ˈchēv\ *vb* **achieved**; **achiev-ing** [ME *acheven*, fr. MF *achever* to finish, fr. *a-* to (fr. L *ad-*) + *chiefend*, head, fr. L *caput*] : to gain by work or effort **syn** accomplish, attain, realize — **achievement** *n* — **achiev-er** *n* **Achil-les** ˈheel \ə-, kil-ēz-ə\ [fr. the story that the Gk. warrior Achilles was vulnerable only in the heel] : a vulnerable point

Achilles tendon \ə-, kil-ēz-ə\ *n* : the strong tendon joining the muscles in the calf of the leg to the bone of the heel **ach-ro-mat-ic** \ˌak-rə-ˈmat-ik\ *adj* : giving an image almost free from extraneous colors (~ lens)

achy \ˈā-kē\ *adj* **ach-i-er**; **ach-i-est** : afflicted with aches — **ach-i-ness** *n*

1acid \ˈas-əd\ *adj* **1** : sour or biting to the taste; *also* : sharp or sour in manner **2** : of or relating to an acid — **acid-i-ty** \ə-ˈsid-ət-ē\ *n*

2acid *n* **1** : a sour substance **2** : a usu. water-soluble chemical compound that has a sour taste, reacts with a base to form a salt, and reddens litmus **3** : **LSD** — **acid-ic** \ə-ˈsid-ik\ *adj*

acid-i-fy \ə-ˈsid-ə-, fī\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** **1** : to make or become acid **2** : to change into an acid — **acid-i-fi-ca-tion** \ˌsid-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

ac-i-do-sis \ˌas-ə-ˈdō-səs\ *n, pl* **-do-ses** \-ˈdō-, sēz\ : an abnormal state of reduced alkalinity of the blood and body tissues

acid precipitation *n* : precipitation with above normal acidity that is caused esp. by atmospheric pollutants

acid rain *n* : acid precipitation in the form of rain

acid test *n* : a severe or crucial test

acid-u-lous \ə-ˈsij-ə-ləs\ *adj* : somewhat acid in taste or manner

ack *abbr* acknowledge; acknowledgment

ack-ack \ˈak-ˌak\ *n* [Brit. signalmen's telephone pron. of AA, abbr. of *antiaircraft*] : an antiaircraft gun; *also* : antiaircraft fire

ac-knowl-edge \ik-ˈnāl-ij, ak-ˌ\ *vb* **-edged**; **-edg-ing** **1** : to recognize the rights or authority of **2** : to admit as true **3** : to express thanks for; *also* : to report receipt of **4** : to recognize as valid — **ac-knowl-edg-ment** *also* **ac-knowl-edg-ment** *n*

ACLU *abbr* American Civil Liberties Union

ac-me \ˈak-mē\ *n* [Gk *akmē*] : the highest point

ac-ne \ˈak-nē\ *n* [Gk *aknē*, MS var. of *akmē*, lit., point] : a skin disorder marked by inflammation of skin glands and hair follicles and by pimple formation esp. on the face

ac-o-lyte \ˈak-ə-, lit\ *n* **1** : one who assists the clergyman in a liturgical service **2** : **FOLLOWER**

ac-o-nite \ˈak-ə-, nit\ *n* **1** : **MONKSHOOD** **2** : a drug obtained from a common Old World monkshood

acorn \ˈā-, kōrn, -kərn\ *n* : the nut of the oak

acorn squash *n* : an acorn-shaped dark green winter squash with a ridged surface and sweet yellow to orange flesh

acous-tic \ə-ˈkū-stik\ *or* **acous-ti-cal** \-sti-kəl\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to the sense or organs of hearing, to sound, or to the science of sounds **2** : deadening sound (~ tile) **3** : operated by or utilizing sound waves — **acous-ti-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

acous-tics \ə-ˈkū-stiks\ *n* *sing or pl* **1** : the science of sound **2** : the qualities in a room that make it easy or hard for a person in it to hear distinctly

ac-quaint \ə-ˈkwānt\ *vb* [ME *acquainten*, deriv. of L *ad-* + *cognoscere* to know] **1** : to cause to know personally **2** : **INFORM**

ac-quain-tance \ə-ˈkwānt-ns\ *n* **1** : personal knowledge **2** : a person with whom one is acquainted — **ac-quain-tance-ship** *n*

ac-qui-esce \ˌak-wē-ˈes\ *vb* **-esced**; **-esc-ing** : to accept or comply without open opposition **syn** consent, agree, assent, accede — **ac-qui-es-cence** \-ˈes-ns\ *n* — **ac-qui-es-cent** \-nt\ *adj* — **ac-qui-es-cent-ly** *adv*

ac-quire \ə-ˈkwī(ə)r\ *vb* **ac-acquired**; **ac-quir-ing** : to come into possession of; **GET**

ac-acquired \ə-ˈkwī(ə)r\ *adj* **1** : gained by or as a result of effort or experience **2** : caused by environmental forces and not passed from parent to offspring in the genes (~ characteristics)

acquired immune deficiency syndrome *n* : **AIDS**

acquired immunodeficiency syndrome *n* : **AIDS**

ac-quire-ment \-mənt\ *n* **1** : **ATTAINMENT, ACCOMPLISHMENT** **2** : the act of acquiring

ac-qui-si-tion \ˌak-wə-ˈzish-ən\ *n* **1** : **ACQUIREMENT** **2** : something acquired

ac-quis-i-tive \ə-ˈkwiz-ət-iv\ *adj* : eager to acquire : **GREEDY** — **ac-quis-i-tive-ly** *adv* — **ac-quis-i-tive-ness** *n* **ac-quit** \ə-ˈkwīt\ *vb* **ac-quit-ted**; **ac-quit-ting** **1** : to pronounce not guilty **2** : to conduct (oneself) usu. satisfactorily — **ac-quit-tal** \-təl\ *n*

acre \ˈā-kər\ *n* **1** *pl* : **LANDS, ESTATE** **2** — see **WEIGHT** table

acre-age \ˈā-k(ə-)rij\ *n* : area in acres

ac-rid \ˈak-rəd\ *adj* **1** : sharp and biting in taste or odor **2** : bitterly irritating : **CAUSTIC** — **acrid-i-ty** \ˌa-ˈkrid-ət-ē, ə-\ *n* — **ac-rid-ness** *n*

ac-ri-mo-ny \ˈak-rə-, mō-nē\ *n, pl* **-nies** : harsh or biting

\ə\abut \ˈ\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ā\ace \ā\cot, cart
 \au\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ō\go \ō\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

sharpness of language or feeling — **ac-ri-mo-ni-ous** \,ak-rə-¹mō-nē-əs\ *adj*

ac-ro-bat \ˈak-rə-,bat\ *n* [F *acrobate*, fr. Gk *akrobatēs*, fr. *akrobatos* walking up high, fr. *akros* topmost + *bainein* to go] : a performer of gymnastic feats — **ac-ro-bat-ic** \,ak-rə-¹bat-ik\ *adj*

ac-ro-bat-ics \,ak-rə-¹bat-iks\ *n* *sing or pl* : the performance of an acrobat

ac-ro-nym \ˈak-rə-,nim\ *n* : a word (as *radar*) formed from the initial letter or letters of each of the successive parts or major parts of a compound term

ac-ro-pho-bia \,ak-rə-¹fō-bē-ə\ *n* : abnormal dread of being at a great height

acrop-o-lis \ə-¹krāp-ə-ləs\ *n* [Gk *akropolis*, fr. *akros* topmost + *polis* city] : the upper fortified part of an ancient Greek city

¹**across** \ə-¹krəs\ *adv* **1** : to or on the opposite side **2** : so as to be understandable or acceptable : **OVER** (get the point ~)

²**across** *prep* **1** : to or on the opposite side of (ran ~ the street) (standing ~ the street) **2** : on at an angle (slapped him ~ the face); *esp* : on so as to cross (a log ~ the road)

across-the-board *adj* **1** : placed to win if a competitor wins, places, or shows (an ~ bet) **2** : including all classes or categories (an ~ wage increase)

acros-tic \ə-¹krəs-tik\ *n* **1** : a composition usu. in verse in which the initial or final letters of the lines taken in order form a word or phrase **2** : a series of words of equal length arranged to read the same horizontally or vertically — **acrostic** *adj*

acryl-ic \ə-¹kril-ik\ *n* **1** : ACRYLIC RESIN **2** : a paint in which the vehicle is acrylic resin **3** : a quick-drying synthetic fiber used for woven and knitted cloth

acrylic resin *n* : a glassy thermoplastic used for cast and molded parts or as coatings and adhesives

¹**act** \ˈakt\ *n* **1** : a thing done : DEED **2** : STATUTE, DECREE **3** : a main division of a play; *also* : an item on a variety program **4** : an instance of insincere behavior : PRE-TENSE

²**act** *vb* **1** : to perform by action *esp.* on the stage; *also* : FEIGN, SIMULATE, PRETEND **2** : to conduct oneself : BEHAVE **3** : to perform a specified function **4** : to produce an effect

³**act** *abbr* **1** active **2** actual

ACT *abbr* Australian Capital Territory

actg *abbr* acting

ACTH \,ā-,sē-(j)tē-¹äch\ *n* : a protein hormone of the pituitary gland that stimulates the adrenal cortex

act-ing \ˈak-tin\ *adj* : doing duty temporarily or for another (~ president)

ac-tin-i-um \ˈak-tin-ē-əm\ *n* : a radioactive metallic chemical element — see ELEMENT table

ac-tion \ˈak-shən\ *n* **1** : a legal proceeding **2** : the manner or method of performing **3** : ACTIVITY **4** : ACT, DEED **5** : the accomplishment of a thing usu. over a period of time, in stages, or with the possibility of repetition **6** *pl* : CONDUCT **7** : COMBAT, BATTLE **8** : the events of a literary plot **9** : an operating mechanism (the ~ of a gun); *also* : the way it operates (stiff ~)

ac-tion-able \ˈak-sh(ə)nə-bəl\ *adj* : affording ground for an action or suit at law

ac-ti-vate \ˈak-tə-,vāt\ *vb* -**vat-ed**; -**vat-ing** **1** : to spur into action; *also* : to make active, reactive, or radioactive **2** : to treat (as carbon) so as to improve adsorptive properties **3** : to aerate (sewage) to favor the growth of organisms that cause decomposition **4** : to set up (a military unit) formally; *also* : to call to active duty — **ac-ti-va-tion** \,ak-tə-¹vā-shən\ *n*

ac-tive \ˈak-tiv\ *adj* **1** : causing action or change **2** : asserting that the grammatical subject performs the action represented by the verb (~ voice) **3** : BRISK, LIVELY **4** : presently in operation or use **5** : tending to progress or

to cause degeneration (~ tuberculosis) — **active** *n* — **ac-tive-ly** *adv*

ac-tiv-ism \ˈak-ti-,viz-əm\ *n* : a doctrine or practice that emphasizes vigorous action for political ends — **ac-tiv-ist** \-vəst\ *n or adj*

ac-tiv-i-ty \ˈak-tiv-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**ties** **1** : the quality or state of being active **2** : an occupation in which one is engaged **ac-tor** \ˈak-tər\ *n* : one that acts in a play or motion picture

ac-tress \ˈak-trəs\ *n* : a woman who is an actor

Acts \ˈak(t)s/ or **Acts of the Apostles** — see BIBLE table

ac-tu-al \ˈak-ch(ə-w)əl\ *adj* : really existing : REAL — **ac-tu-al-i-ty** \,ak-chə-¹wal-ət-ē\ *n* — **ac-tu-al-iza-tion** \,ak-ch(ə-w)ə-lə-¹zā-shən\ *n* — **ac-tu-al-ize** \ˈak-ch(ə-w)ə-līz\ *vb*

ac-tu-al-ly \ˈak-ch(ə-w)ə-lē\ *adv* : in fact or in truth : REALLY

ac-tu-ary \ˈak-chə-,wer-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**ar-ies** : one who calculates insurance risks and premiums — **ac-tu-ar-i-al** \,ak-chə-¹wer-ē-əl\ *adj*

ac-tu-ate \ˈak-chə-,wāt\ *vb* -**at-ed**; -**at-ing** **1** : to put into action **2** : to move to action — **ac-tu-a-tor** \-,wāt-ər\ *n*

act up *vb* **1** : MISBEHAVE **2** : to function improperly

acu-ity \ə-¹kyū-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**ities** : keenness of perception

acu-men \ə-¹kyū-mən\ *n* : mental keenness and penetration

acu-pres-sure \ˈak-yū-,presh-ər\ *n* : SHIATSU

acu-punc-ture \ˈak-yū-,pəŋk-chər\ *n* : an orig. Chinese practice of puncturing the body (as with needles) at specific points to cure disease or relieve pain — **acu-punc-tur-ist** \,ak-yū-¹pəŋk-chə-rəst\ *n*

acute \ə-¹kyūt\ *adj* **acut-er**; **acut-est** [L *acutus*, pp. of *acuer* to sharpen, fr. *acus* needle] **1** : SHARP, POINTED **2** : containing less than 90 degrees (an ~ angle) **3** : sharply perceptive; *esp* : mentally keen **4** : SEVERE (~ distress); *also* : having a sudden onset, sharp rise, and short duration (~ inflammation) **5** : of, marked by, or being an accent mark having the form ' — **acute-ly** *adv* — **acute-ness** *n*

ad \ˈad\ *n* : ADVERTISEMENT

AD *abbr* **1** after date **2** [L *anno Domini*] in the year of our Lord — often printed in small capitals

ad-age \ˈad-ij\ *n* : an old familiar saying : PROVERB, MAXIM

¹**ada-gio** \ə-¹dä-j(ē-,jō, -¹dāzh-\ *adv or adj* [It] : in slow time — used as a direction in music

²**adagio** *n*, *pl* -**gios** **1** : an adagio movement **2** : a ballet duet or trio displaying feats of lifting and balancing

¹**ad-a-mant** \ˈad-ə-mənt, -jə-mənt\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. L *adamant-*, *adamas* hardest metal, diamond, fr. Gk] : a stone believed to be impenetrably hard — **ad-a-man-tine** \,ad-ə-¹man-tēn, -jē-tin\ *adj*

²**adamant** *adj* : INFLEXIBLE, UNYIELDING — **ad-a-man-tly** *adv*

Ad-am's apple \ˈad-əmz-\ *n* : the projection in front of the neck formed by the largest cartilage of the larynx

adapt \ə-¹dapt\ *vb* : to make suitable or fit (as for a new use or for different conditions) *syn* adjust, accommodate, conform — **adapt-abil-i-ty** \ə-,dap-tə-¹bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **adapt-able** *adj* — **ad-ap-ta-tion** \,ad-,ap-¹tā-shən, -əp-\ *n* — **adap-tive** \ə-¹dap-tiv\ *adj*

adapt-er *also* **adap-tor** \ə-¹dap-tər\ *n* **1** : one that adapts **2** : a device for connecting two dissimilar parts of an apparatus **3** : an attachment for adapting apparatus for uses not orig. intended

ADC *abbr* **1** aide-de-camp **2** Aid to Dependent Children

add \ˈad\ *vb* **1** : to join to something else so as to increase in number or amount **2** : to combine (numbers) into one sum

ad-dend \ˈad-,end\ *n* : a number to be added to another **ad-den-dum** \ə-¹den-dəm\ *n*, *pl* -**da** \-dā\ [L] : something added; *esp* : a supplement to a book

¹**ad-der** \ˈad-ər\ *n* **1** : a poisonous European viper or a

related snake **2** : any of various harmless No. American snakes (as the hognose snake)

2 **add-er** \ˈad-ər\ *n* : one that adds; *esp* : a device that performs addition

1 **ad-dict** \ə-ˈdikt\ *vb* **1** : to devote or surrender (oneself) to something habitually or excessively **2** : to cause (a person) to become physiologically dependent upon a drug — **ad-dic-tiv** \-ˈdik-tiv\ *adj*

2 **ad-dict** \ˈad-(ɹ)ikt\ *n* : one who is addicted (as to a drug)
ad-dic-tion \ə-ˈdik-shən\ *n* : the quality or state of being addicted; *esp* : compulsive need for habit-forming drugs

ad-di-tion \ə-ˈdish-ən\ *n* **1** : the act or process of adding; *also* : something added **2** : the operation of combining numbers to obtain their sum *syn* accretion, increment, accession, augmentation

ad-di-tion-al \ə-ˈdish-(ə)nəl\ *adj* : coming by way of addition : ADDED, EXTRA — **ad-di-tion-al-ly** \-əl\ *adv*

1 **ad-di-tive** \ˈad-ət-iv\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or characterized by addition **2** : produced by addition — **ad-di-tiv-i-ty** \,ad-ə-ˈtiv-ət-ē\ *n*

2 **additive** *n* : a substance added to another in small quantities to effect a desired change in properties (food ~s)
ad-dle \ˈad-əl\ *vb* **ad-dled**; **ad-dling** \ˈad-(ə)liŋ\ **1** : to throw into confusion : MUDDLE **2** : to become rotten (addled eggs)

addn *abbr* addition

addnl *abbr* additional

add-on \ˈad-ɔn, -ˈän\ *n* : something added as a supplement; *esp* : a component (as of a computer system) that increases capability

1 **ad-dress** \ə-ˈdres\ *vb* **1** : to direct the attention of (oneself) **2** : to direct one's remarks to : deliver an address to **3** : to mark directions for delivery on **4** : to identify (as a memory location) by an address

2 **ad-dress** \ə-ˈdres, ˈad-res\ *n* **1** : skillful management **2** : a formal speech : LECTURE **3** : the place where a person or organization may be communicated with **4** : the directions for delivery placed on mail **5** : a location (as in a computer's memory) where particular data is stored
ad-dress-ee \,ad-res-ˈē, ə-ˈdres-ˈē\ *n* : one to whom something is addressed

ad-duce \ə-ˈd(y)ūs\ *vb* **ad-duced**; **ad-duc-ing** : to offer as argument, reason, or proof *syn* advance, allege, cite, submit
-ade \ˈad\ *n* *suffix* **1** : act : action (blockade) **2** : product; *esp* : sweet drink (limeade)

ad-e-nine \ˈad-ˈn, -ēn\ *n* : one of the purine bases that make up the genetic code of DNA and RNA

ad-e-noid \ˈad-(ə-)nɔɪd\ *n* : an enlarged mass of tissue near the opening of the nose into the throat — *usu.* used in pl. — **adenoid** or **ad-e-noi-dal** \,ad-(ə-)ˈnɔɪd-əl\ *adj*

aden-o-sine tri-phos-phate \ə-ˈden-ə-, sēn-tri-ˈfās-, fāt\ *n* : ATP

1 **ad-e-pt** \ˈad-əpt\ *n* : EXPERT

2 **adept** \ə-ˈdept\ *adj* : highly skilled : EXPERT — **adept-ly** *adv* — **adept-ness** *n*

ad-e-quate \ˈad-i-kwət\ *adj* : equal to or sufficient for a specific requirement — **ad-e-qua-cy** \-kwə-sē\ *n* — **ad-e-quate-ly** *adv*

ad-her-e \ˈad-ˈhiər, əd-ˈ\ *vb* **ad-hered**; **ad-her-ing** **1** : to give support : maintain loyalty **2** : to stick fast : CLING — **ad-her-ence** \-ˈhiər-əns\ *n* — **ad-her-ent** \-ənt\ *adj* or *n*
ad-hes-ion \ˈad-ˈhē-zhən, əd-ˈ\ *n* **1** : the act or state of adhering **2** : the union of bodily tissues abnormally grown together after inflammation; *also* : the newly formed uniting tissue **3** : the molecular attraction between the surfaces of bodies in contact

1 **ad-he-sive** \-ˈhē-siv, -ziv\ *adj* **1** : tending to adhere : STICKY **2** : prepared for adhering

2 **adhesive** *n* : an adhesive substance

adhesive tape *n* : tape coated on one side with an adhe-

sive mixture; *esp* : one used to secure bandages and cover wounds

1 **ad hoc** \ˈad-ˈhāk, -ˈhōk\ *adv* [L, for this] : for the case at hand apart from other applications

2 **ad hoc** *adj* : concerned with or formed for a particular purpose (an *ad hoc* committee) (*ad hoc* solutions)

adi-a-bat-ic \,ad-ē-ə-ˈbat-ik\ *adj* : occurring without loss or gain of heat — **adi-a-bat-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

adieu \ə-ˈd(y)ü\ *n*, *pl* **adieux** or **adieux** \ə-ˈd(y)üz\ : FAREWELL — often used interjectionally

ad in-fi-ni-tum \,ad-, in-fə-ˈnīt-əm\ *adv* or *adj* : without end or limit

ad in-ter-im \ˈad-ˈin-tə-rəm, -rīm\ *adv* : for the intervening time — **ad interim** *adj*

adi-os \,ad-ē-ˈōs, ˈād-ˈ\ *interj* [Sp *adiós*, lit., to God] — used to express farewell

ad-i-pose \ˈad-ə-, pōs\ *adj* : of or relating to animal fat : FATTY

adj *abbr* **1** adjective **2** adjutant

ad-ja-cent \ə-ˈjās-nt\ *adj* : situated near or next *syn* adjoining, contiguous, abutting, juxtaposed, conterminous

ad-jec-tive \ˈaj-ik-tiv\ *n* : a word that typically serves as a modifier of a noun — **ad-jec-ti-val** \,aj-ik-ˈti-vəl\ *adj* — **ad-jec-ti-val-ly** \-əl\ *adv*

ad-join \ə-ˈjɔɪn\ *vb* : to be situated next to

ad-join-ing *adj* : touching or bounding at a point or line

ad-journ \ə-ˈjɔrn\ *vb* **1** : to suspend indefinitely or until a stated time **2** : to transfer to another place — **ad-journ-ment** *n*

ad-judge \ə-ˈtʃəj\ *vb* **ad-judged**; **ad-judg-ing** **1** : JUDGE, ADJUDICATE **2** : to hold or pronounce to be : DEEM **3** : to award by judicial decision

ad-ju-di-cate \ə-ˈjüd-i-, kāt\ *vb* **-cat-ed**; **-cat-ing** : to settle judicially — **ad-ju-di-ca-tion** \ə-, jüd-i-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

ad-junct \ˈaj-, ŋkt\ *n* : something joined or added to another but not essentially a part of it *syn* appendage, appurtenance, accessory, appendix

ad-jure \ə-ˈjʊr\ *vb* **ad-jured**; **ad-jur-ing** : to command solemnly : urge earnestly *syn* beg, beseech, implore — **ad-ju-ra-tion** \,aj-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

ad-just \ə-ˈjɔst\ *vb* **1** : to bring to agreement : SETTLE **2** : to cause to conform : ADAPT, FIT **3** : REGULATE (~ a watch) — **ad-just-able** *adj* — **ad-just-er** *also* **ad-jus-tor** \ə-ˈjəs-tər\ *n* — **ad-just-ment** \ə-ˈjəs(t)-mənt\ *n*

ad-ju-tant \ˈaj-ət-ənt\ *n* : one who assists; *esp* : an officer who assists a commanding officer by handling correspondence and keeping records

ad-ju-vant \ˈaj-ə-vənt\ *n* : one that helps or facilitates; *esp* : something that enhances the effectiveness of medical treatment — **adjuvant** *adj*

1 **ad-lib** \ˈad-ˈlib\ *vb* **ad-libbed**; **ad-lib-bing** : IMPROVISE — **ad-lib** *n*

2 **ad-lib** *adj* : spoken, composed, or performed without preparation

ad lib \ˈad-ˈlib\ *adv* [NL *ad libitum*] **1** : at one's pleasure **2** : without limit

ad li-bi-tum \ˈad-ˈlib-ət-əm\ *adj* [NL, in accordance with desire] : omissible according to a performer's wishes — used as a direction in music

adm *abbr* administration; administrative

ADM *abbr* admiral

ad-man \ˈad-, man\ *n* : one who writes, solicits, or places advertisements

admin *abbr* administration

ad-min-is-ter \əd-ˈmin-ə-stər\ *vb* **-tered**; **-ter-ing** \-st(ə)-rɪŋ\ **1** : MANAGE, SUPERINTEND **2** : to mete out : DISPENSE **3** : to give ritually or remedially (~ quinine

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ə\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\vice \i\job
\ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
\ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- for malaria) 4 : to perform the office of administrator — **ad-min-is-tra-ble** \-strə-bəl/ *adj* — **ad-min-is-trant** \-strənt/ *n*
- ad-min-is-tra-tion** \əd-,min-ə-'strā-shən, (-)əd-/ *n* 1 : the act or process of administering 2 : MANAGEMENT 3 : the body of persons directing the government of a country 4 : the term of office of an administrative officer or body — **ad-min-is-tra-tive** \əd-'min-ə-,strāt-iv/ *adj* — **ad-min-is-tra-tive-ly** *adv*
- ad-min-is-tra-tor** \əd-'min-ə-,strāt-ər/ *n* : one that administers; *esp* : one who settles an intestate estate
- ad-mi-ra-ble** \əd-m(ə)-rə-bəl/ *adj* : worthy of admiration : EXCELLENT — **ad-mi-ra-bly** \-blē/ *adv*
- ad-mi-ral** \əd-m(ə)-rəl/ *n* [ME, fr. MF *amiral* admiral & ML *admiralis* emir, *admirallus* admiral, deriv. of Ar *amir* commander] : a commissioned officer in the navy ranking next below a fleet admiral
- ad-mi-ral-ty** \əd-m(ə)-rəl-tē/ *n* 1 *cap* : a British government department formerly having authority over naval affairs 2 : the court having jurisdiction over maritime questions
- ad-mire** \əd-'mī(ə)r/ *vb* **ad-mired**; **ad-mir-ing** [MF *admirer*, fr. L *admirari*, fr. *ad-* to + *mirari* to wonder] : to regard with high esteem — **ad-mi-ra-tion** \,əd-mə-'rā-shən/ *n* — **ad-mir-er** *n* — **ad-mir-ing-ly** \-'mī-rīŋ-lē/ *adv*
- ad-mis-si-ble** \əd-'mis-ə-bəl/ *adj* : that can be or is worthy to be admitted or allowed : ALLOWABLE (~ evidence) — **ad-mis-si-bil-i-ty** \-,mis-ə-'bil-ət-ē/ *n*
- ad-mis-sion** \əd-'mīsh-ən/ *n* 1 : the granting of an argument 2 : the acknowledgment of a fact 3 : the act of admitting 4 : the privilege of being admitted 5 : a fee paid for admission
- ad-mit** \əd-'mīt/ *vb* **ad-mit-ted**; **ad-mit-ting** 1 : PERMIT, ALLOW 2 : to allow to enter 3 : to recognize as genuine or valid — **ad-mit-ted-ly** *adv*
- ad-mit-tance** \əd-'mīt-'ns/ *n* : permission to enter
- ad-mix** \əd-'mīks/ *vb* : MINGLE, MIX
- ad-mix-ture** \əd-'mīks-chər/ *n* 1 : something added in mixing 2 : MIXTURE
- ad-mon-ish** \əd-'mān-ish/ *vb* : to warn gently : reprove with a warning *syn* chide, reproach, rebuke, reprimand, reprove — **ad-mo-ni-tion** \,əd-mə-'nīsh-ən/ *n* — **ad-mo-ni-to-ry** \əd-'mān-ə-,tōr-ē/ *adj*
- ad nau-se-am** \əd-'nō-zē-əm/ *adv* [L] : to a sickening degree
- ado** \ə-'dū/ *n* 1 : bustling excitement : FUSS 2 : TROUBLE
- ado-be** \ə-'dō-bē/ *n* [Sp, fr. Ar *at-tūb*, fr. Coptic *tōbe*] 1 : sun-dried brick; *also* : clay for making such bricks 2 : a structure made of adobe bricks — **adobe** *adj*
- ad-o-les-cence** \,əd-'l-es-'ns/ *n* : the process or period of growth between childhood and maturity — **ad-o-les-cent** \-'nt/ *adj* or *n*
- adopt** \ə-'dāpt/ *vb* 1 : to take (a child of other parents) as one's own child 2 : to take up and practice as one's own 3 : to accept formally and put into effect — **adop-tion** \-'dāp-shən/ *n*
- adop-tive** \ə-'dāp-tiv/ *adj* : made or acquired by adoption (~ father) — **adop-tive-ly** *adv*
- ador-able** \ə-'dōr-ə-bəl/ *adj* 1 : worthy of adoration 2 : extremely charming — **ador-ably** \-blē/ *adv*
- adore** \ə-'dōr/ *vb* **adored**; **ador-ing** [MF *adorer*, fr. L *adorare*, fr. *ad-* to + *orare* to speak, pray] 1 : WORSHIP 2 : to regard with reverent admiration 3 : to be extremely fond of — **ad-o-ra-tion** \,əd-ə-'rā-shən/ *n*
- adorn** \ə-'dōrn/ *vb* : to decorate with ornaments — **adorn-ment** *n*
- ad-re-nal** \ə-'drēn-əl/ *adj* : of, relating to, or being a pair of endocrine organs (adrenal glands) that are located near the kidneys and produce several hormones and *esp*. epinephrine
- adren-a-line** \ə-'drēn-əl-ēn/ *n* : EPINEPHRINE
- adrift** \ə-'drift/ *adv* or *adj* 1 : afloat without motive power or moorings 2 : without guidance or purpose
- adroit** \ə-'droit/ *adj* [F, fr. OF, fr. *a-* to + *droit* right] 1 : dexterous with one's hands 2 : SHREWD, RESOURCEFUL *syn* canny, clever, cunning, ingenious — **adroit-ly** *adv* — **adroit-ness** *n*
- ad-sorb** \əd-'sɔrb, -'zɔrb/ *vb* : to take up (as molecules of gases) and hold on the surface of a solid or liquid — **ad-sorp-tion** \-'sɔrp-shən, -'zɔrp-/ *n* — **ad-sorp-tive** \-'sɔrp-tiv, -'zɔrp-/ *adj*
- ad-u-late** \aj-ə-,lāt/ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** : to flatter or admire excessively — **ad-u-la-tion** \aj-ə-'lā-shən/ *n*
- adult** \ə-'dɔlt, 'ad-,əlt/ *adj* [L *adultus*, pp. of *adolescere* to grow up, fr. *ad-* to + *-olescere* (fr. *alescere* to grow)] : fully developed and mature — **adult-hood** *n*
- adult** *n* : one that is adult; *esp* : a human being after an age (as 18) specified by law
- adul-ter-ant** \ə-'dɔl-tə-rənt/ *n* : something used to adulterate another
- adul-ter-ate** \ə-'dɔl-tə-,rāt/ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** [L *adulterare*, fr. *ad-* to + *alter* other] : to make impure by mixing in a foreign or inferior substance — **adul-ter-a-tion** \-,dɔl-tə-'rā-shən/ *n*
- adul-tery** \ə-'dɔl-t(ə)-rē/ *n*, *pl* **-ter-ies** : sexual unfaithfulness of a married person — **adul-ter-er** \-tər-ər/ *n* — **adul-ter-ess** \-t(ə)-rəs/ *n* — **adul-ter-ous** \-t(ə)-rəs/ *adj*
- ad-um-brate** \əd-əm-,brāt/ *vb* **-brat-ed**; **-brat-ing** 1 : to foreshadow vaguely : INTIMATE 2 : to suggest or disclose partially 3 : SHADE, OBSCURE — **ad-um-bra-tion** \,əd-əm-'brā-shən/ *n*
- adv** *abbr* 1 adverb 2 advertisement
- ad val-or-em** \,əd-və-'lɔr-əm/ *adj* [L, according to the value] : imposed at a percentage of the value (an *ad valorem* tax)
- ad-vance** \əd-'vans/ *vb* **ad-vanced**; **ad-vanc-ing** 1 : to bring or move forward 2 : to assist the progress of 3 : to promote in rank 4 : to make earlier in time 5 : LEND 6 : PROPOSE 7 : to raise in rate : INCREASE — **ad-vance-ment** *n*
- advance** *n* 1 : a forward movement 2 : IMPROVEMENT 3 : a rise *esp*. in price or value 4 : OFFER — **in advance** : BEFOREHAND
- advance** *adj* : made, sent, or furnished ahead of time
- ad-van-tage** \əd-'vant-ij/ *n* 1 : superiority of position 2 : BENEFIT, GAIN 3 : the 1st point won in tennis after deuce — **ad-van-ta-geous** \,əd-,van-'tā-jəs, -vən-/ *adj* — **ad-van-ta-geous-ly** *adv*
- ad-vent** \əd-'vent/ *n* 1 *cap* : a penitential period beginning four Sundays before Christmas 2 : ARRIVAL; *esp*, *cap* : the coming of Christ
- ad-ven-titious** \,əd-vən-'tīsh-əs/ *adj* 1 : ACCIDENTAL, INCIDENTAL 2 : arising or occurring sporadically or in other than the usual location (~ buds) — **ad-ven-titious-ly** *adv*
- ad-ven-ture** \əd-'ven-chər/ *n* 1 : a risky undertaking 2 : a remarkable and exciting experience — **ad-ven-tur-ous** \-'vench-(ə)-rəs/ *adj*
- adventure** *vb* **-ven-tured**; **-ven-tur-ing** \-'vench-(ə)-rīŋ/ : RISK, HAZARD
- ad-ven-tur-er** \əd-'vench-(ə)-rər/ *n* 1 : a person who engages in new and risky undertakings 2 : a person who follows a military career for adventure or profit 3 : a person who tries to gain wealth by questionable means
- ad-ven-ture-some** \əd-'ven-chər-səm/ *adj* : inclined to take risks
- ad-ven-tur-ess** \əd-'vench-(ə)-rəs/ *n* : a female adventurer
- ad-verb** \əd-'vɜrb/ *n* : a word that typically serves as a modifier of a verb, an adjective, or another adverb — **ad-ver-bi-al** \əd-'vɜr-bē-əl/ *adj* — **ad-ver-bi-al-ly** \-ē/ *adv*
- ad-ver-sary** \əd-'vɜr(r)-ser-ē/ *n*, *pl* **-sar-ies** : FOE
- adversary** *adj* : involving antagonistic parties or interests
- ad-verse** \əd-'vɜrs, 'ad-,vɜrs/ *adj* 1 : acting against or in a contrary direction 2 : UNFAVORABLE — **ad-verse-ly** *adv*

ad-ver-si-ty \əd-ˈvər-sət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**ties** : hard times : MISFORTUNE

ad-vert \əd-ˈvɜrt\ *vb* : REFER

ad-ver-tise \əd-ˈvɜr-tīz\ *vb* -**tised**; -**tis-ing** **1** : INFORM, NOTIFY **2** : to call public attention to esp. in order to sell — **ad-ver-tis-er** *n*

ad-ver-tise-ment \əd-ˈvɜr-tīz-mənt; əd-ˈvɜrt-əs-mənt\ *n* **1** : the act of advertising **2** : a public notice intended to advertise something

ad-ver-tis-ing \əd-ˈvɜr-tī-zɪŋ\ *n* : the business of preparing advertisements

ad-vice \əd-ˈvɪs\ *n* **1** : recommendation with regard to a course of action : COUNSEL **2** : INFORMATION, REPORT

ad-vis-able \əd-ˈvɪ-zə-bəl\ *adj* : proper to be done : EXPEDIENT — **ad-vis-abil-i-ty** \-,vɪ-zə-ˈbɪl-ət-ē\ *n*

ad-vise \əd-ˈvɪz\ *vb* **ad-vised**; **ad-vis-ing** **1** : to give advice to : COUNSEL **2** : INFORM, NOTIFY **3** : CONSULT, CONFER — **ad-vis-er** or **ad-vi-sor** \-ˈvɪ-zər\ *n*

ad-vised \əd-ˈvɪzd\ *adj* : thought out : CONSIDERED (well-advised) — **ad-vis-ed-ly** \-,vɪ-zəd-lē\ *adv*

ad-vise-ment \əd-ˈvɪz-mənt\ *n* : careful consideration

ad-vi-so-ry \əd-ˈvɪz-(ə)rē\ *adj* **1** : having or exercising power to advise **2** : containing advice

ad-vo-cate \əd-ˈvə-kət, -kāt\ *n* [deriv. of *L. advocare* to summon, fr. *ad-* to + *vocare* to call] **1** : one who pleads another's cause **2** : one who argues or pleads for a cause or proposal — **ad-vo-ca-cy** \-və-kə-sē\ *n*

ad-vo-cate \-,kāt\ *vb* -**cat-ed**; -**cat-ing** : to plead in favor of — **ad-vo-ca-tion** \-,ad-ˈvə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

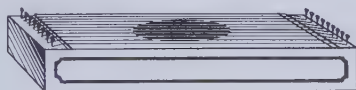
adv *abbr* advertisement

adz or **adze** \ˈadz\ *n* : a cutting tool that has a curved blade set at right angles to the handle and is used in shaping wood

AEC *abbr* Atomic Energy Commission

ae-gis \ˈē-jəs\ *n* [*L*, fr. *Gk aigis* goatskin] **1** : SHIELD, PROTECTION **2** : PATRONAGE, SPONSORSHIP

ae-o-li-an harp \ē-,ō-lē-ən\ *n* : a box with strings that produce musical sounds when wind blows on them



aeolian harp

ae-on \ˈē-ən, ˈē-än\ *n* : an indefinitely long time : AGE

aer-ate \ˈa-(ə)r-āt\ *vb* **aer-at-ed**; **aer-at-ing** **1** : to supply (blood) with oxygen by respiration **2** : to supply or impregnate with air **3** : to combine or charge with gas — **aer-a-tion** \-,a-(ə)r-ˈā-shən\ *n* — **aer-a-tor** \ˈa-(ə)r-ˈāt-ər\ *n*

ae-ri-al \ˈar-ē-əl, ˈā-ˈir-ē-əl\ *adj* **1** : inhabiting, occurring in, or done in the air **2** : AIRY **3** : of or relating to aircraft

ae-ri-al \ˈar-ē-əl\ *n* : ANTENNA **2**

ae-ri-al-ist \ˈar-ē-əl-ɪst, ˈā-ˈir-\ *n* : a performer of feats above the ground esp. on a flying trapeze

ae-rie \ˈa-(ə)r-ē, ˈi-(ə)r-ē\ *n* : a highly placed nest (as of an eagle)

aer-o-bat-ics \-,ar-ə-ˈbat-iks\ *n* *sing* or *pl* : spectacular flying feats and maneuvers

aer-o-bic \-,a-(ə)r-ˈrō-bɪk\ *adj* : living or active only in the presence of oxygen (∼ bacteria) — **aer-obe** \ˈa-(ə)r-,ōb\ *n* — **aer-o-bi-cal-ly** \-bi-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

aer-o-bics \-bɪks\ *n* *sing* or *pl* : a system of exercises designed to improve the body's ability to take in and use oxygen

aero-drome \ˈar-ə-,drəm\ *n*, chiefly *Brit* : AIRFIELD, AIRPORT

aero-dy-nam-ics \-,ar-ō-dī-ˈnam-iks\ *n* : the science dealing with the forces acting on bodies in motion in a gas (as air) — **aero-dy-nam-ic** \-ik\ or **aero-dy-nam-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **aero-dy-nam-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

aero-naut \ˈar-ə-,nōt\ *n* : one who operates or travels in an airship or balloon

aero-nau-tics \-,ar-ə-ˈnōt-iks\ *n* : the science of aircraft operation — **aero-nau-ti-cal** \-i-kəl\ or **aero-nau-tic** \-ik\ *adj*

aero-plane \ˈar-ə-,plān\ chiefly *Brit* var of AIRPLANE

aero-sol \ˈar-ə-,sāl, -sōl\ *n* **1** : a suspension of fine solid or liquid particles in a gas **2** : a substance (as an insecticide or cosmetic) dispensed from a pressurized container as an aerosol

aero-space \ˈar-ə-,spās\ *n* : the earth's atmosphere and the space beyond — **aero-space** *adj*

aery \ˈa-(ə)r-ē\ *adj* **aer-i-er**; -**est** : having an aerial quality : ETHEREAL

aes-thete \ˈes-,thēt\ *n* : a person having or affecting sensitivity to beauty esp. in art

aes-thet-ic \es-ˈthet-ik\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to aesthetics : ARTISTIC **2** : appreciative of the beautiful — **aes-thet-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

aes-thet-ics \-ˈthet-iks\ *n* : a branch of philosophy dealing with the nature, creation, and appreciation of beauty

aes-ti-vate var of ESTIMATE

AF *abbr* **1** air force **2** audio frequency

afar \ə-ˈfär\ *adv* : from, at, or to a great distance

afar *n* : a great distance

AFB *abbr* air force base

AFC *abbr* **1** American Football Conference **2** automatic frequency control

AFDC *abbr* Aid to Families with Dependent Children

af-fa-ble \ˈaf-ə-bəl\ *adj* : courteous and agreeable in conversation — **af-fa-bil-i-ty** \-,af-ə-ˈbɪl-ət-ē\ *n* — **af-fa-bly** \ˈaf-ə-blē\ *adv*

af-fair \ə-ˈfær\ *n* [*ME affaire*, fr. *MF*, fr. *a faire* to do] **1** : something that relates to or involves one : CONCERN **2** : a romantic or sexual attachment of limited duration

af-fect \ə-ˈfekt, ə-ˈvb\ **1** : to be fond of using or wearing **2** : SIMULATE, ASSUME, PRETEND

af-fect *vb* : to produce an effect on : INFLUENCE, IMPRESS

af-fec-ta-tion \-,af-ˈek-ˈtā-shən\ *n* : an attitude or mode of behavior assumed by a person in an effort to impress others

af-fect-ed \ə-ˈfek-təd, ə-ˈ\ *adj* **1** : pretending to some trait which is not natural **2** : artificially assumed to impress others — **af-fect-ed-ly** *adv*

af-fect-ing \ə-ˈfek-tɪŋ, ə-ˈ\ *adj* : arousing pity, sympathy, or sorrow (an ∼ story) — **af-fect-ing-ly** *adv*

af-fec-tion \ə-ˈfek-shən\ *n* : tender attachment : LOVE — **af-fec-tion-ate** \-,sh(ə)-ˈnæt\ *adj* — **af-fec-tion-ate-ly** *adv*

af-fec-tion *n* : DISEASE, DISORDER (an ∼ of the brain)

af-fer-ent \ˈaf-ər-ənt, -ˈer-ənt\ *adj* : bearing or conducting inward toward a more central part and esp. a nerve center (as the brain or spinal cord) (∼ nerves)

af-fi-nance \ə-ˈfi-əns\ *vb* -**anced**; -**anc-ing** : BETROTH, ENGAGE

af-fi-da-vit \-,af-ə-ˈdā-vət\ *n* [*ML*, he has made an oath] : a sworn statement in writing

af-fil-i-ate \ə-ˈfɪl-ē-,āt\ *vb* -**at-ed**; -**at-ing** : to associate as a member or branch — **af-fil-i-a-tion** \-,fɪl-ē-ˈā-shən\ *n*

af-fil-i-ate \ə-ˈfɪl-ē-ət\ *n* : an affiliated person or organization

af-fin-i-ty \ə-ˈfɪn-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**ties** **1** : KINSHIP, RELATIONSHIP **2** : attractive force : ATTRACTION, SYMPATHY

af-firm \ə-ˈfɜrm\ *vb* **1a** : CONFIRM, RATIFY **b** : to assert positively **2** : to make a solemn and formal declaration or assertion in place of an oath *syn* aver, avow, avouch, declare, assert — **af-fir-ma-tion** \-,af-ər-ˈmā-shən\ *n*

af-fir-ma-tive \ə-ˈfɜr-mət-iv\ *adj* : asserting that the fact is SO : POSITIVE

\əˈabut \əˈkitten \əˈfurther \əˈash \əˈvace \əˈcot, cart
\əˈout \əˈchin \əˈbet \əˈeasy \əˈgo \əˈhit \əˈvice \əˈjob
\əˈsing \əˈdog \əˈlaw \əˈlboy \əˈthin \əˈth \əˈfoot
\əˈfoot \əˈyet \əˈzh \əˈvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

2affirmative *n* 1 : an expression of affirmation or assent 2 : the side that upholds the proposition stated in a debate
affirmative action *n* : an active effort to improve the employment or educational opportunities of members of minority groups and women

1af-fix \ə-ˈfiks\ *vb* : ATTACH, ADD

2af-fix \ə-ˈfiks\ *n* : one or more sounds or letters attached to the beginning or end of a word and serving to produce a derivative word or an inflectional form

af-fla-tus \ə-ˈflāt-əs\ *n* : divine inspiration

af-flict \ə-ˈflikt\ *vb* : to cause pain and distress to syn rack, try, torment, torture — **af-flict-ion** \-ˈflikt-shən\ *n*

af-flic-tive \ə-ˈflik-tiv\ *adj* : causing affliction : DISTRESSING — **af-flic-tive-ly** *adv*

af-flu-ence \ə-ˈflü-ən(t)s; ə-ˈflü-, ə-\ *n* : abundant supply; also : WEALTH, RICHES — **af-flu-ent** \-ən(t)\ *adj*

af-ford \ə-ˈförd\ *vb* 1 : to manage to bear or bear the cost of without serious harm or loss 2 : PROVIDE, FURNISH

af-for-es-ta-tion \ə-ˈfôr-ə-ˈstā-shən\ *n* : the act or process of establishing forest cover — **af-for-est** \ə-ˈfôr-əst-, -ˈfär-\ *vb*

af-fray \ə-ˈfrā\ *n* : FIGHT, FRAY

af-fright \ə-ˈfrit\ *vb* : FRIGHTEN, ALARM — **affright** *n*

af-front \ə-ˈfrənt\ *vb* 1 : INSULT 2 : CONFRONT — **affront** *n*

af-ghan \ə-ˈgān\ *n* : a blanket or shawl of colored wool knitted or crocheted in sections

Af-ghan \ə-ˈgān\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Afghanistan — **Afghan** *adj*

Afghan hound *n* : any of a breed of tall slim swift hunting dogs with a coat of silky thick hair and a long silky top knot

af-ghani \ə-ˈgān-ē\ *n* — see MONEY table

afi-cio-na-do \ə-ˈfīsh(-ē)-ə-ˈnād-ō-, -ˈfīs-ē-\ *n, pl -dos* [Sp, deriv. of *afición* affection] : DEVOTEE, FAN

af-ield \ə-ˈfiēld\ *adv or adj* 1 : to, in, or on the field 2 : away from home 3 : out of the way : ASTRAY

af-ire \ə-ˈfi(ə)r\ *adj or adv* : being on fire : BURNING

AFL *abbr* American Football League

af-lame \ə-ˈflām\ *adj or adv* : FLAMING

AFL-CIO *abbr* American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations

afloat \ə-ˈflōt\ *adj or adv* 1 : borne on or as if on the water 2 : being on board ship 3 : ADRIFT

af-lut-ter \ə-ˈflət-ər\ *adj* 1 : FLUTTERING 2 : nervously excited

af-oot \ə-ˈfūt\ *adv or adj* 1 : on foot 2 : in action : in progress

af-ore-men-tioned \ə-ˈfôr-men-chənd\ *adj* : mentioned previously

af-ore-said \-, sed\ *adj* : said or named before

af-ore-thought \-, thōt\ *adj* : PREMEDITATED (with malice ~)

a for-ti-o-ri \ə-ˈfört-ē-ˈôr-ē\ *adv* [NL, lit., from the stronger (argument)] : with even greater reason

afoul \ə-ˈfaul-əv\ *prep* 1 : in or into collision or entanglement with 2 : in or into conflict with

Afr *abbr* Africa; African

afraid \ə-ˈfrād, South also ə-ˈfre(ə)d\ *adj* : FRIGHTENED, FEARFUL

A-frame \ə-ˈfrām\ *n* : a building having triangular front and rear walls with the roof reaching to the ground

afresh \ə-ˈfres\ *adv* : ANEW, AGAIN

Af-ri-can \ə-ˈfī-ri-kən\ *n* 1 : a native or inhabitant of Africa 2 : NEGRO — **African** *adj*

African violet *n* : a tropical African plant widely grown indoors for its velvety fleshy leaves and showy purple, pink, or white flowers

Af-ri-kaans \ə-ˈfī-ri-ˈkāns\ *n* : a language developed from 17th century Dutch that is one of the official languages of the Republic of So. Africa

1Af-ro \ə-ˈfōr\ *adj* : having the hair shaped into a round bushy mass

2Afro *n, pl* Afros : an Afro hairstyle

Af-ro-Amer-i-can \ə-ˈfōr-ə-ˈmer-ə-kən\ *n* : an American

of African and esp. of Negroid descent — **Afro-American** *adj*

aft \aft\ *adv* : near, toward, or in the stern of a ship or the tail of an aircraft

AFT *abbr* American Federation of Teachers

1af-ter \ə-ˈfər\ *adv* : AFTERWARD, SUBSEQUENTLY

2after *prep* 1 : behind in place 2 : later than 3 : intent on the seizure, mastery, or achievement of (he's ~ your job)

3after *conj* : following the time when

4after *adj* 1 : LATER 2 : located toward the rear

af-ter-birth \ə-ˈfər-, bərth\ *n* : the placenta and membranes of the fetus that are expelled after childbirth

af-ter-burn-er \-, bər-nər\ *n* : a device incorporated in the tail pipe of a turbojet engine for injecting fuel into the hot exhaust gases and burning it to provide extra thrust

af-ter-care \-, keər\ *n* : the care, nursing, or treatment of a convalescent patient

af-ter-deck \-, dek\ *n* : the rear half of the deck of a ship

af-ter-effect \ə-ˈfər-ə-ˈfekt\ *n* : an effect that follows its cause after an interval

af-ter-glow \ə-ˈfər-, glō\ *n* : a glow remaining where a light has disappeared

af-ter-im-age \ə-ˈfər-, rim-ij\ *n* : a usu. visual sensation continuing after the stimulus causing it has ended

af-ter-life \ə-ˈfər-, lif\ *n* : an existence after death

af-ter-math \-, math\ *n* 1 : a second-growth crop esp. of hay 2 : CONSEQUENCES, EFFECTS *syn* aftereffect, upshot, result, outcome

af-ter-noon \ə-ˈfər-ˈnūn\ *n* : the time between noon and evening

af-ter-shave \ə-ˈfər-, shāv\ *n* : a usu. scented lotion for the face after shaving

af-ter-taste \-, tāst\ *n* : a sensation (as of flavor) continuing after the stimulus causing it has ended

af-ter-tax \ə-ˈfər-, taks\ *adj* : remaining after payment of taxes and esp. of income tax (an ~ profit)

af-ter-thought \-, thōt\ *n* : a later thought; also : something thought of later

af-ter-ward \ə-ˈfər-ə(r)-wərd\ or **af-ter-wards** \-wərdz\ *adv* : at a later time

Ag *symbol* [L *argentum*] silver

AG *abbr* 1 adjutant general 2 attorney general

again \ə-ˈgen-, -ˈgīn\ *adv* 1 : once more : ANEW 2 : on the other hand 3 : in addition : BESIDES

against \ə-ˈgenst\ *prep* 1 : directly opposite to : FACING 2 : in opposition to 3 : as defense from 4 : so as to touch or strike (threw him ~ the wall); also : TOUCHING

1agape \ə-ˈgāp\ *adj or adv* : having the mouth open in wonder or surprise : GAPING

2aga-pe \ə-ˈgā-pā-, ˈäg-ə-, pā\ *n* [Gk, lit., love] : self-giving

loyal concern that freely accepts another and seeks his or her good

agar \ə-ˈgā-, ār\ *n* 1 : a jellylike substance extracted from a red alga and used esp. as a gelling and stabilizing agent in foods 2 : a culture medium containing agar

agar-agar \ə-ˈgā-, ār-ˈäg-, ār\ *n* : AGAR

ag-ate \ə-ˈgæt\ *n* 1 : a striped or clouded quartz 2 : a playing marble of agate or of glass

aga-ve \ə-ˈgāv-ē\ *n* : any of a genus of spiny-leaved plants (as a century plant) related to the amaryllis

agcy *abbr* agency

1age \ˈāj\ *n* 1 : the length of time during which a being or thing has lived or existed 2 : the time of life at which some particular qualification is achieved; *esp* : MAJORITY 3 : the latter part of life 4 : a long time 5 : a period in history

2age *vb* aged; **ag-ing** or **age-ing** 1 : to grow old or cause to grow old 2 : to become or cause to become mature or mellow

-age \ij\ *n* *suffix* 1 : aggregate : collection (trackage) 2 : action : process (haulage) 3 : cumulative result of (breakage) 4 : rate of (dosage) 5 : house or place of

(*orphanage*) **6** : state : rank (*vassalage*) **7** : fee : charge (*postage*)

aged \ˈā-jəd for 1; ˈāj-d for 2\ *adj* **1** : of advanced age **2** : having attained a specified age (a man ~ 40 years)

age-less \ˈāj-ləs\ *adj* **1** : not growing old or showing the effects of age **2** : TIMELESS, ETERNAL (an ~ story)

agency \ˈā-jən-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies **1** : one through which something is accomplished : INSTRUMENTALITY **2** : the office or function of an agent **3** : an establishment doing business for another **4** : an administrative division (as of a government) **syn** means, medium, vehicle

agen-da \ə-ˈjən-də\ *n* : a list of things to be done : PROGRAM

agent \ˈā-jənt\ *n* **1** : one that acts **2** : MEANS, INSTRUMENT **3** : a person acting or doing business for another **syn** attorney, deputy, proxy, delegate

Agent Orange *n* : an herbicide widely used in the Vietnam War that is composed of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T and contains a toxic contaminant

agent pro-vo-ca-teur \ˈāzh-,ä-ˈprō-,vāk-ə-ˈtər, ˈā-jənt-\ *n*, *pl* agents provocateurs \ˈāzh-,ä-ˈprō-,vāk-ə-ˈtər, ˈā-jənts-prō-\ [F] : a person hired to infiltrate a group and incite its members to illegal action

age of consent : the age at which one is legally competent to give consent (as to marriage)

age-old \ˈāj-ˈōld\ *adj* : having existed for ages : ANCIENT
ag-er-a-tum \,aj-ə-ˈrāt-əm\ *n*, *pl* -tums : any of a large genus of tropical American plants that are related to the daisies and have small showy heads of blue or white flowers

Ag-g-e-us \a-ˈgē-əs\ *n* — see BIBLE table

ag-glom-er-ate \ə-ˈglām-ə-,rāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing [L *agglomerare* to heap up, join, fr. *ad-* to + *glomer-*, *glomus* ball] : to gather into a mass : CLUSTER — **ag-glom-er-a-tion** \-,glām-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

ag-glom-er-ate \-rət\ *n* : rock composed of volcanic fragments

ag-glu-ti-nate \ə-ˈglüt-ˈn-,āt\ *vb* -nat-ed; -nat-ing **1** : to cause to adhere : gather into a group or mass **2** : to cause (as red blood cells or bacteria) to collect into clumps — **ag-glu-ti-na-tion** \-,glüt-ˈn-ˈā-shən\ *n*

ag-gran-dize \ə-ˈgran-,diz, ˈag-rən-\ *vb* -dized; -diz-ing : to make great or greater — **ag-gran-dize-ment** \ə-ˈgran-dēz-mənt, -ˌdiz-, ˈag-rən-diz-\ *n*

ag-gra-vate \ˈag-rə-,vāt\ *vb* -vat-ed; -vat-ing **1** : to make more severe : INTENSIFY **2** : IRRITATE — **ag-gra-va-tion** \,ag-rə-ˈvā-shən\ *n*

ag-gre-gate \ˈag-ri-gət\ *adj* : formed by the gathering of units into one mass

ag-gre-gate \-,gāt\ *vb* -gat-ed; -gat-ing : to collect into one mass

ag-gre-gate \-gət\ *n* : a mass or body of units or parts somewhat loosely associated with one another; *also* : the whole amount

ag-gre-ga-tion \,ag-ri-ˈgā-shən\ *n* **1** : a group, body, or mass composed of many distinct parts **2** : the collecting of units or parts into a mass or whole

ag-gres-sion \ə-ˈgrēsh-ən\ *n* **1** : an unprovoked attack **2** : the practice of making attacks **3** : hostile, injurious, or destructive behavior or outlook esp. when caused by frustration — **ag-gres-sor** \-ˈgrēs-ər\ *n*

ag-gres-sive \ə-ˈgrēs-iv\ *adj* **1** : tending toward or exhibiting aggression; *esp* : marked by combative readiness **2** : marked by driving energy or initiative : ENTERPRISING — **ag-gres-sive-ly** *adv* — **ag-gres-sive-ness** *n*

ag-grieve \ə-ˈgrēv\ *vb* ag-grieved; ag-griev-ing **1** : to cause grief to **2** : to inflict injury on : WRONG

ag-hast \ə-ˈgast\ *adj* : struck with amazement or horror

ag-ile \ˈaj-əl\ *adj* : able to move quickly and easily —

ag-il-i-ty \ə-ˈjil-ət-ē\ *n*

ag-i-tate \ˈaj-ə-,tāt\ *vb* -tat-ed; -tat-ing **1** : to move with an irregular rapid motion **2** : to stir up : EXCITE **3** : to discuss earnestly **4** : to attempt to arouse public feeling —

ag-i-ta-tion \,aj-ə-ˈtā-shən\ *n* — **ag-i-ta-tor** \ˈaj-ə-,tāt-ər\ *n*

ag-it-prop \ˈaj-ət-,prəp\ *n* [Russ] : political propaganda promulgated esp. through the arts

ag-leam \ə-ˈglēm\ *adj* : GLEAMING

aglit-ter \ə-ˈglit-ər\ *adj* : GLITTERING

ag-low \ə-ˈglō\ *adj* : GLOWING

ag-nos-tic \ə-ˈnās-tik, əg-\ *adj* [Gk *agnōstos* unknown, unknowable, fr. *a-* un- + *gnōstos* known] : of or relating to the belief that the existence of any ultimate reality (as God) is unknown and prob. unknowable — **agnostic** *n* — **ag-nos-ticism** \-ˈnās-tə-,siz-əm\ *n*

ago \ə-ˈgō\ *adj* or *adv* : earlier than the present time

agog \ə-ˈgäg\ *adj* [MF *en gogues* in mirth] : full of excitement : EAGER

1a-go-go \ä-ˈgō-,gō\ *n* [Whisky à Gogo, café and discotheque in Paris, France, fr. *F à gogo* galore] : a nightclub for dancing to pop music : DISCOTHEQUE

2a-go-go *adj* : GO-GO

ag-o-nize \ˈag-ə-,niz\ *vb* -nized; -niz-ing : to suffer or cause to suffer agony — **ag-o-niz-ing-ly** *adv*

ag-o-ny \ˈag-ə-nē\ *n*, *pl* -nies [ME *agonie*, fr. L *agonia*, fr. Gk *agōnia* struggle, anguish, fr. *agōn* gathering, contest for a prize] : extreme pain of mind or body **syn** suffering, distress, misery

agony column *n* : a newspaper column of personal advertisements relating esp. to missing relatives or friends

ago-ra \,äg-ə-ˈrā\ *n*, *pl* ago-rot \-ˈrōt\ — see *shekel* at MONEY table

ag-o-ra-pho-bia \,ag-ə-rə-ˈfō-bē-ə\ *n* : abnormal fear of being in open spaces — **ag-o-ra-pho-bic** \-ˈfō-bik, -ˈfäb-ik\ *adj* or *n*

agr *abbr* agricultural; agriculture

agrar-i-an \ə-ˈgrer-ē-ən\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to land or its ownership (~ reforms) **2** : of or relating to farmers or farming interests — **agrarian** *n* — **agrar-i-an-ism** *n*

agree \ə-ˈgrē\ *vb* agreed; agreeing **1** : ADMIT, CONCEDE **2** : to be similar : CORRESPOND **3** : to express agreement or approval **4** : to be in harmony **5** : to settle by common consent **6** : to be fitting or healthful : SUIT

agree-able \ə-ˈgrē-ə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : PLEASING, PLEASANT **2** : ready to consent **3** : being in harmony : CONSONANT — **agree-able-ness** *n* — **agree-ably** \-blē\ *adv*

agree-ment \ə-ˈgrē-mənt\ *n* **1** : harmony of opinion or action **2** : mutual understanding or arrangement; *also* : a document containing such an arrangement

agric *abbr* agricultural; agriculture

agri-cul-ture \ˈag-ri-,kəl-čər\ *n* : FARMING, HUSBANDRY — **agri-cul-tur-al** \,ag-ri-ˈkəlch-(ə-)rəl\ *adj* — **agri-cul-tur-ist** \-rəst\ or **agri-cul-tur-al-ist** \-(ə-)rə-ləst\ *n*

agron-o-my \ə-ˈgrän-ə-mē\ *n* : a branch of agriculture that deals with the raising of crops and the care of the soil — **ag-ro-nom-ic** \,ag-rə-ˈnām-ik\ *adj* — **agron-o-mist** \ə-ˈgrän-ə-məst\ *n*

around \ə-ˈgraund\ *adv* or *adj* : on or onto the bottom or shore (ran ~)

agt *abbr* agent

ague \ˈä-gyü\ *n* : a fever (as malaria) with recurrent chills and sweating

ahead \ə-ˈhed\ *adv* or *adj* **1** : in or toward the front **2** : into or for the future (plan ~) **3** : in or toward a more advantageous position

ahead of prep **1** : in front or advance of **2** : in excess of : ABOVE

AHL *abbr* American Hockey League

ahoy \ə-ˈhōi\ *interj* — used in hailing (ship ~)

AI *abbr* artificial intelligence

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ä\ace \ä\cot, cart
\au\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\vice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ō\go \ō\law \ō\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
\ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

aid \ˈād\ *vb* : to provide with what is useful in achieving an end : ASSIST

2aid *n* 1 : ASSISTANCE 2 : ASSISTANT

AID *abbr* Agency for International Development

aide \ˈād\ *n* : a person who acts as an assistant; *esp* : a military officer assisting a superior

aide-de-camp \ˌā-di-ˈkɑmp, -ˈkɑ\ *n, pl aides-de-camp* \ˌādz-di- [F] : AIDE

aid-man \ˈād-,man\ *n* : an army medical corpsman attached to a field unit

AIDS \ˈādz\ *n* [acquired immunodeficiency syndrome] : a serious disease associated with infection of the cells of the immune system by a retrovirus, occurring *esp.* in homosexual and bisexual men and in intravenous drug abusers, and recognized clinically *usu.* by a life-threatening infection (as pneumonia) or Kaposi's sarcoma or both in addition to marked depression of the immune system

AIDS-related complex *n* : a collection of symptoms (as fever, weight loss, and lymphadenopathy) that is associated with the presence of antibodies to the AIDS virus and is followed by the development of AIDS in a certain proportion of cases

AIDS virus *n* : the retrovirus associated with AIDS and the AIDS-related complex

ai-grette \ä-ˈgrɛt, ˈä-ˈgrɛt\ *n* [F, plume, egret] : a plume or decorative tuft for the head

ail \ˈāl\ *vb* 1 : to be the matter with : TROUBLE 2 : to be unwell

ai-lan-thus \ä-ˈlan-thəs\ *n* : any of a genus of Asian trees or shrubs with pinnate leaves and ill-scented greenish flowers

ai-le-ron \ä-ˈlə-,rən\ *n* : a movable part of an airplane wing used in banking

ail-ment \ˈāl-mənt\ *n* : a bodily disorder

1aim \ˈām\ *vb* [ME *aimen*, fr. MF *aesmer* & *esmer*; MF *aesmer*, fr. OF, fr. *a-* to (fr. L *ad-*) + *esmer* to estimate, fr. L *aestimare*] 1 : to point a weapon at an object 2 : to direct one's efforts : ASPIRE 3 : to direct to or toward a specified object or goal

2aim *n* 1 : the direction of a weapon 2 : OBJECT, PURPOSE — **aim-less** \-ləs\ *adj* — **aim-less-ly** *adv* — **aim-less-ness** *n*

AIM *abbr* American Indian Movement

ain't \ˈänt\ 1 : are not 2 : is not 3 : am not — though disapproved by many and more common in less educated speech, used orally in most parts of the U.S. by many educated speakers *esp.* in the phrase *ain't I*

Ai-nu \ˈi-nū\ *n, pl Ainu or Ainus* 1 : a member of an indigenous Caucasoid people of Japan 2 : the language of the Ainu people

1air \ˈær\ *n* 1 : the gaseous mixture surrounding the earth 2 : a light breeze 3 : COMPRESSED AIR (~ sprayer) 4 : AIRCRAFT (~ patrol) 5 : AVIATION (~ safety) 6 : the medium of transmission of radio waves; *also* : RADIO, TELEVISION 7 : the outward appearance of a person or thing : MANNER 8 : an artificial manner 9 : MELODY, TUNE

2air *vb* 1 : to expose to the air 2 : to expose to public view **air bag** *n* : a bag designed to fill automatically with gas to protect automobile passengers in case of accident

air-boat *n* : a shallow-draft boat driven by an airplane propeller

air-borne \ˈær-,börn\ *adj* : supported or transported by air

air brake *n* 1 : a brake operated by a piston driven by compressed air 2 : a surface for lowering an airplane's speed

air-brush \-,brəʃh\ *n* : a device for applying a fine spray (as of paint) by compressed air — **airbrush** *vb*

air-con-di-tion \ˌær-kən-ˈdīsh-ən\ *vb* : to equip with an apparatus for filtering air and controlling its humidity and temperature — **air con-di-tion-er** \-ˈdīsh-(ə-n)ər\ *n*

air-craft \ˈær-,kraʃt\ *n, pl aircraft* : a vehicle for traveling through the air

aircraft carrier *n* : a warship with a deck on which airplanes can be launched and landed

air-drome \-,dröm\ *n* : AIRPORT

air-drop \-,drāp\ *n* : delivery of cargo or personnel by parachute from an airplane in flight — **air-drop** *vb*

Aire-dale terrier \ˈær-,dāl\ *n* : any of a breed of large terriers with a hard wiry coat

air-fare \-,fær\ *n* : fare for travel by airplane

air-field \ˈær-,fēld\ *n* 1 : the landing field of an airport 2 : AIRPORT

air-flow \-,flō\ *n* : the motion of air relative to a body in it

air-foil \-,fōil\ *n* : an airplane surface (as a wing or rudder) designed to produce reaction from the air

air force *n* : the military organization of a nation for air warfare

air-frame \-,frām\ *n* : the structure of an airplane or rocket without the power plant

air-freight \-ˈfrāt\ *n* : freight transport by air in volume; *also* : the charge for this service

air gun *n* 1 : a gun operated by compressed air 2 : a hand tool that works by compressed air; *esp* : AIRBRUSH

air lane *n* : AIRWAY 1

air-lift \ˈær-,lift\ *n* : transportation (as of supplies or passengers) by aircraft — **airlift** *vb*

air-line \-,līn\ *n* : a transportation system using airplanes

air-lin-er \ˈær-,li-nər\ *n* : a large passenger airplane operated by an airline

air lock *n* : an airtight chamber separating areas of different pressure

air-mail \ˈær-ˈmāl, -ˌmāl\ *n* : the system of transporting mail by airplane; *also* : mail so transported — **airmail** *vb*

air-man \-ˈmən\ *n* 1 : an enlisted man in the air force in one of the three ranks below sergeant 2 : AVIATOR, PILOT **airman basic** *n* : an enlisted man of the lowest rank in the air force

airman first class *n* : an enlisted person in the air force with a rank just below that of sergeant

air mass *n* : a large horizontally homogeneous body of air

air-mo-bile \ˈær-,mō-bəl, -ˌbēl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being a military unit whose members are transported to combat areas *usu.* by helicopter

air-plane \-,plān\ *n* : a fixed-wing aircraft heavier than air that is driven by a propeller or jet engine and supported by the reaction of the air against its wings

air-play \-,plā\ *n* : the playing of recorded material on the air by a radio station

air pocket *n* : a condition of the atmosphere that causes an airplane to drop suddenly

air police *n* : the military police of an air force

air-port \ˈær-,pōrt\ *n* : a place maintained for the landing and takeoff of aircraft and for receiving and discharging passengers and cargo

air raid *n* : an attack by armed airplanes on a surface target

air-ship \ˈær-,ship\ *n* : a lighter-than-air aircraft having propulsion and steering systems

air-sick \-,sɪk\ *adj* : affected with motion sickness associated with flying — **air-sick-ness** *n*

air-space \-,spās\ *n* : the space above a nation and under its jurisdiction

air-speed \-,spēd\ *n* : the speed (as of an airplane) with relation to the air as distinguished from its speed relative to the earth

air-strip \-,striṽ\ *n* : a runway without normal airport facilities

air-tight \ˈær-ˈtīt\ *adj* 1 : so tightly sealed that no air can enter or escape 2 : leaving no opening for attack

air-to-air *adj* : launched from one airplane in flight at another; *also* : involving aircraft in flight

air-wave \ˈær-,wāv\ *n* : AIR 6 — *usu.* used in pl.

air-way \-,wā\ **n** 1 : a regular route for airplanes 2 : AIRLINE

air-wor-thy \-,wər-thē\ *adj* : fit or safe for operation in the air (an ~ plane) — **air-wor-thi-ness** *n*

airy \ˈa(ə)r-ē\ *adj* **air-i-er**; **-est** 1 : LOFTY 2 : lacking in reality : EMPTY 3 : DELICATE 4 : BREEZY

aisle \ˈil\ *n* [ME *ile*, fr. MF *aile* wing, fr. L *ala*] 1 : the side of a church nave separated by piers from the nave proper 2 : a passage between sections of seats

ajar \ə-ˈjār\ *adj* or *adv* : partly open

AK *abbr* Alaska

aka *abbr* also known as

AKC *abbr* American Kennel Club

akim-bo \ə-ˈkim-bō\ *adj* or *adv* : having the hand on the hip and the elbow turned outward

akin \ə-ˈkin\ *adj* 1 : related by blood 2 : similar in kind **AL** *symbol* aluminum

AL *abbr* 1 Alabama 2 American League 3 American Legion

1-al \əl\ *adj* *suffix* : of, relating to, or characterized by (directional)

2-al *n* *suffix* : action : process (rehearsal)

Ala *abbr* Alabama

ALA *abbr* Automobile Legal Association

al-a-bas-ter \al-ə-,bas-tər\ **n** 1 : a compact fine-textured usu. white and translucent gypsum mineral often carved into objects (as vases) 2 : a hard translucent calcite **à la carte** \al-ə-ˈkärt, ˈäl-\ *adv* or *adj* [F] : with a separate price for each item on the menu

alac-ri-ty \ə-ˈlak-rēt-ē\ *n* : cheerful readiness : BRISKNESS **à la mode** \al-ə-ˈmōd, ˈäl-\ *adj* [F, according to the fashion] 1 : FASHIONABLE, STYLISH 2 : topped with ice cream

1alarm \ə-ˈlārm\ *also* **ala-rum** \ə-ˈlār-əm, -ˈlar-\ *n* [ME *alarme*, fr. MF, fr. It *all'arme*, lit., to the weapon] 1 : a warning signal 2 : the terror caused by sudden danger

2alarm *also* **alarum** *vb* 1 : to warn of danger 2 : to arouse to a sense of danger : FRIGHTEN

alarm-ist \ə-ˈlār-məst\ *n* : a person who alarms others esp. needlessly

alas \ə-ˈlas\ *interj* — used to express unhappiness, pity, or concern

al-ba-core \al-bə-,kōr\ *n*, *pl* **-core** or **-cores** : any of several tunas

Al-ba-nian \al-ˈbā-nē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Albania

al-ba-tross \al-bə-,trōs, -,trās\ *n*, *pl* **-tross** or **-tross-es** : a large web-footed seabird related to the petrels

al-be-it \əl-ˈbē-ət, al-\ *conj* : even though : ALTHOUGH

al-bi-no \al-ˈbi-nō\ *n*, *pl* **-nos** : a person or lower animal lacking coloring matter in the skin, hair, and eyes —

al-bi-nism \al-bə-,niz-əm\ *n*

al-bum \al-bəm\ **n** 1 : a book with blank pages used for making a collection (as of stamps) 2 : one or more phonograph records or tape recordings produced as a single unit

al-bu-men \al-ˈbyü-mən\ **n** 1 : the white of an egg 2 : ALBUMIN

al-bu-min \al-ˈbyü-mən\ *n* : any of numerous water-soluble proteins of blood, milk, egg white, and plant and animal tissues

al-bu-min-ous \al-ˈbyü-mə-nəs\ *adj* : containing or resembling albumen or albumin

alc *abbr* alcohol

al-cal-de \al-ˈkäl-dē\ *n* : the chief administrative and judicial officer of a Spanish or Spanish-American town

al-ca-zar \al-ˈkāz-ər, -ˈkaz-\ *n* [Sp *alcázar*, fr. Ar *al-qasr* the castle] : a Spanish fortress or palace

al-che-my \al-kə-mē\ *n* : medieval chemistry chiefly concerned with efforts to turn base metals into gold — **al-che-mist** \al-kə-məst\ *n*

al-co-hol \al-kə-,hōl\ *n* [NL, fr. ML, powdered antimony, fr. Sp, fr. Ar *al-kūhul* the powdered antimony] 1 : a colorless flammable liquid that is the intoxicating ele-

ment in fermented and distilled liquors 2 : any of various carbon compounds similar to alcohol 3 : beverages containing alcohol

1al-co-hol-ic \al-kə-ˈhōl-ik, -ˈhāl-\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, caused by, or containing alcohol 2 : affected with alcoholism — **al-co-hol-i-cal-ly** \i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

2alcoholic *n* : a person affected with alcoholism

al-co-hol-ism \al-kə-,hōl-,iz-əm\ *n* : continued excessive and usu. uncontrollable use of alcoholic drinks; *also* : the abnormal state associated with such use

al-cove \al-ˌkōv\ **n** 1 : a nook or small recess opening off a larger room 2 : a niche or arched opening (as in a wall)

ald *abbr* alderman

al-der \ˈól-dər\ *n* : a tree or shrub related to the birches and growing in wet areas

al-der-man \ˈól-dər-mən\ *n* : a member of a city legislative body

ale \ˈāl\ *n* : an alcoholic beverage brewed from malt and hops that is usu. more bitter than beer

ale-a-tor-ic \ä-lē-ə-ˈtór-ik\ *adj* : improvised or random in character (~ music)

ale-a-to-ry \ä-lē-ə-,tör-ē\ *adj* : ALEATORIC

alee \ə-ˈlē\ *adv* : on or toward the lee

ale-house \ˈäl-,haʊs\ *n* : a place where ale is sold to be drunk on the premises

1alert \ə-ˈlɔrt\ *adj* [It *all'erta*, lit., on the ascent] 1 : watchful against danger 2 : quick to perceive and act — **alert-ly** *adv* — **alert-ness** *n*

2alert **n** 1 : a signal given to warn of danger 2 : the period during which an alert is in effect

3alert *vb* 1 : WARN 2 : to make aware of

Aleut \al-ē-ˈlüt, ə-ˈlüt\ **n** 1 : a member of a people of the Aleutian and Shumagin islands and the western part of Alaska peninsula 2 : the language of the Aleuts

ale-wife \ˈäl-,wif\ *n* : a food fish of the herring family abundant esp. on the Atlantic coast

Al-ex-an-dri-an \al-ig-ˈzan-drē-ən\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to Alexander the Great 2 : HELLENISTIC

al-ex-an-drine \-ˈzan-drən\ *n*, *often* *cap* : a line of six iambic feet

al-fal-fa \al-ˈfal-fə\ *n* : a leguminous plant widely grown for hay and forage

al-fres-co \al-ˈfres-kō\ *adj* or *adv* [It] : taking place in the open air

alg *abbr* algebra

al-ga \ˈal-gə\ *n*, *pl* **al-gae** \al-(ˌ)jē\ : any of a group of lower plants having chlorophyll but no vascular system and including seaweeds and related freshwater plants — **al-gal** \-gəl\ *adj*

al-ge-bra \al-jə-brə\ *n* [ML, fr. Ar *al-jabr*] : a branch of mathematics using symbols (as letters) to explore the relationships between numbers and the operations used to work with them — **al-ge-bra-ic** \al-jə-ˈbrä-ik\ *adj* — **al-ge-bra-i-cal-ly** \-ˈbrä-ə-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

Al-ge-ri-an \al-ˈjir-ē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Algeria — **Algerian** *adj*

AL-GOL or **Al-gol** \al-ˌgäl, -,gól\ *n* [algorithmic language] : a language for programming a computer esp. to work scientific problems

Al-gon-qui-an \al-ˈgän-kwē-ən, -ˈgäŋ-\ *n* : a member of an American Indian people of the Ottawa river valley

al-go-rithm \al-gə-,rith-əm\ *n* : a procedure for solving a problem (as in mathematics)

1alias \ä-lē-əs, ˈäl-yəs\ *adv* [L, otherwise, fr. *alius* other] : otherwise called

2alias *n* : an assumed or additional name

1a-li-bi \al-ə-,bi\ *n* [L, elsewhere, fr. *alius* other] 1 : a plea offered by an accused person of not having been at the

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 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

scene of commission of an offense **2** : an excuse (as for failure)

2 **alibi** \b-ı́ed; -bı́-ı́ng **1** : to make an excuse for **2** : to offer an excuse

1 **alien** \ä-lē-ən, ä-l-yən *adj* : FOREIGN

2 **alien** *n* : a foreign-born resident who has not been naturalized

alien-able \ä-lə-nə-bəl, ä-lē-ə-nə- *adj* : transferable to the ownership of another (~ property)

alien-ate \ä-lē-ə-nāt, ä-l-yə- *vb* -at-ed; -at-ı́ng **1** : to transfer (property) to another **2** : to make hostile where previously friendship had existed : ESTRANGE — **alien-ation** \ä-lē-ə-nā-shən, ä-l-yə- *n*

alien-ist \ä-nəst *n* : PSYCHIATRIST; *esp* : one specializing in the legal aspects of psychology

1 **alight** \ə-ˈlīt *vb* **alight-ed** also **alit** \ə-ˈlīt **alight-ı́ng** **1** : to get down (as from a vehicle) **2** : to come to rest from the air *syn* settle, land, perch

2 **alight** *adj* : lighted up

align also **aline** \ə-ˈlın *vb* **1** : to bring into line **2** : to array on the side of or against a cause — **align-ment** also **aline-ment** *n*

1 **alike** \ə-ˈlik *adj* : LIKE *syn* akin, analogous, similar, comparable

2 **alike** *adv* : EQUALLY

al-i-ment \ä-lə-mənt *n* : FOOD, NUTRIMENT

al-i-men-ta-ry \ä-lə-mən-t(ə-rē) *adj* : of, relating to, or functioning in nourishment or nutrition

alimentary canal *n* : a tube that extends from the mouth to the anus and functions in the digestion and absorption of food and the elimination of residues

al-i-mo-ny \ä-lə-mō-nē *n*, *pl* -nies [L *alimonia* sustenance, fr. *alere* to nourish] : an allowance made to one spouse by the other for support pending or after legal separation or divorce

A-line \ä-ˈlın *adj* : having a flared bottom and a close-fitting top (an ~ skirt)

alive \ə-ˈlīv *adj* **1** : having life : LIVING **2** : being in force or operation **3** : SENSITIVE (~ to the danger) **4** : ANIMATED (streets ~ with traffic)

aliz-a-rin \ə-ˈlız-ə-rən *n* : an orange or red crystalline compound made synthetically and used as a red dye

alk *abbr* alkaline

al-ka-li \ä-lə-kä-lı́ *n*, *pl* -lies or -lis **1** : a substance (as a hydroxide) that has a bitter taste and neutralizes acids **2** : a mixture of salts in the soil of some dry regions in such amount as to make ordinary farming impossible — **al-ka-line** \ä-kə-lən, -lın *adj* — **al-ka-lin-i-ty** \ä-lə-kä-lın-ət-ē *n*

al-ka-loid \ä-lə-kə-lōı́d *n* : any of various usu. basic and bitter organic compounds found esp. in seed plants

al-kane \ä-l, kən *n* : a hydrocarbon in which each carbon atom is bonded to 4 other atoms

al-kyd \ä-l-kəd *n* : any of numerous thermoplastic synthetic resins used esp. for protective coatings

1 **all** \ɔ́l *adj* **1** : the whole of **2** : the greatest possible **3** : every one of

2 **all** *adv* **1** : WHOLLY **2** : so much (~ the better for it) **3** : for each side (the score is two ~)

3 **all** *pron* **1** : every one : the whole number, quantity, or amount (~ of you are welcome) (~ of the money is gone) **2** : EVERYTHING

Al-lah \ä-lə-ə, ä-ˈlā *n* [Ar] : the supreme being of Islam

all-Amer-i-can \ɔ́l-ə-ˈmer-ə-kən *adj* **1** : composed wholly of American elements **2** : representative of the U.S. as a whole; *esp* : selected as the best in the U.S. — **all-American** *n*

all-around \ɔ́l-ə-ˈraund *adj* : having ability in many fields : VERSATILE

al-lay \ə-ˈlā *vb* **1** : to reduce in severity **2** : to put at rest *syn* alleviate, lighten, relieve, ease, assuage

all clear *n* : a signal that a danger has passed

al-lege \ə-ˈlej *vb* **al-legged**; **al-leg-ı́ng** **1** : to state as a fact

without proof **2** : to bring forward as a reason or excuse — **al-le-ga-tion** \ä-l-i-ˈgā-shən *n* — **al-leg-ed-ly** \ə-ˈlej-əd-lē *adv*

al-le-giance \ə-ˈlēj-əns *n* **1** : loyalty owed by a citizen to his government **2** : loyalty to a person or cause

al-le-go-ry \ä-lə-ˈgōr-ē *n*, *pl* -ries : the expression through symbolic figures and actions of truths or generalizations about human conduct or experience — **al-le-gor-i-cal** \ä-lə-ˈgōr-i-kəl *adj*

1 **al-le-gro** \ə-ˈleg-rō, -lā-grō *adv* or *adj* [It, merry] : in a brisk lively tempo — used as a direction in music

2 **allegro** *n*, *pl* -gros : an allegro movement

al-le-lu-ia \ä-lə-ˈlū-yə *interj* : HALLELUJAH

al-ler-gen \ä-lə-r-jən *n* : something that causes allergy — **al-ler-gen-ic** \ä-lə-r-jen-ik *adj*

al-ler-gist \ä-lə-r-jəst *n* : a specialist in allergies

al-ler-gy \ä-lə-r-jē *n*, *pl* -gies [G *allergie*, fr. Gk *allos* other + *ergon* work] : exaggerated or abnormal reaction (as by sneezing, itching, or rashes) to substances, situations, or physical states harmless to most people — **al-ler-gic** \ə-ˈlär-jik *adj*

al-le-vi-ate \ä-lē-vē-āt *vb* -at-ed; -at-ı́ng : to make easier to be endured *syn* lighten, mitigate, relieve, allay — **al-le-vi-a-tion** \ä-lē-vē-ā-shən *n*

alley \ä-lē *n*, *pl* alleys **1** : a place for bowling; *esp* : a hardwood lane **2** : a narrow street or passageway esp. between buildings

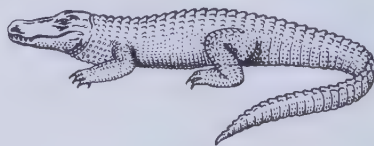
alley-way \ä-lē-, wā *n* : ALLEY **2**

All-hal-lows \ɔ́l-ˈhal-ōz *n*, *pl* Allhallows : ALL SAINTS' DAY

al-li-ance \ə-ˈli-əns *n* : a union to promote common interests *syn* league, coalition, confederacy, federation

al-lied \ə-ˈlīd, ä-lı́d *adj* : joined in alliance

al-li-ga-tor \ä-lə-, gät-ər *n* [Sp *el lagarto* the lizard, fr. L *lacertus* lizard] : either of two large short-legged reptiles resembling crocodiles but having a shorter and broader snout



alligator

alligator pear *n* : AVOCADO

al-lit-er-ate \ə-ˈlīt-ə-, rāt *vb* -at-ed; -at-ı́ng **1** : to form an alliteration **2** : to arrange so as to make alliteration

al-lit-er-a-tion \ə-lit-ə-ˈrā-shən *n* : the repetition of initial sounds in adjacent words or syllables — **al-lit-er-a-tive** \ə-lit-ə-, rāt-ıv *adj*

al-lo-cate \ä-lə-ˈkāt *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ı́ng : ALLOT, ASSIGN — **al-lo-ca-tion** \ä-lə-ˈkā-shən *n*

al-lot \ə-lāt *vb* **al-lot-ted**; **al-lot-ting** : to distribute as a share or portion *syn* assign, apportion, allocate — **al-lot-ment** *n*

all-out \ɔ́l-ˈaüt *adj* : using maximum energy or resources (an ~ offensive)

all over *adv* : EVERYWHERE

al-low \ə-ˈlau *vb* **1** : to assign as a share (~ time for rest) **2** : to reckon as a deduction **3** : ADMIT, CONCEDE **4** : PERMIT **5** : to make allowance (~ for expansion) — **al-low-able** *adj*

al-low-ance \ə-ns *n* **1** : an allotted share **2** : money given regularly for expenses **3** : the taking into account of mitigating circumstances

al-loy \ä-lı́, ə-ˈlōı́ *n* **1** : a substance composed of metals fused together **2** : an admixture of something that debases — **al-loy** \ä-ˈlōı́, ä-lı́ *vb*

all right *adv* **1** : beyond doubt : CERTAINLY **2** : SATISFACTORILY **3** : YES — **all right** *adj*

All Saints' Day *n* : a church feast observed November 1 in honor of all the saints

All Souls' Day *n* : a day of prayer observed November 2 for the souls of the faithful departed

all-spice \ˈɒl-,spɪs\ *n* : the berry of a West Indian tree of the myrtle family; *also* : the mildly pungent and aromatic spice made from it

all-star \ˈɒl-,stɑːr\ *adj* : composed wholly or chiefly of star performers

all-star \ˈɒl-,stɑːr\ *n* : a member of an all-star team

all told *adv* : with everything counted

allude \ə-ˈlʊd\ *vb* **al-lud-ed**; **al-lud-ing** [L *alludere*, lit., to play with] : to refer indirectly or by suggestion — **al-lusion** \-ˈlʊ-zhən\ *n* — **al-lu-sive** \-ˈlʊ-siv\ *adj* — **al-lu-sive-ly** *adv* — **al-lu-sive-ness** *n*

allure \ə-ˈlʊr\ *vb* **al-lured**; **al-lur-ing** : to entice by charm or attraction — **allure** *n* — **al-lure-ment** *n*

alluvium \ə-ˈlʊ-vē-əm\ *n*, *pl* **vi-ums** or **-via** \-vē-ə\ : soil material (as clay or gravel) deposited by running water — **al-lu-vi-al** \-vē-əl\ *adj* or *n*

ally \ə-ˈli-, ˈal-i\ *vb* **al-lied**; **al-ly-ing** : to unite in alliance

ally \ə-ˈli-, ˈal-i\ *n*, *pl* **allies** : one united with another in an alliance

-ally \-(ə-)lē\ *adv* *suffix* : ²-LY (terrifically)

al-ma-mater \,al-mə-ˈmät-ər\ *n* [L, fostering mother] **1** : a school, college, or university that one has attended **2** : the song or hymn of a school, college, or university

al-ma-nac \ˈɒl-mə-,nak, ˈal-ə\ *n* : a publication containing astronomical and meteorological data and often a miscellany of other information

al-man-dite \ˈal-mən-,dīt\ *n* : a deep red garnet containing iron and aluminum

al-mighty \ˈɒl-ˈmit-ē\ *adj* **1** *often cap* : having absolute power over all (<Almighty God>) **2** : relatively unlimited in power

Almighty *n* : GOD **1**

al-mond \ˈām-ənd, ˈam-, ˈal-mənd\ *n* : a small tree related to the peach; *also* : the edible nutlike kernel of its fruit

al-mo-ner \ˈal-mə-nər, ˈām-ə-\ *n* : a person who distributes alms

al-most \ˈɒl-,mōst, ˈɒl-ˈmōst\ *adv* : only a little less than

: NEARLY

alms \ˈālmz, ˈālmz\ *n*, *pl* **alms** [ME *almesse*, *almes*, fr. OE *ælmesse*, *ælms*, fr. L *eleemosyna* alms, fr. Gk *eleēmosynē* pity, alms, fr. *eleēmōn* merciful] : something given freely to relieve the poor

alms-house \-,haʊs\ *n*, *Brit* : a privately financed home for the poor

al-oe \ˈal-ō-\ *n* **1** : any of a large genus of succulent chiefly southern African plants related to the lilies **2** *pl* : the dried juice of the leaves of an aloe used as a strong laxative and tonic

aloft \ə-ˈlɒft\ *adv* **1** : high in the air **2** : on or to the higher rigging of a ship

alo-ha \ə-ˈlō-ə, ˈā-lō-hā\ *interj* [Hawaiian] — used to express greeting or farewell

alone \ə-ˈlɒn\ *adj* **1** : separated from others **2** : not including anyone or anything else : ONLY *syn* lonely, lonesome, lone, solitary — **alone** *adv*

along \ə-ˈlɒŋ\ *prep* **1** : on or near in a lengthwise direction (walk ~ the street) (sail ~ the coast) **2** : at a point on or during (stopped ~ the way)

along *adv* **1** : FORWARD, ON **2** : as a companion or associate (bring her ~) **3** : all the time (knew it all ~)

along-shore \ə-ˈlɒŋ-ʃshər\ *adv* or *adj* : along the shore or coast

along-side \-,sɪd\ *adv* : along or by the side

alongside *prep* : side by side with; *specif* : parallel to

aloof \ə-ˈlʊf\ *adj* : removed or distant in interest or feeling : reserved — **aloof-ness** *n*

al-o-pe-cia \,al-ə-ˈpē-sh(ē)-ə\ *n* : BALDNESS

aloud \ə-ˈlaʊd\ *adv* : using the voice so as to be clearly heard

alp \ˈalp\ *n* : a high rugged mountain

al-paca \al-ˈpak-ə\ *n* : a So. American mammal related to the llama; *also* : its fine long woolly hair or cloth made from this

al-pha-bet \ˈal-fə-,bet, -bæt\ *n* : the set of letters used in writing a language arranged in a conventional order

al-pha-bet-i-cal \,al-fə-ˈbet-i-kəl\ or **al-pha-bet-ic** \-ˈbet-ik\ *adj* **1** : arranged in the order of the letters of the alphabet **2** : of or employing an alphabet — **al-pha-bet-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

al-pha-bet-ize \ˈal-fə-bə-,tɪz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to arrange in alphabetical order — **al-pha-bet-iz-er** *n*

al-pha-nu-mer-ic \,al-fə-n(y)ū-ˈmer-ik\ *adj* : consisting of letters and numbers and often other symbols (an ~ code) *also* : being a character in an alphanumeric system

al-pha particle \,al-fə-\ *n* : a positively charged particle identical with the nucleus of a helium atom that is ejected at high speed in certain radioactive transformations

alpha ray *n* : a stream of alpha particles

alpha rhythm *n* : ALPHA WAVE

alpha wave *n* : an electrical rhythm of the brain often associated with a state of wakeful relaxation

Al-pine \ˈal-,pɪn\ *adj* **1** : relating to, located in, or resembling the Alps mountains of south central Europe **2** *often not cap* : of, relating to, or growing on upland slopes above the highest elevation where trees grow

al-ready \ˈɒl-ˈred-ē\ *adv* : prior to a specified or implied time : PREVIOUSLY

al-right \ˈɒl-ˈrɪt\ *adv* : ALL RIGHT

al-so \ˈɒl-sō\ *adv* : in addition : TOO

al-so-ran \-,ran\ *n* **1** : a horse or dog that finishes out the money in a race **2** : a contestant that does not win

alt *abbr* **1** alternate **2** altitude

Alta *abbr* Alberta

al-tar \ˈɒl-tər\ *n* **1** : a structure on which sacrifices are offered or incense is burned in worship **2** : a table used as a center of ritual

al-tar-piece \ˈɒl-tər-,pēs\ *n* : a work of art that decorates the space above and behind the altar

al-ter \ˈɒl-tər\ *vb* **al-tered**; **al-ter-ing** \-(tə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to make or become different **2** : CASTRATE, SPAY — **al-ter-a-tion** \,ɒl-tə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

alter *abbr* alteration

al-ter-ca-tion \,ɒl-tər-ˈkā-shən\ *n* : a noisy or angry dispute

al-ter ego \,ɒl-tər-ˈē-gō\ *n* [L, lit., second I] : a second self; *esp* : a trusted friend

al-ter-nate \ˈɒl-tər-,nāt, ˈal-\ *vb* **-nat-ed**; **-nat-ing** : to occur or cause to occur by turns — **al-ter-na-tion** \,ɒl-tər-nā-shən, ˈal-\ *n*

al-ter-nate \-nət\ *adj* **1** : arranged or succeeding by turns **2** : every other **3** : being an alternative (an ~ route) — **al-ter-nate-ly** *adv*

alternate *n* : SUBSTITUTE

alternating current *n* : an electric current that reverses its direction at regular intervals

al-ter-na-tive \ɒl-ˈtər-nət-iv, al-\ *adj* : that may be chosen in place of something else — **alternative** *n*

al-ter-na-tor \ˈɒl-tər-,nāt-ər, ˈal-\ *n* : an electric generator for producing alternating current

al-though *also* **al-tho** \ɒl-ˈthʊ\ *conj* : in spite of the fact that : even though

al-tim-e-ter \al-ˈtim-ət-ər, ˈal-tā-,mēt-ər\ *n* : an instrument for measuring altitude

al-ti-tude \ˈal-tā-,t(y)ūd\ *n* **1** : angular distance above the

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 \aʊ\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \j\sing \d\go \d\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \ʊ\loot
 \ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

horizon **2** : vertical distance : HEIGHT **3** : the perpendicular distance in a geometric figure from the vertex to the base, from the vertex of an angle to the side opposite, or from the base to a parallel side or face

al-to \al-tō/ *n*, *pl* **altos** [It, lit., high, fr. *L. altus*] : the lowest female voice; *also* : a singer or instrument having the range of such a voice

al-to-geth-er \ol-tə-'geth-ər/ *adv* **1** : WHOLLY **2** : on the whole

al-tru-ism \al-trū-'iz-əm/ *n* : unselfish interest in the welfare of others — **al-tru-ist** \-əst/ *n* — **al-tru-is-tic** \al-trū-'is-tik/ *adj* — **al-tru-is-tic-al-ly** \-ti-k(ə)-lē/ *adv*

al-um \al-əm/ *n* **1** : either of two colorless crystalline aluminum-containing compounds having a sweetish-sour taste and used esp. as an emetic or as an astringent and styptic **2** : a colorless aluminum salt used in purifying water and in tanning and dyeing

alu-mi-na \ə-'lū-mə-nə/ *n* : the oxide of aluminum occurring in nature as corundum and in bauxite

al-u-min-i-um \al-yə-'min-ē-əm/ *n*, chiefly *Brit* : ALUMINUM

alu-mi-nize \ə-'lū-mə-nīz/ *vb* -nized; -niz-ing : to treat or coat with aluminum

alu-mi-num \ə-'lū-mə-nəm/ *n* : a silver-white malleable ductile light metallic element that is the most abundant metal in the earth's crust — see ELEMENT table

alum-na \ə-'lēm-nə/ *n*, *pl* -nae \-(i)nē/ : a woman graduate or former student of a college or school

alum-nus \ə-'lēm-nəs/ *n*, *pl* -nī \-,nī/ [L, foster son, pupil, fr. *alere* to nourish] : a graduate or former student of a college or school

al-ways \ol-wēz, -wəz, -(i)wāz/ *adv* **1** : at all times : INVARIABLY **2** : FOREVER

Alz-hei-mer's disease \älts-,hī-mərz-, 'alz-/ *n* : a degenerative disease of the central nervous system characterized esp. by premature senile mental deterioration

am *pres 1st sing of BE*

1Am *abbr* America; American

2Am *symbol* americium

1AM \ā-,em/ *n* : a broadcasting system using amplitude modulation; *also* : a radio receiver for broadcasts made by such a system — **AM** *adj*

2AM *abbr* **1** ante meridiem — often not cap. **2** [NL *artium magister*] master of arts

AMA *abbr* American Medical Association

amah \ām-(i)ä/ *n* : an Oriental female servant; *esp* : a Chinese nurse

amain \ə-'mān/ *adv*, *archaic* : with full force or speed

amal-gam \ə-'mal-gəm/ *n* **1** : an alloy of mercury with another metal used in making dental cements **2** : a mixture of different elements

amal-gam-ate \ə-'mal-gə-,mät/ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to unite into one body or organization — **amal-ga-ma-tion** \-,mal-gə-'mā-shən/ *n*

aman-u-en-sis \ə-,man-yə-'wen-səs/ *n*, *pl* -en-ses \-,sēz/ : one employed to write from dictation or to copy what another has written : SECRETARY

am-a-ranth \am-ə-,ranth/ *n* **1** : any of a large genus of coarse herbs sometimes grown for their showy flowers **2** : a flower that never fades

am-a-ran-thine \am-ə-'ran-thən, -,thin/ *adj* : relating to or resembling an amaranth : UNFADING, UNDYING

am-a-ryl-lis \am-ə-'ril-əs/ *n* : any of various plants of a group related to the lilies; *esp* : any of several African herbs having bulbs and grown for their clusters of large showy flowers

amass \ə-'mas/ *vb* : ACCUMULATE

am-a-teur \am-ə-,tər, -ət-ər, -ə-,t(y)ür, -ə-,chür, -ə-chər/ *n* [F, fr. *L. amator* lover, fr. *amare* to love] **1** : a person who engages in a pursuit for pleasure and not as a profession **2** : a person who is not expert — **amateur** *adj* — **am-a-teur-ish** \am-ə-'tər-ish, -t(y)ür-/ *adj* — **am-a-**

teur-ism \am-ə-,tər-,iz-əm, -ət-ə-,riz-, -ə-,t(y)ür-,iz-, -,chür-,iz-, -chə-,riz-/ *n*

am-a-tive \am-ət-iv/ *adj* : disposed or disposing to love : AMOROUS — **am-a-tive-ly** *adv* — **am-a-tive-ness** *n*

am-a-to-ry \am-ə-,tör-ē/ *adj* : of or expressing sexual love

amaze \ə-'māz/ *vb* amazed; **amaz-ing** : to overwhelm with wonder : ASTOUND *syn* astonish, surprise, dumbfound — **amaze-ment** *n* — **amaz-ing-ly** *adv*

am-a-zon \am-ə-,zān, -ə-zən/ *n* **1 cap** : a member of a race of female warriors repeatedly warring with the ancient Greeks of mythology **2** : a tall strong masculine woman — **am-a-zo-ni-an** \am-ə-'zō-nē-ən/ *adj*, often *cap*

amb *abbr* ambassador

am-bas-sa-dor \am-'bas-əd-ər/ *n* : a country's representative in a foreign land — **am-bas-sa-do-ri-al** \-,bas-ə-'dör-ē-əl/ *adj* — **am-bas-sa-dor-ship** *n*

am-ber \am-bər/ *n* : a yellowish or brownish fossil resin used esp. for ornamental objects; *also* : the color of this resin

am-ber-gris \am-bər-,gris, -,grēs/ *n* : a waxy substance from the sperm whale used in making perfumes

am-bi-dex-trous \am-bi-'dek-strəs/ *adj* : using both hands with equal ease — **am-bi-dex-trous-ly** *adv*

am-bi-ence or **am-bi-ance** \am-bē-əns, ä-'by-äns/ *n* : a surrounding or pervading atmosphere

am-bi-ent \am-bē-ənt/ *adj* : SURROUNDING

am-big-u-ous \am-'big-yə-wəs/ *adj* : capable of being understood in more than one way — **am-bi-gu-i-ty** \am-bē-'gyü-ət-ē/ *n*

am-bi-tion \am-'bish-ən/ *n* [ME, fr. MF or L; MF, fr. *L. ambition-ambitio*, lit., going around, fr. *ambitus*, pp. of *ambire*, fr. *ambi-* around + *ire* to go] : eager desire for success or power

am-bi-tious \am-'bish-əs/ *adj* : characterized by ambition — **am-bi-tious-ly** *adv*

am-biv-a-lence \am-'biv-ə-ləns/ *n* : simultaneous attraction toward and repulsion from a person, object, or action — **am-biv-a-lent** \-lənt/ *adj*

1am-ble \am-bəl/ *vb* am-bled; **am-bling** \-b(ə-)liŋ/ : to go at an amble

2amble *n* : an easy gait esp. of a horse

am-bro-sia \am-'brō-zh(ē-)ə/ *n* : the food of the Greek and Roman gods — **am-bro-sial** \-zh(ē-)əl/ *adj*

am-bu-lance \am-byə-ləns/ *n* : a vehicle equipped for carrying the injured or sick

am-bu-lant \am-byə-lənt/ *adj* : moving about : AMBULATORY

1am-bu-la-to-ry \am-byə-lə-,tör-ē/ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or adapted to walking **2** : able to walk about

2ambulatory *n*, *pl* -ries : a sheltered place (as in a cloister) for walking

am-bus-cade \am-bə-,skād/ *n* : AMBUSH

am-bush \am-,bush/ *n* : a trap by which concealed persons attack an enemy by surprise — **ambush** *vb*

amdt *abbr* amendment

ame-ba, **ame-bic**, **ame-boid** *var of* AMOEBa, AMOEBIC, AMOEBOID

ame-li-o-rate \ə-'mēl-yə-,rāt/ *vb* -rat-ed; -rat-ing : to make or grow better : IMPROVE — **ame-li-o-ra-tion** \-,mēl-yə-'rā-shən/ *n*

amen \(')ä-'men, (')ä- / *interj* — used esp. at the end of prayers to express solemn ratification or approval

ame-na-ble \ə-'mē-nə-bəl, -'men-ə-/ *adj* **1** : ANSWERABLE **2** : easily managed : TRACTABLE

amend \ə-'mend/ *vb* **1** : to change for the better : IMPROVE **2** : to alter formally in phraseology

amend-ment \ə-'men(d)-d-mənt/ *n* **1** : correction of faults **2** : the process of amending a parliamentary motion or a constitution; *also* : the alteration so proposed or made

amends \ə-'men(d)z/ *n sing or pl* : compensation for injury or loss

ame-ni-ty \ə-'men-ət-ē, -'mē-nət- \ *n*, *pl* -ties **1**: AGREEABLENESS **2**: something serving to comfort or convenience **3**: a gesture observed in social relationships
Amer *abbr* America; American
amerce \ə-'mɜrs\ *vb* **amerced**; **amerc-ing** **1**: to penalize by a fine determined by the court **2**: PUNISH — **amerce-ment** *n*
Amer-i-can \ə-'mer-ə-kən\ *n* **1**: a native or inhabitant of No. or So. America **2**: a citizen of the U.S. — **American** *adj* — **Amer-i-can-ism** \ə-kə-'niz-əm\ *n* — **Amer-i-can-iza-tion** \ə-,mer-ə-kə-nə-'zā-shən\ *n* — **Amer-i-can-ize** \ə-'mer-ə-kə-'niz\ *vb*
Amer-i-ca-na \ə-,mer-ə-'kan-ə, -'kân- \ *n pl*: materials concerning or characteristic of America, its civilization, or its culture; *also*: a collection of these
American Indian *n*: a member of any of the aboriginal peoples of No. and So. America except the Eskimos
American plan *n*: a hotel plan whereby the daily rates cover the cost of room and meals
American Sign Language *n*: a sign language for the deaf in which meaning is conveyed by a system of hand gestures and placement
am-er-i-ci-um \,am-ə-'ris(h)-ē-əm\ *n*: a radioactive metallic chemical element produced artificially from plutonium — see ELEMENT table
AmerInd *abbr* American Indian
Am-er-in-di-an \,am-ə-'rin-dē-ən\ *adj*: of or relating to American Indians or their culture — **Amerindian** *n*
am-e-thyst \,am-ə-thəst\ *n* [ME *amatiste*, fr. OF & L; OF, fr. L *amethystus*, fr. Gk *amethystos*, lit., remedy against drunkenness, fr. *a-* not + *methyēin* to be drunk, fr. *methy* wine]: a gemstone consisting of clear purple or bluish violet quartz
ami-a-ble \,ā-mē-ə-bəl\ *adj* **1**: AGREEABLE **2**: having a friendly and sociable disposition — **ami-a-bil-i-ty** \,ā-mē-ə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **ami-a-bly** \,ā-mē-ə-blē\ *adv*
am-i-ca-ble \,am-i-kə-bəl\ *adj*: FRIENDLY, PEACEABLE — **am-i-ca-bly** \-blē\ *adv*
amid \ə-'mid\ or **amidst** \-'midst\ *prep*: in or into the middle of: AMONG
amid-ships \ə-'mid-,ships\ *adv*: in or near the middle of a ship
ami-no acid \ə-,mē-nō- \ *n*: any of numerous nitrogen-containing acids that include some which are used by cells to build proteins
amiss \ə-'mis\ *adv* **1**: WRONGLY **2**: ASTRAY **3**: IMPERFECTLY
amiss *adj* **1**: WRONG **2**: out of place
am-i-ty \,am-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties: FRIENDSHIP; *esp*: friendly relations between nations
am-me-ter \,am-,ēt-ər\ *n*: an instrument for measuring electric current in amperes
am-mo \,am-ō\ *n*: AMMUNITION
am-mo-nia \ə-'mō-nyə\ *n* [NL, fr. L *sal ammoniacus* sal ammoniac (ammonium chloride), lit., salt of Ammon, fr. Gk *ammōniakos* of Ammon, fr. *Ammōn* Ammon, Amen, an Egyptian god near one of whose temples it was prepared] **1**: a colorless gaseous compound of nitrogen and hydrogen used in refrigeration and in the making of fertilizers and explosives **2**: a solution (ammonia water) of ammonia in water
am-mo-ni-um \ə-'mō-nē-əm\ *n*: an ion or chemical group derived from ammonia by combination with hydrogen
ammonium chloride *n*: a white crystalline volatile salt used in batteries and as an expectorant
am-mu-ni-tion \,am-yə-'nish-ən\ *n* **1**: projectiles fired from guns **2**: explosive items used in war **3**: material for use in attack or defense
Amn *abbr* airman
am-ne-sia \,am-'nē-zhə\ *n*: abnormal loss of memory — **am-ne-si-ac** \-z(h)ē-,ak\ or **am-ne-sic** \-zik, -sik\ *adj* or *n*
am-nes-ty \,am-nə-stē\ *n*, *pl* -ties: an act granting a pardon to a group of individuals — **amnesty** *vb*

am-nio-cen-te-sis \,am-nē-ō-,sen-'tē-səs\ *n*, *pl* -te-ses \-'tē-,sēz\ : the surgical insertion of a hollow needle through the abdominal wall and uterus of a pregnant female *esp.* to obtain fluid used to check for chromosomal abnormality and to determine sex
amoe-ba \ə-'mē-bə\ *n*, *pl* -bas or -bae \-(,i)bē\ : any of various tiny one-celled protozoans that lack permanent cell organs and occur *esp.* in water and soil — **amoe-bic** \-bik\ *adj*
amoe-boid \-,bōid\ *adj*: resembling an amoeba *esp.* in moving or readily changing shape
amok \ə-'mək, -'māk\ or **amuck** \-'mək\ *adv*: in a violently excited state (run ~)
among \ə-'mən\ *also* **amongst** \-'mənst\ *prep* **1**: in or through the midst of **2**: in the number or class of **3**: in shares to each of **4**: by common action of
amon-til-la-do \ə-,mān-tə-'lād-ō\ *n*, *pl* -dos [Sp]: a medium dry sherry
amor-al \-'mōr-əl\ *adj*: neither moral nor immoral; *esp*: being outside the sphere to which moral judgments apply — **amor-al-ly** *adv*
am-o-rous \,am-(ə)rəs\ *adj* **1**: inclined to love **2**: being in love — **am-o-rous-ly** *adv* — **am-o-rous-ness** *n*
amor-phous \ə-'mōr-fəs\ *adj* **1**: SHAPELESS, FORMLESS **2**: not crystallized
am-or-tize \,am-ər-,tīz, ə-'mōr- \ *vb* -tized; -tiz-ing: to extinguish (as a mortgage) usu. by payment on the principal at the time of each periodic interest payment — **amor-ti-za-tion** \,am-ərt-ə-'zā-shən, ə-,mōrt- \ *n*
Amos \,ā-məs\ — see BIBLE table
amount \ə-'maunt\ *vb* **1**: to reach as a total **2**: to be equivalent
amount *n* **1**: the total number or quantity **2**: a principal sum plus the interest on it
amour \ə-'mür, ā-, ə- \ *n*: a love affair *esp.* when illicit
amour pro-pre \,am-,ür-'prōpr, ,ām-,ür-'prōpr\ *n* [F]: SELF-ESTEEM
amp \,amp\ *n*: AMPLIFIER; *also*: a unit consisting of an electronic amplifier and a loudspeaker
amp *abbr* ampere
am-per-age \,am-p(ə)-rij\ *n*: the strength of a current of electricity expressed in amperes
am-pere \,am-,piə\ *n*: a unit of electric current equivalent to a steady current produced by one volt applied across a resistance of one ohm
am-per-sand \,am-pər-,sənd\ *n* [fr. *and per se and*, spoken form of the phrase & *per se and*, lit., (the character) & by itself (stands for the word) and]: a character & used for the word *and*
am-phet-amine \,am-'fet-ə-,mēn-,mən\ *n*: a compound or one of its derivatives used *esp.* as a stimulant of the nervous system
am-phib-i-an \,am-'fib-ē-ən\ *n* **1**: an amphibious organism; *esp*: any of a class of animals (as frogs and newts) intermediate between fishes and reptiles **2**: a vehicle designed to operate on both land and water
am-phib-i-ous \,am-'fib-ē-əs\ *adj* [Gk *amphibios*, lit., living a double life, fr. *amphi-* on both sides + *bios* mode of life] **1**: able to live both on land and in water **2**: adapted for both land and water **3**: made by joint action of land, sea, and air forces invading from the sea; *also*: trained for such action
am-phi-bole \,am-fə-,bōl\ *n*: any of a group of rock-forming minerals containing calcium, magnesium, iron, aluminum, and sodium combined with silica
am-phi-the-ater \,am-fə-,thē-ət-ər\ *n*: an oval or circular structure with rising tiers of seats around an arena
am-pho-ra \,am-fə-rə\ *n*, *pl* -rae \-,rē\ or -ras: an ancient

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \d\go \d\law \d\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

Greek jar or vase with two handles that rise almost to the level of the mouth

am-ple \ˈam-pəl\ *adj* **am-pler** \-plər\ **am-plest** \-pləst\ **1** : LARGE, CAPACIOUS **2** : enough to satisfy : ABUNDANT — **am-ply** \-plē\ *adv*

am-pli-fy \ˈam-plə-ˈfī\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** **1** : to expand by extended treatment **2** : to increase (voltage, current, or power) in magnitude or strength **3** : to make louder — **am-pli-fi-ca-tion** \ˈam-plə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* — **am-pli-fi-er** \ˈam-plə-ˈfī-(ə)r\ *n*

am-pli-tude \-t(y)üd\ *n* **1** : ample extent : FULLNESS **2** : the extent of a vibratory movement (as of a pendulum) or of an oscillation (as of an alternating current or a radio wave)

amplitude modulation *n* **1** : modulation of the amplitude of a radio carrier wave in accordance with the strength of the signal **2** : a broadcasting system using amplitude modulation

am-poule or **am-pule** *also* **am-pul** \ˈam-pyül, -pül\ *n* : a small sealed bulbous glass vessel used to hold a solution for hypodermic injection

am-pu-tate \ˈam-pyə-ˈtāt\ *vb* **-tat-ed**; **-tat-ing** : to cut off (~ a leg) — **am-pu-ta-tion** \ˈam-pyə-ˈtā-shən\ *n*

am-pu-tee \ˈam-pyə-ˈtē\ *n* : one who has had a limb amputated

amt *abbr* amount

amuck \ə-ˈmæk\ *var of* AMOK

am-u-let \ˈam-yə-lət\ *n* : an ornament worn as a charm against evil

amuse \ə-ˈmyüz\ *vb* **amused**; **amus-ing** : to entertain in a light or playful manner : DIVERT — **amuse-ment** *n*

AMVETS \ˈam-vets\ *abbr* American Veterans (of World War II)

am-y-lase \ˈam-ə-ˈlās, -ˈlāz\ *n* : any of several enzymes that accelerate the breakdown of starch and glycogen
an \ən, (ˈ)ən\ *indefinite article* : A — used before words beginning with a vowel sound

¹**-an** \ən\ or **-ian** \(-ē)-ən\ *also* **-ean** \(-ē)-ən, ˈē-ən\ *n suffix* **1** : one that belongs to (American) (Bostonian) (crustacean) **2** : one skilled in or specializing in (phonetician)

²**-an** or **-ian** *also* **-ean** *adj suffix* **1** : of or belonging to (American) (Floridian) **2** : characteristic of : resembling (Mozartean)

AN *abbr* airman (Navy)

an-a-bol-ic steroid \ˈan-ə-ˈbäl-ik\ *n* : any of a group of synthetic hormones sometimes taken by athletes in training to increase temporarily the size of their muscles
anach-ro-nism \ə-ˈnak-rə-ˈniz-əm\ *n* **1** : the error of placing a person or thing in the wrong period **2** : one that is chronologically out of place — **anach-ro-nis-tic** \ə-ˈnak-rə-ˈnis-tik\ *adj*

an-a-con-da \ˈan-ə-ˈkän-də\ *n* : a large So. American snake that suffocates and kills its prey by constriction

an-a-dem \ˈan-ə-ˈdem\ *n*, *archaic* : GARLAND, CHAPLET

anae-mia, **anae-mic** *var of* ANEMIA, ANEMIC

an-aer-obe \ˈan-ə-ˈrōb\ *n* : an anaerobic organism

an-aer-o-bic \ˈan-ə-ˈrō-bik\ *adj* : living, active, or occurring in the absence of free oxygen

an-aes-the-sia, **an-aes-thet-ic** *var of* ANESTHESIA, ANESTHETIC

ana-gram \ˈan-ə-ˈgram\ *n* : a word or phrase made by transposing the letters of another word or phrase

¹**anal** \ˈän-l\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or situated near the anus **2** : of, relating to, or characterized by the stage of psychosexual development in psychoanalytic theory during which one is concerned esp. with feces **3** : of, relating to, or characterized by personality traits (as parsimony and ill humor) considered typical of fixation at the anal stage of development

²**anal** *abbr* **1** analogy **2** analysis; **analytic**

an-al-ge-sia \ˈan-l-ˈjē-zhə\ *n* : insensitivity to pain — **an-al-ge-sic** \-l-jē-zik, -sik\ *adj*

an-al-ge-sic \-l-jē-zik, -sik\ *n* : an agent for producing analgesia

analog computer \ˈan-l-ˈög-, -ˈäg-\ *n* : a computer that operates with numbers represented by directly measurable quantities (as voltages)

anal-o-gous \ə-ˈnal-ə-gəs\ *adj* : similar in one or more respects but not homologous

an-a-logue or **an-a-log** \ˈan-l-ˈög-, -ˈäg-\ *n* **1** : something that is analogous or similar to something else **2** : an organ similar in function to one of another animal or plant but different in structure or origin

anal-o-gy \ə-ˈnal-ə-jē\ *n*, *pl* **-gies** **1** : inference that if two or more things agree in some respects they will probably agree in others **2** : a likeness in one or more ways between things otherwise unlike — **an-a-log-i-cal** \ˈan-l-ˈäj-i-kəl\ *adj* — **an-a-log-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

anal-y-sis \ə-ˈnal-ə-səs\ *n*, *pl* **-yses** \-ˈsēz\ [NL, fr. Gk, fr. *analyein* to break up, fr. *ana-* up + *lyein* to loosen] **1** : separation of a thing into the parts or elements of which it is composed **2** : an examination of a thing to determine its parts or elements; *also* : a statement showing the results of such an examination **3** : PSYCHOANALYSIS — **an-a-lyst** \ˈan-l-ˈəst\ *n* — **an-a-lyt-ic**, **an-l-ˈit-ik** or **an-a-lyt-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj*

an-a-lyze \ˈan-l-ˈīz\ *vb* **-lyzed**; **-lyz-ing** : to make an analysis of

an-a-pest \ˈan-ə-ˈpest\ *n* : a metrical foot of two unaccented syllables followed by one accented syllable — **an-a-pes-tic** \ˈan-ə-ˈpes-tik\ *adj* or *n*

an-ar-chism \ˈan-ər-ˈkiz-əm\ *n* : the theory that all government is undesirable — **an-ar-chist** \-kəst\ *n* or *adj* — **an-ar-chis-tic** \ˈan-ər-ˈkis-tik\ *adj*

an-ar-chy \ˈan-ər-kē\ *n* **1** : a social structure without government or law and order **2** : utter confusion — **an-ar-chic** \ə-ˈnär-kik\ *adj*

anas-to-mo-sis \ə-ˈnas-tə-ˈmō-səs\ *n*, *pl* **-mo-ses** \-ˈsēz\ **1** : the union of parts or branches (as of blood vessels) **2** : NETWORK

anat *abbr* anatomical; anatomy

anath-e-ma \ə-ˈnath-ə-mə\ *n* **1** : a solemn curse **2** : a person or thing accursed; *also* : one intensely disliked

anath-e-ma-tize \-ˈtīz\ *vb* **-tized**; **-tiz-ing** : to pronounce an anathema against : CURSE

anat-o-mize \ə-ˈnat-ə-ˈmīz\ *vb* **-mized**; **-miz-ing** : to dissect so as to examine the structure and parts; *also* : ANALYZE

anat-o-my \ə-ˈnat-ə-mē\ *n*, *pl* **-mies** [LL *anatomia* dissection, fr. Gk *anatomē*, fr. *anatemnein* to dissect, fr. *ana-* up + *temnein* to cut] **1** : a branch of science dealing with the structure of organisms **2** : structural makeup esp. of an organism or any of its parts **3** : a separating into parts for detailed study : ANALYSIS, ANATOMIZING — **an-a-tom-ic** \ˈan-ə-ˈtām-ik\ or **an-a-tom-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **an-a-tom-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **anat-o-mist** \ə-ˈnat-ə-məst\ *n*

ance *abbr* ancient

-ance \əns\ *n suffix* **1** : action or process (furtherance) : instance of an action or process (performance) **2** : quality or state : instance of a quality or state (protuberance) **3** : amount or degree (conductance)

an-ces-tor \ˈan-ses-tər\ *n* [ME *ancestre*, fr. OF, fr. L *antecessor* one that goes before, fr. *antecedere* to go before, fr. *ante-* before + *cedere* to go] : one from whom an individual is descended

an-ces-tress \ˈan-ses-trəs\ *n* : a female ancestor

an-ces-try \ˈan-ses-trē\ *n* **1** : line of descent : LINEAGE **2** : ANCESTORS — **an-ces-tral** \ˈan-ses-trəl\ *adj*

¹**an-chor** \ˈæŋ-kər\ *n* **1** : a heavy metal device attached to a ship that catches hold of the bottom and holds the ship in place **2** : ANCHORPERSON

²**anchor** *vb* **an-cho-red**; **an-chor-ing** \-k(ə)-rɪŋ\ : to hold or become held in place by or as if by an anchor

an-chor-age \ˈɑŋ-k(ə)-rij\ *n* : a place suitable for ships to anchor

an-cho-rite \ˈɑŋ-kə-, rīt\ *n* : HERMIT

an-chor-man \ˈɑŋ-kər-, man\ *n* 1 : the member of a team who competes last 2 : an anchorperson who is a man

an-chor-per-son \-ˈpər-sən\ *n* : a broadcaster who reads the news and introduces the reports of other broadcasters

an-chor-wom-an \-, wùm-ən\ *n* 1 : a woman who competes last 2 : an anchorperson who is a woman

an-cho-ry \ˈɑn-, chō-vē, an-ˈchō-\ *n*, *pl* -vies or -vy : a small herringlike fish used esp. for sauces and relishes
an-cien ré-gime \ä's-ya-rā-zhēm\ *n* 1 : the political and social system of France before the Revolution of 1789 2 : a system no longer prevailing

an-cient \ˈÄn-shənt\ *adj* 1 : having existed for many years 2 : belonging to times long past; *esp* : belonging to the period before the Middle Ages

ancient *n* 1 : an aged person 2 *pl* : the peoples of ancient Greece and Rome

an-cil-lary \ˈAn-sə-, lər-ē\ *adj* 1 : SUBORDINATE, SUBSIDIARY 2 : AUXILIARY, SUPPLEMENTARY

-ancy \ən-sē\ *n* *suffix* : quality or state (flamboyancy)
and \ən(d), (ə)nd\ *conj* — used to indicate connection or addition esp. of items within the same class or type or to join words or phrases of the same grammatical rank or function

an-dan-te \än-ˈdän-, tā, -ˈdänt-ē\ *adv* or *adj* [It., lit., going, prp. of *andare* to go] : moderately slow — used as a direction in music

andante *n* : an andante movement

and-iron \ˈAn-, dī-(ə)rən\ *n* : one of a pair of metal supports for firewood in a fireplace

and/or \ˈAn-ˈdör\ *conj* — used to indicate that either *and* or *or* may apply (men ~ women means men *and* women or men *or* women)

an-dro-gen \ˈAn-drə-jən\ *n* : a male sex hormone

an-droid \ˈAn-, drōid\ *n* : an automaton with human form

an-ec-dote \ˈAn-ik-, dōt\ *n* [F., fr. Gk *anekdota* unpublished items, fr. *a-* not + *ekdidonai* to publish] : a brief story of an interesting use, biographical incident — **an-ec-dot-al** \ˈAn-ik-ˈdōt-əl\ *adj*

ane-mia \ə-ˈnē-mē-ə\ *n* 1 : a condition in which blood is deficient in quantity, in red blood cells, or in hemoglobin and which is marked by pallor, weakness, and irregular heart action 2 : lack of vitality — **ane-mic** \ə-ˈnē-mik\ *adj*

an-e-mom-e-ter \ˈAn-ə-ˈmäm-ət-ər\ *n* : an instrument for measuring the force or speed of the wind

anem-o-ne \ə-ˈnem-ə-nē\ *n* : any of a large genus of herbs related to the buttercups that have showy flowers without petals but with conspicuous often colored sepals
anent \ə-ˈnent\ *prep* : ABOUT, CONCERNING

an-es-the-sia \ˈAn-əs-ˈthē-zhə\ *n* : loss of bodily sensation

an-es-the-si-ol-o-gy \-, thē-zē-ˈäl-ə-jē\ *n* : a branch of medical science dealing with anesthesia and anesthetics — **an-es-the-si-ol-o-gist** \-jəst\ *n*

an-es-thet-ic \ˈAn-əs-ˈthet-ik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or capable of producing anesthesia

anesthetic *n* : an agent that produces anesthesia — **an-es-the-tist** \ə-ˈnes-thət-əst\ *n* — **an-es-the-tize** \-thə-, tīz\ *vb*

anew \ə-ˈn(y)ü\ *adv* : over again : from a new start

an-gel \ˈÄn-jəl\ *n* [ME, fr. OF *angele*, fr. L *angelus*, fr. Gk *angelos*, lit., messenger] 1 : a spiritual being superior to man 2 : an attendant spirit (guardian ~) 3 : a winged figure of human form in art 4 : MESSENGER, HARBINGER 5 : a person held to resemble an angel 6 : a financial backer — **an-gel-ic** \ˈAn-ˈjel-ik\ or **an-gel-ical** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **an-gel-ical-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

an-gel-fish \ˈÄn-jəl-, fish\ *n* : any of several bright-colored tropical fishes that are flattened from side to side

an-gel-i-ca \ˈAn-ˈjel-i-kə\ *n* : a biennial herb related to the carrot whose roots and fruit furnish a flavoring oil

an-ger \ˈÄŋ-gəl\ *n* [ME, affliction, anger, fr. ON *angr* grief] : a strong feeling of displeasure *syn* wrath, ire, rage, fury, indignation

anger *vb* **an-gered**; **an-ger-ing** \-g(ə)-rɪŋ\ : to make angry
an-gi-na \än-ˈji-nə\ *n* [L., quinsy] : a disorder (as of the heart) marked by attacks of intense pain; *esp* : ANGINA PECTORIS — **an-gi-nal** \än-ˈjin-əl\ *adj*

angina pec-to-ris \-ˈpek-t(ə)-rəs\ *n* : a heart disease marked by brief attacks of sharp chest pain caused by deficient oxygenation of heart muscles

an-gio-sperm \ˈAn-jə-ˈspərm\ *n* : any of a class of vascular plants (as orchids or roses) having the seeds in a closed ovary

angle \ˈÄŋ-gəl\ *n* 1 : a sharp projecting corner 2 : the figure formed by the meeting of two lines in a point 3 : a point of view 4 : a special technique or plan : GIMMICK



angle 2: A obtuse, B acute, C right

angle *vb* **an-gled**; **an-gling** \-g(ə)-liŋ\ : to turn, move, or direct at an angle

angle *vb* **an-gled**; **an-gling** \-g(ə)-liŋ\ : to fish with a hook and line — **an-gler** \-glər\ *n* — **an-gling** \-gliŋ\ *n*

an-gle-worm \ˈÄŋ-gəl-ˈwɜrm\ *n* : EARTHWORM

An-gli-can \ˈÄŋ-gli-kən\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to the established episcopal Church of England 2 : of or relating to England or the English nation — **Anglican** *n* — **An-gli-can-ism** \-kə-, niz-əm\ *n*

an-gli-cize \ˈÄŋ-glə-, siz\ *vb* -cized; -ciz-ing *often cap* 1 : to make English (as in habits, speech, character, or outlook) 2 : to borrow (a foreign word or phrase) into English without changing form or spelling and sometimes without changing pronunciation — **an-gli-ci-za-tion** \ˈÄŋ-glə-sə-ˈzä-shən\ *n*, *often cap*

An-glo \ˈÄŋ-glō\ *n*, *pl* **Anglos** : a non-Latin Caucasian inhabitant of the U.S.

An-glo-French \ˈÄŋ-glō-ˈfrench\ *n* : the French language used in medieval England

An-glo-phil \ˈÄŋ-glə-ˈfɪl\ *also* **An-glo-phil** \-, fɪl\ *n* : one who greatly admires England and things English

An-glo-phobe \ˈÄŋ-glə-ˈfōb\ *n* : one who is averse to England and things English

An-glo-Sax-on \ˈÄŋ-glō-ˈsək-sən\ *n* 1 : a member of any of the Germanic peoples who invaded England in the 5th century A.D. 2 : a member of the English people 3 : Old English — **Anglo-Saxon** *adj*

an-go-ra \ˈÄŋ-gör-, ən-\ *n* 1 : yarn or cloth made from the hair of an Angora goat or rabbit 2 *cap* : any of a breed of cats, goats, or rabbits with a long silky coat

an-gry \ˈÄŋ-grē\ *adj* **an-gri-er**; -est : feeling or showing anger *syn* enraged, wrathful, irate, indignant, mad — **an-gri-ly** \-grə-lē\ *adv*

angst \ˈÄŋst\ *n* [G.] : a feeling of anxiety

ang-strom \ˈÄŋ-strəm\ *n* : a unit of length equal to one ten-billionth of a meter

an-guish \ˈÄŋ-gwish\ *n* : extreme pain or distress esp. of mind — **an-guished** \-gwish-t\ *adj*

an-gu-lar \ˈÄŋ-gyə-lər\ *adj* 1 : having one or more angles 2 : sharp-cornered 3 : being thin and bony — **an-gu-lar-i-ty** \ˈÄŋ-gyə-ˈlar-ət-ē\ *n*

An-gus \ˈÄŋ-gəs\ *n* : any of a breed of usu. black hornless beef cattle originating in Scotland

an-hy-drous \än-ˈhi-drəs\ *adj* : free from water

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈwash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
\aɪˈout \chˈchin \əˈbet \əˈeasy \gəˈgo \iˈhit \iˈice \jˈjob
\ŋˈsing \dɔˈgo \dɔˈlaw \dɔˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \uˈloot
\uˈfoot \yˈyet \zhˈvision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

an-i-line \ˈan-əl-ən\ *n* : an oily poisonous liquid used in making dyes, medicines, and explosives

an-i-mad-vert \ˈan-ə-,mad-ˈvɜrt\ *vb* : to remark critically ; express censure — **an-i-mad-ver-sion** \-ˈvɜr-zhən\ *n*

an-i-mal \ˈan-ə-məl\ *n* 1 : any of a kingdom of living things typically differing from plants in capacity for active movement, in rapid response to stimulation, and in lack of cellulose cell walls 2 : a lower animal as distinguished from man; *also* : MAMMAL

an-i-mal **adj** 1 : of, relating to, or derived from animals 2 : of or relating to the physical as distinguished from the mental or spiritual **syn** carnal, fleshly, sensual

an-i-mal-cule \ˈan-ə-ˈmal-kyūl\ *n* : a tiny animal usu. invisible to the naked eye

an-i-mate \ˈan-ə-mət\ *adj* : having life

an-i-mate \-,māt\ *vb* -**mat-ed**; -**mat-ing** 1 : to impart life to 2 : to give spirit and vigor to 3 : to make appear to move (<~ a cartoon for motion pictures) — **an-i-mat-ed** *adj*

an-i-ma-tion \ˈan-ə-ˈmā-shən\ *n* 1 : LIVELINESS, VIVACITY 2 : a motion picture made from a series of drawings simulating motions by means of slight progressive changes

an-i-mism \ˈan-ə-,miz-əm\ *n* : attribution of conscious life to nature as a whole or to inanimate objects — **an-i-mist** \-məst\ *n* — **an-i-mis-tic** \ˈan-ə-ˈmis-tik\ *adj*

an-i-mos-i-ty \ˈan-ə-ˈmās-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**ties** : ILL WILL, RESENTMENT

an-i-mus \ˈan-ə-məs\ *n* : deep-seated resentment and hostility

an-ion \ˈan-,ī-ən, -ī-,ān\ *n* : a negatively charged ion

an-ise \ˈan-əs\ *n* : an herb related to the carrot with aromatic seeds (**aniseed** \-ə(s)-,sēd\ used in flavoring

an-is-ette \ˈan-ə-ˈset, -ˈzət\ *n* [F] : a usu. colorless sweet

liqueur flavored with aniseed

ankh \ˈaŋk\ *n* : a cross having a loop for its upper vertical arm and serving esp. in ancient Egypt as an emblem of life

an-kle \ˈaŋ-kəl\ *n* : the joint or region between the foot and the leg

an-kle-bone \ˈan-kəl-ˈbōn, ˈaŋ-kəl-,bōn\ *n* : the bone that in human beings bears the weight of the body and with the tibia and fibula forms the ankle joint

an-klet \ˈaŋ-klət\ *n* 1 : something (as an ornament) worn around the ankle 2 : a short sock reaching slightly above the ankle

ann *abbr* 1 annals 2 annual

an-nals \ˈan-ˈlɔz\ *n* *pl* 1 : a record of events in chronological order 2 : historical records — **an-nal-ist** \-l-əst\ *n*

an-neal \ə-ˈnēl\ *vb* : to make (as glass or steel) less brittle by heating and then cooling

an-nex \ə-ˈnɛks, ˈan-ˈɛks\ *vb* 1 : to attach as an addition 2 : to incorporate (as a territory) within a political domain — **an-nex-a-tion** \ˈan-ˈɛk-ˈsā-shən\ *n*

an-nex \ˈan-ˈɛks, -iks\ *n* : a subsidiary or supplementary structure

an-ni-hi-late \ə-ˈnī-ə-,lāt\ *vb* -**lat-ed**; -**lat-ing** : to destroy completely — **an-ni-hi-la-tion** \ˈnī-ə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*

an-ni-ver-sa-ry \ˈan-ə-ˈvɜrs-(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* -**ries** : the annual return of the date of some notable event and esp. a wedding

an-no Do-mi-ni \ˈan-ə-ˈdām-ə-nē, -ˈdō-mē-, -ˈnī\ *adv*, *often* *cap* A [ML, in the year of the Lord] — used to indicate that a time division falls within the Christian era

an-no-tate \ˈan-ə-,tāt\ *vb* -**tat-ed**; -**tat-ing** : to furnish with notes — **an-no-ta-tion** \ˈan-ə-ˈtā-shən\ *n* — **an-no-ta-tor** \ˈan-ə-,tāt-ər\ *n*

an-nounce \ə-ˈnaʊns\ *vb* -**nounced**; -**nounc-ing** 1 : to make known publicly 2 : to give notice of the arrival or presence of — **an-nounce-ment** *n*

an-nounc-er \ə-ˈnaʊn-sər\ *n* : a person who introduces radio or television programs, reads commercials and news summaries, and gives station identification

an-noy \ə-ˈnɔɪ\ *vb* : to disturb or irritate esp. by repeated

acts : VEX **syn** irk, bother, pester, tease, harass — **an-noy-ing-ly** \-ˈnɔɪ-ɪŋ-lē\ *adv*

an-noy-ance \ə-ˈnɔɪ-əns\ *n* 1 : the act of annoying 2 : the state of being annoyed 3 : NUISANCE

an-nu-al \ˈan-yə(-wə)\ *adj* 1 : covering the period of a year 2 : occurring once a year : YEARLY 3 : completing the life cycle in one growing season (<~ plants) — **an-nu-al-ly** \-lē\ *adv*

annual *n* 1 : a publication appearing once a year 2 : an annual plant

annual ring *n* : the layer of wood produced by a single year's growth of a woody plant

an-nu-i-tant \ə-ˈn(y)ü-ət-ənt\ *n* : a beneficiary of an annuity

an-nu-i-ty \ə-ˈn(y)ü-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**i-ties** : an amount payable annually; *also* : the right to receive such a payment

an-nul \ə-ˈnəl\ *vb* **an-nulled**; **an-nul-ling** : to make legally void — **an-nul-ment** *n*

an-nu-lar \ˈan-yə-lər\ *adj* : ring-shaped

annular eclipse *n* : an eclipse in which a thin outer ring of the sun's disk is not covered by the moon's disk

an-nun-ci-ate \ə-ˈnən-sē-,āt\ *vb* -**at-ed**; -**at-ing** : ANNOUNCE

an-nun-ci-a-tion \ə-,nən-sē-ˈā-shən\ *n* 1 : ANNOUNCEMENT 2 *cap* : March 25 observed as a church festival commemorating the announcement of the Incarnation

an-nun-ci-a-tor \ə-ˈnən-sē-,āt-ər\ *n* : one that announces; *specif* : a usu. electrically controlled signal board or indicator

an-ode \ˈan-,ōd\ *n* 1 : the positive electrode of an electrolytic cell 2 : the negative terminal of a battery 3 : the electron-collecting electrode of an electron tube — **an-od-ic** \ə-ˈnād-ik\ *or* **an-od-al** \-ˈnōd-əl\ *adj*

an-od-ize \ˈan-ə-,dīz\ *vb* -**ized**; -**iz-ing** : to subject (a metal) to electrolytic action as the anode of a cell in order to coat with a protective or decorative film

an-o-dyne \ˈan-ə-,dīn\ *n* : something that relieves pain : a soothing agent

anoint \ə-ˈnɔɪnt\ *vb* 1 : to apply oil to esp. as a sacred rite 2 : CONSECRATE — **anoint-ment** *n*

an-om-a-lous \ə-ˈnām-ə-ləs\ *adj* : deviating from a general rule : ABNORMAL

an-om-a-ly \ə-ˈnām-ə-lē\ *n*, *pl* -**lies** : something anomalous ; IRREGULARITY

anon \ə-ˈnän\ *adv*, *archaic* : SOON

anon *abbr* anonymous; anonymously

anon-y-mous \ə-ˈnän-ə-məs\ *adj* : of unknown or undeclared origin or authorship — **an-o-nym-i-ty** \ˈan-ə-ˈnīm-ət-ē\ *n* — **anon-y-mous-ly** \ə-ˈnän-ə-məs-lē\ *adv*

an-oph-e-les \ə-ˈnäf-ə-,lēz\ *n* [NL, genus name, fr. Gk *anōphēlē*s useless, fr. *a-* not + *ophēlos* advantage, help] : any of a genus of mosquitoes that includes all mosquitoes which transmit malaria to human beings

an-o-rec-tic \ˈan-ə-ˈrek-tik\ *also* **an-o-ret-ic** \-ˈret-ik\ *adj* : ANOREXIC — **anorectic** *n*

an-orex-ia \ˈan-ə-ˈrek-sē-ə\ *n* : loss of appetite esp. when prolonged

anorexia nervosa \-ˈnɜr-ˈvō-sə\ *n* : a psychological and endocrine disorder primarily of young women marked esp. by faulty eating patterns, malnutrition, and usu. excessive weight loss

an-orex-ic \ˈan-ə-ˈrek-sik\ *adj* 1 : lacking or causing loss of appetite 2 : affected with or as if with anorexia nervosa — **anorexic** *n*

an-oth-er \ə-ˈnəθ-ər\ *adj* 1 : some other 2 : being one in addition : one more

another *pron* 1 : an additional one : one more 2 : one that is different from the first or present one

ans *abbr* answer

an-swer \ˈan-sər\ *n* 1 : something spoken or written in reply to a question 2 : a solution of a problem

answer *vb* **an-swered**; **an-swer-ing** \ˈans-(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to speak or write in reply to 2 : to be responsible 3 : to be adequate — **an-swer-er** *n*

an-swer-able \ˈans-(ə)rə-bəl/ *adj* 1 : subject to taking blame or responsibility 2 : capable of being refuted
answering service *n* : a commercial service that answers telephone calls for its clients

ant \ˈant/ *n* : any of a family of small social insects related to the bees and living in communities usu. in earth or wood

ant *abbr* antonym
Ant *abbr* Antarctica
ant- — see **ANTI-**

1-ant \ˈant/ *n* *suffix* 1 : one that performs or promotes (a specified action) (*coolant*) 2 : thing that is acted upon (in a specified manner) (*inhalant*)

2-ant *adj* *suffix* 1 : performing (a specified action) or being (in a specified condition) (*propellant*) 2 : promoting (a specified action or process) (*expectorant*)

ant-ac-id \ant-ˈas-əd/ *n* : an agent that counteracts acidity — **antacid** *adj*

an-tag-o-nism \an-ˈtag-ə-,niz-əm/ *n* 1 : active opposition or hostility 2 : opposition in physiological action — **an-tag-o-nis-tic** \-tag-ə-ˈnis-tik/ *adj*

an-tag-o-nist \-nəst/ *n* : ADVERSARY, OPPONENT

an-tag-o-nize \an-ˈtag-ə-,niz/ *vb* -nized; -niz-ing : to provoke the hostility of

ant-arc-tic \ant-ˈärk-tik, -ˈärt-ik/ *adj*, *often cap* : of or relating to the south pole or the region near it

antarctic circle *n*, *often cap* A&C : the parallel of latitude that is approximately 66½ degrees south of the equator

1-an-te \ˈant-ē/ *n* : a poker stake put up by each player before he sees his hand; *also* : an amount paid : PRICE

2-ante *vb* **an-ted**; **an-te-ing** 1 : to put up (an ante) 2 : PAY
ant-eat-er \ˈant-,ēt-ər/ *n* : any of several mammals (as an aardvark) that feed on ants

an-te-bel-lum \ˈant-i-ˈbel-əm/ *adj* : existing before a war; *esp* : existing before the U.S. Civil War of 1861-65

an-te-ced-ent \ˈant-ə-ˈsēd-ənt/ *n* 1 : a noun, pronoun, phrase, or clause referred to by a personal or relative pronoun 2 : a preceding event or cause 3 *pl* : the significant conditions of one's earlier life 4 *pl* : ANCESTORS — **antecedent** *adj*

an-te-cham-ber \ˈant-i-,chām-bər/ *n* : ANTEROOM

an-te-date \ˈant-i-,dāt/ *vb* 1 : to date (a paper) as of an earlier day than that on which the actual writing or signing is done 2 : to precede in time

an-te-di-lu-vi-an \ˈant-i-də-ˈlū-vē-ən, -di-/ *adj* 1 : of the period before the biblical flood 2 : ANTIQUATED, OBSOLETE

an-te-lope \ˈant-ˈl-,öp/ *n*, *pl* -**lope** or -**lopes** [ME, fabulous heraldic beast, prob. fr. MF *antelop* savage animal with sawlike horns, fr. ML *anthalopus*, fr. LGk *antholops*] 1 : any of various Old World cud-chewing mammals related to the oxen but with smaller lighter bodies and horns that extend upward and backward 2 : PRONGHORN

an-te-me-ri-di-em \ˈant-i-mə-ˈrid-ē-əm/ *adj* [L] : being before noon

an-ten-na \ˈan-ten-ə/ *n*, *pl* -**nae** \-(j)ē/ or -**nas** [ML, fr. L, sail yard] 1 : one of the long slender paired segmented sensory organs on the head of an arthropod (as an insect or crab) 2 *pl usu* -**nas** : a metallic device (as a rod or wire) for sending out or receiving radio waves

an-te-pe-nult \ˈant-i-ˈpē-,nəlt/ *also* **an-te-pen-ul-ti-ma** \-pi-ˈnəl-tə-mə/ *n* : the 3d syllable of a word counting from the end — **an-te-pen-ul-ti-mate** \-pi-ˈnəl-tə-mət/ *adj* or *n*
an-te-ri-or \ˈan-ˈtir-ē-ər/ *adj* 1 : situated before or toward the front 2 : situated near or nearer to the head 3 : coming before in time *syn* preceding, previous, prior, antecedent

an-te-room \ˈant-i-,rüm, -rüm/ *n* : a room forming the entrance to another and often used as a waiting room

an-them \ˈan-thəm/ *n* 1 : a sacred vocal composition 2 : a song or hymn of praise or gladness

an-ther \ˈan-thər/ *n* : the part of a stamen of a seed plant that contains pollen

ant-hill \ˈant-,hil/ *n* : a mound thrown up by ants or termites in digging their nest

an-thol-o-gy \an-ˈthäl-ə-jē/ *n*, *pl* -**gies** [NL *anthologia* collection of epigrams, fr. MGk, fr. Gk, flower gathering, fr. *anthos* flower + *logia* collecting, fr. *legein* to gather] : a collection of literary selections — **an-thol-o-gist** \-jəst/ *n* — **an-thol-o-gize** \-,jiz/ *vb*

an-thra-cite \ˈan-thrə-,sit/ *n* : a hard glossy coal that burns without much smoke

an-thrax \ˈan-,thraks/ *n* : an infectious and usu. fatal bacterial disease of warm-blooded animals (as cattle and sheep); *also* : a bacterium causing anthrax

an-thro-po-cen-tric \ˈan-thrə-pə-ˈsen-trik/ *adj* : interpreting or regarding the world in terms of human values and experiences

1-an-thro-poid \ˈan-thrə-,poid/ *n* : any of several large tailless apes (as a gorilla)

2-anthropoid *adj* 1 : resembling a human being esp. in shape 2 : resembling an ape esp. in action

an-thro-pol-o-gy \ˈan-thrə-ˈpäl-ə-jē/ *n* : the science of human beings and esp. of their physical characteristics, their origin and the distribution of races, their environment and social relations, and their culture — **an-thro-po-log-i-cal** \-pə-ˈläj-i-kəl/ *adj* — **an-thro-pol-o-gist** \-päl-ə-jəst/ *n*

an-thro-po-mor-phism \ˈan-thrə-pə-ˈmór-,fiz-əm/ *n* : an interpretation of what is not human or personal in terms of human or personal characteristics : HUMANIZATION — **an-thro-po-mor-phic** \-fik/ *adj*

an-ti \ˈan-,ti, ˈant-ē/ *n*, *pl* **antis** : one who is opposed

anti- \ˈant-i-, -ē; ˈan-,ti/ or **ant-** or **anth-** *prefix* 1 : opposite in kind, position, or action 2 : opposing : hostile toward 3 : counteractive 4 : preventive of : curative of

antiaircraft	anti-imperialism
anti-American	anti-imperialist
antibacterial	antilabor
anticapitalist	antimalarial
anti-Catholic	antimicrobial
anticlerical	antislavery
anticolonial	antispasmodic
anticommunism	antistatic
anticommunist	antisubmarine
antidemocratic	antitank
antiestablishment	antitrust
antifascist	antiviral

an-ti-abor-tion \ˈant-ē-ə-ˈbör-shən, ˈan-,ti-/ *adj* : opposed to abortion

an-ti-bal-lis-tic missile \ˈant-i-bə-ˈlis-tik-, ˈan-,ti-/ *n* : a missile for intercepting and destroying ballistic missiles

an-ti-bi-ot-ic \-bi-ˈät-ik, -bē-/ *n* : a substance produced by or derived by chemical alteration of a substance produced by a microorganism (as a fungus or bacterium) that in dilute solution inhibits or kills another microorganism — **antibiotic** *adj*

an-ti-body \ˈant-i-,bäd-ē/ *n* : any of the bodily substances produced in response to specific foreign substances or organisms (as a disease-producing microorganism) and counteracting their effects

1-an-tic \ˈant-ik/ *n* : an often wildly playful or funny act or action

2-antic *adj* [It *antico* ancient, fr. L *antiquus*] 1 *archaic* : GROTESQUE 2 : PLAYFUL

an-ti-can-cer \ˈant-i-ˈkan-sər, ˈan-,ti-/ *adj* : used or effective against cancer (~ drugs)

An-ti-christ \ˈant-i-,krist/ *n* 1 : one who denies or opposes Christ 2 : a false Christ

an-tic-i-pate \ˈan-ˈtis-ə-,pāt/ *vb* -**pat-ed**; -**pat-ing** 1 : to foresee and provide for beforehand 2 : to look forward to —

\əˈbʌt \əˈkɪtən \ərˈfʊðər \əˈʌʃ \əˈæʃ \əˈkɒt, kɑrt
 \aɪˈnəʊt \tʃˈtʃɪn \eɪˈbet \eɪˈeɪzi \gəˈɡoʊ \iˈhɪt \iˈtʃiːs \jɒb
 \ŋˈsɪŋ \dɒˈɡoʊ \dɒˈlɔː \dɒˈbɔɪ \θˈθɪn \θˈθiː \uːˈlʊt
 \ʊˈfʊt \yˈyɛt \zˈhʌʃən *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

an-tic-i-pa-tion \-tis-ə-'pā-shən\ *n* — **an-tic-i-pa-to-ry** \-tis-ə-pə-,tōr-ē\ *adj*
an-ti-cli-max \ant-i-'klī-,maks\ *n* : something closing a series that is strikingly less important than what has preceded it — **an-ti-cli-mac-tic** \-klī-'mak-tik\ *adj*
an-ti-cline \ant-i-,klin\ *n* : an arch of layers of rock in the earth's crust
an-ti-co-ag-u-lant \ant-i-kō-'ag-yə-lənt\ *n* : a substance that hinders the clotting of blood — **anticoagulant** *adj*
an-ti-cy-clone \ant-i-'si-,klōn\ *n* : a system of winds that rotates about a center of high atmospheric pressure — **an-ti-cy-clon-ic** \-si-'klān-ik\ *adj*
¹**an-ti-de-pres-sant** \ant-i-dī-'pres-ənt, -an-,tī-\ *adj* : used or tending to relieve psychic depression (~ drugs)
²**antidepressant** *n* : an antidepressant drug
an-ti-dote \ant-i-,dōt\ *n* : a remedy to counteract the effects of poison
an-ti-fer-ti-li-ty \fər-'til-ət-ē\ *adj* : tending to control excess or unwanted fertility : CONTRACEPTIVE (~ agents)
an-ti-freeze \ant-i-,frēz\ *n* : a substance that prevents a liquid from freezing
an-ti-gen \ant-i-jən\ *n* : a usu. protein or carbohydrate substance (as a toxin or an enzyme) capable of stimulating an immune response — **an-ti-gen-ic** \ant-i-'jen-ik\ *adj* — **an-ti-ge-nic-i-ty** \-jə-'nis-ət-ē\ *n*
an-ti-grav-i-ty \ant-i-'grav-ət-ē, -an-,tī-\ *adj* : reducing or canceling the effect of gravity
an-ti-he-ro \ant-i-,hē-rō, -an-,tī-\ *n* : a protagonist who is notably lacking in heroic qualities (as courage)
an-ti-his-ta-mine \ant-i-'his-tə-,mēn, -an-,tī-, -mən\ *n* : any of various drugs used in treating allergies and colds
an-ti-hy-per-ten-sive \-hī-pər-'ten-siv\ *n* : a substance that is effective against high blood pressure — **anti-hypertensive** *adj*
an-ti-in-flam-ma-to-ry \-in-'flam-ə-,tōr-ē\ *adj* : counteracting inflammation — **anti-inflammatory** *n*
an-ti-in-tel-lec-tu-al \-int-'l-'ek-cha-wəl\ *adj* : opposing or hostile to intellectuals or to an intellectual view or approach
an-ti-knock \ant-i-'näk\ *n* : a fuel additive to prevent knocking in an internal-combustion engine
an-ti-log-a-rithm \ant-i-'lōg-ə-,rith-əm, -an-,tī-, -'lāg-\ *n* : the number corresponding to a given logarithm
an-ti-ma-cas-sar \ant-i-mə-'kas-ər\ *n* : a cover to protect the back or arms of furniture
an-ti-mag-net-ic \ant-i-mag-'net-ik, -an-,tī-\ *adj* : having a balance unit composed of alloys that will not remain magnetized (an ~ watch)
an-ti-mat-ter \ant-i-,mat-ər\ *n* : matter composed of the counterparts of ordinary matter
an-ti-mo-ny \ant-ə-,mō-nē\ *n* : a brittle silvery white metallic chemical element used in alloys — see ELEMENT table
an-ti-neu-tron \-n(y)ü-,trän\ *n* : the uncharged antiparticle of the neutron
an-ti-no-mi-an \ant-i-'nō-mē-ən\ *n* : one who denies the validity of moral laws
an-tin-o-my \an-'tin-ə-mē\ *n*, *pl* -mies : a contradiction between two seemingly true statements
an-ti-nov-el \ant-i-,nāv-əl, -an-,tī-\ *n* : a work of fiction that lacks all or most of the traditional features of the novel
an-ti-nu-cle-ar \ant-i-'n(y)ü-klē-ər\ *adj* : opposing the use or production of nuclear power plants
an-ti-ox-i-dant \ant-ē-'āk-səd-ənt, -an-,tī-\ *n* : a substance that inhibits oxidation — **antioxidant** *adj*
an-ti-par-ti-cle \ant-i-,pärt-i-kəl, -an-,tī-\ *n* : an elementary particle identical to another elementary particle in mass but opposite to it in electric and magnetic properties
an-ti-pas-to \ant-i-'pas-tō, -ant-i-'päs-\ *n*, *pl* -ti : any of various typically Italian hors d'oeuvres

an-tip-a-thy \an-'tip-ə-thē\ *n*, *pl* -thies **1** : settled aversion or dislike **2** : an object of aversion — **an-ti-pa-thet-ic** \ant-i-pə-'thet-ik\ *adj*
an-ti-per-son-nel \ant-i-,pərs-ən-'el, -an-,tī-\ *adj* : designed for use against military personnel (~ mine)
an-ti-per-spi-rant \-pər-spə-rənt\ *n* : a cosmetic preparation used to check excessive perspiration
an-tiph-o-nal \an-'tif-ən-\ *adj* : performed by two alternating groups — **an-tiph-o-nal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
an-ti-pode \ant-ə-,pōd\ *n*, *pl* **an-tip-o-des** \an-'tip-ə-,dēz\ [ME *antipodes*, pl., persons dwelling at opposite points on the globe, fr. L, fr. Gk, fr. pl. of *antipod-*, *antipous* with feet opposite, fr. *anti-* against + *pod-*, *pous* foot] : the parts of the earth diametrically opposite — usu. used in pl. — **an-tip-o-dal** \an-'tip-əd-\ *adj* — **an-tip-o-de-an** \-i\ -an-,tip-ə-'dē-ən\ *adj*
an-ti-pol-lu-tion \ant-i-pə-'lū-shən\ *adj* : designed to prevent, reduce, or eliminate pollution (~ laws)
an-ti-pope \ant-i-,pōp\ *n* : one elected or claiming to be pope in opposition to the pope canonically chosen
an-ti-pov-er-ty \ant-i-'päv-ərt-ē, -an-,tī-\ *adj* : of or relating to legislation designed to relieve poverty
an-ti-pro-ton \-p'rō-,tān\ *n* : the antiparticle of the proton
an-ti-quar-i-an \ant-ə-'kwēr-ē-ən\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to antiquities **2** : dealing in old books — **antiquarian** *n* — **an-ti-quar-i-an-ism** *n*
an-ti-quary \ant-ə-,kwēr-ē\ *n*, *pl* -quar-ies : a person who collects or studies antiquities
an-ti-quat-ed \ant-ə-,kwät-əd\ *adj* : OUT-OF-DATE, OLD-FASHIONED
¹**an-tique** \an-'tēk\ *n* : an object made in a bygone period
²**antique** *adj* **1** : belonging to antiquity **2** : OLD-FASHIONED **3** : of a bygone style or period
³**antique** *vb* -tiqued; -tiqu-ing : to finish or refinish in antique style : give an appearance of age to
an-tiq-ui-ty \an-'tik-wət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties **1** : ancient times **2** : great age **3** *pl* : relics of ancient times **4** *pl* : matters relating to antique culture
an-ti-Sem-i-tism \ant-i-'sem-ə-,tiz-əm, -an-,tī-\ *n* : hostility toward Jews as a religious or social minority — **an-ti-Se-mit-ic** \-sə-'mit-ik\ *adj*
an-ti-sep-tic \ant-ə-'sep-tik\ *adj* **1** : killing or checking the growth of germs that cause decay or infection **2** : scrupulously clean : ASEPTIC — **antiseptic** *n* — **an-ti-sep-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
an-ti-se-rum \ant-i-,sir-əm, -an-,tī-\ *n* : a serum containing antibodies
an-ti-so-cial \-sō-shəl\ *adj* **1** : disliking the society of others **2** : contrary or hostile to the well-being of society (crime is ~)
an-tith-e-sis \an-'tith-ə-səs\ *n*, *pl* -e-ses \-,sēz\ **1** : the opposition or contrast of ideas **2** : the direct opposite
an-ti-thet-i-cal \ant-ə-'thet-i-kəl\ *also* **an-ti-thet-ic** \-ik\ *adj* : constituting or marked by antithesis — **an-ti-thet-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
an-ti-tox-in \ant-i-'tāk-sən\ *n* : an antibody that is able to neutralize a particular toxin, is formed when the toxin is introduced into the body, and is produced in lower animals for use in treating human diseases (as diphtheria); *also* : a serum containing antitoxin
an-ti-tu-mor \ant-i-'t(y)ü-mər, -an-,tī-\ *adj* : ANTICANCER
an-ti-ven-in \-ven-ən\ *n* : an antitoxin to a venom; *also* : a serum containing such antitoxin
an-ter \ant-lər\ *n* [ME *aunteler*, fr. MF *antoillier*, fr. L *anteocularis* located before the eye, fr. *ante-* before + *oculus* eye] : the solid usu. branched horn of a deer; *also* : a branch of this horn — **an-ter-led** \-lærd\ *adj*
ant lion *n* : any of various insects having a long-jawed larva that digs a conical pit in which it lies in wait for insects (as ants) on which it feeds
ant-on-ym \ant-ə-,nim\ *n* : a word of opposite meaning
anus \ā-nəs\ *n* [L] : the lower or posterior opening of the alimentary canal

an-vil \ˈan-vəl\ *n* 1 : a heavy iron block on which metal is shaped 2 : INCUS

anx-i-ety \ˈæŋ-ˈzi-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**et-ies** 1 : painful uneasiness of mind usu. over an anticipated ill 2 : abnormal apprehension and fear often accompanied by physiological signs (as sweating and increased pulse), by doubt about the nature and reality of the threat itself, and by self-doubt

anx-i-ous \ˈæŋk-shəs\ *adj* 1 : uneasy in mind : WORRIED 2 : earnestly wishing : EAGER — **anx-i-ous-ly** *adv*

any \ˈen-ē\ *adj* 1 : one chosen at random 2 : of whatever number or quantity

any *pron* 1 : any one or ones (take ~ of the books you like) 2 : any amount (~ of the money not used is to be returned)

any *adv* : to any extent or degree : AT ALL (could not walk ~ farther)

any-body \-,bād-ē-,bəd-\ *pron* : ANYONE

any-how \-,haʊ\ *adv* 1 : in any way 2 : NEVERTHELESS; *also* : in any case

any-more \,en-ē-ˈmōr\ *adv* 1 : any longer 2 : at the present time

any-one \-(,)wən\ *pron* : any person

any-place \-,plās\ *adv* : ANYWHERE

any-thing \-,thɪŋ\ *pron* : any thing whatever

any-time \ˈen-ē-,tɪm\ *adv* : at any time whatever

any-way \-,wā\ *adv* : ANYHOW

any-where \-,hweər\ *adv* : in or to any place

any-wise \-,wɪz\ *adv* : in any way whatever

A-OK \,ā-ō-ˈkā\ *adv* or *adj* : very definitely OK

A1 \ˈā-ˈwən\ *adj* : of the finest quality

A/1C *abbr* airman first class

aor-ta \ā-ˈōrt-ə\ *n*, *pl* -**tas** or -**tae** \-ē\ : the main artery that carries blood from the heart — **aor-tic** \-ˈōrt-ɪk\ *adj*

ap *abbr* 1 apostle 2 apothecaries'

AP *abbr* 1 American plan 2 Associated Press

apace \ə-ˈpās\ *adv* : SWIFTLY

Apache \ə-ˈpach-ē for 1; ə-ˈpash for 2\ *n*, *pl* **Apache** or **Apach-es** \-ˈpach-ēz-,ˈpash(-əz)\ 1 : a member of an American Indian people of the southwestern U.S.; *also* : any of the languages of the Apache people 2 *not cap* : a member of a gang of criminals esp. in Paris

ap-a-nage *var* of APPANAGE

apart \ə-ˈpärt\ *adv* 1 : separately in place or time 2 : ASIDE 3 : in two or more parts : to pieces

apart-heid \ə-ˈpär-,tāt-,ˈtɪt\ *n* [Afrikaans] : a policy of racial segregation practiced in the Republic of So. Africa

apart-ment \ə-ˈpärt-mənt\ *n* : a room or set of rooms occupied as a dwelling; *also* : a building divided into individual dwelling units

ap-a-thy \ˈap-ə-thē\ *n* 1 : lack of emotion 2 : lack of interest : INDIFFERENCE — **ap-a-thet-ic** \,ap-ə-ˈthet-ɪk\ *adj* — **ap-a-thet-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(-ə)-lē\ *adv*

ap-a-tite \ˈap-ə-,tɪt\ *n* : any of a group of minerals that are phosphates of calcium and are used as a source of phosphorus

APB *abbr* all points bulletin

ape \ˈap\ *n* 1 : any of the larger tailless primates (as a baboon or gorilla); *also* : MONKEY 2 : MIMIC, IMITATOR; *also* : a large uncouth person

ape *vb* **aped**; **ap-ing** \IMITATE, MIMIC

ape-man \ˈāp-,man\ *n* : a primate intermediate in character between true man and the higher apes

aper-cu \ā-per-sŭ-,ˈap-ər-ˈsŭ\ *n*, *pl* **aperçus** \-sŭ(z),-ˈsüz\ : an immediate impression; *esp* : INSIGHT

aper-i-tif \,āp-,er-ə-ˈtɛf\ *n* : an alcoholic drink taken as an appetizer

ap-er-ture \ˈap-ə(r)-,chūr-,chər\ *n* : OPENING, HOLE

apex \ˈā-,pek\ *n*, *pl* **apex-es** or **api-ces** \ˈā-pē-,sēz-,ˈap-ə-\ : the highest point : PEAK

apha-sia \ə-ˈfā-zh(-ē)-\ *n* : loss or impairment of the pow-

er to use or comprehend words — **apha-sic** \-zik\ *adj* or *n*

aph-elion \ə-ˈfēl-yən\ *n*, *pl* -**elia** \-yə\ [NL, fr. *apo-* away from + Gk *hēlios* sun] : the point in an object's orbit most distant from the sun

aphid \ˈā-fəd-,ˈaf-əd\ *n* : a small insect that sucks the juices of plants

aphis \ˈā-fəs-,ˈaf-əs\ *n*, *pl* **aphi-des** \ˈā-fə-,dēz-,ˈaf-ə-\ : APHID

aph-o-rism \ˈaf-ə-,riz-əm\ *n* : a short saying stating a general truth : MAXIM — **aph-o-ris-tic** \,af-ə-ˈris-tik\ *adj*

aph-ro-di-si-ac \,af-rə-ˈdiz-ē-,ak-,ˈdē-zē-\ *adj* : exciting sexual desire — **aphrodisiac** *n*

api-ary \ˈā-pē-,er-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**ar-ies** : a place where bees are kept — **api-a-rist** \-pē-ə-rəst\ *n*

api-cal \ˈā-pi-kəl-,ˈap-i-\ *adj* : of, relating to, or situated at an apex — **api-cal-ly** \-k(-ə)-lē\ *adv*

apiece \ə-ˈpēs\ *adv* : for each one

aplomb \ə-ˈpləm-,ˈpləm\ *n* [F, lit., perpendicularity, fr. MF, fr. a *plomb*, lit., according to the plummet] : complete composure or self-assurance

APO *abbr* army post office

Apoc *abbr* 1 Apocalypse 2 Apocrypha

apoc-a-lypse \ə-ˈpāk-ə-,lɪps\ *n* 1 : a writing prophesying a cataclysm in which evil forces are destroyed 2 *cap* — see BIBLE table — **apoc-a-lyp-tic** \-,pāk-ə-ˈlɪp-tɪk\ *also* **apoc-a-lyp-ti-cal** \-ti-kəl\ *adj*

Apoc-ry-pha \ə-ˈpāk-rə-fə\ *n* 1 *not cap* : writings of dubious authenticity 2 : books included in the Septuagint and Vulgate but excluded from the Jewish and Protestant canons of the Old Testament — see BIBLE table 3 : early Christian writings not included in the New Testament

apoc-ry-phal \-fəl\ *adj* 1 *often cap* : of or resembling the Apocrypha 2 : not canonical : SPURIOUS — **apoc-ry-phal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

apo-gee \əp-ə-(,)jē\ *n* [F *apogée*, fr. NL *apogaeum*, fr. Gk *apogaion*, fr. *apo* away from + *gē* earth] : the point at which an orbiting object is farthest from the body being orbited

apo-lit-i-cal \,ā-pə-ˈlit-i-kəl\ *adj* 1 : having an aversion for or no interest in political affairs 2 : having no political significance — **apo-lit-i-cal-ly** \-k(-ə)-lē\ *adv*

apol-o-get-ic \ə-,pāl-ə-ˈjet-ɪk\ *adj* : expressing apology — **apol-o-get-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(-ə)-lē\ *adv*

apo-lo-gia \,ap-ə-ˈlō-j(-ē)-\ *n* : APOLOGY; *esp* : an argument in support or justification

apol-o-gize \ə-ˈpāl-ə-,jɪz\ *vb* -**gized**; -**giz-ing** : to make an apology : express regret — **apol-o-gist** \-jəst\ *n*

apol-o-gy \ə-ˈpāl-ə-jē\ *n*, *pl* -**gies** 1 : a formal justification : DEFENSE 2 : an expression of regret for a wrong

apo-lune \ˈap-ə-,lūn\ *n* : the point in a lunar orbit farthest from the moon's surface

ap-o-plexy \ˈap-ə-,plek-sē\ *n* : STROKE 3 — **ap-o-plec-tic** \,ap-ə-ˈplek-tɪk\ *adj*

aport \ə-ˈpört\ *adv* : on or toward the left side of a ship

apos-ta-sy \ə-ˈpās-tə-sē\ *n*, *pl* -**sies** : a renunciation or abandonment of a former loyalty (as to a religion) — **apos-tate** \ə-ˈpās-,tāt-,tət\ *adj* or *n*

a pos-te-ri-o-ri \,ā-pō-,stir-ē-ˈōr-ē\ *adj* [L, lit., from the latter] : relating to or derived by reasoning from observed facts — **a posteriori** *adv*

apos-tle \ə-ˈpās-əl\ *n* 1 : one of the group composed of Jesus' 12 original disciples and Paul 2 : the first prominent missionary to a region or group 3 : one who initiates or first advocates a great reform — **apos-tle-ship** *n*

ap-os-tol-ic \,ap-ə-ˈstäl-ɪk\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to an apostle or to the New Testament apostles 2 : of or

\ə\abut \ˈ\kitten \ə\rfurther \ə\ash \ā\ace \ā\cot, cart
\\aut\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ce \j\job
\\sing \ō\go \ō\law \ō\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot
\\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- relating to a succession of spiritual authority from the apostles 3 : PAPAL
- apos-tro-phe** \ə-ˈpās-trə-(j)fē\ *n* : the rhetorical addressing of a usu. absent person or a usu. personified thing (as in "O grave, where is thy victory?")
- apostrophe** *n* : a punctuation mark ' used esp. to indicate the possessive case or the omission of a letter or figure
- apos-tro-phi-zed** \ə-ˈpās-trə-fīz\ *vb* -**phized**; -**phiz-ing** : to address as if present or capable of understanding
- apothecaries' weight** *n* : a system of weights based on the troy pound and ounce and used chiefly by pharmacists — see **WEIGHT** table
- apoth-e-cary** \ə-ˈpāth-ə-ˌker-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**car-ies** [ME *apothecarie*, fr. ML *apothecarius*, fr. LL, shopkeeper, fr. L *apotheca* storehouse, fr. Gk *apothēkē*, fr. *apothēnai* to put away] : DRUGGIST
- ap-o-thegm** \ˈap-ə-, them\ *n* : APHORISM, MAXIM
- apo-the-o-sis** \ə-, pāth-ē-ˈō-sēs, ˌap-ə-ˈthē-ə-sēs\ *n*, *pl* -**o-ses** \-sēz\ 1 : DEIFICATION 2 : the perfect example
- app** *abbr* 1 apparatus 2 appendix
- ap-pall** *also* **ap-pal** \ə-ˈpɒl\ *vb* **ap-palled**; **ap-pall-ing** : to overcome with horror : DISMAY
- Ap-pa-loo-sa** \ˌap-ə-ˈlū-sə\ *n* : any of a breed of saddle horses developed in northwestern No. America that have small dark spots or blotches on a white coat
- ap-pa-nage** \ˈap-ə-nij\ *n* 1 : provision (as a grant of land) made by a sovereign or legislative body for dependent members of the royal family 2 : a rightful adjunct
- ap-pa-ra-tus** \ˌap-ə-ˈrat-əs, -ˈrāt-ən\ *n*, *pl* -**tus-es** or -**tus** [L] 1 : a set of materials or equipment for a particular use 2 : a complex machine or device : MECHANISM 3 : the organization of a political party or underground movement
- ap-par-el** \ə-ˈpar-əl\ *vb* -**eled** or -**elled**; -**el-ing** or -**el-ling** 1 : CLOTHE, DRESS 2 : ADORN
- apparel** *n* : CLOTHING, DRESS
- ap-par-ent** \ə-ˈpar-ənt\ *adj* 1 : open to view : VISIBLE 2 : EVIDENT, OBVIOUS 3 : appearing as real or true : SEEMING — **ap-par-ent-ly** *adv*
- ap-pa-ri-tion** \ˌap-ə-ˈrī-shən\ *n* : a supernatural appearance : GHOST
- ap-peal** \ə-ˈpēl\ *vb* 1 : to take steps to have (a case) reheard in a higher court 2 : to plead for help, corroboration, or decision 3 : to arouse a sympathetic response — **appeal** *n*
- ap-pear** \ə-ˈpiər\ *vb* 1 : to become visible 2 : to come formally before an authority 3 : SEEM 4 : to become evident 5 : to come before the public
- ap-pear-ance** \ə-ˈpiər-əns\ *n* 1 : the act of appearing 2 : outward aspect : LOOK 3 : PHENOMENON
- ap-pease** \ə-ˈpēz\ *vb* **ap-peased**; **ap-peas-ing** 1 : to cause to subside : ALLAY 2 : PACIFY, CONCILIATE; *esp* : to buy off by concessions — **ap-pease-ment** *n*
- ap-pel-lant** \ə-ˈpel-ənt\ *n* : one who appeals *esp.* from a judicial decision
- ap-pel-late** \ə-ˈpel-ət\ *adj* : having power to review decisions of a lower court
- ap-pel-la-tion** \ˌap-ə-ˈlā-shən\ *n* : NAME, DESIGNATION
- ap-pel-lee** \ˌap-ə-ˈlē\ *n* : one against whom an appeal is taken
- ap-pend** \ə-ˈpend\ *vb* : to attach *esp.* as something additional : AFFIX
- ap-pend-age** \ə-ˈpen-dij\ *n* 1 : something appended to a principal or greater thing 2 : a projecting part of the body (as an antenna) *esp.* when paired with one on each side *syn* accessory, adjunct, appendix, appurtenance
- ap-pen-dec-to-my** \ˌap-ən-ˈdek-tə-mē\ *n*, *pl* -**mies** : surgical removal of the intestinal appendix
- ap-pen-di-ci-tis** \ə-, pen-də-ˈsīt-əs\ *n* : inflammation of the intestinal appendix
- ap-pen-dix** \ə-ˈpen-diks\ *n*, *pl* -**dix-es** or -**di-ces** \-də-, sēz\ [L] 1 : supplementary matter added at the end of a book 2 : a narrow blind tube usu. about three or four inches long that extends from the cecum in the lower right-hand part of the abdomen
- ap-per-tain** \ˌap-ər-ˈtān\ *vb* : to belong as a rightful part or privilege
- ap-pe-tite** \ˈap-ə-, tīt\ *n* [ME *apetit*, fr. MF, fr. L *appetitus*, fr. *appetere* to strive after, fr. *ad-* to + *petere* to go to] 1 : natural desire for satisfying some want or need *esp.* for food 2 : TASTE, PREFERENCE
- ap-pe-tiz-er** \ˈap-ə-, tī-zər\ *n* : a food or drink taken just before a meal to stimulate the appetite
- ap-pe-tiz-ing** \-zīŋ\ *adj* : tempting to the appetite — **ap-pe-tiz-ing-ly** *adv*
- appl** *abbr* applied
- ap-plaud** \ə-ˈplɒd\ *vb* : to show approval *esp.* by clapping
- ap-plause** \ə-ˈplɒz\ *n* : approval publicly expressed (as by clapping)
- ap-ple** \ˈap-əl\ *n* : a rounded fruit with firm white flesh and a seedy core; *also* : a tree that bears this fruit
- ap-ple-jack** \-ˌjæk\ *n* : a liquor distilled from fermented cider
- ap-pliance** \ə-ˈpli-əns\ *n* 1 : INSTRUMENT, DEVICE 2 : a piece of household equipment (as a stove or toaster) operated by gas or electricity
- ap-pli-ca-ble** \ˈap-li-kə-bəl, ə-ˈplik-ə-\ *adj* : capable of being applied : RELEVANT — **ap-pli-ca-bil-i-ty** \ˌap-li-kə-ˈbil-ət-ē, ə-, ˈplik-ə-\ *n*
- ap-pli-cant** \ˈap-li-kənt\ *n* : one who applies
- ap-pli-ca-tion** \ˌap-ə-ˈlī-kā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of applying 2 : assiduous attention 3 : REQUEST; *also* : a form used in making a request 4 : something placed or spread on a surface 5 : capacity for use
- ap-pli-ca-tor** \ˈap-lə-, kāt-ər\ *n* : one that applies; *esp* : a device for applying a substance (as medicine or polish)
- ap-plied** \ə-ˈplīd\ *adj* : put to practical use
- ap-pli-qué** \ˌap-lə-ˈkɑ\ *n* [F] : a fabric decoration cut out and fastened to a larger piece of material — **appliqué** *vb*
- ap-ply** \ə-ˈplī\ *vb* **ap-plied**; **ap-ply-ing** 1 : to put to practical use 2 : to place in contact : put or spread on a surface 3 : to employ with close attention 4 : to submit a request 5 : to have reference or connection
- ap-point** \ə-ˈpɔɪnt\ *vb* 1 : to fix or set officially (~ a day for trial) 2 : to name officially 3 : to fit out : EQUIP
- ap-poin-tee** \ə-, pɔɪn-ˈtē, ˌa-\ *n* : a person appointed
- ap-poin-tive** \ə-ˈpɔɪnt-iv\ *adj* : subject to appointment
- ap-poin-ment** \ə-ˈpɔɪnt-mənt\ *n* 1 : the act of appointing 2 : a nonelective office or position 3 : an arrangement for a meeting 4 *pl* : FURNISHINGS, EQUIPMENT
- ap-por-tion** \ə-ˈpɔr-shən\ *vb* -**tioned**; -**tion-ing** \-sh(ə)-niŋ\ : to distribute proportionately : ALLOT — **ap-por-tion-ment** *n*
- ap-po-site** \ˈap-ə-zət\ *adj* : APPROPRIATE, RELEVANT — **ap-po-site-ly** *adv* — **ap-po-site-ness** *n*
- ap-po-si-tion** \ˌap-ə-ˈzī-shən\ *n* : a grammatical construction in which a noun or pronoun is followed by another that explains it (as *the poet* and *Burns* in "a biography of the poet Burns")
- ap-pos-i-tive** \ə-ˈpāz-ət-iv, ə-\ *adj* : of, relating to, or standing in grammatical apposition — **appositive** *n*
- ap-praise** \ə-ˈpraɪz\ *vb* **ap-praised**; **ap-prais-ing** : to set a value on — **ap-prais-al** \-ˈpraɪ-zəl\ *n* — **ap-prais-er** *n*
- ap-pre-cia-ble** \ə-ˈprē-shə-bəl\ *adj* : large enough to be recognized and measured — **ap-pre-cia-bly** \-blē\ *adv*
- ap-pre-ci-ate** \ə-ˈprē-shē-, āt\ *vb* -**at-ed**; -**at-ing** 1 : to value justly 2 : to be aware of 3 : to be grateful for 4 : to increase in value — **ap-pre-ci-a-tion** \-, prē-shē-ˈā-shən\ *n*
- ap-pre-cia-tive** \ə-ˈprē-shət-iv, -shē-, āt-\ *adj* : having or showing appreciation
- ap-pre-hend** \ˌap-ri-ˈhend\ *vb* 1 : ARREST 2 : to become aware of 3 : to look forward to with dread 4 : UNDERSTAND — **ap-pre-hen-sion** \-ˈhen-shən\ *n*
- ap-pre-hen-sive** \-ˈhen-siv\ *adj* : viewing the future with

anxiety — **ap-pre-hen-sive-ly** *adv* — **ap-pre-hen-sive-ness** *n*

1ap-pren-tice \ə-ˈprent-əs\ *n* 1 : a person learning a craft under a skilled worker 2 : BEGINNER — **ap-pren-tice-ship** *n*

2apprentice *vb* -ticed; -tic-ing : to bind or set at work as an apprentice

ap-prise \ə-ˈprɪz\ *vb* **ap-prised**; **ap-pris-ing** : INFORM

ap-proach \ə-ˈprɔch\ *vb* 1 : to move nearer to 2 : to be almost the same as 3 : to make advances to esp. for the purpose of creating a desired result 4 : to take preliminary steps toward — **approach** *n* — **ap-proach-able** *adj*

ap-pro-ba-tion \,ap-rə-ˈbā-shən\ *n* : APPROVAL

1ap-pro-pri-ate \ə-ˈprō-prē-,āt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing 1 : to take possession of 2 : to set apart for a particular use

2ap-pro-pri-ate \ə-ˈprō-prē-ət\ *adj* : fitted to a purpose or use : SUITABLE *syn* proper, fit, apt, befitting — **ap-pro-pri-ate-ly** *adv* — **ap-pro-pri-ate-ness** *n*

ap-pro-pri-a-tion \ə-,prō-prē-ˈā-shən\ *n* 1 : an act or instance of appropriating 2 : money set aside by formal action for a specific use

ap-prov-al \ə-ˈprū-vəl\ *n* : an act of approving — **on approval** : subject to a prospective buyer's acceptance or refusal

ap-prove \ə-ˈprūv\ *vb* **ap-proved**; **ap-prov-ing** 1 : to have or express a favorable opinion of 2 : to accept as satisfactory : RATIFY

approx *abbr* approximate; approximately

1ap-prox-i-mate \ə-ˈprāk-sə-mət\ *adj* : nearly correct or exact — **ap-prox-i-mate-ly** *adv*

2ap-prox-i-mate \-,māt\ *vb* -mat-ed; -mat-ing : to come near : APPROACH — **ap-prox-i-ma-tion** \ə-,prāk-sə-ˈmā-shən\ *n*

appt *abbr* appoint; appointed; appointment

ap-pur-te-nance \ə-ˈpɜrt-(ə)nəns\ *n* : something that belongs to or goes with another thing *syn* accessory, adjunct, appendage, appendix — **ap-pur-te-nant** \-(ə)nənt\ *adj*

Apr *abbr* April

APR *abbr* annual percentage rate

apri-cot \ˈap-rə-,kāt, ˈā-prə-\ *n* [deriv. of Ar *al-birquq*] : an oval orange-colored fruit resembling the related peach and plum in flavor; *also* : a tree bearing apricots

April \ˈā-prəl\ *n* [ME, fr. OF & L; OF *avril*, fr. L *Aprilis*] : the 4th month of the year having 30 days

a-pri-o-ri \,ā-prē-ˈōr-ē\ *adj* [L, from the former] 1 : characterized by or derived by reasoning from self-evident propositions 2 : independent of experience — **a priori** *adv*

apron \ˈā-prən, -pərn\ *n* [ME, alter. (resulting fr. incorrect division of a *napron*) of *napron*, fr. MF *naperon*, dim. of *nape* cloth, modif. of L *mappa* napkin] 1 : a garment tied over the front of the body to protect the clothes 2 : a paved area for parking or handling airplanes

1ap-ro-pos \,ap-rə-ˈpō, ˈap-rə-,pō\ *adv* [F *à propos*, lit., to the purpose] 1 : OPPORTUNELY 2 : BY THE WAY

2apropos *adj* : being to the point

apropos of prep : with regard to

apse \ˈaps\ *n* : a projecting usu. semi-circular and vaulted part of a building (as a church)

1apt \ˈapt\ *adj* 1 : well adapted : SUITABLE 2 : having an habitual tendency : LIKELY 3 : quick to learn — **apt-ly** *adv* — **apt-ness** \ˈapt(t)-nəs\ *n*

2apt *abbr* 1 apartment 2 attitude

ap-ti-tude \ˈap-tə-,t(y)üd\ *n* 1 : natural ability : TALENT 2 : capacity for learning 3 : APPROPRIATENESS

aqua \ˈak-wə, ˈāk-\ *n* : a light greenish blue color

aqua-cul-ture *also* **aqui-cul-ture** \ˈak-wə-,kəl-chər, ˈāk-\ *n* : the cultivation of aquatic plants or animals (as fish or shellfish) for human use

aqua-ma-rine \ˈak-wə-mə-ˈrēn, ˈāk-\ *n* 1 : a bluish green gem 2 : a pale blue to light greenish blue

aqua-naut \ˈak-wə-,nōt, ˈāk-\ *n* : a person who lives in an underwater shelter for an extended period

aqua-plane \-,plān\ *n* : a board towed behind a motorboat and ridden by a person standing on it — **aquaplane** *vb*

aqua re-gia \ˈak-wə-ˈrē-j(ē)-ə\ *n* [NL, lit., royal water] : a mixture of nitric and hydrochloric acids that dissolves gold or platinum

aqua-ri-um \ə-ˈkwær-ē-əm\ *n*, *pl* -i-ums or -ia \-ē-ə\ 1 : a container (as a glass tank) in which living aquatic animals and plants are kept 2 : a place where aquatic animals and plants are kept and shown

Aqua-ri-us \ə-ˈkwær-ē-əs\ *n* [L, lit., water carrier] 1 : a zodiacal constellation between Capricorn and Pisces usu. pictured as a man pouring water 2 : the 11th sign of the zodiac in astrology; *also* : one born under this sign

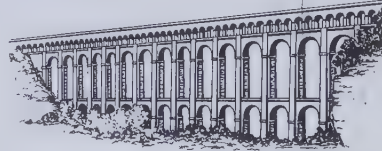
1aqua-ric \ə-ˈkwät-ik, -ˈkwat-\ *adj* 1 : growing or living in or frequenting water 2 : performed in or on water

2aquatic *n* : an aquatic animal or plant

aqua-vit \ˈāk-wə-,vĕt\ *n* : a clear liquor flavored with caraway seeds

aqua vi-tae \ˈak-wə-ˈvīt-ē, ˈāk-\ *n* [ME, fr. ML, lit., water of life] : a strong alcoholic liquor (as brandy)

aq-ue-duct \ˈak-wə-,dəkt\ *n* 1 : a conduit for carrying running water 2 : a structure carrying a canal over a river or hollow 3 : a passage in a bodily part



aqueduct 1

aque-ous \ˈā-kwē-əs, ˈak-wē-\ *adj* 1 : WATERY 2 : made of, by, or with water

aqueous humor *n* : a clear fluid occupying the space between the lens and the cornea of the eye

aqui-fer \ˈak-wə-fər, ˈāk-\ *n* : a water-bearing stratum of permeable rock, sand, or gravel

aq-ui-line \ˈak-wə-,līn, -lĕn\ *adj* 1 : of or resembling an eagle 2 : hooked like an eagle's beak (an ~ nose)

ar *abbr* arrival; arrive

Ar *symbol* argon

AR *abbr* Arkansas

-ar \ər\ *adj* *suffix* : of or relating to (molecular) : being (spectacular) : resembling (ocular)

Ar-ab \ˈar-əb\ *n* 1 : a member of a Semitic people of the Arabian peninsula in southwestern Asia 2 : a member of an Arabic-speaking people — **Arab** *adj* — **Ara-bi-an** \ə-ˈrā-bē-ən\ *adj* or *n*

ar-a-besque \,ar-ə-ˈbesk\ *n* : a design of interlacing lines forming figures of flowers, foliage, and sometimes animals

1Ar-a-bic \ˈar-ə-bik\ *n* : a Semitic language of southwestern Asia and north Africa

2Arabic *adj* 1 : of or relating to the Arabs, Arabic, or the Arabian peninsula in southwestern Asia 2 : expressed in or making use of Arabic numerals

Arabic numeral *n* : one of the number symbols 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 0

ar-a-ble \ˈar-ə-bəl\ *adj* : fit for or cultivated by plowing : suitable for crops

arach-nid \ə-ˈrək-nəd\ *n* : any of a class of usu. 8-legged

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \əˈfurther \əˈlash \əˈlace \əˈcot, cart
 \əˈout \chˈchin \əˈbet \əˈeasy \əˈgo \iˈhit \iˈvice \jˈjob
 \gˈsing \dɔˈgo \dɔˈlaw \dɔˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \uˈloot
 \uˈfoot \yˈyet \zhˈvision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

arthropods comprising the spiders, scorpions, mites, and ticks — **arachnid** *adj*

Ar-a-ma-ic \,ar-ə-'mā-ik\ *n* : an ancient Semitic language
Arap-a-ho or **Arap-a-hoe** \ə-'rap-ə-,hō\ *n*, *pl* **Arapaho** or **Arapahos** or **Arapahoe** or **Arapahoes** : a member of an American Indian people of the western U.S.

ar-bi-ter \'ār-bət-ər\ *n* : one having power to decide : JUDGE

ar-bi-trage \'ār-bə-,trāzh\ *n* [F, fr. MF, arbitration] : the purchase and sale of the same or equivalent security in different markets in order to profit from price discrepancies

ar-bi-tra-geur \,ār-bə-(,)trā-'zhər\ or **ar-bi-trag-er** \'ār-bə-,trāzh-ər\ *n* : one who practices arbitrage

ar-bit-ra-ment \ār-'bit-rə-mənt\ *n* **1** : the act of deciding a dispute **2** : the judgment given by an arbitrator

ar-bi-trary \'ār-bə-,trēr-ə\ *adj* **1** : AUTOCRATIC, DESPOTIC **2** : determined by will or caprice : selected at random — **ar-bi-trar-i-ly** \,ār-bə-'trēr-ə-lē\ *adv* — **ar-bi-trari-ness** \'ār-bə-,trēr-ē-nəs\ *n*

ar-bi-trate \'ār-bə-,trāt\ *vb* **-trat-ed**; **-trat-ing** **1** : to act as arbitrator **2** : to act on as arbitrator **3** : to submit for decision to an arbitrator — **ar-bi-tra-tion** \,ār-bə-'trā-shən\ *n*

ar-bi-tra-tor \'ār-bə-,trāt-ər\ *n* : one chosen to settle differences between two parties in a controversy
ar-bor \'ār-bər\ *n* [ME *erber* plot of grass, arbor, fr. OF *herbier* plot of grass, fr. *herbe* herb, grass] : a shelter formed of or covered with vines or branches

ar-bo-re-al \ār-'bōr-ē-əl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or resembling a tree **2** : living in trees (~ monkeys)

ar-bo-re-tum \,ār-bə-'rēt-əm\ *n*, *pl* **-retums** or **-re-ta** \-'rēt-ə\ [L, place grown with trees, fr. *arbor* tree] : a place where trees and plants are grown for scientific and educational purposes

ar-bor-vi-tae \,ār-bər-'vīt-ē\ *n* : any of various evergreen trees with scalelike leaves that are related to the pines
ar-bu-tus \ār-'byūt-əs\ *n* : TRAILING ARBUTUS

arc \'ārk\ *n* **1** : a sustained luminous discharge of electricity (as between two electrodes) **2** : a continuous portion of a curved line (as part of the circumference of a circle)

arc *vb* : to form an electric arc

ARC *abbr* 1 American Red Cross **2** AIDS-related complex

ar-cade \ār-'kād\ *n* **1** : an arched or covered passageway; *esp* : one lined with shops **2** : a row of arches with their supporting columns

ar-cane \ār-'kān\ *adj* : SECRET, MYSTERIOUS

arch \'ārch\ *n* **1** : a curved structure spanning an opening (as a door or window) **2** : something resembling an arch **3** : ARCHWAY

arch *vb* **1** : to cover with an arch **2** : to form or bend into an arch

arch *adj* **1** : CHIEF, EMINENT **2** : ROGUISH, MISCHIEVOUS — **arch-ly** *adv* — **arch-ness** *n*

arch *abbr* architect; architectural; architecture

ar-chae-ol-o-gy or **ar-che-ol-o-gy** \,ār-kē-'āl-ə-jē\ *n* : the study of past human life as revealed by relics left by ancient peoples — **ar-chae-ol-o-gi-cal** \-kē-ə-'lāj-i-kəl\ *adj* — **ar-chae-ol-o-gist** \-kē-'āl-ə-jəst\ *n*

ar-cha-ic \ār-'kā-ik\ *adj* **1** : belonging to an earlier time : ANTIQUATED **2** : having the characteristics of the language of the past and surviving chiefly in specialized uses (~ words) — **ar-cha-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

arch-an-gel \'ārk-,ān-jəl\ *n* : an angel of high rank

arch-bish-op \'ārch-'bish-əp\ *n* : a bishop of high rank — **arch-bish-op-ric** \-ə-(,)prik\ *n*

arch-dea-con \-'dē-kən\ *n* : a clergyman who assists a diocesan bishop in ceremonial or administrative functions

arch-di-o-cese \-'dī-ə-səs, -sēs, -sēs\ *n* : the diocese of an archbishop

arch-duke \-'d(y)ük\ *n* **1** : a sovereign prince **2** : a prince of the imperial family of Austria

arch-en-e-my \'ārch-'en-ə-mē\ *n*, *pl* **-mies** : a principal enemy

Ar-cheo-zo-ic \,ār-kē-ə-'zō-ik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the earliest era of geologic history extending from the formation of the earth almost 4 billion years ago to about 1.4 billion years ago — **Archeozoic** *n*

ar-cher-y \'ārch-(ə-)rē\ *n* : the art or practice of shooting with bow and arrows — **ar-cher** \'ār-chər\ *n*

ar-che-type \'ār-ki-,tip\ *n* : the original pattern or model of all things of the same type

arch-fiend \'ārch-'fēnd\ *n* : a chief fiend; *esp* : SATAN

ar-chi-epis-co-pal \,ār-kē-ə-'pis-kə-pəl\ *adj* : of or relating to an archbishop

ar-chi-man-drite \,ār-kə-'man-,drīt\ *n* : a dignitary in an Eastern church ranking below a bishop

ar-chi-pel-a-go \,ār-kə-'pel-ə-,gō, -ār-chə-\ *n*, *pl* **-goes** or **-gos** **1** : a sea dotted with islands **2** : a group of islands

ar-chi-tect \'ār-kə-,tekt\ *n* : a person who plans buildings and oversees their construction

ar-chi-tec-ture \'ār-kə-,tek-chər\ *n* **1** : the art or science of planning and building structures **2** : method or style of building — **ar-chi-tec-tur-al** \,ār-kə-'tek-chə-rəl, -'tek-shrəl\ *adj* — **ar-chi-tec-tur-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

ar-chi-trave \'ār-kə-,trāv\ *n* : the supporting horizontal member just above the columns in a building in the classical style of architecture

ar-chive \'ār-,kiv\ *n* : a place for keeping public records; *also* : public records — often used in *pl*.

ar-chi-vist \'ār-kə-vəst, -ki-\ *n* : a person in charge of archives

ar-chon \'ār-,kän, -kən\ *n* : a chief magistrate of ancient Athens

arch-way \'ārch-,wā\ *n* : a passageway under an arch; *also* : an arch over a passage

arc lamp *n* : a gas-filled electric lamp that produces light when a current arcs between incandescent electrodes

arctic \'ārk-tik, 'ārt-ik\ *adj* [ME *artik*, fr. L *articus*, fr. Gk *arktikos*, fr. *arktos* bear, Ursa Major, north] **1** often *cap* : of or relating to the north pole or the region near it **2** : FRIGID

arctic \'ārt-ik, 'ārk-tik\ *n* : a rubber overshoe that reaches to the ankle or above

arctic circle *n*, often *cap* **A&C** : the parallel of latitude that is approximately 66½ degrees north of the equator
-ard \ərd\ *also* **-art** \ərt\ *n* *suffix* : one that is characterized by performing some action, possessing some quality, or being associated with some thing *esp*. conspicuously or excessively (*braggart*) (*dullard*)

ar-dent \'ārd-ənt\ *adj* **1** : characterized by warmth of feeling : PASSIONATE **2** : FIERY, HOT **3** : GLOWING — **ar-dent-ly** *adv*

ar-dor \'ārd-ər\ *n* **1** : warmth of feeling : ZEAL **2** : burning heat

ar-du-ous \'ār-j-(ə-)wəs\ *adj* : DIFFICULT, LABORIOUS — **ar-du-ous-ly** *adv* — **ar-du-ous-ness** *n*

are *pres 2d sing* or *pres pl* of BE

are \ə(ə)r\ *n* — see METRIC SYSTEM table

ar-ea \ār-ē-ə\ *n* **1** : a flat surface or space **2** : the amount of surface included (as within the lines of a geometric figure) **3** : REGION **4** : range or extent of some thing or concept : FIELD

area code *n* : a 3-digit number that identifies each telephone service area in a country (as the U.S. or Canada)
area-way \-,wā\ *n* : a sunken space for giving access, air, and light to a basement

are-na \ə-'rē-nə\ *n* [L *harena*, *arena* sand, sandy place] **1** : an enclosed area used for public entertainment **2** : a sphere of activity or competition

ar-gent \'ār-jənt\ *adj* : of or resembling silver : SILVERY
Ar-gen-tine \'ār-jən-,tēn, -tīn\ or **Ar-gen-tin-ean** or **Ar-gen-tin-i-an** \,ār-jən-'tin-ē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant

of Argentina — **Argentine** or **Argentinean** or **Argentinian** *adj*

ar-gen-tite \ˈär-jən-,tīt\ *n* : a dark gray mineral that is an important ore of silver

ar-gil-la-ceous \,är-jə-ˈlä-shə\ *adj* : CLAYEY

ar-gon \ˈär-,gän\ *n* [Gk, neut. of *argos* idle, lazy, fr. *a-* not + *ergon* work; fr. its relative inertness] : a colorless odorless gaseous chemical element found in the air and used for filling electric bulbs — see **ELEMENT** table

ar-go-sy \ˈär-gə-sē\ *n*, *pl* -sies **1** : a large merchant ship **2** : FLEET

ar-got \ˈär-gət-, -gō\ *n* : the language of a particular group or class esp. of the underworld

argu-able \ˈär-gyə-wə-bəl\ *adj* : open to argument, dispute, or question

ar-gue \ˈär-gyū\ *vb* **ar-gued**; **ar-gu-ing** **1** : to give reasons for or against something **2** : to contend in words : DISPUTE **3** : DEBATE **4** : to persuade by giving reasons

ar-gu-ment \ˈär-gyə-mənt\ *n* **1** : a reason offered in proof **2** : discourse intended to persuade **3** : QUARREL

ar-gu-men-ta-tion \,är-gyə-mən-ˈtä-shən\ *n* : the art of formal discussion

ar-gu-men-ta-tive \,är-gyə-ˈment-ət-iv\ *adj* : inclined to argue

ar-gyle *also* **ar-gyll** \ˈär-,gīl\ *n*, *often cap* : a geometric knitting pattern of varicolored diamonds on a single background color; *also* : a sock knit in this pattern

aria \ˈär-ē-ə\ *n* : an accompanied elaborate vocal solo forming part of a larger work

ar-id \ˈär-əd\ *adj* **1** : DRY, BARREN **2** : having insufficient rainfall to support agriculture — **ar-id-ity** \ə-ˈrid-ət-ē\ *n*

Ar-i-es \ˈär-(ē-),ēz\ *n* [L, lit., ram] **1** : a zodiacal constellation between Pisces and Taurus usu. pictured as a ram **2** : the 1st sign of the zodiac in astrology; *also* : one born under this sign

ar-ight \ə-ˈrīt\ *adv* : RIGHTLY, CORRECTLY

ar-ise \ə-ˈrīz\ *vb* **ar-ose** \-ˈrōz\; **ar-is-en** \-ˈrīz-ən\; **ar-is-ing** \-ˈrī-zīŋ\ **1** : to get up **2** : ORIGINATE **3** : ASCEND syn rise, derive, spring, issue

ar-is-toc-ra-cy \,är-ə-ˈstāk-rə-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies **1** : government by a noble or privileged class; *also* : a state so governed **2** : the governing class of an aristocracy **3** : UPPER CLASS — **ar-is-to-crat** \ə-ˈris-tə-,krāt\ *n* — **ar-is-to-crat-ic** \ə-ˈris-tə-ˈkrat-ik\ *adj*

arith *abbr* arithmetic; arithmetical

arith-me-tic \ə-ˈrith-mə-,tik\ *n* **1** : a branch of mathematics that deals with computations with numbers **2** : COMPUTATION, CALCULATION — **ar-ith-met-ic** \,är-ith-ˈmet-ik\ or **ar-ith-met-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **ar-ith-met-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **ar-ith-met-i-cian** \ə-ˈrith-mə-ˈtish-ən\ *n*

arithmetic mean *n* : the sum of a set of numbers divided by the number of numbers in the set

Ariz *abbr* Arizona

ark \ˈärk\ *n* **1** : a boat held to resemble that of Noah at the time of the Deluge **2** : the sacred chest in which the ancient Hebrews kept the tablets of the Law

Ark *abbr* Arkansas

arm \ˈärm\ *n* **1** : a human upper limb; *also* : a corresponding limb of a lower animal with a backbone **2** : something resembling an arm in shape or position (an ~ of a chair) **3** : POWER, MIGHT (the ~ of the law) — **armed** \ˈärməd\ *adj* — **arm-less** *adj*

arm *vb* : to furnish with weapons

arm *n* **1** : WEAPON **2** : a branch of the military forces **3** *pl* : the hereditary heraldic devices of a family

ar-ma-da \är-ˈmä-də-, -mä-d\ *n* : a fleet of armed ships **ar-ma-dil-lo** \,är-mə-ˈdil-ə\ *n*, *pl* -los : any of several small burrowing mammals with the head and body protected by an armor of bony plates

Ar-ma-ged-don \,är-mə-ˈged-ən\ *n* : a final conclusive battle between the forces of good and evil; *also* : the site or time of this

ar-ma-ment \ˈär-mə-mənt\ *n* **1** : military strength **2** : arms

and equipment (as of a tank or combat unit) **3** : the process of preparing for war

ar-ma-ture \ˈär-mə-,chür-, -chər\ *n* **1** : a protective covering or structure (as the spines of a cactus) **2** : the part including the conductors in an electric generator or motor in which the current is induced; *also* : the movable part in an electromagnetic device (as an electric bell or a loudspeaker)

arm-chair \ˈärm-,cheər\ *n* : a chair with supports for the arms

armed forces *n pl* : the combined military, naval, and air forces of a nation

arm-ful \ˈärm-,fùl\ *n*, *pl* **armfuls** or **arms-ful** \ˈärmz-,fùl\ : as much as the arm can hold

arm-hole \ˈärm-,hōl\ *n* : an opening for the arm in a garment

ar-mi-stice \ˈär-mə-stəs\ *n* : temporary suspension of hostilities by mutual agreement : TRUCE

arm-let \ˈärm-lət\ *n* : a band worn around the upper arm

ar-mor \ˈär-mər\ *n* **1** : protective covering **2** : armored forces and vehicles — **ar-mored** \-mərd\ *adj*

ar-mor-er \ˈär-mər-ər\ *n* **1** : one that makes arms and armor **2** : one that services firearms

ar-mo-ri-al \är-ˈmör-ē-əl\ *adj* : of or bearing heraldic arms

ar-mory \ˈärm-(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* **ar-mories** **1** : a place where arms are stored **2** : a factory where arms are made

arm-pit \ˈärm-pīt\ *n* : the hollow under the junction of the arm and shoulder

arm-rest \-,rest\ *n* : a support for the arm

ar-my \ˈär-mē\ *n*, *pl* **armies** **1** : a body of men organized for war **2** *often cap* : the complete military organization of a country for land warfare **3** : a great number **4** : a body of persons organized to advance a cause

army ant *n* : any of various nomadic social ants

ar-my-worm \ˈär-mē-,wərm\ *n* : any of numerous moths whose larvae move about destroying crops

ar-ni-ca \ˈär-ni-kə\ *n* **1** : any of several herbs related to the daisies **2** : a soothing preparation of dried arnica flowers used on bruises and sprains; *also* : dried arnica flowers

aro-ma \ə-ˈrō-mə\ *n* : a usu. pleasing odor : FRAGRANCE — **ar-o-mat-ic** \,är-ə-ˈmat-ik\ *adj*

arose past of ARISE

around \ə-ˈraund\ *adv* **1** : in or along a circuit **2** : on all sides **3** : NEARBY **4** : from one place to another **5** : in an opposite direction (turn ~)

around *prep* **1** : SURROUNDING (trees ~ the house) **2** : to or on the other side of (~ the corner) **3** : NEAR (stayed right ~ home) **4** : along the circuit of (go ~ the world)

arouse \ə-ˈraüz\ *vb* **aroused**; **arous-ing** **1** : to awaken from sleep **2** : to stir up — **arous-al** \-ˈraüz-zəl\ *n*

ar-peg-gio \är-ˈpej-(ē-)ō\ *n*, *pl* -gios [It fr. *arpeggiare* to play on the harp, fr. *arpa* harp] : a chord whose notes are performed in succession and not simultaneously

arr *abbr* **1** arranged **2** arrival; arrive

ar-raign \ə-ˈrān\ *vb* **1** : to call before a court to answer to an indictment **2** : to accuse of wrong or imperfection — **ar-raign-ment** *n*

ar-range \ə-ˈrān\ *vb* **ar-ranged**; **ar-rang-ing** **1** : to put in order **2** : to come to an agreement about : SETTLE **3** : to adapt (a musical composition) to voices or instruments other than those for which it was orig. written — **ar-range-ment** *n* — **ar-rang-er** *n*

ar-rant \ˈär-ənt\ *adj* : being notoriously without moderation : EXTREME

ar-ras \ˈär-əs\ *n*, *pl* **arras** **1** : TAPESTRY **2** : a wall hanging or screen of tapestry

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ə\farther \ə\ash \ä\ace \ä\cot, cart
 \ä\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\vice \i\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \ö\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

ar-ray \ə-ˈrā\ *vb* 1 : to arrange in order 2 : to dress esp. splendidly
array *n* 1 : a regular arrangement 2 : rich apparel 3 : an imposing group
ar-rears \ə-ˈriəz\ *n pl* 1 : a state of being behind in the discharge of obligations (in ~ with the payments) 2 : overdue debts
ar-rest \ə-ˈrest\ *vb* 1 : STOP, CHECK 2 : to take into legal custody
arrest *n* 1 : the act of stopping; *also* : the state of being stopped 2 : the act of taking into custody by legal authority
ar-riv-al \ə-ˈrī-vəl\ *n* 1 : the act of arriving 2 : one that arrives
ar-rive \ə-ˈrīv\ *vb* **ar-rived**; **ar-riv-ing** 1 : to reach a destination 2 : to be near or at hand (the time to go finally arrived) 3 : to attain success
ar-ro-gant \ˈar-ə-gənt\ *adj* : offensively exaggerating one's own importance — **ar-ro-gance** \-gəns\ *n* — **ar-ro-gant-ly** *adv*
ar-ro-gate \-,gāt\ *vb* **-gat-ed**; **-gat-ing** : to claim or seize without justification as one's right
ar-row \ˈar-ō\ *n* 1 : a missile shot from a bow and usu. having a slender shaft, a pointed head, and feathers at the butt 2 : a pointed mark used to indicate direction
ar-row-head \ˈar-ō-,hed\ *n* : the pointed end of an arrow
ar-row-root \-,rūt, -rüt\ *n* : an edible starch from the roots of any of several tropical American plants; *also* : a plant yielding arrowroot
ar-ro-yo \ˈār-rōi-ə, -ō\ *n, pl -royos* [Sp] 1 : a watercourse in a dry region 2 : a water-carved gully or channel
ar-se-nal \ˈārs-nəl, -n-əl\ *n* [deriv. of *Ar dār sinā'ah* house of manufacture] 1 : a place for making and storing arms and military equipment 2 : STORE, REPERTORY
ar-se-nic \ˈārs-nik, -n-ik\ *n* 1 : a solid brittle poisonous chemical element of grayish color and metallic luster — see ELEMENT table 2 : a very poisonous oxygen compound of arsenic used in making glass and insecticides
ar-son \ˈārs-n\ *n* : the malicious burning of property
art \ˈärt\ *n* 1 : skill acquired by experience or study 2 : a branch of learning; *esp* : one of the humanities 3 : an occupation requiring knowledge or skill 4 : the use of skill and imagination in the production of things of beauty; *also* : works so produced 5 : ARTFULNESS
art *abbr* 1 article 2 artificial 3 artillery
-art — see -ARD
ar-te-ri-al \är-ˈtī-rē-əl\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to an artery; *also* : relating to or being the bright red oxygenated blood found in most arteries 2 : of, relating to, or being a route for through traffic
ar-te-ri-ole \är-ˈtī-rē-,öl\ *n* : one of the small terminal twigs of an artery that ends in capillaries — **ar-te-ri-o-lar** \-,tī-rē-ō-lər\ *adj*
ar-te-rio-scle-ro-sis \är-,tī-rē-ō-sk-lə-ˈrō-səs\ *n* : a chronic disease in which arterial walls are abnormally thickened and hardened — **ar-te-rio-scle-rot-ic** \-ˈrät-ik\ *adj* or *n*
ar-tery \ˈärt-ə-rē\ *n, pl -ter-ies* 1 : one of the tubular vessels that carry the blood from the heart 2 : a main channel of transportation or communication; *esp* : a principal channel in a branching system
ar-te-sian well \är-,tē-zhən-\ *n* 1 : a bored well gushing water like a fountain 2 : a relatively deep-bored well
art-ful \ˈärt-fəl\ *adj* 1 : INGENUOUS 2 : CRAFTY — **art-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **art-ful-ness** *n*
ar-thri-tis \är-ˈthrit-əs\ *n, pl -thri-ti-des* \-ˈthrit-ə-,déz\ : inflammation of the joints — **ar-thrit-ic** \-ˈthrit-ik\ *adj* or *n*
ar-thro-pod \är-ˈthrə-,päd\ *n* : any of a phylum of invertebrate animals comprising those (as insects, spiders, or crabs) with segmented bodies and jointed limbs — **arthropod** *adj*
ar-thro-s-co-py \är-ˈthräs-kə-pē\ *n, pl -pies* : visual examination of the interior of a joint (as the knee) with a

special surgical instrument — **ar-thro-scope** \är-ˈthrə-,sköp\ *n* — **ar-thro-scop-ic** \-,är-ˈthrə-ˈsköp-ik\ *adj*
ar-ti-choke \ärt-ə-,chök\ *n* [It dial. *articiocco*, fr. *Ar al-khurshūf*] : a tall herb related to the daisies; *also* : its edible flower head
ar-ti-cle \ärt-i-kəl\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. L *articulus* joint, division, dim. of *artus* joint] 1 : a distinct part of a written document 2 : a nonfictional prose composition forming an independent part of a publication 3 : a word (as *an, the*) used with a noun to limit or give definiteness to its application 4 : a member of a class of things; *esp* : COMMONITY
ar-tic-u-lar \är-ˈtik-yə-lər\ *adj* : of or relating to a joint
ar-tic-u-late \är-ˈtik-yə-lət\ *adj* 1 : divided into meaningful parts : INTELLIGIBLE 2 : able to speak; *also* : expressing oneself readily and effectively 3 : JOINTED — **ar-tic-u-late-ly** *adv* — **ar-tic-u-late-ness** *n*
ar-tic-u-late \-,lāt\ *vb -lat-ed; -lat-ing* 1 : to utter distinctly 2 : to unite by or as if by joints — **ar-tic-u-la-tion** \-,tik-yə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*
ar-ti-fact \ˈärt-ə-,fakt\ *n* : a usu. simple object (as a tool) showing human workmanship or modification
ar-ti-fice \ˈärt-ə-fəs\ *n* 1 : TRICK; *also* : TRICKERY 2 : an ingenious device; *also* : INGENUITY
ar-ti-fi-cer \är-ˈtif-ə-sər, ˈärt-ə-fə-sər\ *n* : a skilled workman
ar-ti-fi-cial \ärt-ə-ˈfish-əl\ *adj* 1 : produced by art rather than nature; *also* : made by man to imitate nature 2 : not genuine : FEIGNED — **ar-ti-fi-ci-al-i-ty** \-,fish-ē-ˈal-ət-ē\ *n* — **ar-ti-fi-cial-ly** \-ˈfish(ə-)lē\ *adv* — **ar-ti-fi-cial-ness** \-ˈfish-əl-nəs\ *n*
artificial insemination *n* : introduction of semen into the uterus or oviduct by other than natural means
artificial intelligence *n* : the capability of a machine to imitate intelligent human behavior
artificial respiration *n* : the rhythmic forcing of air into and out of the lungs of a person whose breathing has stopped
ar-til-ery \är-ˈtil-(ə-)rē\ *n, pl -ler-ies* 1 : large-bore mounted firearms usu. operated by crews 2 : a branch of the army armed with artillery — **ar-til-er-ist** \-ˈtil-ə-rəst\ *n*
ar-ti-san \ärt-ə-zən, -sən\ *n* : a skilled manual worker
art-ist \ärt-əst\ *n* 1 : one who practices an art; *esp* : one who creates objects of beauty 2 : ARTISTE
ar-tiste \är-ˈtēst\ *n* : a skilled public performer
ar-tis-tic \är-ˈtis-tik\ *adj* : showing taste and skill — **ar-tis-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*
art-ist-ry \ärt-ə-strē\ *n* : artistic quality or ability
art-less \ärt-ləs\ *adj* 1 : lacking art or skill 2 : free from artificiality : NATURAL 3 : free from guile : SINCERE — **art-less-ly** *adv* — **art-less-ness** *n*
art nou-veau \är(t)-nü-ˈvō\ *n, often cap A & N* [F, lit., new art] : a late 19th century decorative style characterized by sinuous lines and leaf-shaped forms
arty \ärt-ē\ *adj* **arti-er**; **-est** : showily or pretentiously artistic — **ar-ti-ly** \ärt-ˈl-ē\ *adv* — **art-i-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*
ar-um \är-əm\ *n* : any of a genus of plants (as the jack-in-the-pulpit or a skunk cabbage) with flowers in a fleshy enclosed spike
ARV *abbr* American Revised Version
-ary \er-ē\ *n suffix* : thing or person belonging to or connected with (functionary)
-ary *adj suffix* : of, relating to, or connected with (budgetary)
Ary-an \är-ē-ən, ˈer-; ˈär-yən\ *adj* 1 : INDO-EUROPEAN 2 : NORDIC — **Aryan** *n*
as \əz, (ə)z\ *adv* 1 : to the same degree or amount : EQUALLY (~ green as grass) 2 : for instance (various trees, ~ oak or pine) 3 : when considered in a specified relation (my opinion ~ distinguished from his)
as conj 1 : in the same amount or degree in which (green ~ grass) 2 : in the same way that (farmed ~ his father before him had farmed) 3 : WHILE, WHEN (spoke to me

~ I was leaving) **4** : **THOUGH** (improbable ~ it seems) **5** : **SINCE**, **BECAUSE** (~ I'm not wanted, I'll go) **6** : that the result is (so guilty ~ to leave no doubt)

as *pron* **1** : **THAT** — used after *same* or *such* (it's the same price ~ before) **2** : a fact that (he's rich, ~ you know)

as *prep* **1** : in the capacity or character of (this will serve ~ as a substitute)

As *symbol* arsenic

AS *abbr* **1** American Samoa **2** Anglo-Saxon

asa-fet-i-da or **asa-foe-ti-da** \,as-ə-'fit-əd-ē, -'fet-əd-ə/ *n* : an ill-smelling plant gum formerly used in medicine

ASAP *abbr* as soon as possible

as-bes-tos \as-'bes-təs, az-/ *n* : a noncombustible grayish mineral that occurs in fibrous form and is used as a fireproof material

as-cend \ə-'send/ *vb* **1** : to move upward : **MOUNT**, **CLIMB** **2** : to succeed to : **OCCUPY** (he ~ed the throne)

as-cen-dan-cy *also* **as-cen-den-cy** \ə-'sen-dən-sē/ *n* : controlling influence : **DOMINATION**

as-cen-dant *also* **as-cen-dent** \ə-'sen-dənt/ *n* : a dominant position

ascendant *also* **ascendent** *adj* **1** : moving upward **2** : **DOMINANT**

as-cen-sion \ə-'sen-chən/ *n* : the act or process of ascending

Ascension Day *n* : the Thursday 40 days after Easter observed in commemoration of Christ's ascension into heaven

as-cent \ə-'sent/ *n* **1** : the act of mounting upward : **CLIMB** **2** : degree of upward slope

as-cer-tain \,as-ər-'tān/ *vb* : to learn by inquiry — **as-cer-tain-able** *adj*

as-cet-ic \ə-'set-ik/ *adj* : practicing self-denial esp. for religious reasons : **AUSTERE** — **ascetic** *n* — **as-cet-i-cism** \-'set-ə-'sīz-əm/ *n*

ASCII \,as-kē/ *n* [American Standard Code for Information Interchange] : a computer code for representing alphanumeric information

ascor-bic acid \ə-'skör-bik-/ *n* : **VITAMIN C**

as-cot \,as-kat, -kāt/ *n* [Ascot Heath, racetrack near Ascot, England] : a broad neck scarf that is looped under the chin

as-cribe \ə-'skrib/ *vb* **as-cribed**; **as-crib-ing** : to refer to a supposed cause, source, or author : **ATTRIBUTE** — **as-crib-able** *adj* — **as-crip-tion** \-'skrip-shən/ *n*

asep-tic \ə-'sep-tik/ *adj* : free or freed from disease-causing germs

asex-u-al \ə-'sek-sh(ə-w)əl/ *adj* **1** : lacking sex or functional sex organs **2** : occurring or formed without the production and union of two kinds of germ cells (~ reproduction) — **asex-u-al-ly** \(')ä-'seksh-(ə-w)ə-lē/ *adv*

as *for prep* : with regard to : **CONCERNING** (as for the others, they were late)

ash \,ash/ *n* **1** : any of a genus of trees related to the olive and having winged seeds and bark with grooves and ridges **2** : the tough elastic wood of an ash

ash *n* **1** : the solid matter left when material is burned **2** : fine mineral particles from a volcano **3 pl** : the remains of the dead human body

ashamed \ə-'shāmd/ *adj* **1** : feeling shame **2** : restrained by anticipation of shame (~ to say anything) — **ashamed-ly** \-'shā-məd-lē/ *adv*

ash-en \,ash-ən/ *adj* : resembling ashes (as in color); *esp* : deadly pale

ash-lar \,ash-lər/ *n* : hewn or squared stone; *also* : masonry of such stone

ashore \ə-'shōr/ *adv* : on or to the shore

as how *conj* : **THAT** (allowed as how she was glad to be here)

ash-rām \,āsh-rəm/ *n* : a religious retreat esp. of a Hindu sage

ash-tray \,ash-'trā/ *n* : a receptacle for tobacco ashes

Ash Wednesday *n* : the 1st day of Lent

ashy \,ash-ē/ *adj* **ash-i-er**; **-est** : **ASHEN**

Asian \,ā-zhən, -shən/ *adj* : of, relating to, or characteristic of the continent of Asia or its people — **Asian** *n*

Asi-at-ic \,ā-z(h)ē-'at-ik/ *adj* : **ASIAN** — sometimes taken to be offensive — **Asiatic** *n*

aside \ə-'sid/ *adv* **1** : to or toward the side **2** : out of the way : **AWAY**

aside *n* : an actor's words heard by the audience but supposedly not by other characters on stage

aside from *prep* **1** : **BESIDES** (aside from being pretty, she's intelligent) **2** : with the exception of (aside from one D his grades are excellent)

as if *conj* **1** : as it would be if (it's as if nothing had changed) **2** : as one would if (he acts as if he'd never been away) **3** : **THAT** (it seems as if nothing ever happens around here)

as-i-nine \,as-'n-, in/ *adj* [L *asininus*, fr. *asinus* ass] : **STUPID**, **FOOLISH** — **as-i-nin-i-ty** \,as-'n-, in-ət-ē/ *n*

ask \ask/ *vb* **asked** \,as(k)t/ **ask-ing** **1** : to call on for an answer **2** : **UTTER** (~ a question) **3** : to make a request of (~ him for help) **4** : to make a request for (~ help of her) **5** : to set as a price (~ed \$800 for the car) **6** : **INVITE**

askance \ə-'skans/ *adv* **1** : with a side glance **2** : with distrust

askew \ə-'skyū/ *adv* or *adj* : out of line : **AWRY**

ASL *abbr* American Sign Language

aslant \ə-'slant/ *adv* or *adj* : in a slanting direction

aslant *prep* : over or across in a slanting direction

asleep \ə-'slēp/ *adv* or *adj* **1** : in or into a state of sleep **2** : **DEAD** **3** : **NUMB** **4** : **INACTIVE**

as long as *conj* **1** : provided that (do as you like as long as you get home on time) **2** : **INASMUCH AS**, **SINCE** (as long as you're up, turn on the light)

as of *prep* : **AT**, **DURING**, **FROM**, **ON** (takes effect as of July 1)

asp \,asp/ *n* : a small poisonous African snake

as-par-a-gus \ə-'spar-ə-gəs/ *n* : a tall branching perennial herb related to the lilies; *also* : its edible young stalks

as-par-tame \as-'pär-'tām/ *n* : a crystalline low-calorie sweetener

as-pect \,as-'pekt/ *n* **1** : a position facing a particular direction **2** : **APPEARANCE**, **LOOK** **3** : **PHASE**

as-pen \,as-pən/ *n* : any of several poplars with leaves that flutter in the slightest breeze

as-per-i-ty \ə-'spēr-ət-ē, ə-/ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : **ROUGHNESS** **2** : harshness of temper

as-per-sion \ə-'spər-zhən/ *n* : the act of calumniating; *also* : a calumnious remark

as-phalt \,as-'fölt/ or **as-phal-tum** \as-'fōl-təm/ *n* : a dark solid or somewhat plastic substance that is found in natural beds or obtained as a residue in petroleum refining and is used in paving streets, in roofing houses, and in paints

asphalt jungle *n* : a big city or a specified part of a big city

as-pho-del \,as-fə-'del/ *n* : any of several Old World herbs related to the lilies and bearing flowers in long erect spikes

as-phyx-ia \as-'fik-sē-ə/ *n* : a lack of oxygen or excess of carbon dioxide in the body usu. caused by interruption of breathing and causing unconsciousness

as-phyx-i-ate \-sē-, āt/ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** : **SUFFOCATE** — **as-phyx-i-a-tion** \-,fik-sē-'ā-shən/ *n*

as-pic \,as-pik/ *n* [F, lit., asp] : a savory meat jelly

as-pi-rant \,as-p(ə-)rənt, ə-'spi-rənt/ *n* : one who aspires syn candidate, applicant, seeker

as-pi-rate \,as-p(ə-)rət/ *n* **1** : an independent sound \h/ or a character (as the letter *h*) representing it **2** : a consonant having aspiration as its final component

\ə\but \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ā\ace \ā\cot, cart
 \ā\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŏ\go \ŏ\law \ŏ\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\foot
 \ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

as-pi-ra-tion \ə-spə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* 1 : the pronunciation or addition of an aspirate; *also* : the aspirate or its symbol 2 : a drawing of something in, out, up, or through by or as if by suction 3 : a strong desire to achieve something noble; *also* : an object of this desire

as-pire \ə-ˈspī(ə)r\ *vb* **as-pired**; **as-pir-ing** 1 : to have a noble desire or ambition 2 : to rise aloft

as-pi-rin \ə-sp(ə)-rən\ *n*, *pl* **aspirin** or **aspirins** 1 : a white crystalline drug used to relieve pain and fever 2 : a tablet of aspirin

as regards or **as respects** *prep* : in regard to : with respect to

ass \ˈas\ *n* 1 : any of several long-eared animals smaller than the related horses; *esp* : DONKEY 2 : a stupid person

as-sail \ə-ˈsāl\ *vb* : to attack violently — **as-sail-able** *adj* — **as-sail-ant** *n*

as-sas-sin \ə-ˈsas-ən\ *n* [deriv. of Ar *hashshāshīn*, pl. of *hashshāsh* hashish-user, fr. *hashish* hashish] : a murderer *esp.* for hire or fanatical reasons

as-sas-si-nate \ə-ˈsas-ən-āt\ *vb* **-nat-ed**; **-nat-ing** : to murder by sudden or secret attack — **as-sas-si-na-tion** \-sas-ən-ˈā-shən\ *n*

as-sault \ə-ˈsolt\ *n* 1 : a violent attack 2 : an unlawful assault or threat to do harm to another — **assault** *vb*

as-say \ˈas-ī, ə-ˈsā\ *n* : analysis to determine the quantity of one or more components present in a sample (as of an ore or drug)

as-say \ə-ˈsā, ˈas-ī, ā\ *vb* 1 : TRY, ATTEMPT 2 : to subject (as an ore or drug) to an assay 3 : to make a critical estimate of

as-sem-blage \ə-ˈsem-blij, 3 & 4 *also* ˈas-əm-ˈblāzh\ *n* 1 : a collection of persons or things : GATHERING 2 : the act of assembling 3 : an artistic composition made from scraps, junk, and odds and ends 4 : the art of making assemblages

as-sem-ble \ə-ˈsem-bəl\ *vb* **-bled**; **-bling** \-b(ə)-liŋ\ 1 : to collect into one place : CONGREGATE 2 : to fit together the parts of 3 : to meet together : CONVENE

as-sem-bly \ə-ˈsem-blē\ *n*, *pl* **-blies** 1 : a gathering of persons : MEETING 2 *cap* : a legislative body; *esp* : the lower house of a legislature 3 : a signal for troops to assemble 4 : the fitting together of parts (as of a machine)

assembly language *n* : a symbolic language for programming a computer that is a close approximation of machine language

assembly line *n* : an arrangement of machines, equipment, and workers in which work passes from operation to operation in a direct line

as-sem-bly-man \ə-ˈsem-blē-mən\ *n* : a member of a legislative assembly

as-sem-bly-wom-an \-wum-ən\ *n* : a woman who is a member of an assembly

as-sent \ə-ˈsent\ *vb* : AGREE, CONCUR — **assent** *n*

as-sert \ə-ˈsɜrt\ *vb* 1 : to state positively 2 : to demonstrate the existence of *syn* declare, affirm, protest, avow, claim — **as-ser-tive** \-sɜrt-iv\ *adj* — **as-ser-tive-ness** *n*

as-ser-tion \ə-ˈsɜr-shən\ *n* : a positive statement

as-sess \ə-ˈses\ *vb* 1 : to fix the rate or amount of 2 : to impose (as a tax) at a specified rate 3 : to evaluate for taxation — **as-sess-ment** *n* — **as-ses-sor** \-ər\ *n*

as-set \ˈas-ət\ *n* 1 *pl* : the entire property of a person or company that may be used to pay debts 2 : ADVANTAGE, RESOURCE

as-sev-er-ate \ə-ˈsev-ə-ˈrāt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** : to assert earnestly — **as-sev-er-a-tion** \-sev-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

as-sid-u-ous \ə-ˈsij-(ə)-wəs\ *adj* : steadily attentive : DILIGENT — **as-si-du-i-ty** \,as-ə-ˈd(y)ū-ət-ē\ *n* — **as-sid-u-ous-ly** *adv* — **as-sid-u-ous-ness** *n*

as-sign \ə-ˈsɪn\ *vb* 1 : to transfer (property) to another 2 : to appoint to a duty 3 : PRESCRIBE (ˈa lesson) 4 : FIX,

SPECIFY (ˈa limit) 5 : ASCRIBE (ˈa reason) — **as-sign-able** *adj*

as-sig-na-tion \,as-ig-ˈnā-shən\ *n* : an appointment for a lovers' meeting; *also* : the resulting meeting

assigned risk *n* : a poor risk (as an accident-prone motorist) that an insurance company is forced to insure by state law

as-sign-ment \ə-ˈsɪn-mənt\ *n* 1 : the act of assigning 2 : something assigned

as-sim-i-late \ə-ˈsim-ə-,lāt\ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** 1 : to take up and absorb as nourishment; *also* : to absorb into a cultural tradition 2 : COMPREHEND 3 : to make or become similar — **as-sim-i-la-tion** \-sim-ə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*

as-sist \ə-ˈsɪst\ *vb* : HELP, AID — **as-sis-tance** \-ˈsɪs-təns\ *n*

assist *n* 1 : an act of assistance 2 : the act of a player who enables a teammate to make a putout (as in baseball) or score a goal (as in hockey)

as-sis-tant \ə-ˈsɪs-tənt\ *n* : one who assists : HELPER

as-size \ə-ˈsɪz\ *n* 1 : a judicial inquest 2 *pl* : the former regular sessions of the superior courts in English counties

assn *abbr* association

assoc *abbr* associate; associated; association

as-so-ci-ate \ə-ˈsō-s(h)ē-,āt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** 1 : to join in companionship or partnership 2 : to connect in thought

as-so-ci-ate \-s(h)ē-ət-,shət\ *n* 1 : a fellow worker : PARTNER 2 : COMPANION 3 *often cap* : a degree conferred *esp.* by a junior college (ˈin arts) — **associate** *adj*

as-so-ci-a-tion \-sō-s(h)ē-ˈā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of associating 2 : an organization of persons : SOCIETY

as-so-ci-a-tive \ə-ˈsō-s(h)ē-,āt-iv-,shət-iv\ *adj* : of, relating to, or involved in association and *esp.* mental association

as-so-nance \ˈas-ə-nəns\ *n* : repetition of vowels *esp.* as an alternative to rhyme in verse

as soon *conj* : immediately at or just after the time that (we'll start *as soon as* he comes)

as-sort \ə-ˈsɔrt\ *vb* 1 : to distribute into like groups 2 : HARMONIZE

as-sort-ed \-sɔrt-əd\ *adj* : consisting of various kinds

as-sort-ment \-sɔrt-mənt\ *n* : a collection of assorted things or persons

asst *abbr* assistant

as-su-age \ə-ˈswāj\ *vb* **as-su-aged**; **as-suag-ing** 1 : to make (as pain or grief) less : EASE 2 : SATISFY *syn* alleviate, relieve, lighten, mitigate

as-sume \ə-ˈsüm\ *vb* **as-sumed**; **as-sum-ing** 1 : to take upon oneself 2 : to pretend to have 3 : to take as granted though not proved

as-sump-tion \ə-ˈsəmp-shən\ *n* 1 : the taking up of a person into heaven 2 *cap* : a church festival commemorating the Assumption of Mary and celebrated on August 15 3 : a taking upon oneself 4 : PRETENSION 5 : SUPPOSITION

as-sur-ance \ə-ˈʃʊr-əns\ *n* 1 : PLEDGE 2 *chiefly Brit* : INSURANCE 3 : SECURITY 4 : SELF-CONFIDENCE; *also* : AUDACITY

as-sure \ə-ˈʃʊr\ *vb* **as-sured**; **as-sur-ing** 1 : INSURE 2 : to give confidence to 3 : to state confidently to 4 : to make certain the attainment of

as-sured \ə-ˈʃʊrd\ *n*, *pl* **assured** or **assureds** : the beneficiary of an insurance policy

as-ta-tine \ˈas-tə-,tēn\ *n* : an unstable radioactive chemical element — *see* ELEMENT table

as-ter \ˈas-tər\ *n* : any of various mostly fall-blooming leafy-stemmed herbs with daisylike purple, white, pink, or yellow flower heads

as-ter-isk \ˈas-tə-,rɪsk\ *n* [L *asteriscus*, fr. Gk *asteriskos*, lit., little star, dim. of *astēr*] : a character * used as a reference mark or as an indication of the omission of letters or words

astern \ə-ˈstɜrn\ *adv* or *adj* 1 : in, at, or toward the stern 2 : BACKWARD

ic \,at-mə-'sfir-ik, -'sfer-\ *adj* — **at-mo-spher-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

at-mo-sphe-rics \,at-mə-'sfir-iks, -'sfer-\ *n pl* : disturbances produced in a radio receiver by atmospheric electrical phenomena

atoll \ə-'tōl, -'tāl, 'ā-\ *n* : a coral island consisting of a reef surrounding a lagoon



atoll

at-om \ˈat-əm\ *n* [ME, fr. L *atomus*, fr. Gk *atomos*, fr. *atomos* indivisible, fr. *a-* not + *temnein* to cut] 1 : a tiny particle : **BIT** 2 : the smallest particle of a chemical element that can exist alone or in combination

atom bomb *n* : a very destructive bomb utilizing the energy released by splitting the atom

atom-ic \ə-'tām-ik\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to atoms, atomic energy, or atom bombs 2 : extremely small

atomic clock *n* : a precision clock regulated by the natural vibration of atoms or molecules (as of cesium or ammonia)

atomic energy *n* : energy that can be liberated by changes (as by fission or fusion) in the nucleus of an atom

atomic number *n* : the number of protons in the nucleus of an element

at-om-ize \ˈat-ə-,mīz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to reduce to minute particles

at-om-iz-er \ˈat-ə-,mī-zər\ *n* : a device for reducing a liquid to a very fine spray (as for spraying the throat)

atom smasher *n* : **ACCELERATOR** 3

aton-al \ā-'tōn-\ *adj* : marked by avoidance of traditional musical tonality — **aton-al-i-ty** \ā-tō-'nal-ət-ē\ *n* — **aton-al-ly** \ā-'tōn-\-lē\ *adv*

atone \ə-'tōn\ *vb* atoned; aton-ing 1 : to make amends 2 : **EXPIATE**

atone-ment \ə-'tōn-mənt\ *n* 1 : the reconciliation of God and man through the death of Jesus Christ 2 : reparation for an offense

atop \ə-'tāp\ *prep* : on top of

ATP \,ā-,tē-'pē\ *n* [adenosine triphosphate] : a compound that occurs widely in living tissue and supplies energy for many cellular processes by undergoing enzymatic hydrolysis

atri-um \,ā-trē-əm\ *n*, *pl* **atria** \-trē-ə\ *also* **atri-ums** 1 : the central hall of a Roman house 2 : an anatomical cavity or passage; *esp* : one of the chambers of the heart that receives blood from the veins — **atri-al** \-trē-əl\ *adj*

atro-cious \ə-'trō-shəs\ *adj* 1 : savagely brutal, cruel, or wicked 2 : very bad : **ABOMINABLE** — **atro-cious-ly** *adv* — **atro-cious-ness** *n*

atroc-i-ty \ə-'trās-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : **ATROCIOUSNESS** 2 : an atrocious act or object

at-ro-phy \,ā-trə-fē\ *n*, *pl* -phies : decrease in size or wasting away of a bodily part or tissue

atrophy *vb* -phied; -phy-ing : to cause or undergo atrophy

at-ro-pine \,ā-trə-'pēn\ *n* : a drug from belladonna and related plants used *esp*. to relieve spasms and to dilate the pupil of the eye

att *abbr* 1 attached 2 attention 3 attorney

at-tach \ə-'tach\ *vb* 1 : to seize legally in order to force payment of a debt 2 : to bind by personal ties 3 : **FASTEN**, **CONNECT** 4 : to be fastened or connected

at-ta-ché \,at-ə-'shā, -a-'ta-, ə-'ta-\ *n* [F] : a technical expert on the diplomatic staff of an ambassador

at-ta-ché case \ə-'tash-ā-, -at-ə-'shā-\ *n* : a small thin suitcase used *esp*. for carrying papers and documents

at-tach-ment \ə-'tach-mənt\ *n* 1 : legal seizure of property 2 : connection by ties of affection and regard 3 : a device attached to a machine or implement 4 : a connection by which one thing is attached to another

at-tack \ə-'tak\ *vb* 1 : to set upon with force or words

: **ASSAIL**, **ASSAULT** 2 : to set to work on

at-tack *n* 1 : an offensive action 2 : a fit of sickness

at-tain \ə-'tān\ *vb* 1 : **ACHIEVE**, **ACCOMPLISH** 2 : to arrive at

: **REACH** — **at-tain-abil-i-ty** \ə-'tā-nə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **at-tain-able** *adj*

at-tain-der \ə-'tān-dər\ *n* : extinction of the civil rights of a person upon sentence of death or outlawry

at-tain-ment \ə-'tān-mənt\ *n* 1 : the act of attaining 2 : **ACCOMPLISHMENT**

at-taint \ə-'tānt\ *vb* : to condemn to loss of civil rights

at-tar \ˈat-ər\ *n* [Per *'atir* perfumed, fr. Ar, fr. *'itr* perfume] : a fragrant floral oil

at-tempt \ə-'tempt\ *vb* : to make an effort toward : **TRY** — **attempt** *n*

at-tend \ə-'tend\ *vb* 1 : to look after : **TEND** 2 : to be present with : **ACCOMPANY** 3 : to be present at 4 : to apply oneself 5 : to pay attention 6 : to take charge (I'll ~ to that)

at-ten-dance \ə-'ten-dəns\ *n* 1 : the act or fact of attending 2 : the number of persons present

at-ten-dant \ə-'ten-dənt\ *n* : one that attends another to render a service

attendant *adj* : **ACCOMPANYING** (~ circumstances)

at-ten-tion \ə-'ten-chən\ *n* 1 : the act or state of applying the mind to an object 2 : **CONSIDERATION** 3 : an act of courtesy 4 : a position of readiness for further orders assumed on command by a soldier — **at-ten-tive** \-tē-tiv\ *adj* — **at-ten-tive-ly** *adv* — **at-ten-tive-ness** *n*

at-ten-u-ate \ə-'ten-yə-,wāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing 1 : to make or become thin 2 : **WEAKEN** — **at-ten-u-a-tion** \-,ten-yə-'wā-shən\ *n*

at-test \ə-'test\ *vb* 1 : to certify as genuine by signing as a witness 2 : **MANIFEST** 3 : **TESTIFY** — **at-tes-ta-tion** \,a-'tes-'tā-shən\ *n*

at-tic \ˈat-ik\ *n* : the space or room in a building immediately below the roof

at-tire \ə-'tī(ə)r\ *vb* at-tired; at-tir-ing : **DRESS**, **ARRAY**

attire *n* : **DRESS**, **CLOTHES**

at-ti-tude \ˈat-ə-,t(y)ūd\ *n* 1 : the arrangement of the parts of a body : **POSTURE** 2 : a mental position or feeling with regard to a fact or state 3 : the position of something in relation to something else

at-ti-tu-di-nize \,at-ə-'t(y)ūd-'n-,īz\ *vb* -nized; -niz-ing : to assume an affected mental attitude : **POSE**

attn *abbr* attention

at-tor-ney \ə-'tər-nē\ *n*, *pl* -neys : a legal agent qualified to act for persons in legal proceedings

attorney general *n*, *pl* **attorneys general** or **attorney generals** : the chief legal representative and adviser of a nation or state

at-tract \ə-'trakt\ *vb* 1 : to draw to or toward oneself : cause to approach 2 : to draw by emotional or aesthetic appeal syn charm, fascinate, allure, captivate, enchant — **at-trac-tive** \-trak-tiv\ *adj* — **at-trac-tive-ly** *adv* — **at-trac-tive-ness** *n*

at-trac-tant \ə-'trak-tənt\ *n* : a substance used to attract insects or other animals

at-trac-tion \ə-'trak-shən\ *n* 1 : the act or power of attracting; *esp* : personal charm 2 : an attractive quality, object, or feature 3 : a force tending to draw particles together

attrib *abbr* attributive; attributively

at-trib-ute \,ā-trə-,byūt\ *n* 1 : an inherent characteristic 2 : a word ascribing a quality; *esp* : **ADJECTIVE**

at-trib-ute \ə-'trib-yət\ *vb* -ut-ed; -ut-ing 1 : to explain as to cause or origin (~ the illness to fatigue) 2 : to regard

as a characteristic syn ascribe, credit, charge, impute — **at-trib-ut-able** *adj* — **at-trib-u-tion** \ə-ˈtrɪ-bjū-ʃən\ *n*
at-trib-u-tive \ə-ˈtrɪb-yət-iv\ *adj* : joined directly to a modified noun without a linking verb (*red in red hair* is an ~ adjective) — **attributive** *n*
at-tri-tion \ə-ˈtrɪʃ-ən\ *n* 1 : the act of wearing away by or as if by rubbing 2 : a reduction (as in personnel) as a result of resignation, retirement, or death
at-tune \ə-ˈt(y)ün\ *vb* : to bring into harmony : TUNE
atty *abbr* attorney
atyp-ical \ə-ˈtɪp-i-kəl\ *adj* : not typical : IRREGULAR
Au symbol [L *aurum*] gold
au-burn \ˈɒ-bɜrn\ *adj* : reddish brown — **auburn** *n*
au cou-rant \,ɒ-kū-ˈrɑ̃\ *adj* [F, lit., in the current] : UP-TO-DATE
1 auction \ˈɒk-ʃən\ *n* [L *auktion-*, *auctio*, lit., increase, fr. *auctus*, pp. of *augere* to increase] : public sale of property to the highest bidder
2 auction *vb* **auc-tioned**; **auc-tion-ing** \-ʃə(ə)-nɪŋ\ : to sell at auction
auction bridge *n* : a bridge game in which tricks made in excess of the contract are scored toward game
auc-tion-eer \ˈɒk-ʃə-ˈniər\ *n* : an agent who conducts an auction
auc-to-ri-al \ˈɒk-ˈtɔr-ē-əl\ *adj* : of or relating to an author
aud *abbr* audit; auditor
au-da-cious \ˈɒ-dā-ʃəs\ *adj* 1 : DARING, BOLD 2 : INSOLENT — **au-da-cious-ly** *adv* — **au-da-cious-ness** *n* — **au-dac-ity** \ˈɒ-das-ət-ē\ *n*
1 au-di-ble \ˈɒd-ə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being heard — **au-di-bil-ity** \ˈɒd-ə-ˈbɪl-ət-ē\ *n* — **au-di-bly** \ˈɒd-ə-blē\ *adv*
2 audible *n* : AUTOMATIC 2
au-di-ence \ˈɒd-ē-əns\ *n* 1 : a formal interview 2 : an opportunity of being heard 3 : an assembly of listeners or spectators
1 au-dio \ˈɒd-ē-, ə\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to frequencies (as of radio waves) corresponding to those of audible sound waves 2 : of or relating to sound or its reproduction and esp. high-fidelity reproduction 3 : relating to or used in the transmission or reception of sound
2 audio *n* 1 : the transmission, reception, or reproduction of sound 2 : the section of television or motion-picture equipment that deals with sound
au-di-ol-o-gy \,ɒd-ē-ˈāl-ə-jē\ *n* : a branch of science dealing with hearing and esp. with the treatment of individuals having trouble with hearing — **au-di-o-log-i-cal** \-ē-ə-ˈlāj-i-kəl\ *adj* — **au-di-ol-o-gist** \-ē-ˈāl-ə-jəst\ *n*
au-dio-phil \ˈɒd-ē-ə-ˈfɪl\ *n* : one who is enthusiastic about high-fidelity sound reproduction
au-dio-vi-su-al \,ɒd-ē-ə-ˈvɪz-(ə-w)əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or making use of both hearing and sight
au-dio-vi-su-als \-wəlz\ *n pl* : audiovisual materials (as filmstrips)
1 au-dit \ˈɒd-ət\ *n* : a formal examination and verification of financial accounts
2 audit *vb* 1 : to perform an audit on or for 2 : to attend (a course) without expecting formal credit
1 au-dition \ˈɒ-dɪʃ-ən\ *n* : HEARING; *esp* : a trial performance to appraise an entertainer's merits
2 audition *vb* **-tioned**; **-tion-ing** \-ˈdɪʃ-(ə)-nɪŋ\ : to give an audition to; *also* : to give a trial performance
au-di-tor \ˈɒd-ət-ər\ *n* 1 : LISTENER 2 : a person who audits
au-di-to-ri-um \,ɒd-ə-ˈtɔr-ē-əm\ *n* 1 : the part of a public building where an audience sits 2 : a hall or building used for public gatherings
au-di-to-ry \ˈɒd-ə-, ˈtɔr-ē\ *adj* : of or relating to hearing or to the sense or organs of hearing
auf Wie-der-seh-en \auf-ˈvɛd-ər-, zān\ *interj* [G] — used to express farewell
Aug *abbr* August
au-ger \ˈɒ-gər\ *n* : a boring tool
aught \ˈɒt, ˈæt\ *n* : ZERO, CIPHER

aug-ment \ɒg-ˈment\ *vb* : ENLARGE, INCREASE — **aug-men-ta-tion** \,ɒg-men-ˈtā-ʃən\ *n*
au gra-tin \ˈɒ-grat-ˈn, ɒ-, ˈgrāt-ə\ *adj* [F, lit., with the burnt scrapings from the pan] : covered with bread crumbs or grated cheese and browned
1 au-gur \ˈɒ-gər\ *n* : DIVINER, SOOTHYSAYER
2 augur *vb* 1 : to foretell esp. from omens 2 : to give promise of : PRESAGE
au-gu-ry \ˈɒ-g(y)-ə-rē\ *n, pl -ries* 1 : divination from omens 2 : OMEN, PORTENT
au-gust \ˈɒ-gəst\ *adj* : marked by majestic dignity or grandeur — **au-gust-ly** *adv* — **au-gust-ness** *n*
Au-gust \ˈɒ-gəst\ *n* [ME, fr. QE, fr. L *Augustus*, fr. *Augustus* Caesar] : the eighth month of the year having 31 days
au jus \ˈɒ-zhʊ(s), -ˈjʊs; ɒ-zhʊ\ *adj* [F] : served in the juice obtained from roasting
auk \ˈɒk\ *n* : any of several stocky black-and-white diving seabirds that breed in colder parts of the northern hemisphere
auld \ˈɒl(d), ˈäl(d)\ *adj*, chiefly Scot : OLD
aunt \ˈant, ˈant\ *n* 1 : the sister of one's father or mother 2 : the wife of one's uncle
au pair \ˈɒ-ˈpaər\ *n* [F, on even terms] : a foreign girl who does domestic work for a family in return for room and board and the opportunity to learn the family's language
au-ra \ˈɔr-ə\ *n* 1 : a distinctive atmosphere surrounding a given source 2 : a luminous radiation
au-ral \ˈɔr-əl\ *adj* : of or relating to the ear or to the sense of hearing
aurar *pl* of EYRIR
au-re-late \ˈɔr-ē-ət\ *adj* 1 : of a golden color or brilliance 2 : RESPLENDENT, ORNATE
au-re-ple \ˈɔr-ē-, ɒl\ or **au-re-o-la** \ˈɔ-rē-ə-lə\ *n* : HALO, NIMBUS
au re-voir \,ɔr-əv-ˈwä\ *n* [F, lit., till seeing again] : GOOD-BYE
au-ri-cle \ˈɔr-i-kəl\ *n* : an atrium of the heart
au-ric-u-lar \ˈɔ-ˈrɪk-yə-lər\ *adj* 1 : told privately (~ confession) 2 : known by the sense of hearing
au-ro-ra \ˈɔ-ˈrɔr-ə\ *n, pl auroras* or **au-ro-rae** \-(ɪ)ē\ : a luminous phenomenon of streamers or arches of light appearing in the upper atmosphere esp. of a planet's polar regions — **au-ro-ral** \-əl\ *adj*
aurora aus-tra-lis \-ɔ-ˈstrā-ləs\ *n* : an aurora that occurs in earth's southern hemisphere
aurora bo-re-al-is \,ɔ-bɔr-ē-ˈal-əs\ *n* : an aurora that occurs in earth's northern hemisphere
AUS *abbr* Army of the United States
aus-pice \ˈɔ-spəs\ *n, pl aus-pices* \-spə-səz, -sēz\ [L *auspicium*, fr. *auspic-*, *auspex* diviner by birds, fr. *avis* bird + *specere* to look, look at] 1 : observation in augury 2 : a prophetic sign or omen 3 *pl* : kindly patronage and protection
aus-pi-cious \ˈɔ-ˈspɪʃ-əs\ *adj* 1 : promising success : FAVORABLE 2 : FORTUNATE, PROSPEROUS — **aus-pi-cious-ly** *adv*
aus-tere \ˈɔ-ˈstiər\ *adj* 1 : STERN, SEVERE, STRICT 2 : ABSTEMIOUS 3 : UNADORNED (~ style) — **aus-tere-ly** *adv* — **aus-ter-ity** \ˈɔ-ˈster-ət-ē\ *n*
1 aus-tral \ˈɔs-trəl\ *adj* : SOUTHERN
2 aus-tral \au-ˈstrāl\ *n, pl aus-trales* \-ˈstrāl-əs\ *also* **australs** — see MONEY table
Aus-tra-lian \ˈɔ-ˈstrāl-yən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Australia — **Australian** *adj*
Aus-tri-an \ˈɔ-strē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Austria — **Austrian** *adj*
Aus-tro-ne-sian \,ɔs-trə-ˈnē-zhən\ *adj* : of, relating to, or

\əbʌt \əˈkɪtən \ərˈfʊrðər \əˈlæʃ \əˈlæʃ \əˈkɒt, kɑrt
 \əʊˈt \tʃˈɪn \əˈbet \əˈeɪzi \gəˈɡo \iˈhɪt \iˈlɪʃ \jɒb
 \gɪˈsɪŋ \ɒˈɡo \ɒˈlɔw \ɔɪˈbɔɪ \tʰɪn \tʰɪ the \uˈlʊt
 \uˈfʊt \yˈet \zʰvɪʒən see also Pronunciation Symbols page

constituting a family of languages spoken in the area extending from Madagascar eastward through the Malay peninsula to Hawaii and Easter Island

auth *abbr* 1 authentic 2 author 3 authorized

au-then-tic \ə-¹thent-ik, ó-² *adj* : GENUINE, REAL — **au-then-tic-al-ly** \-i- k(ə)-lē *adv* — **au-then-tic-i-ty** \,ó-, then-¹tis-ət-ē *n*

au-then-ti-cate \ə-¹thent-i-, kät, ó-² *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing : to prove genuine — **au-then-ti-ca-tion** \-, then-ti-¹kä-shən *n*

au-thor \¹ó-thər *n* [ME *auctour*, deriv. of L *auctor* originator, author, fr. *auctus*, pp. of *augēre* to increase] 1 : one that writes or composes a literary work 2 : one that originates or creates

au-thor-ess \¹ó-th(ə)-rəs *n* : a woman author

au-thor-i-tar-i-an \ó-, thär-ə-¹ter-ē-ən, ə-, -, thör-² *adj* 1 : characterized by or favoring the principle of blind obedience to authority 2 : characterized by or favoring concentration of political power in an authority not responsible to the people

au-thor-i-ta-tive \ə-¹thär-ə-, tät-iv, ó-, -¹thör-² *adj* : supported by, proceeding from, or being an authority : TRUSTWORTHY — **au-thor-i-ta-tive-ly** *adv*

au-thor-i-ty \ə-¹thär-ət-ē, ó-, -¹thör-² *n, pl* -ties 1 : a citation used in support of a statement or in defense of an action; *also* : the source of such a citation 2 : one appealed to as an expert 3 : power to influence thought or behavior 4 : freedom granted : RIGHT 5 : persons in command; *esp* : GOVERNMENT

au-tho-rize \¹ó-thə-, rīz *vb* -rized; -riz-ing 1 : SANCTION 2 : to give legal power to — **au-tho-ri-za-tion** \,ó-th(ə)-rə-¹zä-shən *n*

au-thor-ship \¹ó-thər-, ship *n* 1 : the state of being an author 2 : the source of a piece of writing, music, or art

au-tism \¹ó-, tiz-əm *n* : absorption in self-centered subjective mental activity (as daydreaming, fantasies, delusions, and hallucinations) *esp.* when accompanied by marked withdrawal from reality — **au-tis-tic** \ó-¹tis-tik *adj*

au-to \¹ót-ò *n, pl* autos : AUTOMOBILE

au-to-bahn \¹ót-ò-, bän, 'aüt-² *n* : a German expressway

au-to-bi-og-ra-phy \,ót-ə-bi-¹äg-rə-fē, -bē-² *n* : the biography of a person narrated by himself — **au-to-bi-og-ra-pher** \-fər *n* — **au-to-bi-o-graph-i-cal** \-, bi-ə-¹graf-i-kəl *adj*

au-toch-tho-nous \ó-¹täk-thə-nəs *adj* : INDIGENOUS, NATIVE

au-toc-ra-cy \ó-¹täk-rə-sē *n, pl* -cies : government by one person having unlimited power — **au-to-crat** \¹ót-ə-, krat *n* — **au-to-crat-ic** \,ót-ə-¹krat-ik *adj* — **au-to-crat-i-cal-ly** \-i- k(ə)-lē *adv*

au-to-graph \¹ót-ə-, graf *n* 1 : an original manuscript 2 : a person's signature written by hand

autograph *vb* : to write one's signature on

au-to-im-mune \,ót-ò-im-'yün *adj* : of, relating to, or caused by antibodies or lymphocytes that attack molecules, cells, or tissues of the organism producing them (<~ diseases) — **au-to-im-mu-ni-ty** \-im-'yün-ət-ē *n*

au-to-mate \¹ót-ə-, māt *vb* -mat-ed; -mat-ing 1 : to operate by automation 2 : to convert to automatic operation

au-to-mat-ic \,ót-ə-¹mat-ik *adj* 1 : INVOLUNTARY 2 : made so that certain parts act in a desired manner at the proper time : SELF-ACTING — **au-to-mat-i-cal-ly** \-i- k(ə)-lē *adv*

automatic *n* 1 : an automatic device; *esp* : an automatic firearm 2 : a substitute play called by a football quarterback at the line of scrimmage

au-to-ma-tion \,ót-ə-¹mä-shən *n* 1 : the technique of making an apparatus, a process, or a system operate automatically 2 : the state of being operated automatically 3 : automatic operation of an apparatus, process, or system by mechanical or electronic devices that replace human operators

au-tom-a-tize \ó-¹täm-ə-, tīz *vb* -tized; -tiz-ing : to make

automatic — **au-tom-a-ti-za-tion** \-, tām-ət-ə-¹zä-shən *n*
au-tom-a-ton \ó-¹täm-ət-ən, -ə-, tän *n, pl* -atons or -a-ta \-ət-ə, -ə-, tä ¹ : an automatic machine; *esp* : ROBOT 2 : an individual who acts mechanically

au-to-mo-bile \¹ót-ə-mō-, bēl, \,ót-ə-mə-¹bēl *n* : a usu. 4-wheeled automotive vehicle for passenger transportation on streets and roadways — **au-to-mo-bil-ist** \-, bē-ləst, -¹bē-² *n*

au-to-mo-tive \,ót-ə-¹mōt-iv *adj* 1 : of or relating to automobiles, trucks, or buses 2 : SELF-PROPELLED

au-to-nom-ic nervous system \,ót-ə-¹nām-ik-² *n* : a part of the vertebrate nervous system that governs involuntary actions and that consists of the sympathetic nervous system and the parasympathetic nervous system

au-ton-o-mous \ó-¹tän-ə-məs *adj* : having the right or power of self-government — **au-ton-o-mous-ly** *adv* — **au-ton-o-my** \-mē *n*

au-top-sy \¹ót-, tǎp-sē, \,ót-əp-² *n, pl* -sies [Gk *autopsia* act of seeing with one's own eyes, fr. *autos* self + *opsis* sight] : examination of a dead body usu. with dissection sufficient to determine the cause of death or extent of change produced by disease — **autopsy** *vb*

au-tumn \¹ót-əm *n* : the season between summer and winter — **au-tum-nal** \ó-¹təm-nəl *adj*

aux or auxil *abbr* auxiliary

aux-il-i-ar-y \óg-¹zil-yə-rē, -¹zil-(ə)-rē *adj* 1 : providing help 2 : functioning in a subsidiary capacity 3 : accompanying a verb form to express person, number, mood, or tense (<~ verbs)

auxiliary *n, pl* -ries 1 : an auxiliary person, group, or device 2 : an auxiliary verb

aux-in \ók-sən *n* : a plant hormone that stimulates growth in length

av *abbr* 1 avenue 2 average 3 avoirdupois

AV *abbr* 1 ad valorem 2 audiovisual 3 Authorized Version

avail \ə-¹vāl *vb* : to be of use or advantage : HELP, BENEFIT

avail *n* : USE (effort was of no ~)

avail-able \ə-¹vā-lə-bəl *adj* 1 : USABLE 2 : ACCESSIBLE — **avail-abil-i-ty** \-, vā-lə-¹bil-ət-ē *n*

av-a-lanche \av-ə-, lanch *n* : a mass of snow, ice, earth, or rock sliding down a mountainside

avant-garde \äv-, änt(t)-¹gärd *n* [F, vanguard] : those *esp.* in the arts who create or apply new or experimental ideas and techniques — **avant-garde** *adj*

av-a-ri-cious \av-(ə)-rəs *n* : excessive desire for wealth : GREED — **av-a-ri-cious** \av-ə-¹rish-əs *adj*

avast \ə-¹vast *vb* *imper* — a nautical command to stop or cease

av-a-tar \av-ə-, tär *n* [Skt *avatāra* descent] : INCARNATION

avaunt \ə-¹vónt *adv* : AWAY, HENCE

avdp *abbr* avoirdupois

ave *abbr* avenue

Ave Ma-ria \äv-, ä-mə-¹rē-ə *n* : HAIL MARY

avenge \ə-¹venj *vb* avenged; aveng-ing : to take vengeance for — **avenger** *n*

ave-nue \av-ə-, n(y)ü *n* 1 : a way or route to a place or goal : PATH 2 : a broad street *esp.* when bordered by trees

aver \ə-¹vər *vb* averred; aver-ring : to declare positively
av-er-age \av-(ə)-rij *n* [modif. of MF *avarie* damage to ship or cargo, fr. It *avaría*, fr. Ar *awāriyah* damaged merchandise] 1 : ARITHMETIC MEAN 2 : a ratio (as a rate per thousand) of successful tries to total tries (batting ~ of .303)

average *adj* 1 : equaling or approximating an arithmetic mean 2 : being about midway between extremes 3 : not out of the ordinary : COMMON

average *vb* av-er-aged; av-er-ag-ing 1 : to be at or come to an average 2 : to be usually 3 : to find the average of

averse \ə-ˈvərs\ *adj* : having an active feeling of dislike or reluctance (∼ to exercise)

aversion \ə-ˈvər-zhən\ *n* **1** : a feeling of repugnance for something with a desire to avoid it **2** : something decidedly disliked

avert \ə-ˈvɜrt\ *vb* **1** : to turn aside or away (∼ the eyes) **2** : to ward off

avg *abbr* average

avian \ˈā-vē-ən\ *adj* [L *avis* bird] : of, relating to, or derived from birds

aviary \ˈā-vē-,er-ē\ *n*, *pl* **aries** : a place where live birds are kept usu. for exhibition

aviation \,ā-vē-ˈā-shən, ,av-ē-\ *n* **1** : the operation of heavier-than-air aircraft **2** : aircraft manufacture, development, and design — **aviator** \ˈā-vē-,āt-ər, ,av-ē-\ *n*

aviatrix \,ā-vē-ˈā-triks, ,av-ē-\ *n*, *pl* **trix-es** \-trik-səz\ or **trices** \-trə-,sēz\ : a woman airplane pilot

avid \ˈav-əd\ *adj* **1** : craving eagerly : GREEDY **2** : enthusiastic in pursuit of an interest — **avidity** \ə-ˈvid-ət-ē, -ə-\ *n* — **avidly** *adv*

avionics \,ā-vē-ˈā-niks, ,av-ē-\ *n* *pl* : electronics designed for use in aerospace vehicles — **avionic** \-ik\ *adj*
avitaminosis \,ā-ˈvīt-ə-mə-ˈnō-səs\ *n*, *pl* **-oses** \-,sēz\ : disease resulting from vitamin deficiency

avo \ˈav-(,)ü\ *n*, *pl* **avos** — see *pataca* at **MONEY** table
avocado \,av-ə-ˈkād-ō, ,āv-\ *n*, *pl* **-dos** *also* **-does** [modif. of Sp *aguacate*, fr. Nahuatl *ahuacatl*, lit., testicle] : a usu. green pear-shaped fruit with rich oily flesh that is produced by a tropical American tree; *also* : this tree

avocation \,av-ə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* : a subordinate occupation pursued esp. for pleasure : HOBBY

avocet \ˈav-ə-,set\ *n* : any of several long-legged shorebirds with webbed feet and slender upward-curving bills
avoid \ə-ˈvōid\ *vb* **1** : to keep away from : SHUN **2** : to prevent the occurrence of **3** : to refrain from — **avoidable** *adj* — **avoidance** \-ns\ *n*

avoirdupois \,av-ərd-ə-ˈpōiz\ *n* [ME *avoir de pois* goods sold by weight, fr. OF, lit., goods of weight] **1** : AVOIRDUPOIS WEIGHT **2** : WEIGHT, HEAVINESS; *esp* : personal weight

avoirdupois weight *n* : a system of weights based on a pound of 16 ounces and an ounce of 16 drams — see **WEIGHT** table

avouch \ə-ˈvauch\ *vb* **1** : to declare positively : AVER **2** : GUARANTEE

avow \ə-ˈvaʊ\ *vb* : to declare openly — **avowal** \-ˈvaʊ(-ə)\ *n*

avuncular \ə-ˈvʊŋ-kyə-lər\ *adj* : of, relating to, or resembling an uncle

await \ə-ˈwaɪt\ *vb* : to wait for : EXPECT

awake \ə-ˈwāk\ *vb* **awoke** \-ˈwōk\ *also* **awaked** \-ˈwākt\; **awaked** or **awoken** \-ˈwō-kən\ *also* **awoke**; **awaking** : to bring back to consciousness after sleep : wake up

awake *adj* : not asleep; *also* : ALERT

awaken \ə-ˈwā-kən\ *vb* **awakened**; **awakening** \-ˈwāk(-ə-)nɪŋ\ : AWAKE

award \ə-ˈwɜrd\ *vb* **1** : to give by judicial decision (∼ damages) **2** : to give in recognition of merit or achievement (∼ a prize)

award *n* **1** : a final decision : JUDGMENT **2** : something awarded : PRIZE

aware \ə-ˈwær\ *adj* : having perception or knowledge : CONSCIOUS, INFORMED — **awareness** *n*

awash \ə-ˈwɒʃ, -ˈwāʃ\ *adj* **1** : washed by waves or tide **2** : AFLOAT **3** : FLOODED

away \ə-ˈwā\ *adv* **1** : from this or that place (go ∼) **2** : out

of the way **3** : in another direction (turn ∼) **4** : out of existence (fade ∼) **5** : from one's possession (give ∼) **6** : without interruption (chatter ∼) **7** : at a distance in space or time (far ∼) (∼ back in 1910)

away *adj* **1** : ABSENT **2** : distant in space or time (a lake 10 miles ∼)

awe \ˈō\ *n* **1** : profound and reverent dread of the supernatural **2** : respectful fear inspired by authority

awe *vb* **awed**; **awing** : to inspire with awe

aweigh \ə-ˈwā\ *adj* : just clear of the bottom and hanging perpendicularly (anchors ∼)

awesome \ˈō-səm\ *adj* **1** : expressive of awe **2** : inspiring awe

awe-struck \-,strək\ *also* **awe-stricken** \-,stri-kən\ *adj* : filled with awe

awful \ˈō-fəl\ *adj* **1** : inspiring awe **2** : extremely disagreeable **3** : very great — **awfully** \-lē\ *adv*

awhile \ə-ˈhwɪl\ *adv* : for a while

awhirl \ə-ˈhwɜrl\ *adj* : in a whirl : WHIRLING

awkward \ˈō-kwɜrd\ *adj* **1** : CLUMSY **2** : UNGRACEFUL **3** : difficult to explain : EMBARRASSING **4** : difficult to deal with — **awkwardly** *adv* — **awkwardness** *n*

awl \ˈōl\ *n* : a pointed instrument for making small holes
awning \ˈōn-ɪŋ\ *n* : a rooflike cover (as of canvas) extended over or in front of a place as a shelter

AWOL \ˈā-,wɒl, ,ā-,dəb-əl-yū-,ō-ˈel\ *n* : a person who is absent without leave — **AWOL** *adj* or *adv*

awry \ə-ˈrɪ\ *adv* or *adj* **1** : ASKEW **2** : out of the right course : AMISS

ax or **axe** \ˈaks\ *n* : a chopping or cutting tool with an edged head fitted parallel to a handle

axial \ˈak-sē-əl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or functioning as an axis **2** : situated around, in the direction of, on, or along an axis — **axially** \ˈak-sē-əl-ē\ *adv*

axiom \ˈak-sē-əm\ *n* [L *axioma*, fr. Gk *axioma*, lit., honor, fr. *axioun* to think worthy, fr. *axios* worth, worthy] **1** : a statement generally accepted as true : MAXIM **2** : a proposition regarded as a self-evident truth — **axiomatic** \ˈak-sē-ə-ˈmat-ik\ *adj* — **axiomatically** \-i-k(-ə)-lē\ *adv*

axis \ˈak-səs\ *n*, *pl* **axes** \-,sēz\ **1** : a real or imaginary straight line passing through a body that actually or supposedly revolves upon it (the earth's ∼) **2** : one of the reference lines of a system of coordinates **3** : a straight line with respect to which a body or figure is symmetrical **4** : a bodily structure around which parts are arranged in a symmetrical way; *esp* : the main stem of a plant from which leaves and branches arise **5** : an alliance between major powers

axle \ˈak-səl\ *n* : a shaft on which a wheel revolves

ayah \ˈī-ə\ *n* [Hindi *āyā*, fr. Pg *aia*, fr. L *avia* grandmother] : a native nurse or maid in India

aya-tol-lah \ī-ə-ˈtō-lə, -ˈtāl-ə, -ˈtəl-ə, ˈī-ə-, ˈī-ə-tə-ˈlā\ *n* [Per, lit., sign of God, fr. *Ar* *ayat* sign, miracle + *allāh* God] : an Islamic religious leader — used as a title of respect

aye *also* **ay** \ˈā\ *adv* : ALWAYS, EVER

aye *also* **ay** \ˈī\ *adv* : YES

aye *also* **ay** \ˈī\ *n*, *pl* **ayes** : an affirmative vote

AZ *abbr* Arizona

aza-lea \ə-ˈzāl-yə\ *n* : any of numerous rhododendrons with funnel-shaped blossoms and usu. deciduous leaves
azi-muth \ˈaz(-ə-)məθ\ *n* : horizontal direction expressed as an angular distance

Aztec \ˈaz-,tek\ *n* : a member of an American Indian people that founded the Mexican empire and were conquered by Hernan Cortes in 1519 — **Aztec-an** *adj*

azure \ˈazh-ər\ *n* : the blue of the clear sky — **azure** *adj*

\əˈbut \ˈkitten \əˈfurther \əˈwash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
\əʊˈout \chˈchin \eˈbet \eˈeasy \eˈgo \iˈhlt \iˈvice \jˈjob
\ŋˈsing \oˈgo \oˈlaw \oˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \üˈloot
\oˈfoot \yˈet \zhˈvision see *also* Pronunciation Symbols page

B

b *\bē* *n*, *pl b's or bs* *\bēz* *often cap 1* : the 2d letter of the English alphabet **2** : a grade rating a student's work as good

²b abbr, *often cap 1* bachelor **2** bass **3** bishop **4** book **5** born

B *symbol* boron

Ba *symbol* barium

BA *abbr 1* bachelor of arts **2** batting average

bab-bitt metal *\bab-ət-* *n* : an alloy used for lining bearings; *esp* : one containing tin, copper, and antimony

bab-ble *\bab-əl\ vb bab-bled; bab-bling* *\-(ə-)liŋ\ 1* : to utter meaningless sounds **2** : to talk foolishly or excessively — **babble** *n* — **bab-bler** *\-(ə-)lər\ n*

babe *\bāb\ n 1* : **BABY** **2** *slang* : GIRL, WOMAN

ba-bel *\bā-bəl, 'bab-əl\ n, often cap* [fr. the Tower of Babel, Gen 11:4-9] : a place or scene of noise and confusion; *also* : a confused sound *syn* hubbub, racket, din, uproar, clamor

ba-boon *\ba-'būn\ n* [ME *babewin*, fr. MF *babouin*, fr. *baboue* grimace] : any of several large apes of Asia and Africa with doglike muzzles

ba-bush-ka *\bə-'būsh-kə, -'būsh-\ n* [Russ, grandmother, dim. of *baba* old woman] : a kerchief for the head

ba-by *\bā-bē\ n, pl babies 1* : a very young child : **INFANT** **2** : the youngest or smallest of a group **3** : a childish person — **baby** *adj* — **ba-by-hood** *n* — **ba-by-ish** *adj*

²baby *vb* **ba-bied; ba-by-ing** : to tend or treat often with excessive care

baby's breath *n* : any of a genus of herbs that are related to the pinks and have small delicate flowers

ba-by-sit *\bā-bē-'sit\ vb -sat -\, sat\; -sit-ting* : to care for children usu. during a short absence of the parents — **ba-by-sit-ter** *n*

bac-ca-lau-re-ate *\bak-ə-'lór-ē-ət\ n 1* : the degree of bachelor conferred by colleges and universities **2** : a sermon delivered to a graduating class

bac-ca-rat *\bāk-ə-'trā, 'bak-\ n* : a card game played esp. in European casinos

bac-cha-nal *\bak-ən-əl, 'bak-ə-'nal, 'bāk-ə-'nāl\ n 1* : **REVELER** **2** : drunken revelry : **BACCHANALIA**

bac-cha-na-lia *\bak-ə-'nāl-yə\ n, pl bacchanalia* : a drunken orgy — **bac-cha-na-lian** *\-'nāl-yən\ adj or n*

bach-e-lor *\bach-(ə-)lór\ n 1* : a person who has received the usu. lowest degree conferred by a 4-year college **2** : a man who has not married — **bach-e-lor-hood** *n*

bach-e-lor-ette *\bach-(ə-)lə-'ret\ n* : a young unmarried woman

bachelor's button *n* : a European plant related to the daisies and having blue, pink, or white flower heads

ba-cil-lus *\bə-'sil-əs\ n, pl -li -\, -l* [NL, fr. ML, small staff, dim. of *L baculus* staff] : any of numerous rod-shaped bacteria; *also* : a disease-producing bacterium — **bac-il-lary** *\bas-ə-,ler-ē\ adj*

¹back *\bak\ n 1* : the rear or dorsal part of the human body; *also* : the corresponding part of a lower animal **2** : the part or surface opposite the front **3** : a player in the backfield in football — **back-less** *\-ləs\ adj*

²back *adv 1* : to, toward, or at the rear **2** : **AGO** **3** : so as to be restrained or retarded **4** : to, toward, or in a former place or state **5** : in return or reply

³back *adj 1* : located at or in the back; *also* : **REMOTE** **2** : **OVERDUE** **3** : moving or operating backward **4** : not current *syn* posterior, hind, rear

⁴back *vb 1* : **SUPPORT**, **UPHOLD** **2** : to go or cause to go backward or in reverse **3** : to furnish with a back : form the back of

back-ache *\bak-'āk\ n* : pain in the back; *esp* : a dull persistent pain in the lower back

back-bench-er *\-'ben-cher\ n* : a rank-and-file member of a British legislature

back-bite *\-,bit\ vb -bit -\, bit\; -bit-ten -\, bit-'n\; -bit-ing -\, bit-iŋ* : to say mean or spiteful things about someone who is absent — **back-bit-er** *n*

back-board *\-,bōrd\ n* : a board or construction placed at the back or serving as a back

back-bone *\-'bōn, -,bōn\ n 1* : the bony column in the back of a vertebrate that is the chief support of the trunk and consists of a jointed series of vertebrae enclosing and protecting the spinal cord **2** : firm resolute character

back-drop *\'bak-,dräp\ n* : a painted cloth hung across the rear of a stage

back-er *\'bak-ər\ n* : one that supports *syn* upholder, guarantor, sponsor, patron

back-field *\-,feld\ n* : the football players whose positions are behind the line

¹back-fire *\-,fi(ə)r\ n* : a loud noise caused by the improperly timed explosion of fuel in the cylinder of an internal-combustion engine

²backfire *vb 1* : to make or undergo a backfire **2** : to have a result opposite to what was intended

back-gam-mon *\'bak-,gam-ən\ n* : a game played with pieces on a double board in which the moves are determined by throwing dice

back-ground *\'bak-,gräund\ n 1* : the scenery behind something **2** : the setting within which something takes place; *also* : the sum of a person's experience, training, and understanding

back-hand *\'bak-,hand\ n* : a stroke (as in tennis) made with the back of the hand turned in the direction in which the hand is moving; *also* : the side on which such a stroke is made — **back-hand** *vb*

back-hand-ed *\'bak-'han-dəd\ adj 1* : using or made with a backhand **2** : **INDIRECT**, **DEVIOUS**; *esp* : **SARCASTIC**

back-hoe *\'bak-,hō\ n* : an excavating machine having a bucket that is drawn toward the machine in operation

back-ing *\'bak-iŋ\ n 1* : something forming a back **2** : **SUPPORT**, **AID**; *also* : a body of supporters

back-lash *\'bak-'lash\ n 1* : a sudden violent backward movement or reaction **2** : a strong adverse reaction

¹back-log *\-,lög, -'läg\ n 1* : a large log at the back of a hearth fire **2** : an accumulation of tasks unperformed or materials not processed

²backlog *vb* : to accumulate in reserve

back of *prep* : **BEHIND**

back out *vb* : to withdraw esp. from a commitment or contest

¹back-pack *\'bak-,pak\ n* : a camping pack supported by an aluminum frame and carried on the back

²backpack *vb* : to hike with a backpack — **back-pack-er** *n*

back-ped-al *\'bak-,ped-əl\ vb* : **RETREAT**

back-rest *\-,rest\ n* : a rest for the back

back-side *\-'sīd\ n* : **BUTTOCKS**

back-slap *\-,slap\ vb* : to display excessive cordiality — **back-slap-per** *n*

back-slide *\-,slīd\ vb -slid -\, slid\; -slid or -slid-den -\, slid-'n\; -slid-iŋ -\, slid-iŋ* : to lapse morally or in religious practice — **back-slid-er** *n*

back-spin *\-,spīn\ n* : a backward rotary motion of a ball

¹back-stage *\'bak-,stāj\ adj 1* : relating to or occurring in the area behind a stage **2** : of or relating to the private lives of theater people **3** : of or relating to the inner working or operation

²back-stage *\'bak-'stāj\ adv 1* : in or to a backstage area **2** : **SECRETLY**

back-stairs \-, stɑ:rz\ *adj* : SECRET, FURTIVE; *also* : SORDID, SCANDALOUS

back-stop \-, stɑ:p\ *n* : something serving as a stop behind something else; *esp* : a screen or fence to keep a ball from leaving the field of play

backstop *vb* 1 : to serve as a backstop to 2 : SUPPORT
back-stretch \ˈbak-ˈstretʃ\ *n* : the side opposite the homestretch on a racecourse

back-stroke \-, strɒk\ *n* : a swimming stroke executed on the back

back talk *n* : an impudent, insolent, or argumentative reply

back-track \ˈbak-ˌtrak\ *vb* 1 : to retrace one's course 2 : to reverse a position or stand

back-up \-, əp\ *n* : one that serves as a substitute or alternative

back-ward \ˈbak-wərd\ *or* **back-wards** \-wərdz\ *adv* 1 : toward the back 2 : with the back foremost 3 : in a reverse or contrary direction or way 4 : toward the past; *also* : toward a worse state

backward *adj* 1 : directed, turned, or done backward 2 : DIFFIDENT, SHY 3 : retarded in development — **backward-ness** *n*

back-wash \ˈbak-, wɒʃ-, -, wəʃh\ *n* : backward movement (as of water or air) produced by a propelling force (as the motion of oars)

back-water \-, wɒt-ər-, -, wāt-\ *n* 1 : water held or turned back in its course 2 : an isolated or backward place or condition

back-woods \-ˈwʊdz\ *n pl* 1 : wooded or partly cleared areas far from cities 2 : a remote or isolated place

ba-con \ˈbā-kən\ *n* : salted and smoked meat from the sides or back of a pig

bacteria *pl of* BACTERIUM

bac-te-ri-cid-al \ˈbak-, tɪr-ə-ˈsɪd-əl\ *adj* : destroying bacteria — **bac-te-ri-cide** \-ˈtɪr-ə-, sɪd\ *n*

bac-te-ri-ol-o-gy \ˈbak-, tɪr-ə-ˈəl-ə-jē\ *n* 1 : a science dealing with bacteria 2 : bacterial life and phenomena — **bac-te-ri-o-log-ic** \ˈbak-, tɪr-ə-ˈləj-ik\ *or* **bac-te-ri-o-log-i-cal** \-ˈləj-i-kəl\ *adj* — **bac-te-ri-ol-o-gist** \ˈbak-, tɪr-ə-ˈəl-ə-jəst\ *n*

bac-te-ri-o-phage \ˈbak-ˈtɪr-ə-ə-, fəj\ *n* : any of various viruses that attack specific bacteria

bac-te-ri-um \ˈbak-ˈtɪr-ə-əm\ *n, pl -ria* \-ē-ə\ [NL, fr. Gk *baktērion* staff] : any of a class of microscopic plants including some that are disease producers and others that are valued *esp.* for their chemical effects (as fermentation) — **bac-te-ri-al** \-ē-əl\ *adj*

bad \ˈbəd\ *adj* worse \ˈwɜ:rs\; worst \ˈwɜ:rst\ 1 : below standard : POOR; *also* : UNFAVORABLE (a ~ report) 2 : SPOILED, DECAYED 3 : WICKED; *also* : not well-behaved : NAUGHTY 4 : DISAGREEABLE (a ~ taste); *also* : HARMFUL 5 : DEFECTIVE, FAULTY (~ wiring); *also* : not valid (a ~ check) 6 : UNWELL, ILL 7 : SORRY, REGRETFUL *syn* evil, wrong, immoral, iniquitous, wicked — **bad-ly** *adv* — **bad-ness** *n*

bade *past and past part of* BID

badge \ˈbɑj\ *n* : a device or token usu. worn as a sign of status

bad-ger \ˈbaj-ər\ *n* : any of several sturdy burrowing mammals with long claws on their forefeet

badger *vb* **bad-gered**; **bad-ger-ing** \ˈbaj-(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to harass or annoy persistently

ba-di-nage \ˈbəd-ˈn-əʒh\ *n* [F] : playful talk back and forth : BANTER

bad-land \ˈbəd-, land\ *n* : a region marked by intricate erosional sculpturing and scanty vegetation — *usu.* used in *pl.*

bad-min-ton \ˈbəd-, mint-ən\ *n* : a court game played with light rackets and a shuttlecock volleyed over a net

Bae-de-ker \ˈbād-i-kər, ˈbed-\ *n* : GUIDEBOOK

baf-fle \ˈbaf-əl\ *vb* **baf-fled**; **baf-ling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : FRUSTRATE, THWART, FOIL; *also* : PERPLEX

baffle *n* : a device (as a wall or screen) to deflect, check, or regulate flow (as of liquid or sound)

bag \ˈbæg\ *n* : a flexible usu. closable container (as for storing or carrying)

bag *vb* **bagged**; **bag-ging** 1 : DISTEND, BULGE 2 : to put in a bag 3 : to get possession of; *esp* : to take in hunting *syn* trap, snare, catch, capture, collar

ba-gasse \bə-ˈgæs\ *n* [F] : plant residue (as of sugarcane) left after a product (as juice) has been extracted

bag-a-telle \ˌbag-ə-ˈtel\ *n* [F] : TRIFLE

ba-gel \ˈbā-gəl\ *n* [Yiddish *beygel*, deriv. of Old High German *boug* ring] : a hard glazed doughnut-shaped roll

bag-gage \ˈbag-i\ *n* 1 : the traveling bags and personal belongings of a traveler : LUGGAGE 2 : a worthless or contemptible woman

bag-gy \ˈbag-ē\ *adj* **bag-gi-er**; -est : puffed out or hanging like a bag — **bag-gi-ly** \ˈbag-ə-lē\ *adv* — **bag-gi-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*

bag-man \-mən\ *n* : a person who collects or distributes illicitly gained money on behalf of another

ba-gnio \ˈban-yō\ *n, pl bagnios* [It *bagno*, lit., public baths] : BROTHEL

bag of waters : a double-walled fluid-filled sac that encloses and protects the fetus in the womb and that breaks releasing its fluid during the process of birth
bag-pipe \ˈbag-, pip\ *n* : a musical wind instrument consisting of a bag, a tube with valves, and sounding pipes — often used in *pl.*

ba-guette \ˈba-ˈget\ *n* [F, lit., rod] : a gem having the shape of a long narrow rectangle; *also* : the shape itself
baht \ˈbāt\ *n, pl baht* *also* **bahts** — see MONEY table

bail \ˈbāl\ *n* : a container for ladling water out of a boat

bail *vb* : to dip and throw out water from a boat

bail *n* : security given to guarantee a prisoner's appearance when legally required; *also* : one giving such security or the release secured

bail *vb* : to release under bail; *also* : to procure the release of by giving bail — **bail-able** \ˈbā-lə-bəl\ *adj*

bail *n* : the arched handle of a pail or kettle

bail-liff \ˈbā-lɪf\ *n* 1 : an aide of a British sheriff who serves writs and makes arrests; *also* : a minor officer of a U.S. court 2 : an estate or farm manager *esp.* in Britain : STEWARD

bail-li-wick \ˈbā-li-, wik\ *n* : one's special province or domain *syn* territory, field, sphere, domain, province

bails-man \ˈbālz-mən\ *n* : one who gives bail for another

bairn \ˈbaərn\ *n, chiefly Scot* : CHILD

bait \ˈbāt\ *vb* 1 : to persecute by continued attacks 2 : to harass with dogs usu. for sport (~ a bear) 3 : to furnish (as a hook) with bait 4 : ALLURE, ENTICE 5 : to give food and drink to (as an animal) *syn* badger, heckle, hound

bait *n* 1 : a lure for catching animals (as fish) 2 : LURE, TEMPTATION *syn* snare, trap, decoy, come-on, enticement

bai-za \ˈbi-, (-)zä\ *n* — see *rial* at MONEY table

baize \ˈbāz\ *n* : a coarse feltlike fabric

bake \ˈbāk\ *vb* **baked**; **bak-ing** 1 : to cook or become cooked in dry heat *esp.* in an oven 2 : to dry and harden by heat (~ bricks) — **bak-er** *n*

bake *n* : a social gathering featuring baked food

baker's dozen *n* : THIRTEEN

bak-ery \ˈbā-k(-ə-)rē\ *n, pl -er-ies* : a place for baking or selling baked goods

bake-shop \ˈbāk-, shāp\ *n* : BAKERY

baking powder *n* : a powder that consists of a carbonate, an acid, and a starch and that makes the dough rise in baking cakes and biscuits

baking soda *n* : SODIUM BICARBONATE

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ˈaʊ\out ˈch\chin ˈe\bet ˈe\easy ˈg\go ˈh\hit ˈi\ce ˈj\job
ˈŋ\sing ˈo\go ˈo\law ˈo\boy ˈth\thin ˈth\the ˈu\foot
ˈu\foot ˈy\et ˈz\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

bak-sheesh \ˈbak-,shēsh\ *n* : payment (as a tip or bribe) to expedite service

bal *abbr* balance

bal-a-lai-ka \bal-ə-ˈlī-kə\ *n* : a triangular wooden instrument related to the guitar and used esp. in the U.S.S.R.

ˈbal-ance \ˈbal-əns\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. LL *bilanc-*, *bilanx* having two scalepans, fr. L *bi* two + *lanc-*, *lanx* plate] **1** : a weighing device : **SCALE** **2** : a weight, force, or influence counteracting the effect of another **3** : an oscillating wheel used to regulate a watch or clock **4** : a state of equilibrium **5** : REMAINDER, REST; *esp* : an amount in excess esp. on the credit side of an account — **bal-anced** \-ənst\ *adj*

ˈbalance *vb* **bal-anced**; **bal-anc-ing** **1** : to compute the balance of an account **2** : to arrange so that one set of elements equals another; *also* : to equal or equalize in weight, number, or proportions **3** : WEIGH **4** : to bring or come to a state or position of equipoise; *also* : to bring into harmony or proportion

balance wheel *n* : a wheel that regulates or stabilizes the motion of a mechanism

bal-boa \bal-ˈbō-ə\ *n* — see MONEY table

bal-brig-gan \bal-ˈbrīg-ən\ *n* : a knitted cotton fabric used esp. for underwear

bal-co-ny \bal-kə-nē\ *n*, *pl* -nies **1** : a platform projecting from the side of a building and enclosed by a railing **2** : a gallery inside a building

ˈbald \ˈböld\ *adj* **1** : lacking a natural or usual covering (as of hair) **2** : UNADORNED, PLAIN *syn* bare, barren, naked, nude — **bald-ness** *n*

ˈbald *vb* : to become bald

bal-da-chin \ˈböl-də-kən, ˈbal- or bal-da-chi-no \, bal-də-ˈkē-nō\ *n*, *pl* baldachins or baldachinos : a canopylike structure over an altar

bald eagle *n* : an eagle of No. America that when mature has white head and neck feathers and a white tail

bal-der-dash \ˈböl-dər-,dash\ *n* : NONSENSE

bal-dric \ˈböl-drik\ *n* : a belt worn over the shoulder to carry a sword or bugle

ˈbale \ˈbāl\ *n* : a large bundle or closely packed package

ˈbale *vb* **baled**; **bal-ing** : to pack in a bale — **bal-er** *n*

ba-leen \bə-ˈlēn\ *n* : WHALEBONE

bale-ful \ˈbāl-fəl\ *adj* : DEADLY, HARMFUL; *also* : OMINOUS *syn* sinister, malefic, maleficent, malign

ˈbalk \ˈbök\ *n* **1** : HINDRANCE, CHECK, SETBACK **2** : an illegal motion of the pitcher in baseball while in position

ˈbalk *vb* **1** : BLOCK, THWART **2** : to stop short and refuse to go on **3** : to commit a balk in sports *syn* frustrate, baffle, foil, thwart

balky \ˈbō-kē\ *adj* **balk-i-er**; -est : likely to balk

ˈball \ˈböl\ *n* **1** : a rounded body or mass (as at the base of the thumb or for use as a missile or in a game) **2** : a game played with a ball **3** : a pitched baseball that misses the strike zone and is not swung at by the batter **4** : a hit or thrown ball in various games (foul ~)

ˈball *vb* : to form into a ball

ˈball *n* : a large formal dance

bal-lad \ˈbal-əd\ *n* **1** : a simple song : AIR **2** : a narrative poem of strongly marked rhythm suitable for singing **3** : a slow romantic dance song

bal-lad-eer \, bal-ə-ˈdiər\ *n* : a singer of ballads

ˈbal-last \ˈbal-əst\ *n* **1** : heavy material used to stabilize a ship or control a balloon's ascent **2** : crushed stone laid in a railroad bed or used in making concrete

ˈballast *vb* : to provide with ballast *syn* balance, stabilize, steady

ball bearing *n* : a bearing in which the revolving part turns upon steel balls that roll easily in a groove; *also* : one of the balls in such a bearing

ball-car-rier \ˈböl-,kar-ē-ər\ *n* : the football player carrying the ball in an offensive play

bal-le-ri-na \bal-ə-ˈrē-nə\ *n* : a female ballet dancer

bal-let \ˈba-,lā, ba-ˈlā\ *n* **1** : dancing in which fixed poses

and steps are combined with light flowing movements often to convey a story; *also* : a theatrical art form using ballet dancing **2** : a company of ballet dancers

bal-let-o-mane \ba-ˈlet-ə-,mān\ *n* : a devotee of ballet

bal-lis-tic missile \bə-ˈlis-tik-\ *n* : a self-propelled missile that is guided during ascent and that falls freely during descent

bal-lis-tics \-tik-s\ *n* *sing or pl* **1** : the science of the motion of projectiles (as bullets) in flight **2** : the flight characteristics of a projectile — **ballistic** *adj*

ball of fire : an unusually energetic person

ˈbal-loon \bə-ˈlün\ *n* **1** : a bag filled with gas or heated air so as to rise and float in the atmosphere **2** : a toy consisting of an inflatable rubber bag — **bal-loon-ist** *n*

ˈballoon *vb* **1** : to travel in a balloon **2** : to swell or puff out **3** : to increase rapidly

ˈbal-lot \ˈbal-ət\ *n* [It *ballotta* small ball used in secret voting, fr. It dial., dim. of *balla* ball] **1** : a piece of paper used to cast a vote **2** : the action or a system of voting; *also* : the right to vote

ˈballot *vb* : to decide by ballot : VOTE

ˈball-park \ˈböl-,park\ *n* : a park in which ball games are played

ˈballpark *adj* : approximately correct (~ estimate)

ball-point \ˈböl-,point\ *n* : a pen whose writing point is a small rotating metal ball that inks itself from an inner container

bal-room \ˈböl-,rüm, -,rüm\ *n* : a large room for dances

bal-ly-hoo \ˈbal-ē-,hū\ *n*, *pl* -hoos : extravagant statements and claims made for publicity — **ballyhoo** *vb*

balm \ˈbām, ˈbālm\ *n* **1** : a fragrant healing or soothing lotion or ointment **2** : any of several spicy fragrant herbs **3** : something that comforts or soothes

balmy \ˈbām-ē, ˈbāl-mē\ *adj* **balm-i-er**; -est **1** : gently soothing : MILD **2** : FOOLISH, ABSURD *syn* soft, bland, mild, gentle — **balm-i-ness** *n*

ba-lo-ney \bə-ˈlō-nē\ *n* : NONSENSE

bal-sa \ˈböl-sə\ *n* : the extremely light strong wood of a tropical American tree; *also* : the tree

bal-sam \ˈböl-səm\ *n* **1** : a fragrant aromatic and usu. resinous substance oozing from various plants; *also* : a preparation containing or smelling like balsam **2** : a balsam-yielding tree (as balsam fir) **3** : a common garden ornamental plant

balsam fir *n* : a resinous American evergreen tree that is widely used for pulpwood and as a Christmas tree

Bal-ti-more oriole \ˈböl-tə-,mōr-\ *n* : a common American oriole in which the male is brightly colored with orange, black, and white

bal-us-ter \ˈbal-ə-stər\ *n* [F *balustre*, fr. It *balaustro*, fr. *balaustra* wild pomegranate flower, fr. L *balaustum*; fr. its shape] : an upright support of a rail (as of a staircase)

bal-us-trade \-ə-,strād\ *n* : a row of balusters topped by a rail

bam-boo \bam-ˈbü\ *n*, *pl* bamboos : any of various woody mostly tall tropical grasses including some with strong hollow stems used for building, furniture, or utensils

bamboo curtain *n*, *often* *cap* B&C : a political, military, and ideological barrier in the Orient

bam-boo-zle \bam-ˈbü-zəl\ *vb* -boo-zled; -boo-zling \-ˈbü-z-(ə-)liŋ\ : TRICK, HOODWINK

ˈban \ˈban\ *vb* **banned**; **ban-ning** : PROHIBIT, FORBID

ˈban *n* **1** : CURSE **2** : a legal or formal prohibiting

ˈban \ˈbän\ *n*, *pl* ba-ni \ˈbän-ē\ — see *leu* at MONEY table

ba-nal \bə-ˈnāl, -ˈnal; ˈbän-əl\ *adj* [F] : COMMONPLACE, TRITE — **ba-nal-i-ty** \bə-ˈnal-ət-ē\ *n*

ba-nana \bə-ˈnan-ə\ *n* : a tree-like tropical plant bearing thick clusters of yellow or reddish finger-shaped fruit; *also* : this fruit

ˈband \ˈband\ *n* **1** : something that binds, ties, or goes around **2** : a strip or stripe that can be distinguished (as by color or texture) from nearby matter **3** : a range of

wavelengths (as in radio) **4** : a group of grooves on a phonograph record containing recorded sound

band vb 1 : to tie up, finish, or enclose with a band **2** : to gather or unite in a company or for some common end — **band-er n**

band n : a group of persons, animals, or things; *esp* : a group of musicians organized for playing together

bandage \ˈbān-dij\ *n* : a strip of material used *esp.* in dressing wounds

bandage vb **band-aged**; **band-ag-ing** : to dress or cover with a bandage

ban-dan-na or **ban-dana** \bān-ˈdān-ə\ *n* : a large colored figured handkerchief

B and B *abbr* bed-and-breakfast

band-box \ˈbān(d)-ˌbāks\ *n* : a usu. cylindrical box for carrying clothing

band-ed \ˈbān-dəd\ *adj* : having or marked with bands

ban-de-rol or **ban-de-rol** \ˈbān-də-,rōl\ *n* : a long narrow forked flag or streamer

ban-dit \ˈbān-dət\ *n* [It *bandito*, fr. *bandire* to banish] **1 pl** also **ban-dit-ti** \ˈbān-ˌdit-ē\ : an outlaw who lives by plunder; *esp* : a member of a band of marauders **2** : ROBBER — **ban-dit-ry** \ˈbān-də-trē\ *n*

ban-do-li-er or **ban-do-leer** \ˌbān-də-ˈli-ər\ *n* : a belt slung over the shoulder *esp.* to carry ammunition

band saw n : a saw in the form of an endless steel belt running over pulleys

band-stand \ˈbān(d)-ˌstænd\ *n* : a usu. roofed platform on which a band or orchestra performs outdoors

b and w *abbr* black and white

band-wag-on \ˈbān-d-ˌwag-ən\ **n 1** : a wagon carrying musicians in a parade **2** : a movement that attracts support because it seems to be gaining popularity

ban-dy \ˈbān-dē\ *vb* **ban-died**; **ban-dy-ing** **1** : to exchange (as blows or quips) *esp.* in rapid succession **2** : to use in a glib or offhand way

bandy adj : curved outward (∼ legs)

bane \ˈbān\ **n 1** : POISON **2** : WOE, HARM; also : a source of this — **bane-ful adj**

bang \ˈbɑŋ\ *vb 1* : BUMP (fell and ∼ed his knee) **2** : to strike, thrust, or move usu. with a loud noise

bang n 1 : a resounding blow **2** : a sudden loud noise

bang adv : DIRECTLY, RIGHT

bang n : a fringe of hair cut short (as across the forehead) — *usu.* used in pl.

bang vb : to cut a bang in

Ban-gla-deshi \ˌbāŋ-glə-ˈdesh-ē\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Bangladesh — **Bangladeshi adj**

ban-gle \ˈbɑŋ-gəl\ *n* : BRACELET; also : a loose-hanging ornament

bang-up \ˈbɑŋ-,əp\ *adj* : FIRST-RATE, EXCELLENT (a ∼ job)

bani pl of ³BAN

ban-ish \ˈbān-ish\ *vb 1* : to require by authority to leave a country **2** : to drive out : EXPEL *syn* exile, ostracize, deport, expel, relegate — **ban-ish-ment n**

ban-is-ter \ˈbān-ə-stər\ **n 1** : one of the upright supports of a handrail along a staircase **2** : the handrail of a staircase

ban-jo \ˈbān-jō\ *n, pl* banjos also banjoes : a musical instrument with a long neck, a drumlike body, and usu. five strings — **ban-jo-ist n**

bank \ˈbɑŋk\ *n 1* : a piled-up mass (as of cloud or earth) **2** : an undersea elevation **3** : rising ground bordering a lake, river, or sea **4** : the sideways slope of a surface along a curve or of a vehicle as it rounds a curve

bank vb 1 : to form a bank about **2** : to cover (as a fire) with fuel to keep inactive **3** : to build (a curve) with the roadbed or track inclined laterally upward from the inside edge **4** : to pile or heap in a bank; also : to arrange in a tier **5** : to incline (an airplane) laterally

bank n [ME, fr. MF or It; MF *banque*, fr. It *banca*, lit., bench] **1** : an establishment concerned *esp.* with the custody, loan, exchange, or issue of money, the exten-

sion of credit, and the transmission of funds **2** : a stock of or a place for holding something in reserve (a blood ∼)

bank vb 1 : to conduct the business of a bank **2** : to deposit money or have an account in a bank — **bank-er n** — **bank-ing n**

bank n : a group of objects arranged close together (as in a row or tier) (a ∼ of file drawers)

bank-book \ˈbɑŋk-,bʊk\ *n* : the depositor's book in which a bank records deposits and withdrawals

bank-card \-,kɑrd\ *n* : a credit card issued by a bank

bank note n : a promissory note issued by a bank and circulating as money

bank-roll \ˈbɑŋk-,rōl\ *n* : supply of money : FUNDS

bank-rupt \ˈbɑŋk-(ˌ)rəpt\ *n* : an insolvent person; *esp* : one whose property is turned over by court action to a trustee to be handled for the benefit of his creditors — **bankrupt vb**

bankrupt adj 1 : reduced to financial ruin; *esp* : legally declared a bankrupt **2** : wholly lacking in or deprived of some essential (∼ soils) — **bank-rupt-cy** \ˈbɑŋk-(ˌ)rəp-(t)sē\ *n*

ban-ner \ˈbān-ər\ *n 1* : a piece of cloth attached to a staff and used by a leader as his standard **2** : FLAG

banner adj : distinguished from all others *esp.* in excellence (a ∼ year)

ban-nock \ˈbān-ək\ *n* : a flat oatmeal or barley cake usu. cooked on a griddle

banns \ˈbanz\ *n pl* : public announcement *esp.* in church of a proposed marriage

ban-quet \ˈbɑŋ-kwət\ *n* [MF, fr. It *banchetto*, fr. dim. of *banca* bench, bank] : a ceremonial dinner — **banquet vb**

ban-quette \ˈbɑŋ-ˈket\ *n* : a long upholstered bench *esp.* along a wall

ban-shee \ˈbān-shē\ *n* [ScGael *bean-sith*, fr. or akin to Old Irish *ben síde* woman of fairyland] : a female spirit in Gaelic folklore whose wailing warns a family that one of them will soon die

ban-tam \ˈbānt-əm\ *n 1* : any of numerous small domestic fowls that are often miniatures of standard breeds **2** : a small but pugnacious person

ban-ter \ˈbānt-ər\ *vb* : to speak to in a witty and teasing manner

banter n : good-natured witty joking

bant-ling \ˈbānt-liŋ\ *n* : a young child

Ban-tu \ˈbān-,tū\ *n, pl* Bantu or Bantus **1** : a member of a family of Negroid peoples occupying equatorial and southern Africa **2** : a group of African languages spoken generally in equatorial and southern Africa

Ban-tu-stan \ˌbān-tū-ˈstān, ˌbān-tū-ˈstān\ *n* : an all-black enclave in the Republic of So. Africa with a limited degree of self-government

ban-yan \ˈbān-yən\ *n* [earlier *banyan* Hindu merchant, fr.



banyan

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ə\rfurther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \i\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

Hindi *baniyā*; fr. a merchant's pagoda erected under a tree of the species in Iran] : a large East Indian tree whose aerial roots grow downward to the ground and form new trunks

ban-zai \bān-'zī/ *n* : a Japanese cheer or cry of triumph
baō-bāb \bāu-'bāb, 'bā-ə-/ *n* : an Old World tropical tree with short swollen trunk and sour edible gourdlike fruits

bap-tism \bap-, 'tiz-əm/ *n* 1 : a Christian sacrament signifying spiritual rebirth and symbolized by the ritual use of water 2 : an act of baptizing — **bap-tis-mal** \bap-'tiz-məl/ *adj*

baptismal name *n* : GIVEN NAME

Bap-tist \bap-təst/ *n* : a member of any of several Protestant denominations emphasizing baptism by immersion
bap-tis-tery or **bap-tis-try** \bap-tə-strē/ *n*, *pl* -ter-ies or -tries : a place esp. in a church used for baptism

bap-tize \bap-'tiz, 'bap-'tiz/ *vb* **bap-tized**; **bap-tiz-ing** [ME *baptizen*, fr. OF *baptiser*, fr. L *baptizare*, fr. Gk *baptizein* to dip, baptize, fr. *baptos* dipped, fr. *baptein* to dip] 1 : to administer baptism to; also : CHRISTEN 2 : to purify esp. by an ordeal

bar \bär/ *n* 1 : a long narrow piece of material (as wood or metal) used esp. for a lever, fastening, or support 2 : BARRIER, OBSTACLE 3 : the railing in a law court at which prisoners are stationed; also : the legal profession or the whole body of lawyers 4 : a stripe, band, or line much longer than wide 5 : a counter at which food or esp. drink is served; also : BARROOM 6 : a vertical line across the musical staff

bar *vb* **barred**; **bar-ring** 1 : to fasten, confine, or obstruct with or as if with a bar or bars 2 : to mark with bars : STRIPE 3 : to shut or keep out : EXCLUDE 4 : FORBID, PREVENT

bar *prep* : EXCEPT

bar *abbr* barometer; barometric

Bar *abbr* Baruch

barb \bärb/ *n* 1 : a sharp projection extending backward (as from the point of an arrow) 2 : a biting critical remark — **barbed** \bärbd/ *adj*

bar-bar-ian \bär-'ber-ē-ən/ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or being a land, culture, or people alien to and usu. believed to be inferior to one's own 2 : lacking refinement, learning, or artistic or literary culture — **barbarian** *n*

bar-bar-ic \bär-'bar-ik/ *adj* 1 : BARBARIAN 2 : marked by a lack of restraint : WILD 3 : PRIMITIVE, UNSOPHISTICATED
bar-bar-ism \bär-'bä-, 'riz-əm/ *n* 1 : the social condition of barbarians; also : the use or display of barbarian or barbarous acts, attitudes, or ideas 2 : a word or expression that offends standards of correctness or purity

bar-bar-ous \bär-b(ə)-rəs/ *adj* 1 : lacking culture or refinement 2 : using linguistic barbarisms 3 : mercilessly harsh or cruel — **bar-bar-i-ty** \bär-'bar-ət-ē/ *n* — **bar-bar-ous-ly** *adv*

bar-be-cue \bär-'bi-, kyū/ *n* : a social gathering at which barbecued food is served

barbecue *vb* **-cued**; **-cu-ing** 1 : to cook over hot coals or on a revolving spit 2 : to cook in a highly seasoned vinegar sauce

bar-bell \bär-'bel/ *n* : a bar with adjustable weights attached to each end used for exercise and in weight-lifting competition

bar-ber \bär-'bär/ *n* [ME, fr. MF *barbeor*, fr. *barbe* beard, fr. L *barba*] : one whose business is cutting and dressing hair and shaving and trimming beards

bar-ber-ry \bär-'ber-ē/ *n* : any of a genus of spiny shrubs bearing yellow flowers followed by oblong red berries
bar-bi-tal \bär-'bä-, 'töl/ *n* : a white crystalline addictive hypnotic often administered in the form of its soluble sodium salt

bar-bi-tu-rate \bär-'bich-ə-rət/ *n* : any of various compounds (as a salt or ester) formed from an organic acid (**bar-bi-tu-ric acid** \bär-'bä-, 't(y)ūr-ik-/); esp : one used as a sedative or hypnotic

bar-ca-role or **bar-ca-rolle** \bär-kə-, rōl/ *n* : a Venetian boat song characterized by a beat suggesting a rowing rhythm; also : a piece of music imitating this

bar chart *n* : BAR GRAPH

bar code *n* : a set of printed and variously spaced bars and sometimes numerals that is designed to be scanned to identify the object it labels

bard \bärd/ *n* : POET

bare \baər/ *adj* **bar-er**; **bar-est** 1 : NAKED 2 : UNCONCEALED, EXPOSED 3 : EMPTY 4 : leaving nothing to spare : MERE 5 : PLAIN, UNADORNED *syn* nude, bald, naked — **bare-ness** *n*

bare *vb* **bared**; **bar-ing** : to make or lay bare : UNCOVER
bare-back \-, bak/ or **bare-backed** \-'bakt/ *adv* or *adj* : without a saddle

bare-faced \-'fäst/ *adj* 1 : having the face uncovered; esp : BEARDESS 2 : not concealed : OPEN

bare-foot \-, füt/ or **bare-foot-ed** \-'füt-əd/ *adv* or *adj* : with bare feet

bare-hand-ed \-'han-dəd/ *adv* or *adj* 1 : without gloves 2 : without tools or weapons

bare-head-ed \-'hed-əd/ *adv* or *adj* : without a hat

bare-ly \bær-lē/ *adv* 1 : PLAINLY, MEAGERLY 2 : by a narrow margin : only just (~ enough money) *syn* hardly, scarcely

bar-fly \bär-, flī/ *n* : a drinker who frequents bars

bar-gain \bär-gən/ *n* 1 : AGREEMENT 2 : an advantageous purchase 3 : a transaction, situation, or event regarded in the light of its results

bargain *vb* 1 : to negotiate over the terms of an agreement; also : to come to terms 2 : BARTER

barge \bärj/ *n* 1 : a broad flat-bottomed boat usu. moved by towing 2 : a motorboat supplied to a flagship (as for an admiral) 3 : a ceremonial boat elegantly furnished — **barge-man** \-'mən/ *n*

barge *vb* **barged**; **bar-ging** 1 : to carry by barge 2 : to move or thrust oneself clumsily or rudely

bari-tone \bär-'ə-, tōn/ *n* [F *baryton* or It *baritono*, fr. Gk *barytonos* deep sounding, fr. *barys* heavy + *tonos* tone] : a male voice between bass and tenor; also : a man with such a voice

bar-i-um \bär-'ē-əm/ *n* : a silver-white metallic chemical element that occurs only in combination — see ELEMENT table

bark \bärk/ *vb* 1 : to make the short loud cry of a dog 2 : to speak or utter in a curt loud tone : SNAP

bark *n* : the sound made by a barking dog

bark *n* : the tough corky outer covering of a woody stem or root

bark *vb* 1 : to strip the bark from 2 : to rub the skin from : ABRADE

bark *n* : a 3-masted ship with foremast and mainmast square-rigged and mizzenmast fore-and-aft rigged

bar-keep \bär-, kēp/ or **bar-keep-er** \-, kē-pər/ *n* : BAR-TENDER

bar-k-er \bär-kər/ *n* : a person who stands at the entrance esp. to a show and tries to attract customers to it

bar-ley \bär-'lē/ *n* : a cereal grass with seeds used as food and in making malt liquors; also : its seed

bar mitz-vah \bär-'mits-və/ *n*, often *cap* B&M [Heb *bar mišvāh*, lit., son of the (divine) law] 1 : a Jewish boy who at about 13 years of age assumes religious responsibilities 2 : the ceremony recognizing a boy as a bar mitzvah

barn \bärn/ *n* [ME *bern*, fr. OE *berearn*, fr. *bere* barley + *ærn* place] : a building used esp. for storing hay and grain and for housing livestock or farm equipment

bar-na-cle \bär-ni-kəl/ *n* : any of numerous small marine crustaceans free-swimming when young but fixed (as to rocks, whales, or ships) when adult

barn-storm \bärn-'stōrm/ *vb* : to travel through the country making brief stops to entertain (as with shows or flying stunts) or to campaign for political office

barn-yard \-yär'd\ *n* : a usu. fenced area adjoining a barn
baro-graph \bar-ə-,gräf\ *n* : a recording barometer
ba-rom-e-ter \bə-'rām-ət-ər\ *n* : an instrument for measuring atmospheric pressure — **baro-met-ric** \bar-ə-'me-trik\ *adj*
bar-on \bar-ən\ *n* : a member of the lowest grade of the British peerage — **ba-ro-ni-al** \bə-'rō-nē-əl\ *adj* — **bar-ony** \bar-ə-nē\ *n*
bar-on-age \-ə-nij\ *n* : PEERAGE
bar-on-ess \-ə-nəs\ *n* 1 : the wife or widow of a baron 2 : a woman holding a baronial title in her own right
bar-on-et \bar-ə-nət\ *n* : a man holding a rank of honor below a baron but above a knight — **bar-on-et-ry** \-sē\ *n*
ba-ro-que \bə-'rök, -'rāk\ *adj* : marked by elaborate and sometimes grotesque ornamentation and esp. by curved and plastic figures
ba-ro-uche \bə-'rüş\ *n* [G *barutsche*, fr. It *birocchio*, deriv. of LL *birotus* two-wheeled, fr. L *bi* two + *rota* wheel] : a 4-wheeled carriage with a high driver's seat in front and a folding top
bar-racks \bar-əks\ *n* *sing or pl* : a building or group of buildings for lodging soldiers
bar-ra-cu-da \bar-ə-'kü-də\ *n*, *pl* -**da** or -**das** : any of several large predaceous sea fishes including some used for food
bar-rage \bə-'rāzh, -'rāj\ *n* : a heavy concentration of fire (as of artillery)
bar-ra-try \bar-ə-trē\ *n*, *pl* -**tries** 1 : the purchase or sale of office or preferment in church or state 2 : a fraudulent breach of duty by the master or crew of a ship intended to harm the owner or cargo 3 : the practice of inciting lawsuits or quarrels
barred \bärd\ *adj* : STRIPED
bar-rel \bar-əl\ *n* 1 : a round bulging cask with flat ends of equal diameter 2 : the amount contained in a barrel 3 : a cylindrical or tubular part (gun ~)
barrel *vb* -**reled** or -**relled**; -**rel-ing** or -**rel-ling** 1 : to pack in a barrel 2 : to travel at high speed
barrel roll *n* : an airplane maneuver in which a complete revolution about the longitudinal axis is made
bar-ren \bar-ən\ *adj* 1 : STERILE, UNFRUITFUL 2 : unproductive of results (a ~ scheme) 3 : lacking interest or charm 4 : DULL, STUPID — **bar-ren-ness** \-ən-nəs\ *n*
barren *n* : a tract of barren land
bar-rette \bä-'ret, bæ-\ *n* : a clasp or bar for holding the hair in place
bar-ri-cade \bar-ə-,kād, \bar-ə-'kād\ *vb* -**cad-ed**; -**cad-ing** : to block, obstruct, or fortify with a barricade
barricade *n* [F, fr. MF, fr. *barriquer* to barricade, fr. *barrique* barrel] 1 : a hastily thrown-up obstruction or fortification 2 : BARRIER, OBSTACLE
bar-ri-er \bar-ē-ər\ *n* : something that separates, demarcates, or serves as a barricade (racial ~s)
barrier reef *n* : a coral reef roughly parallel to a shore and separated from it by a lagoon
bar-ring \bar-'in\ *prep* : excluding by exception : EXCEPTING
bar-rio \bar-'ē-,ō, \bar-'n, *pl* -**ri-os** 1 : a district of a city or town in a Spanish-speaking country 2 : a Spanish-speaking quarter in a U.S. city
bar-ris-ter \bar-ə-stər\ *n* : a British counselor admitted to plead in the higher courts
bar-room \bär-,rüm, -rüm\ *n* : a room or establishment whose main feature is a bar for the sale of liquor
bar-row \bar-ə\ *n* : a large burial mound of earth and stones
barrow *n* : a male hog castrated while young
barrow *n* 1 : HANDBARROW 2 : WHEELBARROW 3 : a cart with a boxlike body and two shafts for pushing it
Bart *abbr* baronet
bar-tend-er \bär-,ten-dər\ *n* : one that serves liquor at a bar

bar-ter \bärt-ər\ *vb* : to trade by exchange of goods — **barter** *n*
Ba-ruch \bär-,ük, bæ-'rük\ *n* — see BIBLE table
bas-al \bä-səl\ *adj* 1 : situated at or forming the base 2 : BASIC
basal metabolism *n* : the turnover of energy in a fasting and resting organism using energy solely to maintain vital cellular activity, respiration, and circulation as measured by the rate at which heat is given off
ba-salt \bə-'sölt, 'bä-,sölt\ *n* : a dark fine-grained igneous rock — **ba-sal-tic** \bə-'söl-tik\ *adj*
base \bäs\ *n*, *pl* **bas-es** \bä-səz\ 1 : BOTTOM, FOUNDATION 2 : a side or face on which a geometrical figure stands; *also* : the length of a base 3 : a main ingredient or fundamental part 4 : the point of beginning an act or operation 5 : a place on which a force depends for supplies 6 : the number of units in a given digit's place of a number system that is required to give the numeral 1 in the next higher place (the decimal system uses a ~ of 10); *also* : such a system using an indicated base (convert from ~ 10 to ~ 2) 7 : any of the four stations at the corners of a baseball diamond 8 : a chemical compound (as lime or ammonia) that reacts with an acid to form a salt, has a salty taste, and turns litmus blue *syn* basis, ground, groundwork, footing, foundation
base *vb* **based**; **bas-ing** 1 : to form or serve as a base for 2 : ESTABLISH
base *adj* 1 : of inferior quality : DEBASED, ALLOYED 2 : CONTEMPTIBLE, IGNOBLE 3 : MENIAL, DEGRADING 4 : of little value *syn* low, vile, despicable, wretched — **base-ly** *adv* — **base-ness** *n*
base-ball \bäs-,ból\ *n* : a game played with a bat and ball by two teams on a field with four bases arranged in a diamond; *also* : the ball used in this game
base-board \-,börd\ *n* : a line of boards or molding covering the joint of a wall and the adjoining floor
base-born \-'börn\ *adj* 1 : of humble birth 2 : of illegitimate birth 3 : MEAN, IGNOBLE
base exchange *n* : a post exchange at a naval or air force base
base hit *n* : a hit in baseball that enables the batter to reach base safely with no error made and no base runner forced out
base-less \-ləs\ *adj* : having no base or basis : GROUNDLESS
base-line \bäs-,līn\ *n* 1 : a line serving as a basis esp. to calculate or locate something 2 : the area within which a baseball player must keep when running between bases
base-ment \-mənt\ *n* 1 : the part of a building that is wholly or partly below ground level 2 : the lowest or fundamental part of something
base on balls : an advance to first base given to a baseball player who receives four balls
base runner *n* : a baseball player who is on base or is attempting to reach a base
bash \bāsh\ *vb* 1 : to strike violently : BEAT 2 : to smash by a blow
bash *n* 1 : a heavy blow 2 : a festive social gathering : PARTY
bash-ful \bāsh-fəl\ *adj* : inclined to shrink from public attention — **bash-ful-ness** *n*
ba-sic \bä-sik\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or forming the base or essence : FUNDAMENTAL 2 : of, relating to, or having the character of a chemical base (a ~ substance) *syn* underlying, basal, fundamental, primary — **ba-si-cal-ly** \-si-k(ə-)lē\ *adv* — **ba-sic-i-ty** \bä-'sis-ət-ē\ *n*
ba-sil \bāz-əl, 'bäs-\ *n* : either of two mints with fragrant leaves used in cooking

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ð\go \ð\law \ð\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\lout
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

ba-sil-i-ca \bə-'sil-i-kə, -'zil-\ *n* [L, fr. Gk *basilikē*, fr. fem. of *basilikos* royal, fr. *basileus* king] **1** : an early Christian church building consisting of nave and aisles with clerestory and apse **2** : a Roman Catholic church given ceremonial privileges

bas-i-lisk \ˈbas-ə-, lisk, 'baz-\ *n* [ME, fr. L *basiliscus*, fr. Gk *basiliskos*, fr. dim. of *basileus* king] : a legendary reptile with fatal breath and glance

ba-sin \ˈbās-n\ *n* **1** : an open usu. circular vessel with sloping sides for holding liquid (as water) **2** : a hollow or enclosed place containing water; *also* : the region drained by a river

ba-sis \ˈbā-səs\ *n*, *pl* **ba-ses** \-, sēz\ **1** : FOUNDATION, BASE **2** : a fundamental principle

bask \ˈbask\ *vb* **1** : to expose oneself to comfortable heat **2** : to enjoy something warmly comforting (◊ing in his friends' admiration)

bas-ke-t \ˈbas-kət\ *n* : a container made of woven material (as twigs or grasses); *also* : any of various lightweight usu. wood containers — **bas-ke-t-ful** *n*

bas-ke-t-ball \-, bōl\ *n* : a game played on a court by two teams who try to throw an inflated ball through a raised goal; *also* : the ball used in this game

basket case *n* **1** : one who has all four limbs amputated **2** : one that is totally incapacitated or inoperative

basket weave *n* : a textile weave resembling the checkered pattern of a plaited basket

bas mitz-vah \bās-'mits-və\ *n*, *often* *cap* *B&M* [Heb *bat mišwāh*, lit., daughter of the (divine) law] **1** : a Jewish girl who at about 13 years of age assumes religious responsibilities **2** : the ceremony recognizing a girl as a bas mitzvah

Basque \ˈbask\ *n* **1** : a member of a people inhabiting a region bordering on the Bay of Biscay in northern Spain and southwestern France **2** : the language of the Basque people — **Basque** *adj*

bas-re-lief \bā-'ri-'lēf\ *n* [F] : a sculpture in relief with the design raised very slightly from the background

ˈbass \ˈbas\ *n*, *pl* **bass** or **bass-es** : any of numerous sport and food fishes (as a striped bass)

ˈbass \ˈbās\ *adj* : of low pitch

ˈbass \ˈbās\ *n* **1** : a deep sound or tone **2** : the lower half of the musical pitch range **3** : the lowest male singing voice **4** : a singer or instrument having a bass voice or part

bas-set hound \ˈbas-ət-\ *n* : any of an old French breed of short-legged dogs with long ears and crooked front legs

bas-si-net \ˈbas-ə-'net\ *n* : a baby's bed that resembles a basket and often has a hood over one end

bas-so \ˈbas-ō\ *n*, *pl* **bassos** or **bas-si** \ˈbās-, ē\ [It] : a bass singer

bas-soon \bə-'sūn\ *n* : a musical wind instrument lower in pitch than the oboe

bass-wood \ˈbas-, wūd\ *n* : any of several New World lindens or their wood

bast \ˈbast\ *n* : BAST FIBER

ˈbas-tard \ˈbas-tərd\ *n* **1** : an illegitimate child **2** : an offensive or disagreeable person

ˈbastard *adj* **1** : ILLEGITIMATE **2** : of an inferior or nontypical kind, size, or form; *also* : SPURIOUS — **bas-tardy** *n* **bas-tard-ize** \ˈbas-tər-, dīz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to reduce from a higher to a lower state : DEBASE

ˈbaste \ˈbāst\ *vb* **bast-ed**; **bast-ing** : to sew with long stitches so as to keep temporarily in place

ˈbaste *vb* **bast-ed**; **bast-ing** : to moisten (as meat) at intervals with liquid while cooking

bast fiber *n* : a strong woody plant fiber obtained chiefly from phloem and used esp. in making ropes

bas-ti-na-do \ˈbas-tə-'nād-ō, -'nād-\ or **bas-ti-nade** \ˈbas-tə-'nād, -'nād\ *n*, *pl* **-na-does** or **-nades** **1** : a blow or beating esp. with a stick **2** : a punishment consisting of beating the soles of the feet

bas-tion \ˈbas-čən\ *n* : a projecting part of a fortification; *also* : a fortified position — **bas-tioned** \-čənd\ *adj*

ˈbat \ˈbat\ *n* **1** : a stout stick : CLUB **2** : a sharp blow **3** : an implement (as of wood) used to hit a ball (as in baseball) **4** : a turn at batting — usu. used with *at*

ˈbat *vb* **bat-ted**; **bat-ting** : to hit with or as if with a bat

ˈbat *n* : any of an order of night-flying mammals with forelimbs modified to form wings

ˈbat *vb* **bat-ted**; **bat-ting** : WINK, BLINK

batch \ˈbach\ *n* **1** : a quantity (as of bread) baked at one time **2** : a quantity of material for use at one time or produced at one operation

bate \ˈbat\ *vb* **bat-ed**; **bat-ing** : MODERATE, REDUCE

bath \ˈbath, 'bath\ *n*, *pl* **baths** \ˈbathz, 'baths, 'bathz, 'baths\ **1** : a washing of the body **2** : water for washing the body **3** : a liquid in which objects are immersed so that it can act on them **4** : BATHROOM

bathe \ˈbāth\ *vb* **bathed**; **bath-ing** **1** : to wash in liquid and esp. water; *also* : to apply water or a medicated liquid to (bathed her eyes) **2** : to take a bath; *also* : to take a swim **3** : to wash along, over, or against so as to wet **4** : to suffuse with or as if with light — **bath-er** *n*

bath-house \ˈbath-, hāus, 'bath-\ *n* **1** : a building equipped for bathing **2** : a building containing dressing rooms for bathers

bathing suit *n* : SWIMSUIT

batho-lith \ˈbath-ə-, lith\ *n* : a great mass of igneous rock that forced its way into or between other rocks and that stopped in its rise a considerable distance below the surface

ba-thos \ˈbā-, thās\ *n* [Gk, lit., depth] **1** : the sudden appearance of the commonplace in otherwise elevated matter or style **2** : insincere or overdone pathos — **ba-thet-ic** \bə-'thet-ik\ *adj*

bath-robe \ˈbath-, rōb, 'bath-\ *n* : a loose usu. absorbent robe worn before and after bathing or as a dressing gown

bath-room \-, rüm, -, rüm\ *n* : a room containing a bathtub or shower and usu. a washbowl and toilet

bath-tub \-, tēb\ *n* : a usu. fixed tub for bathing

bathy-scaphe \ˈbath-i-, skaf, -, skäf\ *also* **bathy-scap** \-, skaf\ *n* : a navigable undersea craft for deep-sea exploration

bathy-sphere \-, sfīər\ *n* : a steel diving sphere for deep-sea observation

bathy-ther-mo-graph \ˈbath-i-'thər-mə-, graf\ *n* : an instrument that records water temperature as a function of depth

ba-tik \bə-'tēk, 'bat-ik\ *n* [Malay] **1** : an Indonesian method of hand-printing textiles by coating with wax the parts not to be dyed; *also* : a design so executed **2** : a fabric printed by batik

ba-tiste \bə-'tēst\ *n* : a fine sheer fabric of plain weave

bat-man \ˈbat-mən\ *n* : an orderly of a British military officer

bat-on \bə-'tān\ *n* : STAFF, ROD; *esp* : a stick with which the leader directs an orchestra or band

bats-man \ˈbats-mən\ *n* : a batter esp. in cricket

bat-tal-ion \bə-'tal-yən\ *n* **1** : a large body of troops organized to act together : ARMY **2** : a military unit composed of a headquarters and two or more units (as companies)

ˈbat-ten \ˈbat-n\ *vb* **bat-tened**; **bat-ten-ing** \ˈbat-(ə-)niŋ\ **1** : to grow or make fat **2** : THRIVE

ˈbatten *n* : a strip of wood used esp. to seal or strengthen a joint

ˈbatten *vb* **bat-tened**; **bat-ten-ing** \ˈbat-(ə-)niŋ\ : to fasten with battens

ˈbat-ter \ˈbat-ər\ *vb* : to beat or damage with repeated blows

ˈbatter *n* : a soft mixture (as for cake) basically of flour and liquid

batter *n* : one that bats; *esp* : the player whose turn it is to bat
battering ram *n* : an ancient military machine for battering down walls
battery ¹bat-(ə-)rē *n*, *pl* -ter-ies **1** : BEATING; *esp* : unlawful beating or use of force on a person **2** : a grouping of artillery pieces for tactical purposes; *also* : the guns of a warship **3** : a group of electric cells for furnishing electric current; *also* : a single electric cell (a flashlight ~) **4** : a number of similar items grouped or used as a unit (a ~ of tests) **5** : the pitcher and catcher of a baseball team
bat-ting ¹bat-ig *n* : layers or sheets of cotton or wool (as for lining quilts)
bat-tle ¹bat-¹l *n* [ME *batel*, fr. OF *bataille* battle, fortifying tower, battalion, fr. LL *battalia* combat, alter. of *battualia* fencing exercises, fr. L *battuere* to beat] : a general military engagement; *also* : an extended contest or controversy
battle *vb* **bat-tled**; **bat-ting** ¹bat-(ə-)liŋ : to engage in battle : CONTENT, FIGHT
bat-tle-ax ¹bat-¹l-,aks *n* **1** : a long-handled ax formerly used as a weapon **2** : a quarrelsome domineering woman
battle fatigue *n* : COMBAT FATIGUE
bat-tle-field ¹bat-¹l-,fēld *n* : a place where a battle is fought
bat-tle-ment ¹mənt *n* : a decorative or defensive parapet on top of a wall
bat-tle-ship ¹-,ship *n* : a warship of the most heavily armed and armored class
bat-tle-wag-on ¹-,wag-ən *n* : BATTLESHIP
bat-ty ¹bat-ē *adj* **bat-tlier**; -est : CRAZY, FOOLISH
bauble ¹bō-bəl *n* : TRINKET
baux-ite ¹bōk-,sīt *n* : a clayey substance that is the chief ore of aluminum
bawd ¹bōd *n* **1** : MADAM **2** : PROSTITUTE
bawdy ¹bōd-ē *adj* **bawd-i-er**; -est : OBSCENE, LEWD — **bawd-i-ly** ¹bōd-¹l-ē *adv* — **bawd-i-ness** ¹-ē-nəs *n*
bawl ¹bōl *vb* : to cry or cry out loudly; *also* : to scold harshly
bawl *n* : a long loud cry : BELLOW
bay ¹bā *adj* : reddish brown
bay *n* **1** : a bay-colored animal **2** : a reddish brown
bay *n* : the European laurel; *also* : a shrub or tree resembling this
bay *n* **1** : a section or compartment of a building or vehicle **2** : a compartment projecting outward from the wall of a building and containing a window (**bay window**)
bay *vb* : to bark with deep long tones
bay *n* **1** : the position of one unable to escape and forced to face danger **2** : a baying of dogs
bay *n* : an inlet of a body of water (as the sea) usu. smaller than a gulf
bay-ber-ry ¹bā-,ber-ē *n* : a hardy deciduous shrub of coastal eastern N. America bearing small hard berries coated with a white wax used for candles; *also* : its fruit
bay leaf *n* : the dried leaf of the European laurel used in cooking
bay-o-net ¹bā-ə-nət, ¹bā-ə-¹net *n* : a daggerlike weapon made to fit on the muzzle end of a rifle
bayonet *vb* -net-ed *also* -net-ted; -net-ing *also* -net-ting : to use or stab with a bayonet
bay-ou ¹bī-ō, -ū *n* [Louisiana French, fr. Choctaw *bayuk*] : a marshy or sluggish body of water
bay rum *n* : a fragrant liquid used esp. as a cologne or after-shave lotion
ba-zaar ¹bā-¹zār *n* **1** : a group of shops : MARKETPLACE **2** : a fair for the sale of articles usu. for charity
ba-zoo-ka ¹bā-¹zū-kə *n* [*bazooka* (a crude musical instrument made of pipes and a funnel)] : a weapon consisting of a tube and launching an explosive rocket able to pierce armor

BB ¹bē-¹),bē *n* : a small round shot pellet
BB *abbr* base on balls
BBB *abbr* Better Business Bureau
BBC *abbr* British Broadcasting Corporation
bbl *abbr* barrel; barrels
BC *abbr* **1** before Christ — often printed in small capitals **2** British Columbia
BCD ¹bē-,sē-dē *n* [binary coded decimal] : a computer code for representing alphanumeric information
B cell *n* [bone-marrow-derived *cell*] : any of the lymphocytes that secrete antibodies when mature
B complex *n* : VITAMIN B COMPLEX
bd *abbr* **1** board **2** bound
bdl or **bdle** *abbr* bundle
bdrm *abbr* bedroom
be ¹(¹)bē *vb*, *past 1st & 3d sing was* ¹(¹)wəz, ¹wāz; *2d sing were* ¹(¹)wər; *pl were*; *past subjunctive were*; *past part been* ¹(¹)bin; *pres part be-ing* ¹bē-ig; *pres 1st sing am* ¹əm, (¹)am; *2d sing are* ¹ər, (¹)ār; *3d sing is* ¹(¹)iz, əz; *pl are*; *pres subjunctive be* **1** : to equal in meaning or symbolically (God is love); *also* : to have a specified qualification or relationship (leaves are green) (this fish is a trout) **2** : to have objective existence (there was once an old woman); *also* : to have or occupy a particular place (here is your pen) **3** : to take place : OCCUR (the meeting is tonight) **4** — used with the past participle of transitive verbs as a passive voice auxiliary (the door was opened) **5** — used as the auxiliary of the present participle in expressing continuous action (he is sleeping) **6** — used as an auxiliary with the past participle of some intransitive verbs to form archaic perfect tenses **7** — used as an auxiliary with *to* and the infinitive to express futurity, prearrangement, or obligation (he is to come when called)
Be *symbol* beryllium
beach ¹bēch *n* : a sandy or gravelly part of the shore of an ocean or lake
beach *vb* : to run or drive ashore
beach buggy *n* : DUNE BUGGY
beach-comb-er ¹bēch-,kō-mər *n* : one who searches along a shore for useful or salable flotsam and refuse
beach-head ¹bēch-,hed *n* : an area on an enemy-held shore occupied by an advance attacking force to protect the later landing of troops or supplies
bea-con ¹bē-kən *n* **1** : a signal fire **2** : a guiding or warning signal (as a lighthouse) **3** : a radio transmitter emitting signals for guidance of aircraft
bead ¹bēd *n* [ME *bede* prayer, prayer bead, fr. OE *bed*, *gebed* prayer] **1 pl** : a series of prayers and meditations made with a rosary **2** : a small piece of material pierced for threading on a line (as in a rosary) **3** : a small globular body **4** : a narrow projecting rim or band — **bead-ing** *n* — **beady** *adj*
bead *vb* : to form into a bead
bea-dle ¹bēd-¹l *n* : a usu. English parish officer whose duties include keeping order in church
bea-gle ¹bē-gəl *n* : a small short-legged smooth-coated hound
beak ¹bēk *n* : the bill of a bird and esp. of a bird of prey; *also* : a pointed projecting part — **beaked** ¹bēkt *adj*
bea-ker ¹bē-kər *n* **1** : a large drinking cup with a wide mouth **2** : a thin-walled laboratory vessel with a wide mouth
beam ¹bēm *n* **1** : a large long piece of timber or metal **2** : the bar of a balance from which the scales hang **3** : the breadth of a ship at its widest part **4** : a ray or shaft of light **5** : a collection of nearly parallel rays (as X rays) or particles (as electrons) **6** : a constant radio signal

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- transmitted for the guidance of pilots; *also* : the course indicated by this signal
- beam** *vb* 1 : to send out light 2 : to aim (a broadcast) by directional antennas 3 : to smile with joy
- bean** \ˈbēn\ *n* : the edible seed borne in pods by some leguminous plants; *also* : a plant or a pod bearing these
- bean** *vb* : to strike on the head with an object
- bean-bag** \ˈbēn-,bæg\ *n* : a cloth bag partially filled typically with dried beans and used as a toy
- bean-ball** \ˈbēn-,bɔl\ *n* : a pitched baseball thrown at a batter's head
- bean curd** *n* : a food like soft cheese made from soybeans
- bean-ie** \ˈbē-nē\ *n* : a small round tight-fitting skullcap
- beano** \ˈbē-nō\ *n, pl beans* : BINGO
- bear** \ˈbær\ *n, pl bears* 1 or *pl bear* : any of a family of large heavy mammals with shaggy hair and small tails 2 : a gruff or sullen person 3 : one who sells (as securities) in expectation of a price decline — **bear-ish** *adj*
- bear** *vb bore* \ˈbɔr\; **borne** \ˈbɔrn\ *also born* \ˈbɔrn\; **bearing** 1 : CARRY 2 : to be equipped with 3 : to give as testimony (~ witness to the facts of the case) 4 : to give birth to; *also* : PRODUCE, YIELD (a tree that ~s regularly) 5 : ENDURE, SUSTAIN (~ pain) (*bore* the weight on piles); *also* : to exert pressure or influence 6 : to be or become directed (~ to the right) — **bear-able** *adj* — **bear-er** *n*
- beard** \ˈbiərd\ *n* 1 : the hair that grows on the face of a man 2 : a growth of bristly hairs (as on rye or the chin of a goat) — **beard-ed** \-əd\ *adj* — **beard-less** *adj*
- beard** *vb* : to confront boldly
- bear-ing** \ˈbɛ(ə)r-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : manner of carrying oneself : COMPORTMENT 2 : a supporting object, purpose, or point 3 : a machine part in which another part (as an axle or pin) turns 4 : an emblem in a coat of arms 5 : the position or direction of one point with respect to another or to the compass; *also* : a determination of position 6 *pl* : comprehension of one's situation 7 : connection with or influence on something; *also* : SIGNIFICANCE
- bear-skin** \ˈbær-,skɪn\ *n* : an article made of the skin of a bear
- beast** \ˈbɛst\ *n* 1 : ANIMAL 1; *esp* : a 4-footed mammal 2 : a contemptible person *syn* brute, animal, creature
- beast-ly** \ˈbɛst-lē\ *adj* **beast-li-er**; **-est** 1 : of, relating to, or resembling a beast 2 : ABOMINABLE, DISAGREEABLE — **beast-li-ness** \-lē-nəs\ *n*
- beastly** *adv* : VERY
- beat** \ˈbi:t\ *vb* **beat**; **beat-en** \ˈbi:t-ən\ or **beat**; **beat-ing** 1 : to strike repeatedly 2 : TREAD 3 : to affect or alter by beating (~ metal into sheets) 4 : to sound (as an alarm) on a drum 5 : OVERCOME; *also* : SURPASS 6 : to act or arrive before (~ his brother home) 7 : THROB — **beat-er** *n*
- beat** *n* 1 : a single stroke or blow *esp.* of a series; *also* : PULSATION 2 : a rhythmic stress in poetry or music or the rhythmic effect of these 3 : a regularly traversed course
- beat** *adj* 1 : EXHAUSTED 2 : of or relating to beatniks
- beat** *n* : BEATNIK
- be-at-if-ic** \ˈbē-ə-ˈtɪf-ɪk\ *adj* : giving or indicative of great joy or bliss
- be-at-i-fy** \bē-ˈat-ə-,fɪ\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** 1 : to make supremely happy 2 : to declare to have attained the blessedness of heaven and authorize the title "Blessed" for — **be-at-i-fi-ca-tion** \-ˌat-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*
- be-at-i-tude** \bē-ˈat-ə-,t(y)üd\ *n* 1 : a state of utmost bliss 2 : any of the declarations made in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5:3-12) beginning "Blessed are"
- beat-nik** \ˈbēt-nɪk\ *n* : a person who behaves and dresses unconventionally and is inclined to exotic philosophizing and extreme self-expression
- beau** \ˈbō\ *n, pl beaux* \ˈbōz\ or **beaus** [F, fr. *beau* beautiful, fr. *L. bellus* pretty] 1 : a man of fashion : DANDY 2 : SUITOR, LOVER
- beau geste** \bō-ˈzhest\ *n, pl beaux gestes or beau gestes* \bō-ˈzhest\ : a graceful or magnanimous gesture
- beau ide-al** \ˌbō-ī-ˈdē(-ə)\ *n, pl beau ideals* : the perfect type or model
- Beau-jo-lais** \ˌbō-zhō-ˈlā\ *n* : a French red table wine
- beau monde** \bō-ˈmänd, -mōˈd\ *n, pl beau mondes* \ˌmān(d)z\ or **beaux mondes** \bō-mōˈd\ : the world of high society and fashion
- beau-te-ous** \ˈbyüt-ē-əs\ *adj* : BEAUTIFUL — **beau-te-ous-ly** *adv*
- beau-ti-cian** \byü-ˈtish-ən\ *n* : COSMETOLOGIST
- beau-ti-ful** \ˈbyüt-i-fəl\ *adj* : characterized by beauty : LOVELY *syn* pretty, fair, comely, lovely — **beau-ti-ful-ly** \-f(ə-)lē\ *adv*
- beautiful people** *n pl, often cap B&P* : people who are identified with international society
- beau-ti-fy** \ˈbyüt-ə-,fɪ\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to make more beautiful — **beau-ti-fi-ca-tion** \ˌbyüt-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* — **beau-ti-fi-er** *n*
- beau-ty** \ˈbyüt-ē\ *n, pl beauties* : qualities that give pleasure to the senses or exalt the mind : LOVELINESS; *also* : something having such qualities
- beauty shop** *n* : an establishment where hairdressing, facials, and manicures are done
- beaux arts** \bō-ˈzär\ *n pl* [F] : FINE ARTS
- bea-ver** \ˈbē-vər\ *n, pl beavers* : a large fur-bearing rodent that builds dams and underwater houses of mud and sticks; *also* : its fur



beaver

- be-calm** \bi-ˈkäm, -ˈkäl\ *vb* : to keep (as a ship) motionless by lack of wind
- be-cause** \bi-ˈkōz, -ˈkəz\ *conj* : for the reason that
- because** *prep* : by reason of
- beck** \ˈbek\ *n* : a beckoning gesture; *also* : SUMMONS
- beck-on** \ˈbek-ən\ *vb* **beck-oned**; **beck-on-ing** \ˈbek-(ə)-nɪŋ\ : to summon or signal *esp.* by a nod or gesture; *also* : ATTRACT
- be-cloud** \bi-ˈklaüd\ *vb* : OBSCURE
- be-come** \bi-ˈkəm\ *vb* **-came** \-ˈkām\; **-come**; **-com-ing** 1 : to come to be (~ tired) 2 : to suit or be suitable to (her dress ~s her)
- be-com-ing** \-ˈkəm-ɪŋ\ *adj* : SUITABLE, FIT; *also* : ATTRACTIVE — **be-com-ing-ly** *adv*
- bed** \ˈbed\ *n* 1 : an article of furniture to sleep on 2 : a plot of ground prepared for plants 3 : FOUNDATION, BOTTOM (river ~) 4 : LAYER, STRATUM
- bed** *vb* **bed-ded**; **bed-ding** 1 : to put or go to bed 2 : to fix in a foundation : EMBED 3 : to plant in beds 4 : to lay or lie flat or in layers
- bed-and-breakfast** *adj* : offering lodging and breakfast (a ~ place) — **bed-and-breakfast** *n*
- be-daub** \bi-ˈdɔb\ *vb* : SMEAR
- be-daz-zle** \bi-ˈdaz-əl\ *vb* : to confuse by or as if by a strong light — **be-daz-zle-ment** *n*
- bed-bug** \ˈbed-,bæg\ *n* : a wingless bloodsucking bug infesting houses and *esp.* beds
- bed-clothes** \ˈbed-,klɒ(θ)z\ *n pl* : BEDDING 1
- bed-ding** \ˈbed-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : materials for making up a bed 2 : FOUNDATION
- be-deck** \bi-ˈdek\ *vb* : ADORN
- be-dev-il** \bi-ˈdev-əl\ *vb* 1 : HARASS, TORMENT 2 : CONFUSE, MUDDLE

be-dew \bi-'d(y)ū\ *vb* : to wet with or as if with dew

bed-fast \bed-'fast\ *adj* : BEDRIDDEN

bed-fel-low \bed-'fel-ō\ *n* 1 : one sharing the bed of another 2 : a close associate : ALLY

be-di-zen \bi-'diz-n, -'diz-\ *vb* [be- + *dizen*, fr. earlier *disen* to dress a distaff with flax, fr. Dutch] : to dress or adorn with showy or vulgar finery

bed-lam \bed-ləm\ *n* [*Bedlam*, popular name for the Hospital of St. Mary of Bethlehem, London, an insane asylum, fr. ME *Bedlem* Bethlehem] 1 : an insane asylum 2 : a scene of uproar and confusion

bed-ou-in or **bed-u-in** \bed-(ə)-wən\ *n*, *pl* *bedouin* or *bedouins* or *beduin* or *beduins* *often cap* : a nomadic Arab of the Arabian, Syrian, or No. African deserts

bed-pan \bed-'pan\ *n* : a shallow vessel used by a person in bed for urination or defecation

bed-post \-,pōst\ *n* : the post of a bed

be-drag-gled \bi-'drag-əld\ *adj* : soiled and disordered as if by being drenched

bed-rid-den \bed-'rid-n\ *adj* : kept in bed by illness or weakness

bed-rock \-'rāk\ *n* : the solid rock underlying surface materials (as soil) — **bedrock** *adj*

bed-roll \-,rōl\ *n* : bedding rolled up for carrying

bed-room \-,rūm, -rūm\ *n* : a room containing a bed and used esp. for sleeping

bed-side \bed-'sīd\ *n* : the place beside a bed esp. of a sick or dying person

bed-sore \bed-'sōr\ *n* : an ulceration of tissue deprived of nutrition by prolonged pressure

bed-spread \-,spred\ *n* : a usu. ornamental outer cover for a bed

bed-stead \-,sted, -stīd\ *n* : the framework of a bed

bed-time \-,tīm\ *n* : time for going to bed

bed-wet-ting \-,wet-ŋ\ *n* : involuntary discharge of urine esp. in bed during sleep — **bed-wet-ter** *n*

bee \'bē\ *n* : a social and colonial 4-winged insect often kept in hives for the honey it produces; *also* : any of various related insects

bee *n* : a gathering of people for a specific purpose

beech \'bēch\ *n*, *pl* *beech-es* or *beech* : any of a genus of deciduous hardwood trees with smooth gray bark and small sweet triangular nuts; *also* : the wood of a beech — **beech-en** \'bē-chən\ *adj*

beech-nut \'bēch-,nət\ *n* : the nut of a beech

beef \'bēf\ *n*, *pl* *beefs* \'bēfs\ or *beeves* \'bēvz\ 1 : the flesh of a steer, cow, or bull; *also* : the dressed carcass of a beef animal 2 : a steer, cow, or bull esp. when fattened for food 3 : MUSCLE, BRAWN 4 *pl* *beefs* : COMPLAINT

beef *vb* 1 : STRENGTHEN — *usu.* used with *up* 2 : COMPLAIN

beef-eat-er \-,ēt-ər\ *n* : a yeoman of the guard of an English monarch

beef-steak \'bēf-,stāk\ *n* : a slice of beef suitable for broiling or frying

beefy \'bē-fē\ *adj* **beef-i-er**; -est : THICKSET, BRAWNY

bee-hive \'bē-,hīv\ *n* : HIVE 1, 3

bee-keep-er \-,kē-pər\ *n* : a raiser of bees — **bee-keep-ing** *n*

bee-line \-,līn\ *n* : a straight direct course

been *past part of* BE

beep-er \'bē-pər\ *n* : a portable electronic device that alerts the person carrying it when it receives a special radio signal

beer \'biər\ *n* : an alcoholic beverage brewed from malt and hops — **beery** *adj*

bees-wax \'bēz-,waks\ *n* : WAX 1

beet \'bēt\ *n* : a garden plant with edible leaves and a thick sweet root used as a vegetable, as a source of sugar, or as forage; *also* : its root

bee-tle \'bēt-əl\ *n* : any of an order of insects having four wings of which the stiff outer pair covers the membranous inner pair when not in flight

beetle *vb* **bee-tled**; **bee-ting** : to jut out : PROJECT

be-fall \bi-'fōl\ *vb* **-fell** \-'fel\; **-fall-en** \-'fō-lən\ : to happen to : OCCUR

be-fit \bi-'fit\ *vb* : to be suitable to

be-fog \bi-'fōg, -'fāg\ *vb* : OBSCURE; *also* : CONFUSE

be-fore \bi-'fōr\ *adv* or *adj* 1 : in front 2 : EARLIER

before *prep* 1 : in front of (stood ~ him) 2 : earlier than (got there ~ me) 3 : in a more important category than (put quality ~ quantity)

before *conj* 1 : earlier than the time when (he got here ~ I did) 2 : more willingly than (he'd starve ~ he'd steal)

be-fore-hand \bi-'fōr-,hand\ *adv* or *adj* : in advance

be-foul \bi-'faul\ *vb* : SOIL

be-friend \bi-'frend\ *vb* : to act as friend to

be-fud-dle \bi-'fad-əl\ *vb* : MUDDLE, CONFUSE

beg \'beg\ *vb* **begged**; **beg-ging** 1 : to ask as a charity; *also* : ENTREAT 2 : EVADE; *also* : assume as established (~ the question)

be-get \bi-'get\ *vb* **-got** \-'gät\; **-got-ten** \-'gät-n\ or **-got**; **-get-ting** : to become the father of : SIRE

beggar \'beg-ər\ *n* : one that begs esp. as a way of life

beggar *vb* **beg-gared**; **beg-gar-ing** \'beg-(ə)-rig\ : IMPOVERISH

beg-gar-ly \'beg-ər-lē\ *adj* 1 : marked by unrelieved poverty (a ~ life) 2 : contemptibly mean or inadequate

beg-gary \'beg-ə-rē\ *n* : extreme poverty

be-gin \bi-'gin\ *vb* **be-gan** \-'gan\; **be-gun** \-'gən\; **be-gin-ning** 1 : to do the first part of an action; *also* : to undertake or undergo initial steps : COMMENCE 2 : to come into being : ARISE; *also* : FOUND 3 : ORIGINATE, INVENT — **be-gin-ner** *n*

be-gone \bi-'gōn\ *vb* : to go away : DEPART — used esp. in the imperative

be-go-nia \bi-'gōn-yə\ *n* : any of a genus of tropical herbs widely grown for their showy leaves and waxy flowers

be-grime \bi-'grim\ *vb* **be-grimed**; **be-grim-ing** : to make dirty

be-grudge \bi-'graj\ *vb* 1 : to give or concede reluctantly 2 : to take little pleasure in : be annoyed by 3 : to envy the pleasure or enjoyment of

be-guile \-'gīl\ *vb* **be-guiled**; **be-guil-ing** 1 : DECEIVE, CHEAT 2 : to while away 3 : to coax by wiles

be-guine \bi-'gēn\ *n* [AmerF *béguine*, fr. F *béguin* flirtation] : a vigorous popular dance of the islands of Saint Lucia and Martinique

be-gum \'bā-gəm, 'bē-\ *n* : a Muslim woman of high rank

be-half \bi-'haf, -'haf\ *n* : BENEFIT, SUPPORT, DEFENSE

be-have \bi-'hāv\ *vb* **be-haved**; **be-hav-ing** 1 : to bear, comport, or conduct oneself in a particular and esp. a proper way 2 : to act, function, or react in a particular way

be-hav-ior \bi-'hā-vyər\ *n* : way of behaving; *esp* : personal conduct — **be-hav-ior-al** \-vyə-rəl\ *adj*

be-hav-ior-ism \bi-'hā-vyə-,riz-əm\ *n* : a school of psychology concerned with the objective evidence of behavior without reference to conscious experience

be-head \bi-'hed\ *vb* : to cut off the head of

be-he-moth \bi-'hē-məth, 'bē-ə-,māth\ *n* : a huge powerful animal described in Job 40:15-24 that is probably the hippopotamus; *also* : something of monstrous size or power

be-hest \bi-'hest\ *n* 1 : COMMAND 2 : an urgent prompting

be-hind \bi-'hind\ *adv* or *adj* 1 : BACK, BACKWARD 2 : LATE, SLOW

behind *prep* 1 : in or to a place or situation in back of or to the rear of (look ~ you) (the staff stayed ~ the troops) 2 : inferior to (as in rank) : BELOW (three games ~ the first-place team) 3 : in support of : SUPPORTING (we're ~ you all the way)

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be-hind-hand \bi-'hīnd-,hənd\ *adj* 1 : being in arrears 2 : lagging behind the times *syn* tardy, late, overdue, belated

be-hold \bi-'hōld\ *vb* **held** \-'held\; **-hold-ing** 1 : to have in sight : SEE 2 — used imperatively to direct the attention *syn* view, observe, notice, espy — **be-hold-er** *n*

be-hold-en \bi-'hōl-dən\ *adj* : OBLIGATED, INDEBTED

be-hoof \bi-'hūf\ *n* : ADVANTAGE, PROFIT

be-hoove \bi-'hūv\ or **be-hove** \-'hōv\ *vb* **be-hooved** or **be-hoved**; **be-hoov-ing** or **be-hov-ing** : to be necessary, proper, or advantageous for

beige \'bāzh\ *n* : a pale dull yellowish brown — **beige** *adj*

be-ing \'bē-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : EXISTENCE; *also* : LIFE 2 : the qualities or constitution of an existent thing 3 : a living thing; *esp* : PERSON

be-la-bor \bi-'lā-bər\ *vb* 1 : to assail (as with words) tiresomely or at length 2 : to beat soundly

be-lat-ed \bi-'lāt-əd\ *adj* : DELAYED, LATE

be-lay \bi-'lā\ *vb* 1 : to wind (a rope) around a pin or cleat in order to hold secure 2 : QUIT, STOP — used in the imperative

belch \'belch\ *vb* 1 : to expel (gas) from the stomach through the mouth 2 : to gush forth (a volcano ~ing lava) — **belch** *n*

bel-dam or **bel-dame** \'bel-dəm\ *n* [ME *beldam* grandmother, fr. MF *bel* beautiful + ME *dam* lady, mother] : an old woman; *esp* : HAG

be-lea-guer \bi-'lē-gər\ *vb* 1 : BESIEGE 2 : HARASS (~ed parents)

bel-fry \bi-'frē\ *n, pl* **belfries** [ME *belfrey*, alter. of *ber-frey*, fr. MF *berfrei*, deriv. of Gk *pyrgos phorētos* movable war tower] : a tower for a bell (as on a church); *also* : the part of the tower in which the bell hangs

Belg *abbr* Belgian; Belgium

Bel-gian \'bel-jən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Belgium — **Belgian** *adj*

be-lie \bi-'li\ *vb* **lied**; **-ly-ing** 1 : MISREPRESENT 2 : to prove (something) false 3 : to run counter to

be-lief \bə-'lēf\ *n* 1 : CONFIDENCE, TRUST 2 : something (as a tenet or creed) believed *syn* conviction, opinion, persuasion, sentiment

be-lieve \bə-'lēv\ *vb* **be-lieved**; **be-liev-ing** 1 : to have religious convictions 2 : to have a firm conviction about something : accept as true 3 : to hold as an opinion : SUPPOSE — **be-liev-able** *adj* — **be-liev-er** *n*

be-like \bi-'lik\ *adv, archaic* : PROBABLY

be-lit-tle \bi-'lit-əl\ *vb* **lit-tled**; **-lit-ting** \-'lit-(ə-)liŋ\ : to make seem little or less; *also* : DISPARAGE

bell \'bel\ *n* 1 : a hollow metallic device that makes a ringing sound when struck 2 : the sounding or stroke of a bell (as on shipboard to tell the time); *also* : time so indicated 3 : something with the flared form of a typical bell

bell *vb* : to provide with a bell

bel-la-don-na \bel-'ə-'dān-ə\ *n* [It, lit., beautiful lady; fr. its cosmetic use] : a drug or extract used *esp.* to relieve spasms and pain or to dilate the eye and obtained from a poisonous European herb related to the potato; *also* : this herb

bell-bot-toms \'bel-'bāt-əmz\ *n pl* : pants with wide flaring bottoms — **bell-bottom** *adj*

bell-boy \'bel-,bōi\ *n* : BELLHOP

belle \'bel\ *n* : an attractive and popular girl or woman

belles let-tres \bel-'letrə\ *n pl* [F] : literature that is an end in itself and not practical or purely informative — **bel-le-tris-tic** \bel-'ə-'tris-tik\ *adj*

bell-hop \'bel-,həp\ *n* : a hotel or club employee who takes guests to rooms, carries luggage, and runs errands

bel-li-cose \'bel-i-,kōs\ *adj* : WARLIKE, PUGNACIOUS *syn* belligerent, quarrelsome, combative, contentious, pugnacious — **bel-li-cos-i-ty** \bel-i-'kās-ət-ē\ *n*

bel-lig-er-en-cy \bə-'lij-(ə)-rən-sē\ *n* 1 : the status of a nation engaged in war 2 : BELLIGERENCE, TRUCULENCE

bel-lig-er-ent \-rənt\ *adj* 1 : waging war 2 : TRUCULENT *syn* bellicose, pugnacious, combative, contentious, warlike — **bel-lig-er-ence** \-rəns\ *n* — **belligerent** *n*

bel-low \'bel-ə\ *vb* 1 : to make the deep hollow sound characteristic of a bull 2 : to call or utter in a loud deep voice — **bellow** *n*

bel-lows \-əz, -əz\ *n sing or pl* : a closed boxlike device with sides that can be spread apart and then pressed together to draw in air and expel it through a tube

bells \'belz\ *n pl* : BELL-BOTTOMS

bell-weth-er \'bel-'weth-ər, -'weth-\ *n* : one that takes the lead or initiative

bel-ly \'bel-ē\ *n, pl* **bellies** [ME *bely* bellows, belly, fr. OE *belg* bag, skin] 1 : ABDOMEN; *also* : STOMACH 2 : the underpart of an animal's body

bel-ly *vb* **bel-ried**; **bel-ly-ing** : BULGE

bel-ly-ache \'bel-ē-,āk\ *n* : pain in the abdomen

bellyache *vb* : COMPLAIN

belly button *n* : NAVEL

belly dance *n* : a usu. solo dance emphasizing movement of the belly — **belly dance** *vb* — **belly dancer** *n*

belly laugh *n* : a deep hearty laugh

be-long \bi-'lɔŋ\ *vb* 1 : to be suitable or appropriate; *also* : to be properly situated (shoes ~ in the closet) 2 : to be the property (this ~s to me); *also* : to be attached (as through birth or membership) (~ to a club) 3 : to form an attribute or part (this wheel ~s to the cart) 4 : to be classified (whales ~ among the mammals)

be-long-ings \-'lɔŋ-ɪŋz\ *n pl* : GOODS, EFFECTS, POSSESSIONS

be-loved \bi-'ləv-(ə)d\ *adj* : dearly loved — **beloved** *n*

be-low \bi-'lə\ *adv* 1 : in or to a lower place or rank 2 : on earth 3 : in hell *syn* under, beneath, underneath

below *prep* 1 : in or to a lower place than 2 : inferior to (as in rank)

belt \'belt\ *n* 1 : a strip (as of leather) worn about the waist 2 : an endless band passing around pulleys or cylinders to communicate motion or convey material 3 : a region marked by some distinctive feature; *esp* : one suited to a particular crop

belt *vb* 1 : to encircle or secure with a belt 2 : to beat with or as if with a belt 3 : to mark with an encircling band

belt *n* 1 : a jarring blow : WHACK 2 : DRINK (a ~ of whiskey)

belt-tightening *n* : a reduction in spending

belt-way \'belt-,wā\ *n* : a highway skirting an urban area

be-lu-ga \bə-'lü-gə\ *n* : a white sturgeon of the Black sea, Caspian sea, and their tributaries that is a source of caviar

bel-ve-dere \'bel-və-,diər\ *n* [It, lit., beautiful view] : a structure (as a summerhouse) designed to command a view

be-mire \bi-'mi(ə)r\ *vb* : to cover or soil with or sink in mire

be-moan \bi-'mōn\ *vb* : LAMENT, DEPLORE *syn* bewail, grieve, moan, weep

be-muse \bi-'myüz\ *vb* : BEWILDER, CONFUSE

bench \'bentʃ\ *n* 1 : a long seat for two or more persons 2 : the seat of a judge in court; *also* : the office or dignity of a judge 3 : COURT; *also* : JUDGES 4 : a table for holding work and tools (a carpenter's ~)

bench \'bentʃ\ *vb* 1 : to furnish with benches 2 : to seat on a bench 3 : to remove from or keep out of a game

bench mark *n* 1 : a mark on a permanent object serving as an elevation reference in topographical surveys 2 *usu* **bench-mark** : a point of reference for measurement; *also* : STANDARD

bench warrant *n* : a warrant issued by a presiding judge or by a court against a person guilty of contempt or indicted for a crime

bend \'bend\ *vb* **bent** \'bent\; **bend-ing** 1 : to draw (as a bow) taut 2 : to curve or cause a change of shape in (~ a bar) 3 : to turn in a certain direction (*bent* his steps toward town) 4 : to make fast : SECURE 5 : SUBDUE 6

: RESOLVE, DETERMINE (*bent* on self-destruction); *also* : APPLY (*bent* themselves to the task) 7 : DEFLECT 8 : to curve downward 9 : YIELD, SUBMIT

2bend *n* : a knot by which a rope is fastened (as to another rope)

3bend *n* 1 : an act or process of bending 2 : something bent; *esp* : CURVE 3 *pl* : a painful and dangerous disorder caused by release of gas bubbles in the tissues upon too rapid decrease in air pressure after a stay in a compressed atmosphere

bend-er \ˈben-dər/ *n* : SPREE

1beneath \bi-ˈnēth/ *adv* : BELOW, UNDERNEATH *syn* under, underneath, below

2beneath *prep* 1 : BELOW, UNDER (*stood ~ a tree*) 2 : unworthy of (considered such behavior ~ her)

bene-dic-tion \,ben-ə-ˈdik-shən/ *n* : the invocation of a blessing *esp.* at the close of a public worship service

bene-fac-tion \-ˈfak-shən/ *n* : a charitable donation *syn* contribution, alms, beneficence, offering

bene-fac-tor \ˈben-ə-,fak-tər/ *n* : one that confers a benefit and *esp.* a benefaction

bene-fac-tress \-,fak-trəs/ *n* : a woman who is a benefactor

ben-e-fice \ˈben-ə-fəs/ *n* : an ecclesiastical office to which the revenue from an endowment is attached

be-nef-i-cence \bə-ˈnēf-ə-səns/ *n* 1 : beneficent quality 2 : BENEFAC-TION

be-nef-i-cent \-sənt/ *adj* : doing or producing good (as by acts of kindness or charity); *also* : productive of benefit

ben-e-fi-cial \,ben-ə-ˈfish-əl/ *adj* : being of benefit or help : HELPFUL *syn* advantageous, profitable, favorable, propitious — **ben-e-fi-cial-ly** \-əl/ *adv*

ben-e-fi-ci-ary \,ben-ə-ˈfish-ē-,er-ē-, -ˈfish-(ə-)rē/ *n, pl* -ries : one that receives a benefit (as the income of a trust or the proceeds of an insurance)

1ben-e-fit \ˈben-ə-,fit/ *n* 1 : ADVANTAGE (the ~s of exercise) 2 : useful aid : HELP; *also* : material aid provided or due (as in sickness or unemployment) as a right 3 : a performance or event to raise funds for some person or cause

2benefit *vb* -fit-ed \-,fit-əd/ *also* -fit-ted; -fit-ing *also* -fit-ting 1 : to be useful or profitable to 2 : to receive benefit

be-nev-o-lence \bə-ˈnev-(ə-)ləns/ *n* 1 : charitable nature 2 : an act of kindness : CHARITY — **be-nev-o-lent** \-lənt/ *adj*

be-night-ed \bi-ˈnīt-əd/ *adj* 1 : overtaken by darkness or night 2 : living in ignorance

be-nign \bi-ˈnin/ *adj* 1 : of a gentle disposition; *also* : showing kindness 2 : of a mild kind; *esp* : not malignant (~ tumors) *syn* benignant, kind, kindly, good-hearted — **be-nig-ni-ty** \-ˈnig-nət-ē/ *n*

be-nig-nant \-ˈnig-nənt/ *adj* : BENIGN 1 *syn* kind, kindly, good-hearted

ben-i-son \ˈben-ə-sən-,zən/ *n* : BLESSING, BENEDICTION

bent \ˈbent/ *n* 1 : strong inclination or interest; *also* : TALENT 2 : power of endurance *syn* talent, aptitude, gift, flair, knack, genius

ben-thic \ˈben-thik/ *adj* : of, relating to, or occurring at the bottom of a body of water

ben-thos \ˈben-,thās/ *n* : organisms that live on or in the bottom of bodies of water

ben-ton-ite \ˈbent-ˈn-,it/ *n* : an absorptive clay used *esp.* as a filler (as in paper)

bent-wood \ˈbent-,wūd/ *adj* : made of wood bent into shape (a ~ rocker)

be-numb \bi-ˈnəm/ *vb* 1 : DULL, DEADEN 2 : to make numb *esp.* by cold

ben-zene \ˈben-,zēn/ *n* : a colorless volatile flammable liquid hydrocarbon used in organic synthesis and as a solvent

ben-zine \ˈben-,zēn/ *n* : any of various flammable petroleum distillates used as solvents for fats or as motor fuels

ben-zo-ate \ˈben-zə-,wāt/ *n* : a salt or ester of benzoic acid

ben-zo-ic acid \ˈben-,zō-ik/ *n* : a white crystalline acid used as a preservative and antiseptic and in synthesizing chemicals

ben-zo-in \ˈben-zə-wən-, -zōin/ *n* : a balsamlike resin from trees of southern Asia used *esp.* in medicine and perfumes

be-queath \bi-ˈkwēth-, -ˈkwēth/ *vb* [ME *bequethen*, fr. OE *becwethan*, fr. *be-* + *cwethan* to say] 1 : to leave by will 2 : to hand down

be-quest \bi-ˈkwɛst/ *n* 1 : the action of bequeathing 2 : something bequeathed : LEGACY

be-rate \-ˈrāt/ *vb* : to scold harshly

Ber-ber \ˈbər-bər/ *n* : a member of a Caucasoid people of northwestern Africa

ber-ceuse \ˈber-ˈsə(r)z/ *n, pl* *berceuses* \-ˈsə(r)z-(əz)/ [F, fr. *bercer* to rock] 1 : LULLABY 2 : a musical composition that resembles a lullaby

1be-reaved \bi-ˈrēvd/ *adj* : suffering the death of a loved one — **be-reave-ment** *n*

2bereaved *n, pl* *bereaved* : one who is bereaved

be-reft \-ˈrɛft/ *adj* 1 : deprived of or lacking something — *usu.* used with *of* 2 : BEREAVED

be-ret \bə-ˈrɪ/ *n* : a round soft cap with no visor

berg \ˈbɜrg/ *n* : ICEBERG

beri-beri \,ber-ē-ˈber-ē/ *n* : a deficiency disease marked by weakness, wasting, and nerve damage and caused by lack of thiamine

berke-li-um \ˈbər-klē-əm/ *n* : an artificially prepared radioactive chemical element — *see* ELEMENT table

Ber-mu-das \bər-ˈmyüd-əz/ *n pl* : BERMUDA SHORTS

Knee-length walking shorts

ber-ry \ˈber-ē/ *n, pl* *berries* 1 : a small pulpy fruit (as a strawberry) 2 : a simple fruit (as a grape, tomato, or banana) with the wall of the ripened ovary thick and pulpy 3 : the dry seed of some plants (as coffee)

ber-serk \bər-ˈsɜrk-, -ˈzɜrk/ *adj* [ON *berserkr* warrior frenzied in battle, fr. *björn* bear + *serkr* shirt] : FRENZIED, CRAZED — **berserk** *adv*

1berth \ˈbɜrth/ *n* 1 : room enough for a ship to maneuver 2 : the place where a ship lies at anchor 3 : a place to sit or sleep *esp.* on a ship or vehicle 4 : JOB, POSITION *syn* post, situation, office, appointment

2berth *vb* 1 : to bring or come into a berth 2 : to allot a berth to

ber-yl \ˈber-əl/ *n* : a hard silicate mineral occurring as green, yellow, pink, or white crystals

be-ryl-li-um \bə-ˈril-ē-əm/ *n* : a light strong metallic chemical element used as a hardener in alloys — *see* ELEMENT table

be-seech \bi-ˈsēch/ *vb* -sought \-ˈsōt/ *or* -seeched; -seeching : to ask earnestly : ENTREAT *syn* implore, beg, plead, supplicate, importune

be-seem \bi-ˈsēm/ *vb, archaic* : to be seemly or fitting : BEFIT

be-set \-ˈset/ *vb* 1 : TROUBLE, HARASS 2 : ASSAIL; *also* : to hem in : SURROUND

be-set-ting *adj* : persistently present or assailing

1be-side \bi-ˈsīd/ *adv, archaic* : BESIDES

2beside *prep* 1 : by the side of (sit ~ me) 2 : BESIDES 3 : not relevant to

1be-sides \bi-ˈsīdz/ *prep* 1 : other than (there's nobody here ~ me) 2 : together with (~ being pretty, she's intelligent)

2besides *adv* 1 : in addition : ALSO 2 : MOREOVER

be-siege \bi-ˈsēj/ *vb* : to lay siege to; *also* : IMPORTUNE — **be-sieg-er** *n*

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈʌʃ \əˈʌce \əˈcot, cart
 \əʊˈout \chˈchin \eˈbet \eˈeasy \əˈgo \iˈhɪt \iˈice \iˈjob
 \ŋˈsing \oˈgo \oˈlaw \oɪˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \uˈloot
 \ʊˈfoot \yˈyet \zhˈvision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

be-smear \-'smiər\ *vb* : SMEAR

be-smirch \-'smərç\ *vb* : SMIRCH, SOIL

be-som \'bē-zəm\ *n* : BROOM

be-sot \bi-'sāt\ *vb* **be-sot-ted**; **be-sot-ting** : to make dull or stupid; *esp* : to muddle with drunkenness

be-spat-ter \-'spat-ər\ *vb* : SPATTER

be-speak \bi-'spēk\ *vb* **-spoke** \-'spōk\; **-spo-ken** \-'spō-kən\; **-speak-ing** 1 : to hire or arrange for beforehand 2 : INDICATE, SIGNIFY 3 : FORETELL

be-sprin-kle \-'sprinj-kəl\ *vb* : SPRINKLE

best \'best\ *adj*, *superlative of* **GOOD** 1 : excelling all others 2 : most productive (as of good or satisfaction) 3 : LARGEST, MOST

best *adv*, *superlative of* **WELL** 1 : in the best way 2 : MOST

best *n* : something that is best

best *vb* : to get the better of : OUTDO

bes-tial \'bes-čəl\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to beasts 2 : resembling a beast *esp*. in lack of intelligence or reason

bes-ti-al-i-ty \,bes-čē-'al-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** 1 : the condition or status of a lower animal 2 : display or gratification of bestial traits or impulses

bes-ti-ary \'bes-čē-,er-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ar-ies** : a medieval allegorical or moralizing work on the appearance and habits of animals

be-stir \bi-'stər\ *vb* : to rouse to action

best man *n* : the principal groomsman at a wedding

be-stow \bi-'stō\ *vb* 1 : PUT, PLACE, STOW 2 : to present as a gift : CONFER — **be-stow-al** *n*

be-stride \bi-'strid\ *vb* **-strode** \-'strōd\; **-strid-den** \-'strid-n\; **-strid-ing** \-'strid-ing\ : to ride, sit, or stand astride

bet \'bet\ *n* 1 : something that is risked or pledged on the outcome of a contest 2 : an agreement requiring the person whose guess about a result proves wrong to give something to a person whose guess proves right; *also* : the making of such an agreement

bet *vb* **bet** *also* **bet-ted**; **bet-ting** 1 : to stake on the outcome of an issue (*bet* \$2 on the race) 2 : to make a bet with 3 : to lay a bet

bet *abbr* between

be-take \bi-'tāk\ *vb* **-took** \-'tūk\; **-tak-en** \-'tā-kən\; **-tak-ing** : to cause (oneself) to go

be-ta particle \'bāt-ə\ *n* : an electron or positron ejected from an atomic nucleus during radioactive transformation; *also* : a high-speed electron or positron

beta ray *n* 1 : BETA PARTICLE 2 : a stream of beta particles

be-ta-tron \'bāt-ə-,trən\ *n* : an electron accelerator

be-tel \'bēt-əl\ *n* : a climbing pepper whose leaves are chewed together with lime and betel nut as a stimulant *esp.* by southern Asians

betel nut *n* : the astringent seed of an Asian palm that is chewed with betel leaves

bête noire \,bet-nə-'wār, 'bāt-ə\ *n*, *pl* **bêtes noires** \,bet-nə-'wār(z), 'bāt-ə\ [F, lit., black beast] : a person or thing strongly disliked or feared

beth-el \'beth-əl\ *n* [Heb *bēth'el* house of God] : a place of worship *esp.* for seamen

be-think \bi-'think\ *vb* **-thought** \-'thōt\; **-think-ing** : to cause (oneself) to call to mind or consider

be-tide \bi-'tid\ *vb* : to happen to

be-times \bi-'tīmz\ *adv* : in good time : EARLY *syn* soon, seasonably, timely

be-to-ken \bi-'tō-kən\ *vb* **-to-kened**; **-to-ken-ing** \-'tōk-(ə-)niŋ\ 1 : to give evidence of 2 : PRESAGE *syn* indicate, attest, bespeak, testify

be-tray \bi-'trā\ *vb* 1 : to lead astray; *esp* : SEDUCE 2 : to deliver to an enemy by treachery 3 : to prove unfaithful to 4 : to reveal unintentionally; *also* : SHOW, INDICATE *syn* mislead, delude, deceive, beguile — **be-tray-al** *n* — **be-tray-er** *n*

be-troth \bi-'trōth, -'trōth, -'trōth, *or with* th\ *vb* : to promise to marry : AFFIANCE — **be-troth-al** *n*

be-trothed *n* : the person to whom one is betrothed

bet-ter \'bet-ər\ *adj*, *comparative of* **GOOD** 1 : more than

half 2 : improved in health 3 : more attractive, favorable, or commendable 4 : more advantageous or effective 5 : improved in accuracy or performance

2better *vb* 1 : to make or become better 2 : SURPASS, EXCEL

3better *adv*, *comparative of* **WELL** 1 : in a superior manner 2 : to a higher or greater degree; *also* : MORE

4better *n* 1 : something better; *also* : a superior *esp.* in merit or rank 2 : ADVANTAGE

bet-ter-ment \'bet-ər-mənt\ *n* : IMPROVEMENT

bet-tor *or* **bet-ter** \'bet-ər\ *n* : one that bets

1between \bi-'twēn\ *prep* 1 : by the common action of (earned \$10,000 ~ the two of them) 2 : in the interval separating (an alley ~ two buildings) 3 : marking or constituting the interrelation or interaction of (hostility ~ nations) 4 : in point of comparison of (choose ~ two cars)

2between *adv* : in an intervening space or interval

be-twixt \bi-'twixt\ *adv or prep* : BETWEEN

1bevel \'bev-əl\ *n* 1 : a device for adjusting the slant of the surfaces of a piece of work 2 : the angle or slant that one surface or line makes with another when not at right angles

2bevel *vb* **-eled** *or* **-elled**; **-el-ing** *or* **-el-ling** \'bev-(ə-)liŋ\ 1 : to cut or shape (as an edge or surface) to a bevel 2 : INCLINE, SLANT

bev-er-age \'bev-(ə-)rij\ *n* : a drinkable liquid

bevy \'bev-ē\ *n*, *pl* **bev-ies** 1 : a large group or collection 2 : a group of animals and *esp.* quail together

be-wail \bi-'wāl\ *vb* : LAMENT *syn* deplore, bemoan, grieve, moan, weep

be-ware \-'wær\ *vb* : to be on one's guard : be wary of **be-wil-der** \bi-'wil-dər\ *vb* **-wil-dered**; **-wil-der-ing** \-d(ə-)rij\ : PERPLEX, CONFUSE *syn* mystify, distract, puzzle — **be-wil-der-ment** *n*

be-witch \-'wich\ *vb* 1 : to affect by witchcraft 2 : CHARM, FASCINATE *syn* enchant, attract, captivate — **be-witch-ment** *n*

bey \'bā\ *n* 1 : a former Turkish provincial governor 2 : the former native ruler of Tunis or Tunisia

1be-yond \bē-'ænd\ *adv* 1 : FARTHER 2 : BESIDES

2beyond *prep* 1 : on or to the farther side of 2 : out of the reach or sphere of 3 : BESIDES

be-zel \'bē-zəl, 'bez-əl\ *n* 1 : a sloping edge on a cutting tool 2 : the faceted part of a cut gem that rises above the setting 3 : a usu. grooved rim holding a transparent covering (as on a watch)

bf *abbr* boldface

BG *or* **B Gen** *abbr* brigadier general

bhang \'baŋ\ *n* : a narcotic and intoxicant product of the hemp plant

Bi *symbol* bismuth

BIA *abbr* Bureau of Indian Affairs

bi-an-nu-al \(')bi-'an-yə-(wə)\ *adj* : occurring twice a year — **bi-an-nu-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

1bi-as \'bi-əs\ *n* 1 : a line diagonal to the grain of a fabric 2 : PREJUDICE, BENT

2bias *adv* : on the bias : DIAGONALLY

3bias *vb* **bi-ased** *or* **bi-assed**; **bi-as-ing** *or* **bi-as-sing** : PREJUDICE

bi-as-ply tire \'bi-əs-,plī\ *n* : a pneumatic tire having crossed layers of ply cord set diagonally to the center line of the tread

bi-ath-lon \bi-'ath-lən, -,län\ *n* : a composite athletic contest consisting of cross-country skiing and target shooting with a rifle

1bib \'bib\ *n* : a protective cover tied under a child's chin to protect the clothes

2bib *abbr* Bible; biblical

bi-be-lot \'bē-bə-,lō\ *n*, *pl* **bibelots** \-,lō(z)\ : a small household ornament or decorative object

Bi-ble \'bi-bəl\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. ML *biblia*, fr. Gk, pl. of *biblion* book, fr. *byblos* papyrus, book, fr. *Byblos*, ancient Phoenician city from which papyrus was exported]

ed] 1 : the sacred scriptures of Christians comprising the Old and New Testaments 2 : the sacred scriptures of Judaism or of some other religion — **bib-li-cal** \ˈbɪb-lɪ-kəl/ *adj*

BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

ROMAN CATHOLIC CANON	PROTESTANT CANON	ROMAN CATHOLIC CANON	PROTESTANT CANON
Genesis	Genesis	Wisdom	
Exodus	Exodus	Ecclesiasticus	
Leviticus	Leviticus	Isaiah	Isaiah
Numbers	Numbers	Jeremiah	Jeremiah
Deuteronomy	Deuteronomy	Lamentations	Lamentations
Josue	Josue	Baruch	
Judges	Judges	Ezekiel	Ezekiel
Ruth	Ruth	Daniel	Daniel
1 & 2 Kings	1 & 2 Samuel	Osee	Hosea
3 & 4 Kings	1 & 2 Kings	Joel	Joel
1 & 2 Paralipomenon	1 & 2 Chronicles	Amos	Amos
1 Esdras	Ezra	Abdias	Obadiah
2 Esdras	Nehemiah	Jonas	Jonah
Tobias		Micheas	Micah
Judith		Nahum	Nahum
Esther	Esther	Habacuc	Habakkuk
Job	Job	Sophonias	Zephaniah
Psalms	Psalms	Aggeus	Haggai
Proverbs	Proverbs	Zacharias	Zechariah
Ecclesiastes	Ecclesiastes	Malachias	Malachi
Canticle of Canticles	Song of Solomon	1 & 2 Machabees	

JEWISH SCRIPTURE

Law	1 & 2 Kings	Nahum	Song of Songs
Genesis	Isaiah	Habakkuk	Ruth
Exodus	Jeremiah	Zephaniah	Lamentations
Leviticus	Ezekiel	Haggai	Ecclesiastes
Numbers	Hosea	Zechariah	Esther
Deuteronomy	Joel	Malachi	Daniel
<i>Prophets</i>	Amos	<i>Hagiographa</i>	Ezra
Josue	Obadiah	Psalms	Nehemiah
Judges	Jonah	Proverbs	1 & 2 Chronicles
1 & 2 Samuel	Micah	Job	

PROTESTANT APOCRYPHA

1 & 2 Esdras	Wisdom of Solomon	Baruch	Susanna
Tobit	Ecclesiasticus	Prayer of Azariah and the	Bel and the Dragon
Judith	or the Wisdom of Jesus Son of Sirach	Song of the Three Holy Children	The Prayer of Manasses
Additions to Esther			1 & 2 Maccabees

BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew	Romans	1 & 2	1 & 2 Peter
Mark	1 & 2	Thessalonians	1, 2, 3 John
Luke	Corinthians	1 & 2 Timothy	Jude
John	Galatians	Titus	Revelation
Acts of the Apostles	Ephesians	Philemon	(Roman
	Philippians	Hebrews	Catholic
	Colossians	James	canon: Apocalypse)

bib-li-og-ra-phy \ˈbɪb-lē-ˈæɡ-rə-fē/ *n*, *pl* -**phies** 1 : the history or description of writings or publications 2 : a list of writings (as on a subject or of an author) — **bib-li-og-ra-pher** \-fər/ *n* — **bib-li-o-graph-ic** \-lē-ə-ˈɡraf-ik/ *also* **bib-li-o-graph-i-cal** \-i-kəl/ *adj*

bib-li-o-phil \ˈbɪb-lē-ə-ˈfɪl/ *n* : a lover of books

bib-u-lous \ˈbɪb-yə-ləs/ *adj* 1 : highly absorbent 2 : fond of alcoholic beverages

bi-cam-er-al \ˈbi-ˈkəm-(ə)-rəl/ *adj* : having or consisting of two legislative branches

bi-car-bon-ate \ˈbi-ˈkär-bə-, -nät, -nət/ *n* : an acid carbonate

bicarbonate of soda : SODIUM BICARBONATE

bi-cen-te-na-ry \ˌbi-sen-ˈten-ə-rē, -bi-ˈsent-ˈn-er-ē/ *n* : BICENTENNIAL — **bicentenary** *adj*

bi-cen-ten-ni-al \ˌbi-sen-ˈten-ē-əl/ *n* : a 200th anniversary or its celebration — **bicentennial** *adj*

bi-ceps \ˈbi-ˌseps/ *n*, *pl* **biceps** *also* **bicepses** [NL, fr. L, two-headed, fr. *bi-* two + *caput* head] : a muscle (as in the front of the upper arm) having two points of origin

bi-chlo-ride of mercury \bi-ˈkloʃr-, -id-/ : MERCURIC CHLORIDE

bick-er \ˈbɪk-ər/ *n* : QUARRELING, ALTERCATION

bicker *vb* **bick-ered**; **bick-er-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ/ : to contend in petty altercation : SQUABBLE

bi-con-cave \ˌbi-(-)kän-ˈkäv, -bi-ˈkän-, käv/ *adj* : concave on both sides (red blood cells are ~)

bi-con-vex \ˌbi-(-)kän-ˈveks, -bi-ˈkän-, veks/ *adj* : convex on both sides

bi-cus-pid \ˈbi-ˈkəs-pəd/ *n* : PREMOLAR

bi-cy-cle \ˈbi-, -sik-əl/ *n* : a light 2-wheeled vehicle with a steering handle, saddle, and pedals

bicycle *vb* -**cy-cled**; -**cy-cling** \-, -sik-(ə-)liŋ, -, -sik-/ : to ride a bicycle — **bi-cy-cler** \-ləʃr/ *n* — **bi-cy-clist** \-ləst/ *n*

bid \ˈbɪd/ *vb* **bade** \ˈbād, ˈbād/ *or* **bid**; **bid-den** \ˈbɪd-n/ *or* **bid** *also* **bade**; **bid-ding** 1 : COMMAND, ORDER 2 : INVITE 3 : to give expression to 4 : to make a bid : OFFER — **bid-der** *n*

bid *n* 1 : an act of bidding; *also* : a chance or turn to bid 2 : an offer (as at an auction) of what one will give for something; *also* : the thing or sum offered 3 : INVITATION 4 : an announcement by a player in a card game of what he or she proposes to accomplish; *also* : an attempt to win or gain

bid-da-ble \ˈbɪd-ə-bəl/ *adj* 1 : OBEDIENT, DOCILE 2 : capable of being bid

bid-dy \ˈbɪd-ē/ *n*, *pl* **biddies** : a hen or young chicken

bide \ˈbɪd/ *vb* **bode** \ˈbōd/ *or* **bid-ed**; **bided**; **bid-ing** 1 : WAIT, TARRY 2 : DWELL 3 : to wait for

bi-det \bi-ˈdā/ *n* : a fixture about the height of a chair seat used esp. for bathing the external genitals and the posterior parts of the body

bi-di-rec-tion-al \ˌbi-dē-ˈrek-sh(ə-)nəl/ *adj* : involving, moving, or taking place in two usu. opposite directions — **bi-di-rec-tion-al-ly** *adv*

bi-en-ni-al \bi-ˈen-ē-əl/ *adj* 1 : taking place once in two years 2 : lasting two years 3 : producing leaves the first year and fruiting and dying the second year — **biennial** *n* — **bi-en-ni-al-ly** \-əl/ *adv*

bi-en-ni-um \bi-ˈen-ē-əm/ *n*, *pl* -**ni-ums** *or* -**nia** \-ē-əl/ [L, fr. *bi-* two + *annus* year] : a period of two years

bier \ˈbiər/ *n* : a stand bearing a coffin or corpse

bi-fo-cal \bi-ˈfō-kəl/ *adj* : having two focal lengths

bifocals \bi-ˈfō-kəlz/ *n* *pl* : eyeglasses with lenses that have one part that corrects for near vision and one for distant vision

bi-fur-cate \ˈbi-fər-, kät, -bi-fər-/ *vb* -**cat-ed**; -**cat-ing** : to divide into two branches or parts — **bi-fur-ca-tion** \ˌbi-fər-ˈkā-shən/ *n*

big \ˈbɪɡ/ *adj* **big-ger**; **big-gest** 1 : large in size, amount, or scope 2 : PREGNANT; *also* : SWELLING 3 : IMPORTANT, IMPOSING *syn* great, large, oversize — **big-ness** *n*

big-a-my \ˈbɪɡ-ə-mē/ *n* : the act of marrying one person while still legally married to another — **big-a-mist** \-məst/ *n* — **big-a-mous** \-məs/ *adj*

big bang theory *n* : a theory in astronomy: the universe originated from the explosion of a single mass of material so that the pieces are still flying apart

big brother *n* 1 : an older brother 2 : a man who befriends a delinquent or friendless boy 3 *cap both* Bs : the leader of an authoritarian state or movement

Big Dipper *n* : DIPPER 3

big-foot \ˈbɪɡ-, füt/ *n* : SASQUATCH

big-horn \ˈbɪɡ-, hōrn/ *n*, *pl* **bighorn** *or* **bighorns** : a wild sheep of mountainous western No. America

bight \ˈbɪt/ *n* 1 : a curve in a coast; *also* : the bay formed by such a curve 2 : a slack part in a rope

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 \aʊ\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \ʊ\loot
 \ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

big-name \ˈbɪɡ-ˈnām/ *adj* : widely popular (a ~ performer) — **big name** *n*

big-ot \ˈbɪɡ-ət/ *n* : one intolerantly devoted to his or her own church, party, or opinion **syn** fanatic, enthusiast, zealot — **big-ot-ed** \-ət-əd/ *adj* — **big-ot-ry** \-ə-trē/ *n*

big shot \ˈbɪɡ-ˌʃhɑt/ *n* : an important person

big time \-,tīm/ *n* 1 : a high-paying vaudeville circuit requiring only two performances a day 2 : the top rank of an activity or enterprise — **big-tim-er** \-,tī-mər/ *n*

big top *n* 1 : the main tent of a circus 2 : CIRCUS

big-wig \ˈbɪɡ-ˌwɪɡ/ *n* : BIG SHOT

bike \ˈbɪk/ *n* 1 : BICYCLE 2 : MOTORCYCLE

bik-er *n* : MOTORCYCLIST; *esp* : one who is a member of an organized gang

bike-way \ˈbɪk-ˌwā/ *n* : a thoroughfare for bicycles

bi-ki-ni \bə-ˈkē-nē/ *n* : a woman's brief 2-piece bathing suit

bi-lat-er-al \bi-ˈlat-(ə)rəl/ *adj* 1 : having or involving two sides 2 : affecting reciprocally two sides or parties — **bi-lat-er-al-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

bile \ˈbi/ *n* 1 : a bitter greenish fluid secreted by the liver that aids in the digestion of fats 2 : an ill-humored mood

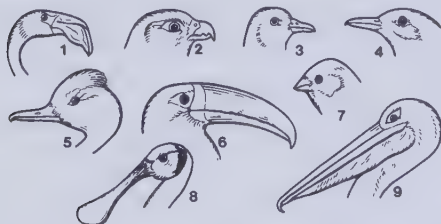
bilge \ˈbɪlj/ *n* 1 : the part of a ship that lies between the bottom and the point where the sides go straight up 2 : stale or worthless remarks or ideas

bi-ling-ual \bi-ˈlɪŋ-ɡwəl/ *adj* : expressed in, knowing, or using two languages

bil-ious \ˈbi-lɪ-əs/ *adj* 1 : marked by or suffering from disordered liver function 2 : IRRITABLE, CHOLERIC — **bil-ious-ness** *n*

bilk \ˈbɪlk/ *vb* : CHEAT, SWINDLE

bill \ˈbi/ *n* : the jaws of a bird together with their horny covering; *also* : a mouth structure (as of a turtle) resembling these



'bill: 1 flamingo, 2 falcon, 3 pigeon, 4 thrush, 5 merganser, 6 toucan, 7 finch, 8 spoonbill, 9 pelican

bill *vb* : to caress fondly

bill *n* 1 : a written document or note; *esp* : a draft of a law presented to a legislature for enactment 2 : a written statement of a legal wrong suffered or of some breach of law 3 : an itemized statement of particulars 4 : an itemized account of the separate cost of goods sold, services performed, or work done 5 : an advertisement (as a poster or handbill) displayed or distributed 6 : a piece of paper money

bill *vb* 1 : to enter in or prepare a bill; *also* : to submit a bill or account to 2 : to advertise by bills or posters **bill-board** \-,bɔrd/ *n* : a flat surface on which advertising bills are posted

bi-let \ˈbi-lət/ *n* 1 : an order requiring a person to provide lodging for a soldier; *also* : quarters assigned by or as if by such an order 2 : POSITION, APPOINTMENT

billet *vb* : to assign lodging to by billet **bi-let-doux** \bi-lä-ˈdū/ *n*, *pl* **billets-doux** \-ä-ˈdū(z)/ [*F* *billet doux*, lit., sweet letter] : a love letter

bill-fold \ˈbi-ˌfɔld/ *n* : WALLET

bill-liards \ˈbi-lɪərd/ *n* : any of several games played on a rectangular table by driving balls against each other or into pockets with a cue

bill-ings-gate \ˈbi-lɪŋz-ˌgāt, *Brit* usu -git/ *n* [*Billingsgate*,

old gate and fish market, London, England] : coarsely abusive language

bil-lion \ˈbi-lɪ-ən/ *n* 1 : a thousand millions 2 *Brit* : a million millions — **billion** *adj* — **bil-lionth** \-ˌyənθ/ *adj* or *n*

bill of exchange : a written order from one party to another to pay to a person named in the bill a specified sum of money

bil-low \ˈbi-lō/ *n* 1 : WAVE; *esp* : a great wave 2 : a rolling mass (as of fog or flame) like a great wave — **bil-lowy** \ˈbi-lə-wē/ *adj*

billow *vb* : to rise and roll in waves; *also* : to swell out (~ing sails)

bil-ly \ˈbi-lē/ *n*, *pl* **billies** : BILLY CLUB

billy club *n* : a heavy usu. wooden club; *esp* : a policeman's club

bil-ly goat \ˈbi-lē-/ *n* : a male goat

bi-met-al \ˈbi-met-əl/ *adj* : BIMETALLIC — **bimetal** *n*

bi-me-tal-lic \bi-mə-ˈtal-ik/ *adj* : made of two different metals — often used of devices having a bonded expansive part — **bimetallic** *n*

bi-met-al-lism \bi-met-əl-,iz-əm/ *n* : the policy of using two metals at fixed ratios to form a standard of value for a monetary system

bi-month-ly \bi-ˈmənθ-lē/ *adj* 1 : occurring every two months 2 : occurring twice a month : SEMIMONTHLY — **bimonthly** *adv*

bimonthly *n* : a bimonthly publication

bin \ˈbɪn/ *n* : a box, crib, or enclosure used for storage

bi-na-ry \ˈbi-nə-rē/ *adj* 1 : consisting of two things or parts : DOUBLE 2 : relating to, being, or belonging to a system of numbers having 2 as its base (the ~ digits 0 and 1) 3 : involving a choice between or condition of two alternatives only (as on-off, yes-no) — **binary** *n*

binary star *n* : a system of two stars revolving around each other

bin-au-ral \ˈbi-nór-əl/ *adj* : of or relating to sound reproduction involving the use of two separated microphones and two transmission channels to achieve a stereophonic effect

bind \ˈbɪnd/ *vb* **bound** \ˈbaʊnd/; **bind-ing** 1 : TIE; *also* : to restrain as if by tying 2 : to put under an obligation; *also* : to constrain with legal authority 3 : BANDAGE 4 : to unite into a mass 5 : to compel as if by a pledge 6 : to strengthen or decorate with a band 7 : to fasten together and enclose in a cover (~ books) 8 : to exert a tying, restraining, or compelling effect — **bind-er** *n*

bind-ing \ˈbɪn-dɪŋ/ *n* : something (as a ski fastening, a cover, or an edging fabric) used to bind

binge \ˈbɪŋ/ *n* : SPREE

bin-go \ˈbɪŋ-ɡō/ *n*, *pl* **bingos** : a game of chance played with cards having numbered squares corresponding to numbered balls drawn at random and won by covering five squares in a row

bin-na-cle \ˈbɪn-i-kəl/ *n* [alter. of ME *bitakle*, fr. Pg or Sp; Pg *bitácola* & Sp *bitácula*, fr. L *habitaculum* dwelling place, fr. *habitare* to inhabit] : a container holding a ship's compass

bin-oc-u-lar \ˈbi-näk-yə-lər, bə-/ *adj* : of, relating to, or adapted to the use of both eyes — **bin-oc-u-lar-ly** *adv*

bin-oc-u-lar \ˈbä-näk-yə-lər, bi-/ *n* 1 : a binocular optical instrument (as a microscope) 2 : a hand-held optical instrument composed of two telescopes and a focusing device — usu. used in pl.

bi-no-mi-al \bi-nō-mē-əl/ *n* 1 : a mathematical expression consisting of two terms connected by the sign plus (+) or minus (−) 2 : a biological species name consisting of two terms — **binomial** *adj*

bio-chem-is-try \bi-ō-ˈkem-ə-strē/ *n* : chemistry that deals with the chemical compounds and processes occurring in living things — **bio-chem-i-cal** \-i-kəl/ *adj* or *n* — **bio-chem-ist** \-əst/ *n*

bio-de-grad-able \-di-ˈgrād-ə-bəl/ *adj* : capable of being

broken down esp. into innocuous products by the actions of living things (as microorganisms) (a ~ detergent) — **bio-de-grad-abil-i-ty** \,grād-ə-bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **bio-de-grad-ra-tion** \,deg-rə-dā-shən\ *n* — **bio-de-grade** \-di-ˈgrād\ *vb*

bio-feed-back \-ˈfēd-,bak\ *n*: the technique of making unconscious or involuntary bodily processes (as heart-beat or brain waves) objectively perceptible to the senses (as by use of an oscilloscope) in order to manipulate them by conscious mental control

biog *abbr* biographer; biographical; biography

bio-ge-og-ra-phy \,bi-ō-jē-ˈāg-rə-fē\ *n*: a branch of biology that deals with the distribution of plants and animals — **bio-ge-og-ra-pher** \-fər\ *n*

bi-og-ra-phy \bi-ˈāg-rə-fē, bē-\ *n, pl -phies*: a written history of a person's life; *also*: such writings in general — **bi-og-ra-pher** \-fər\ *n* — **bi-o-graph-i-cal** \,bi-ō-ˈgraf-i-kəl\ *also* **bi-o-graph-ic** \-ik\ *adj*

biol *abbr* biologic; biological; biologist; biology

biological clock *n*: an inherent timing mechanism inferred to exist in some living systems (as a cell) in order to explain various cyclical physiological and behavioral responses

biological warfare *n*: warfare in which living organisms (as bacteria) are used to harm the enemy or his livestock and crops

bi-ol-o-gy \bi-ˈāl-ə-jē\ *n* [G *biologie*, fr. Gk *bios* mode of life + *logos* word] **1**: a science that deals with living beings and life processes **2**: the life processes of an organism or group — **bi-o-log-i-cal** \,bi-ō-ˈlāj-i-kəl\ *also* **bi-o-log-ic** \-ik\ *adj* — **bi-ol-o-gist** \bi-ˈāl-ə-jəst\ *n*

bio-med-i-cal \,bi-ō-ˈmed-i-kəl\ *adj*: of, relating to, or involving biological, medical, and physical science

bi-on-ic \bi-ˈān-ik\ *adj*: having normal biological capability or performance enhanced by or as if by electronic or mechanical devices

bio-phys-ics \,bi-ō-ˈfiz-iks\ *n*: a branch of science concerned with the application of physical principles and methods to biological problems — **bio-phys-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **bio-phys-i-cist** \-fiz-ə-səst\ *n*

bi-op-sy \ˈbi-,āp-sē\ *n, pl -sies*: the removal of tissue, cells, or fluids from the living body for examination

bio-rhythm \ˈbi-ō-,rith-əm\ *n*: an inherent rhythm that appears to control or initiate various biological processes

bio-sphere \ˈbi-ō-,sfēr\ *n* **1**: the part of the world in which life can exist **2**: living beings together with their environment

bi-ot-ic \bi-ˈāt-ik\ *adj*: of or relating to life; *esp*: caused by living beings

bi-o-tin \ˈbi-ō-tən\ *n*: a member of the vitamin B complex found esp. in yeast, liver, and egg yolk and active in growth promotion

bi-o-tite \ˈbi-ō-,tīt\ *n*: a dark mica containing iron, magnesium, potassium, and aluminum

bi-par-ti-san \bi-ˈpärt-ə-zən\ *adj*: representing or composed of members of two parties

bi-par-tite \-ˈpär-,tīt\ *adj* **1**: being in two parts **2**: shared by two (~ treaty)

bi-ped \ˈbi-,ped\ *n*: a 2-footed animal

bi-plane \ˈbi-,plān\ *n*: an airplane with two wings placed one above the other

bi-po-lar \bi-ˈpō-lər\ *adj*: having or involving the use of two poles — **bi-po-lar-i-ty** \,bi-pō-ˈlār-ət-ē\ *n*

bi-ra-cial \bi-ˈrā-shəl\ *adj*: of, relating to, or involving members of two races

birch \ˈbərçh\ *n* **1**: any of a genus of mostly short-lived deciduous shrubs and trees with membranous outer bark and pale close-grained wood; *also*: this wood **2**: a birch rod or bundle of twigs for flogging — **birch** or **birch-en** \ˈbər-çən\ *adj*

2birch *vb*: WHIP, FLOG

Birch-er \ˈbər-çər\ *n*: a member or adherent of the John

Birch Society — **Birch-ism** \ˈbər-,chiz-əm\ *n* — **Birch-ist** \-chəst\ or **Birch-ite** \-,chit\ *n*

bird \ˈbɜrd\ *n*: any of a class of warm-blooded egg-laying vertebrates having the body feathered and the forelimbs modified to form wings

bird-bath \ˈbɜrd-,bath-, -bath\ *n*: a usu. ornamental basin set up for birds to bathe in

bird-house \-,haʊs\ *n*: an artificial nesting place for birds; *also*: AVIARY

bird-ie \ˈbɜrd-ē\ *n*: a score of one under par on a hole in golf

bird-lime \-,līm\ *n*: a sticky substance smeared on twigs to snare small birds

bird of paradise: any of numerous brilliantly colored plumed birds of the New Guinea area

bird of prey: a carnivorous bird that feeds wholly or chiefly on carrion or on meat taken by hunting

bird-seed \ˈbɜrd-,sēd\ *n*: a mixture of small seeds (as of hemp or millet) used for feeding birds

bird's-eye \ˈbɜrd-,zī\ *adj* **1**: seen from above as if by a flying bird (~ view); *also*: CURSORY **2**: marked with spots resembling birds' eyes (~ maple); *also*: made of bird's-eye wood

bi-ret-ta \bə-ˈret-ə\ *n*: a square cap with three ridges on top worn esp. by Roman Catholic clergymen

birr \ˈbir-, ˈbər\ *n* — see MONEY table

birth \ˈbɜrth\ *n* **1**: the act or fact of being born or of bringing forth young **2**: LINEAGE, DESCENT **3**: ORIGIN, BEGINNING

birth control *n*: control of the number of children born esp. by preventing or lessening the frequency of conception

birth-day \ˈbɜrth-,dā\ *n*: the day or anniversary of one's birth

birth defect *n*: a physical or biochemical defect present at birth and inherited or environmentally induced

birth-mark \ˈbɜrth-,märk\ *n*: an unusual mark or blemish on the skin at birth

birth-place \-,plās\ *n*: place of birth or origin

birth-rate \-,rāt\ *n*: the number of births for every 100 or every 1000 persons in a given area or group during a given time

birth-right \-,rit\ *n*: a right, privilege, or possession to which one is entitled by birth *syn* legacy, patrimony, heritage, inheritance

birth-stone \-,stōn\ *n*: a gemstone associated symbolically with the month of one's birth

bis-cuit \ˈbis-kət\ *n* [ME *bisquite*, fr. MF *bescuit*, fr. (pain) *bescuit* twice-cooked bread] **1**: a crisp flat cake; *esp, Brit*: CRACKER **2**: a small quick bread made from dough that has been rolled and cut or dropped from a spoon

bi-sect \ˈbi-,sekt\ *vb*: to divide into two usu. equal parts; *also*: CROSS, INTERSECT — **bi-sec-tion** \ˈbi-,sek-shən\ *n* — **bi-sec-tor** \-tər\ *n*

bi-sex-u-al \bi-ˈsek-sh(ə-w)əl\ *adj* **1**: possessing characters of or having sexual desire for both sexes **2**: of, relating to, or involving two sexes — **bisexual** *n* — **bi-sex-u-al-i-ty** \,bi-,sek-shə-ˈwəl-ət-ē\ *n*

bish-op \ˈbish-əp\ *n* [ME *bisshop*, fr. OE *bisceop*, fr. L *episcopus*, fr. Gk *episkopos*, lit., overseer, fr. *epi-* on, over + *skeptesthai* to look] **1**: a clergyman ranking above a priest and typically governing a diocese **2**: any of various Protestant church officials who superintend other clergy **3**: a chess piece that can move diagonally across any number of adjoining unoccupied squares

bish-op-ric \ˈbish-ə-prik\ *n* **1**: DIOCESE **2**: the office of bishop

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\ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot
\ə\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

bis-muth \ˈbiz-məθ\ *n* : a heavy brittle grayish white metallic chemical element used in alloys and medicine — see **ELEMENT** table

bi-son \ˈbis-ən, ˈbiz-ən\ *n*, *pl* **bison** : **BUFFALO** 2

bisque \ˈbisk\ *n* : a thick cream soup

bis-tro \ˈbēs-trō, ˈbis-ən\ *n*, *pl* **bistros** [F] 1 : a small or unpretentious European restaurant 2 : **BAR**; *also* : **NIGHTCLUB**

bit \ˈbit\ *n* 1 : the part of a bridle that is placed in a horse's mouth 2 : the biting or cutting edge or part of a tool

bit *n* 1 : a morsel of food; *also* : a small piece or quantity of something 2 : a small coin; *also* : a unit of value equal to 12½ cents 3 : something small or trivial; *also* : an indefinite usu. small degree or extent (a ~ tired)

bit *n* [binary digit] : a unit of computer information equivalent to the result of a choice between two alternatives; *also* : its physical representation

bitch \ˈbich\ *n* 1 : a female canine; *esp* : a female dog 2 : a malicious, spiteful, and domineering woman

bitch *vb* : **COMPLAIN**

bite \ˈbit\ *vb* **bit** \ˈbit\; **bit-ten** \ˈbit-ən\ *also* **bit**; **bit-ing** \ˈbit-ɪŋ\ 1 : to grip with teeth or jaws; *also* : to wound or sting with or as if with fangs 2 : to cut or pierce with or as if with a sharp-edged instrument 3 : to cause to smart or sting 4 : **CORRODE** 5 : to take bait

bite *n* 1 : the act or manner of biting 2 : **MORSEL**, **SNACK** 3 : a wound made by biting; *also* : a biting sensation

bit-ing \ˈbit-ɪŋ\ *adj* : **SHARP**, **CUTTING**

bit-ter \ˈbit-ər\ *adj* 1 : being or inducing the one of the basic taste sensations that is acrid, astringent, or disagreeable and is suggestive of hops 2 : marked by intensity or severity (as of distress or hatred) 3 : extremely harsh or cruel — **bit-ter-ly** *adv* — **bit-ter-ness** *n*

bit-tern \ˈbit-ər-n\ *n* : any of various small or medium-sized herons with a booming cry

bit-ters \ˈbit-ər-z\ *n* *sing* or *pl* : a usu. alcoholic solution of bitter and other aromatic plant products used in mixing drinks and as a mild tonic

bit-ter-sweet \ˈbit-ər-,swēt\ *n* 1 : a poisonous nightshade with purple flowers and orange-red berries 2 : a woody vine with yellow capsules that open when ripe and disclose scarlet seed coverings

bittersweet *adj* : being at once both bitter and sweet

bi-tu-mi-nous coal \bə-ˈt(y)ü-mə-nəs-, bi-ən\ *n* : a coal that when heated yields considerable volatile waste matter

bi-valve \ˈbi-,vəl\ *n* : an animal (as a clam) with a shell composed of two separate parts that open and shut — **bivalve** *adj*

bi-vouac \biv-(ə)-,wak\ *n* [F, fr. LG *biwake*, fr. *bi* at + *wake* guard] : a temporary encampment or shelter

bivouac *vb* **-ouacked**; **-ouack-ing** : to form a bivouac : **CAMP**

bi-week-ly \ˈbi-ˈwē-klē\ *adj* 1 : occurring every two weeks : **FORTNIGHTLY** 2 : occurring twice a week — **biweekly** *adv*

biweekly *n* : a biweekly publication

bi-year-ly \ˈbi-ˈyēr-lē\ *adj* 1 : **BIENNIAL** 2 : **BIANNUAL**

bi-zarre \bə-ˈzär\ *adj* : **ODD**, **ECCENTRIC**, **FANTASTIC** — **bi-zarre-ly** *adv*

bk *abbr* 1 **bank** 2 **book**

Bk *symbol* **berkelium**

bkg *abbr* **banking**

bkgd *abbr* **background**

bks *abbr* **barracks**

bkt *abbr* 1 **basket** 2 **bracket**

bl *abbr* 1 **bale** 2 **barrel** 3 **blue**

blab \ˈblab\ *vb* **blabbed**; **blab-bing** : **TATTLE**, **GOSSIP**

black \ˈblak\ *adj* 1 : of the color black; *also* : very dark 2 : **SWARTHY** 3 : of or relating to a group of dark-haired dark-skinned people 4 : **NEGRO**; *also* : **AFRO-AMERICAN** 5 : **SOILED**, **DIRTY** 6 : lacking light (a ~ night) 7 : **WICKED**, **EVIL** (~ deeds) (~ magic) 8 : **DISMAL**, **GLOOMY** (a ~

outlook) 9 : **SULLEN** (a ~ mood) — **black-ish** *adj* — **black-ly** *adv* — **black-ness** *n*

black *n* 1 : a black pigment or dye; *also* : something (as clothing) that is black 2 : the color characteristic of soot or coal 3 : a person of a dark-skinned race; *esp* : **NEGRO**

black *vb* : **BLACKEN**

black-a-moor \ˈblak-ə-,mūr\ *n* : **NEGRO**

black-and-blue \ˈblak-ən-ˈblū\ *adj* : darkly discolored from blood effused by bruising

black art *n* : **MAGIC**, **WITCHCRAFT**

black-ball \ˈblak-,bɒl\ *n* : a black object used to cast a negative vote; *also* : such a vote — **black-ball** *vb*

black bass *n* : any of several freshwater sunfishes native to eastern and central No. America

black belt \ˈblak-,bɛlt\ *n*, *often* *cap* both *Bs* : an area densely populated by blacks

black belt \-ˈbɛlt\ *n* 1 : a rating of expert (as in judo or karate) 2 : one who holds a black belt

black-ber-ry \ˈblak-,ber-ē\ *n* : the usu. black or purple juicy but seedy edible fruit of various brambles; *also* : a plant bearing this fruit

black-bird \ˈblak-,bɜrd\ *n* : any of various birds (as the red-winged blackbird) of which the male is largely or wholly black

black-board \-,bɔrd\ *n* : a dark smooth surface (as of slate) used for writing or drawing on usu. with chalk

black-body \ˈblak-ˈbɒd-ē\ *n* : a body or surface that completely absorbs incident radiation

black box *n* : a usu. complicated electronic device whose components and workings are unknown or mysterious to the user

black death *n* : a form of bacterial plague that spread rapidly in Europe and Asia in the 14th century

black-en \ˈblak-ən\ *vb* **black-ened**; **black-en-ing** \-(ə-)nɪŋ\ 1 : to make or become black 2 : **DEFAME**, **SULLY**

black eye *n* : a discoloration of the skin around the eye from bruising

black-eyed Su-san \ˈblak-,ɪd-ˈsüz-ən\ *n* : either of two No. American plants that are related to the daisies and have deep yellow to orange flower heads with dark conical centers

Black-foot \ˈblak-,füt\ *n*, *pl* **Black-feet** or **Blackfoot** : a member of an American Indian people of Montana, Alberta, and Saskatchewan

black-guard \ˈblag-ərd, -ˈärd\ *n* : **SCOUNDREL**, **RASCAL**

black-head \ˈblak-,hed\ *n* : a small oily mass plugging the outlet of a skin gland

black-ing \ˈblak-ɪŋ\ *n* : a substance applied to something to make it black

black-jack \-ˈjak\ *n* 1 : a leather-covered club with a flexible handle 2 : a card game in which the object is to be dealt cards having a higher count than the dealer but not exceeding 21

blackjack *vb* : to hit with or as if with a blackjack

black light *n* : invisible ultraviolet or infrared radiation

black-list \ˈblak-,list\ *n* : a list of persons who are disapproved of and are to be punished (as by refusal of jobs or a boycott) — **blacklist** *vb*

black-mail \ˈblak-,māl\ *n* : extortion by threats *esp.* of public exposure; *also* : something so extorted — **blackmail** *vb* — **black-mail-er** *n*

black market *n* : illicit trade in goods; *also* : a place where such trade is carried on

Black Mass *n* : a travesty of the Christian mass ascribed to worshippers of Satan

Black Muslim *n* : a member of a chiefly black group that professes Islamic religious belief

black nationalist *n*, *often* *cap* *B&N* : a member of a group of militant blacks who advocate separatism from whites and the formation of self-governing black communities — **black nationalism** *n*, *often* *cap* *B&N*

black-out \ˈblak-,aʊt\ *n* 1 : a period of darkness due to electrical power failure 2 : a transitory loss or dulling of

vision or consciousness **3** : the prohibition or restriction of the telecasting of sports events to ensure ticket sales — **black out** \-'aùt\ *vb*

Black Panther *n* : a member of an organization of militant black Americans

black power *n* : the mobilization of the political and economic power of black Americans esp. to further racial equality

black sheep *n* : a discreditable member of an otherwise respectable group

black-smith \'blak-,smith\ *n* : a worker who shapes heated iron by hammering it

black-thorn \-,thörn\ *n* : a European thorny plum

black-top \'blak-,táp\ *n* : a very dark material containing mixtures of hydrocarbons (as asphalt) used esp. for surfacing roads — **blacktop** *vb*

black widow *n* : a venomous New World spider having the female black with an hourglass-shaped red mark on the underside of the abdomen

blad-der \'blad-ər\ *n* : a sac in which liquid or gas is stored; esp. : one in a vertebrate into which urine passes from the kidneys

blade \'blád\ *n* **1** : a leaf of a plant and esp. of a grass; *also* : the flat part of a leaf as distinguished from its stalk **2** : something (as the flat part of an oar or an arm of a propeller) resembling the blade of a leaf **3** : the cutting part of an instrument or tool **4** : sword; *also* : swordsmen **5** : a dashing fellow (a gay ~) **6** : the runner of an ice skate

blain \'blán\ *n* : an inflammatory swelling or sore

blame \'blám\ *vb* **blamed**; **blam-ing** [ME *blamen*, fr. OF *blamer*, fr. L *blasphemare* to blaspheme, fr. Gk *blasphēmēin*] **1** : to find fault with **2** : to hold responsible or responsible for *syn* censure, denounce, condemn, criticize — **blam-able** *adj*

blame *n* **1** : CENSURE, REPROOF **2** : responsibility for fault or error *syn* guilt, fault, culpability, onus — **blame-less** *adj* — **blame-less-ly** *adv*

blame-wor-thy \-,wər-thē\ *adj* : deserving blame — **blame-wor-thi-ness** *n*

blanch \'blanch\ *vb* **1** : BLEACH **2** : to make or become white or pale

blanc-mange \blə-'mäŋj, -'mä'z\ *n* [ME *blancmanger*, fr. MF *blanc manger*, lit., white food] : a dessert made from gelatin or a starchy substance and milk usu. sweetened and flavored

bland \'bland\ *adj* **1** : smooth in manner : SUAVE **2** : gently soothing (a ~ diet); *also* : INSIPID *syn* gentle, mild, soft, balmy — **bland-ly** *adv* — **bland-ness** *n*

blan-dish-ment \'blan-dish-mənt\ *n* : flattering or coaxing speech or action : CAJOLERY

blank \'blank\ *adj* **1** : showing or causing an appearance of dazed dismay; *also* : EXPRESSIONLESS **2** : DULL, EMPTY (~ moments) **3** : free from writing or marks; *also* : having spaces to be filled in **4** : ABSOLUTE, DOWNRIGHT (a ~ refusal) **5** : not shaped in final form — **blank-ly** *adv* — **blank-ness** *n*

blank *n* **1** : an empty space **2** : a form with spaces for the entry of data **3** : the center of a target **4** : an unfinished form (as of a key) **5** : a cartridge with propellant and a wad but no projectile

blank *vb* **1** : to cover or close up : OBSCURE **2** : to keep from scoring

blank check *n* **1** : a signed check with the amount unspecified **2** : complete freedom of action

blan-ket \'blag-kət\ *n* **1** : a heavy woven often woolen covering **2** : a covering layer (a ~ of snow)

blanket *vb* : to cover with a blanket

blanket *adj* : covering a group or class (~ insurance); *also* : applicable in all instances (~ rules)

blank verse *n* : unrhymed iambic pentameter

blare \'blær\ *vb* **blared**; **blar-ing** : to sound loud and harsh; *also* : to proclaim loudly — **blare** *n*

blar-ney \'blär-nē\ *n* [*Blarney stone*, a stone in Blarney Castle, near Cork, Ireland, held to bestow skill in flattery on those who kiss it] : skillful flattery : BLANDISHMENT

blas-sé \blä-'zā\ *adj* [F] : not responsive to pleasure or excitement as a result of excessive indulgence; *also* : SOPHISTICATED

blas-pheme \blas-'fēm\ *vb* **blas-phemed**; **blas-phem-ing** **1** : to speak of or address with irreverence **2** : to utter blasphemy

blas-phe-my \'blas-fə-mē\ *n*, *pl* -mies **1** : the act of expressing lack of reverence for God **2** : irreverence toward something considered sacred — **blas-phe-mous** \-mə\ *adj*

blast \'blast\ *n* **1** : a violent gust of wind; *also* : its effect **2** : sound made by a wind instrument **3** : a current of air forced at high pressure through a hole in a furnace (**blast furnace**) **4** : a sudden withering esp. of plants : BLIGHT **5** : EXPLOSION; *also* : the often destructive wave of increased air pressure that moves outward from an explosion

blast *vb* **1** : BLIGHT **2** : to shatter by or as if by an explosive

blast off \('blast-'óf\ *vb* : TAKE OFF **4** — used esp. of rocket-propelled devices — **blast-off** \'blast-'óf\ *n*

bla-tant \'blät-nt\ *adj* : offensively obtrusive : vulgarly showy *syn* vociferous, boisterous, clamorous, obstreperous — **bla-tan-cy** \-'n-sē\ *n* — **bla-tant-ly** *adv*

blath-er \'blath-ər\ *vb* **blath-ered**; **blath-er-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to talk foolishly — **blather** *n*

blath-er-skite \'blath-ər-,skīt\ *n* : a blustering talkative person

blaze \'blāz\ *n* **1** : FIRE **2** : intense direct light accompanied by heat **3** : something (as a dazzling display or sudden outburst) suggesting fire (a ~ of autumn leaves) *syn* glare, glow, flame

blaze *vb* **blazed**; **blaz-ing** **1** : to burn brightly; *also* : to flare up **2** : to be conspicuously bright : GLITTER

blaze *vb* **blazed**; **blaz-ing** : to make public

blaze *n* **1** : a white mark on the face of an animal **2** : a mark made on a tree or other fixed object usu. to leave a trail

blaze *vb* **blazed**; **blaz-ing** : to mark (as a tree or trail) with blazes

blaz-er \'blā-zər\ *n* : a sports jacket often with notched collar and pockets that are stitched on

blaz-zon \'blāz-'n\ *n* **1** : COAT OF ARMS **2** : ostentatious display

blazon *vb* **blazoned**; **blazon-ing** \'blāz-(ə-)niŋ\ **1** : to publish widely : PROCLAIM **2** : DECK, ADORN

bldg *abbr* building

bldr *abbr* builder

bleach \'blēch\ *vb* : WHITEN, BLANCH

bleach *n* : a preparation used in bleaching

bleach-ers \'blē-čərz\ *n* *sing* or *pl* : a usu. uncovered stand containing lower-priced tiered seats for spectators

bleak \'blēk\ *adj* **1** : desolately barren and windswept **2** : lacking warm or cheering qualities — **bleak-ish** *adj* — **bleak-ly** *adv* — **bleak-ness** *n*

blear \'bliər\ *adj* : dim with water or tears (~ eyes)

bleary \'bli(ə)r-ē\ *adj* **1** : dull or dimmed esp. from fatigue or sleep **2** : poorly outlined or defined

bleat \'blēt\ *n* : the cry of a sheep or goat or a sound like it — **bleat** *vb*

bleed \'blēd\ *vb* **bled** \'bled\; **bleed-ing** **1** : to lose or shed blood **2** : to be wounded; *also* : to feel pain or distress **3** : to flow or ooze from a wounded surface; *also* : to

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
 \ə'out \ch'chin \ə'bet \ē'easy \ə'go \i'hit \i'ice \j'job
 \ŋ'sing \ə'go \ə'law \ə'boy \th'thin \th'the \ū'loot
 \ə'foot \y'yet \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

draw fluid from (∼ a tire) **4** : to extort money from
bleed-er \ˈblēd-ər/ *n* : one that bleeds; *esp* : HEMOPHILIAC
bleeding heart *n* **1** : a garden plant related to the poppies that has deep pink drooping heart-shaped flowers **2** : one who shows extreme sympathy *esp.* for an object of alleged persecution

blem-ish \ˈblem-ish/ *vb* : to spoil by a flaw : **MAR**

blemish *n* : a noticeable flaw

blench \ˈblench/ *vb* [ME *blenchen* to deceive, blench, fr. OE *blencan* to deceive] : **FLINCH**, **QUAIL** *syn* shrink, recoil, wince, start

blench *vb* : to grow or make pale

blend \ˈblend/ *vb* **blend-ed**; **blend-ing** **1** : to mix thoroughly **2** : to prepare (as coffee) by mixing different varieties **3** : to combine into an integrated whole **4** : **HARMONIZE** *syn* fuse, merge, mingle, coalesce — **blend-er** *n*

blend *n* : a product of blending *syn* compound, composite, alloy, mixture

bles \ˈbles/ *vb* **bles-sed** \ˈbles-t/ *also* **blest** \ˈblest/; **bles-sing** [ME *bles-sen*, fr. OE *blētsian*, fr. *blōd* blood; fr. the use of blood in consecration] **1** : to hallow or consecrate by religious rite or word **2** : to make the sign of the cross over **3** : to invoke divine care for **4** : **PRAISE**, **GLORIFY** **5** : to confer happiness upon

bles-sed \ˈbles-əd/ *also* **blest** \ˈblest/ *adj* **1** : **HOLY** **2** : **BEATIFIED** **3** : **DELIGHTFUL** — **bles-sed-ness** *n*

bles-sing \ˈbles-ɪŋ/ *n* **1** : the act or words of one who blesses **2** : a thing conducive to happiness **3** : grace said at a meal

blew *past of* **BLOW**

blight \ˈblɪt/ *n* **1** : a plant disease or injury marked by withering; *also* : an organism causing a blight **2** : an impairing or frustrating influence; *also* : an impaired or damaged condition

blight *vb* : to affect with or suffer from blight

blimp \ˈblɪmp/ *n* : a nonrigid airship

blind \ˈblaɪnd/ *adj* **1** : lacking or grossly deficient in ability to see; *also* : intended for blind persons **2** : not based on reason, evidence, or knowledge (∼ faith) **3** : not intelligently controlled or directed (∼ chance) **4** : performed solely by the aid of instruments within an airplane (a ∼ landing) **5** : hard to discern or make out : **HIDDEN** (a ∼ seam) **6** : lacking an opening or outlet (a ∼ alley) — **blind-ly** *adv* — **blind-ness** \ˈblaɪn-dəs/ *n*

blind *vb* **1** : to make blind **2** : **DAZZLE** **3** : **DARKEN**; *also* : **HIDE**

blind *n* **1** : something (as a shutter) to hinder vision or keep out light **2** : a place of concealment **3** : **SUBTERFUGE**

blind date *n* : a date between persons who have not previously met; *also* : either of these persons

blind-er \ˈblaɪn-dər/ *n* : either of two flaps on a horse's bridle to prevent it from seeing to the side

blind-fold \ˈblaɪn(d)-,fəld/ *vb* : to cover the eyes of with or as if with a bandage — **blindfold** *n*

blink \ˈblɪŋk/ *vb* **1** : **WINK** **2** : **TWINKLE** **3** : **EVADE**, **IGNORE**

blink *n* **1** : **GLIMMER**, **SPARKLE** **2** : a usu. involuntary shutting and opening of the eye

blink-er \ˈblɪŋ-kər/ *n* : a blinking light used as a signal

blin-tze \ˈblɪnt-sə/ *or* **blintz** \ˈblɪnts/ *n* [Yiddish *blintse*] : a thin rolled pancake with a filling usu. of cream cheese

blip \ˈblɪp/ *n* **1** : an image on a radar screen **2** : **ABERRATION** **1**

bliss \ˈblɪs/ *n* : complete happiness : **JOY** *syn* beatitude, blessedness — **bliss-ful** \-fəl/ *adj* — **bliss-ful-ly** \-fəl-lē/ *adv*

blis-ter \ˈblɪs-tər/ *n* **1** : a raised area of skin containing watery fluid; *also* : an agent that causes blisters **2** : something (as a raised spot in paint) suggesting a blister **3** : a disease of plants marked by large swollen patches on the leaves

blister *vb* **blis-tered**; **blis-ter-ing** \-t(ə-)rɪŋ/ : to develop a blister; *also* : to cause blisters

blithe \ˈblɪθ/, **blith** *adj* **blith-er**; **blith-est** : happily light-

hearted *syn* merry, jovial, jolly, jocund — **blithe-ly** *adv* — **blithe-some** \-səm/ *adj*

blitz \ˈblɪts/ *n* **1** : an intensive series of air raids **2** : a fast intensive campaign **3** : a rush of the passer by the defensive linebackers in football — **blitz** *vb*

blitz-krieg \-,kræg/ *n* [G, lit., lightning war, fr. *blitz* lightning + *krieg* war] : a sudden violent enemy attack

bliz-zard \ˈblɪz-ərd/ *n* : a long severe snowstorm

blk *abbr* **1** black **2** block

bloat \ˈblɒt/ *vb* : to swell by or as if by filling with water or air

bloat-er \ˈblɒt-ər/ *n* : a fat herring or mackerel lightly salted and smoked

blob \ˈblɒb/ *n* : a small lump or drop of a thick consistency

bloc \ˈblæk/ *n* [F, lit., block] : a combination of individuals or groups (as nations) working for a common purpose

block \ˈblæk/ *n* **1** : a solid piece of substantial material (as wood or stone) **2** : **HINDRANCE**, **OBSTRUCTION**; *also* : interruption of normal function of body or mind (heart ∼) **3** : a frame enclosing one or more pulleys and having a hook or strap by which it may be attached to objects **4** : a quantity of things considered as a unit (a ∼ of seats) **5** : a large building divided into separate units (as apartments or offices) **6** : a row of houses or shops **7** : a city square; *also* : the distance along one of the sides of such a square **8** : a piece of material with a hand-cut design on its surface from which copies are to be made

block *vb* **1** : **OBSTRUCT**, **CHECK** **2** : to outline roughly (∼ out a statue) **3** : to provide or support with a block (∼ up a wheel) *syn* bar, impede, hinder, obstruct

block-ade \ˈblɒ-ˈkæd/ *vb* **block-ad-ed**; **block-ad-ing** : to subject to a blockade

blockade *n* : the shutting off of a place usu. by troops or ships to prevent entrance or exit

block-bust-er \ˈblɒk-,bɒs-tər/ *n* : one that is very large, successful, or violent (a ∼ of a movie)

block-head \ˈblɒk-,hed/ *n* : **DOLT**, **DUNCE**

block-house \-,haʊs/ *n* : a small strong building used as a shelter (as from enemy fire) or observation post

blond *or* **blonde** \ˈblɒnd/ *adj* : fair in complexion; *also* : of a light or bleached color (∼ mahogany) — **blond-ish** \-ɪʃ/ *adj*

blond *or* **blonde** *n* : a person having blond hair

blood \ˈblʌd/ *n* **1** : the red liquid that circulates in the heart, arteries, and veins of animals **2** : **LIFEBLOOD**; *also* : **LIFE** **3** : **LINEAGE**, **STOCK** **4** : **KINSHIP**; *also* : **KINDRED** **5** : the taking of life **6** : **TEMPER**, **PASSION** **7** : **DANDY** **1** — **blood-less** *adj* — **bloody** *adj*

blood bank *n* : a place where blood or plasma is stored

blood-bath \ˈblɒd-,bath-, -bæθ/ *n* : **MASSACRE**

blood count *n* : the determination of the number of blood cells in a specific volume of blood; *also* : the number of cells so determined

blood-cur-dling \-,kɜrd-(ə-)lɪŋ/ *adj* : causing great horror or fear : **TERRIFYING**

blood-ed \ˈblɒd-əd/ *adj* **1** : entirely or largely purebred (∼ horses) **2** : having blood of a specified kind (warm-blooded animals)

blood group *n* : one of the classes into which human beings can be separated by the presence or absence in their blood of specific antigens

blood-hound \ˈblɒd-,haʊnd/ *n* : a large powerful hound with long drooping ears, a wrinkled face, and keen sense of smell

blood-let-ting \-,let-ɪŋ/ *n* **1** : **PHLEBOTOMY** **2** : **BLOODSHED**

blood-line \-,lɪn/ *n* : a sequence of direct ancestors *esp.* in a pedigree

blood-mo-bile \-mō-,bēl/ *n* : a motor vehicle equipped for collecting blood from donors

blood poisoning *n* : invasion of the bloodstream by viru-

lent microorganisms from a focus of infection accompanied esp. by chills, fever, and prostration

blood pressure *n* : pressure of the blood on the walls of blood vessels and esp. arteries

blood-root \ˈbləd-rūt, -rūt\ *n* : a plant related to the poppy that has a red root and sap, a solitary leaf, and a white flower in early spring

blood-shed \-,shed\ *n* : wounding or taking of life : **CARNAGE, SLAUGHTER**

blood-shot \-,shāt\ *adj* : inflamed to redness (∼ eyes)

blood-stain \-,stān\ *n* : a discoloration caused by blood — **blood-stained** \-,stānd\ *adj*

blood-stone \-,stōn\ *n* : a green quartz sprinkled with red spots

blood-stream \-,strēm\ *n* : the flowing blood in a circulatory system

blood-suck-er \-,sək-ər\ *n* : an animal that sucks blood; *esp* : **LEECH** — **blood-suck-ing** \-ɪŋ\ *adj*

blood test *n* : a test of the blood; *esp* : one for syphilis

blood-thirsty \ˈbləd-,thər-stē\ *adj* : eager to shed blood — **blood-thirst-i-ly** \-,thər-stē-lē\ *adv* — **blood-thirst-i-ness** \-stē-nəs\ *n*

blood type *n* : **BLOOD GROUP** — **blood-typ-ing** \-,tī-pɪŋ\ *n*

blood vessel *n* : a vessel (as a vein or artery) in which blood circulates in an animal

Bloody Mary \-ˈme(ə)r-ē\ *n, pl* **Bloody Marys** : a drink made essentially of vodka and tomato juice

bloom \ˈblüm\ *n* 1 : **FLOWER** 1; *also* : flowers or amount of flowers (as of a plant) 2 : the period or state of flowering 3 : a state or time of beauty and vigor 4 : a powdery coating esp. on fruits and leaves 5 : rosy color; *also* : an appearance of freshness or health — **bloomy** *adj*

bloom *vb* 1 : to produce or yield flowers 2 : to glow esp. with healthy color **syn** flower, blossom

bloo-mers \ˈblü-mərz\ *n pl* [*Amelia Bloomer* †1894 Am. pioneer in feminism] : a woman's garment of short loose trousers gathered at the knee

bloop-er \ˈblü-pər\ *n* 1 : an embarrassing blunder made in public 2 : a fly ball hit barely beyond a baseball infield

blös-som \ˈbläs-əm\ *n* : the flower of a plant : **BLOOM**

blossom *vb* : **FLOWER, BLOOM**

blot \ˈblät\ *n* 1 : **SPOT, STAIN** (ink ∼s) 2 : **BLEMISH** **syn** stigma, brand, slur

blot *vb blot-ted; blot-ting* 1 : **SPOT, STAIN** 2 : **OBSCURE, ECLIPSE** (∼ out the sun) 3 *obs* : **MAR**; *esp* : **DISGRACE** 4 : to dry or remove with or as if with blotting paper 5 : to make a blot

blotch \ˈbläch\ *n* : a usu. large and irregular spot or mark (as of ink or color) — **blotch** *vb* — **blotchy** *adj*

blot-ter \ˈblät-ər\ *n* 1 : a piece of blotting paper 2 : a book for preliminary records (as of sales or arrests)

blot-ting paper *n* : a soft spongy paper used to absorb ink **blouse** \ˈblaus, ˈblauz\ *n* 1 : a loose outer garment like a smock 2 : a usu. loose garment reaching from the neck to about the waist level

blow \ˈblō\ *vb blew* \ˈblü; **blown** \ˈblōn\; **blow-ing** 1 : to move forcibly (the wind *blew*) 2 : to send forth a current of gas (as air) 3 : to act on with a current of gas or vapor; *esp* : to drive with such a current 4 : to sound or cause to sound (∼ a horn) 5 : **PANT, GASP**; *also* : to expel moist air in breathing (the whale *blew*) 6 : **BOAST**; *also* : **BLUSTER** 7 : **MELT** — used of an electrical fuse 8 : to shape or form by blown or injected air (∼ glass) 9 : to shatter or destroy by or as if by explosion 10 : to make breathless by exertion 11 : to spend recklessly — **blow-er** *n*

blow *n* 1 : a usu. strong blowing of air : **GALE** 2 : **BOASTING, BRAG** 3 : a blowing from the mouth or nose or through or from an instrument

blow *vb blew* \ˈblü; **blown** \ˈblōn\; **blow-ing** : **FLOWER, BLOOM**

blow *n* 1 : a forcible stroke 2 : **COMBAT** (come to ∼s) 3 : a severe and usu. unexpected calamity

blow-by-blow \-bī-, -bə-\ *adj* : minutely detailed (∼ account)

blow-fly \ˈblō-,flī\ *n* : any of various two-winged flies (as a bluebottle) that deposit their eggs or maggots on meat or in wounds

blow-gun \-,gən\ *n* : a tube from which an arrow or a dart may be shot by the force of the breath

blow-out \ˈblō-,aūt\ *n* : a bursting of something (as a tire) because of pressure of the contents (as air)

blow-pipe \ˈblō-,pīp\ *n* : a small tube for blowing gas (as air) into a flame so as to concentrate and increase the heat

blow-sy *also* **blow-zy** \ˈblau-zē\ *adj* : **DISHEVELED, SLOVENLY**

blow-torch \ˈblō-,tôrç\ *n* : a small portable burner whose flame is made hotter by a blast of air or oxygen

blow-up \ˈblō-,əp\ *n* 1 : **EXPLOSION** 2 : an outburst of temper 3 : a photographic enlargement

blowy \ˈblō-ē\ *adj* : **WINDY**

BLT \,bē-,el-ˈtē\ *n* : a bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwich

blub-ber \ˈbləb-ər\ *vb* **blub-bered; blub-ber-ing** \ˈbləb-(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to cry noisily

blubber *n* 1 : the fat of large sea mammals (as whales) 2 : a noisy crying

blud-geon \ˈbləj-ən\ *n* : a short often loaded club

bludgeon *vb* : to strike with or as if with a bludgeon

blue \ˈblü\ *adj* **blue-er; blue-est** 1 : of the color blue; *also* : **BLuish** 2 : **MELANCHOLY**; *also* : **DEPRESSING** 3 : **PURITANICAL** 4 : **INDECENT**

blue *n* 1 : a color between green and violet in the spectrum : the color of the clear daytime sky 2 : something (as clothing or the sky) that is blue

blue baby *n* : a baby with bluish skin due to faulty circulation caused by a heart defect

blue-bell \-,bel\ *n* : any of various plants with blue bell-shaped flowers

blue-ber-ry \ˈblü-,ber-ē, -b(ə)r-ē\ *n* : the edible blue or blackish berry of various shrubs of the heath family; *also* : one of these shrubs

blue-bird \-,bärd\ *n* : any of several small songbirds related to the robin but with blue above esp. in the male **blue-black** \-ˈblak\ *adj* : being of a dark bluish hue **blue-bon-net** \ˈblü-,bän-ət\ *n* : a low-growing annual lupine of Texas with silky foliage and blue flowers

blue-bot-tle \ˈblü-,bät-əl\ *n* : any of several blowflies with iridescent blue bodies or abdomens

blue cheese *n* : cheese marked with veins of greenish blue mold

blue-col-lar \ˈblü-,käl-ər\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the class of workers whose duties call for work clothes **blue-fish** \-,fɪʃ\ *n* : a marine sport and food fish bluish above and silvery below

blue-grass \-,gras\ *n* : **KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS**

blue jay \-,jā\ *n* : an American crested jay with upper parts bright blue that occurs east of the Rocky mountains

blue jeans *n pl* : pants usu. made of blue denim

blue-nose \ˈblü-,nōz\ *n* : one who advocates a rigorous moral code

blue-point \ˈblü-,pɔɪnt\ *n* : a small delicate oyster orig. from Long Island, New York

blue-print \-,prɪnt\ *n* 1 : a photographic print in white on a blue ground used esp. for copying mechanical drawings and architects' plans 2 : a detailed plan of action — **blueprint** *vb*

blues \ˈblüz\ *n pl* 1 : **MELANCHOLY** 2 : music in a style

\əˈbʌt \ˈkɪtən \əˈfɜːrther \əˈʌʃ \əˈvæ \əˈkɒt, cɑːt
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 \uˈfʊt \vɪˈjɛt \zʰˈvɪʃən *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

marked by recurrent minor intervals and melancholy lyrics

blue-stock-ing \ˈblü-, stäk-ɪŋ\ *n* : a woman having intellectual interests

blu-et \ˈblü-ət\ *n* : a low American herb with dainty solitary bluish flowers

blue whale *n* : a very large whalebone whale that may reach a weight of 100 tons (90 metric tons) and a length of 100 feet (30 meters)

bluff \ˈbləf\ *adj* **1** : having a broad flattened front **2** : rising steeply with a broad flat front **3** : OUTSPOKEN, FRANK *syn* abrupt, blunt, brusque, curt, gruff

bluff *n* : a high steep bank : CLIFF

bluff *vb* **1** : to frighten or deceive by pretense or a mere show of strength

bluff *n* : an act or instance of bluffing; *also* : one who bluffs

blu-ing or **blue-ing** \ˈblü-ɪŋ\ *n* : a preparation of blue or violet dyes used in laundering to counteract yellowing of white fabrics

blu-ish \ˈblü-ɪʃ\ *adj* : somewhat blue

blun-der \ˈblən-dər\ *vb* **blun-dered**; **blun-der-ing** \-d(ə)-rɪŋ\ **1** : to move clumsily or unsteadily **2** : to make a stupid or needless mistake

blunder *n* : an avoidable and usu. serious mistake

blun-der-buss \ˈblən-dər-, bəs\ *n* [fr. obs. Dutch *donderbus*, fr. Dutch *donder* thunder + obs. Dutch *bus* gun] : an obsolete short-barreled firearm with a flaring muzzle

blunt \ˈblʌnt\ *adj* **1** : not sharp : DULL **2** : lacking in tact : BLUFF *syn* brusque, curt, gruff, abrupt, crusty — **bluntly** *adv* — **blunt-ness** *n*

blunt *vb* : to make or become dull

blur \ˈblʌr\ *n* **1** : a smear or stain that obscures **2** : something vaguely seen or perceived — **blur-ry** \-ē\ *adj*

blur *vb* **blurred**; **blur-ring** : DIM, CLOUD, OBSCURE

blurb \ˈblɜrb\ *n* : a short publicity notice (as on a book jacket)

blurt \ˈblɜrt\ *vb* : to utter suddenly and impulsively

blush \ˈblʌʃ\ *n* : a reddening of the face (as from modesty or confusion) : FLUSH — **blush** *vb* — **blush-ful** *adj*

blus-ter \ˈbləs-tər\ *vb* **blus-tered**; **blus-ter-ing** \-t(ə)-rɪŋ\ **1** : to blow in stormy noisy gusts **2** : to talk or act with noisy swaggering threats — **bluster** *n* — **blus-tery** \-t(ə)-rē\ *adj*

blvd *abbr* boulevard

B lymphocyte *n* : B CELL

BM *abbr* **1** basal metabolism **2** bowel movement

BMR *abbr* basal metabolic rate

BO *abbr* **1** body odor **2** box office **3** branch office

boa \ˈbō-ə\ *n* **1** : a large snake (as the **boa constrictor** \,bō-ə-kən-ˈstrɪk-tər\ or the related anaconda) that suffocates and kills its prey by constriction **2** : a fluffy scarf usu. of fur or feathers

boar \ˈbɔr\ *n* : a male swine; *also* : WILD BOAR

board \ˈbɔrd\ *n* **1** : the side of a ship **2** : a thin flat length of sawed lumber; *also* : material (as cardboard) or a piece of material formed as a thin flat firm sheet **3** *pl* : STAGE **1** **4** : a table spread with a meal; *also* : daily meals esp. when furnished for pay **5** : a table at which a council or magistrates sit **6** : a group or association of persons organized for a special responsibility (as the management of a business or institution); *also* : an organized commercial exchange

board *vb* **1** : to go aboard (~ a boat) **2** : to cover with boards **3** : to provide or be provided with meals and often lodging — **board-er** *n*

board-ing-house \ˈbɔrd-ɪŋ-, haʊs\ *n* : a house at which persons are boarded

board-walk \ˈbɔrd-, wɒk\ *n* : a promenade (as of planking) along a beach

boast \ˈbɔst\ *vb* **1** : to praise oneself **2** : to mention or assert with excessive pride **3** : to prize as a possession;

also : HAVE (the house ~s a fireplace) — **boast** *n* — **boast-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **boast-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

boat \ˈbōt\ *n* : a vessel (as a canoe or ship) for traveling through water

boat-er \ˈbōt-ər\ *n* **1** : one that travels in a boat **2** : a stiff straw hat

boat-man \ˈbōt-mən\ *n* : a man who manages, works on, or deals in boats

boat-swain \ˈbōs-ʍən\ *n* : a subordinate officer of a ship in charge of the hull and related equipment

bob \ˈbɒb\ *vb* **bobbed**; **bob-bing** **1** : to move up and down jerkily or repeatedly **2** : to emerge, arise, or appear suddenly or unexpectedly

bob *n* : a bobbing movement

bob *n* **1** : a knob, knot, twist, or curl esp. of ribbons, yarn, or hair **2** : a short haircut of a woman or child **3** : FLOAT **2** **4** : a weight hanging from a line

bob *vb* **bobbed**; **bob-bing** : to cut hair in a bob

bob *n*, *pl* **bob** *slang* *Brit* : SHILLING

bob-bin \ˈbɒb-ən\ *n* : a cylinder or spindle for holding or dispensing thread (as in a sewing machine)

bob-ble \ˈbɒb-əl\ *vb* **bob-bled**; **bob-bling** \-(ə)-lɪŋ\ : FUMBLE — **bobble** *n*

bob-by \ˈbɒb-ē\ *n*, *pl* **bobbies** [*Bobby*, nickname for *Robert*, after Sir *Robert* Peel, who organized the London police force] *Brit* : POLICEMAN

bob-by pin \ˈbɒb-ē-\ *n* : a flat wire hairpin with prongs that press close together

bob-cat \ˈbɒb-ˌkæt\ *n* : a small usu. rusty-colored No. American lynx



bobcat

bob-o-link \ˈbɒb-ə-, lɪŋk\ *n* : an American migratory songbird related to the meadowlarks

bob-sled \ˈbɒb-, sled\ *n* **1** : a short sled usu. used as one of a joined pair **2** : a racing sled with two pairs of runners, a steering wheel, and a hand brake — **bobsled** *vb*

bob-white \(')bɒb-ˈhwɪt\ *n* : any of a genus of quail; *esp* : one of the eastern and central U.S.

boc-cie or **boc-ci** or **boc-ce** \ˈbɒch-ē\ *n* : Italian lawn bowling played on a long narrow court

bock \ˈbɒk\ *n* : a dark heavy beer usu. sold in early spring

bod \ˈbɒd\ *n* : BODY

bode \ˈbɒd\ *vb* **bod-ed**; **bod-ing** : to indicate by signs

: PRESAGE

body *past* of BIDE

bo-de-ga \bō-ˈdā-gə\ *n* [Sp, fr. L *apotheca* storehouse] : a store specializing in Hispanic groceries

bod-ice \ˈbɒd-əs\ *n* [alter. of *bodies*, *pl.* of *body*] : the usu. close-fitting part of a dress above the waist

bodi-less \ˈbɒd-i-ləs, ˈbɒd-ɪ-ləs\ *adj* : lacking a body or material form

bodi-ly \ˈbɒd-i-ē\ *adj* : of or relating to the body (~ welfare)

bodily *adv* **1** : in the flesh **2** : as a whole (lifted the crate up ~)

bod-kin \ˈbɒd-kən\ *n* **1** : DAGGER **2** : a pointed implement for punching holes in cloth **3** : a blunt needle for drawing tape or ribbon through a loop or hem

body \ˈbɒd-ē\ *n*, *pl* **bodies** **1** : the physical whole of a living or dead organism; *also* : the trunk or main mass of an organism as distinguished from its appendages **2**

: a human being : PERSON 3 : the main part of something 4 : a mass of matter distinct from other masses 5 : GROUP 6 : VISCOSITY, FIRMNESS 7 : richness of flavor — used esp. of wines — **bod-ied** \bād-ēd\ *adj*

body English *n* : bodily motions made in a usu. unconscious effort to influence the movement of a propelled object (as a ball)

body-guard \bād-ē-, gārd\ *n* : a personal guard; *also* : RETINUE

body stocking *n* : a sheer close-fitting one-piece garment for the torso that often has sleeves and legs

body-work \bād-ē-, wɜrk\ *n* : the making or repairing of vehicle bodies

Boer \bōr, 'būr\ *n* [Dutch, lit., farmer] : a South African of Dutch or Huguenot descent

bog \bäg, 'bög\ *n* : wet, spongy, poorly drained, and usu. acid ground — **bog-ey** *adj*

bog *vb* **bogged**; **bog-ging** : to sink into or as if into a bog

bog-ey **also** **bo-gie** **or** **bo-gy** \büg-ē, 'bō-gē for 1; 'bō-gē for 2\ *n, pl* **bogeys** **also** **bogies** 1 : SPECTER, HOBGOBLIN; *also* : a source of fear or annoyance 2 : a score of one over par on a hole in golf

bo-gey-man \büg-ē-, man, 'bō-gē-, 'bū-gē-\ *n* : an imaginary monster used in threatening children

bog-gle \bäg-əl\ *vb* **bog-gled**; **bog-gling** \-(ə-)liŋ\ : to overwhelm or be overwhelmed with fright or amazement

bo-gus \bō-gəs\ *adj* : SPURIOUS, SHAM

Bo-he-mi-an \bō-'hē-mē-ən\ *n* 1 : a native or inhabitant of Bohemia 2 *often not cap* : VAGABOND, WANDERER 3 *often not cap* : a person (as a writer or artist) living an unconventional life — **bohemian** *adj, often cap*

boil \bōil\ *n* : an inflamed swelling on the skin containing pus

boil *vb* 1 : to heat or become heated to a temperature (boiling point) at which vapor is formed and rises in bubbles (water ~s and changes to steam); *also* : to act on or be acted on by a boiling liquid (~ eggs) 2 : to be in a state of seething agitation

boil *n* : the act or state of boiling

boil-er \bōi-lər\ *n* 1 : a container in which something is boiled 2 : a strong vessel used in making steam 3 : a tank holding hot water

boil-er-mak-er \bōi-lər-, mā-kər\ *n* : whiskey with a beer chaser

bois-ter-ous \bōi-st(ə)rəs\ *adj* : noisily turbulent or exuberant — **bois-ter-ous-ly** *adv*

bok choy \bāk-'chōi\ *n* : a Chinese vegetable related to the mustards that forms a loose head of green leaves with long thick white stalks

bo-la \bō-lə\ **or** **bo-las** \-ləs\ *n, pl* **bolas** \-ləz\ *also* **bo-las-es** [AmerSp *bolas*, fr. Sp *bola* ball] : a cord with weights attached to the ends for hurling at and entangling an animal

bold \böld\ *adj* 1 : COURAGEOUS, INTREPID 2 : IMPUDENT 3 : STEEP 4 : ADVENTUROUS, FREE (a ~ thinker) *syn* dauntless, brave, valiant — **bold-ly** *adv* — **bold-ness** \böld(d)-nəs\ *n*

bold-face \böld(d)-fäs\ *n* : a heavy-faced type; *also* : printing in boldface — **bold-faced** \-'fäst\ *adj*

bole \böl\ *n* : the trunk of a tree

bo-le-ro \bō-'le(ə)r-ō\ *n, pl* -ros 1 : a Spanish dance or its music 2 : a short loose jacket open at the front

bo-li-var \bō-'lē-, vār, 'bäl-ə-vər\ *n, pl* -vars **or** -va-res \bäl-ə-'vār-, ās, 'bō-li-\ — *see* MONEY table

boll \böl\ *n* : a seed pod (as of cotton)

boll weevil *n* : a small grayish weevil that infests the cotton plant both as a larva and as an adult

boll-worm \böl-, wɜrm\ *n* : any of several moths and esp. the corn earworm whose larvae feed on cotton bolls

bo-lo \bō-lō\ *n, pl* **bolos** : a long heavy single-edged knife of Philippine origin

bo-lo-gna \bō-'lō-nē\ *n* [short for *Bologna sausage*, fr.

Bologna, Italy] : a large smoked sausage of beef, veal, and pork

Bol-she-vik \böl-shə-'vik\ *n, pl* **Bolsheviks** *also* **Bol-she-vi-ki** \böl-shə-'vik-ē\ [Russ *bol'shevik*, fr. *bol'she* larger] 1 : a member of the party that seized power in Russia in the revolution of November 1917 2 : COMMUNIST — **Bolshevik** *adj*

bol-she-vism \böl-shə-'viz-əm\ *n, often cap* : the doctrine or program of the Bolsheviks advocating violent overthrow of capitalism

bol-ster \böl-stər\ *n* : a long pillow or cushion extending from side to side of a bed

bolster *vb* **bolstered**; **bol-ster-ing** \-st(ə)-riŋ\ : to support with or as if with a bolster; *also* : REINFORCE

bolt \bölt\ *n* 1 : a missile (as an arrow) for a crossbow or catapult 2 : a flash of lightning : THUNDERBOLT 3 : a sliding bar used to fasten a door 4 : a roll of cloth or wallpaper of specified length 5 : a rod with a head at one end and a screw thread at the other used to hold objects in place 6 : a metal cylinder that drives the cartridge into the chamber of a firearm

bolt *vb* 1 : to move suddenly (as in fright or hurry) : START, DASH 2 : to break away (as from association) (~ a political convention) 3 : to secure or fasten with a bolt 4 : to swallow hastily or without chewing

bolt *n* : an act of bolting

bolt *vb* : SIFT (~ flour)

bo-lus \bō-ləs\ *n* 1 : a large pill 2 : a soft mass of chewed food

bomb \bām\ *n* 1 : a fused explosive device designed to detonate under specified conditions (as impact) 2 : a container of material (as insecticide) under pressure for release in a fine spray 3 : a long pass in football

bomb *vb* : to attack with bombs

bom-bard \bām-'bārd, bəm-\ *vb* 1 : to attack esp. with artillery or bombers 2 : to assail persistently 3 : to subject to the impact of rapidly moving particles (as electrons) — **bom-bard-ment** *n*

bom-bar-dier \bām-bə(r)-'diər\ *n* : a bomber-crew member who releases the bombs

bom-bast \bām-'bast\ *n* [fr. *bombast* cotton padding, fr. MF *bombace*, fr. ML *bombax* cotton, alter. of L *bombyx* silkworm, silk, fr. Gk] : pretentious wordy speech or writing — **bom-bas-tic** \bām-'bas-tik\ *adj*

bom-ba-zine \bām-bə-'zēn\ *n* 1 : a silk fabric in twill weave dyed black 2 : a twilled fabric with silk warp and worsted filling

bomber \bām-ər\ *n* : one that bombs; *esp* : an airplane for dropping bombs

bomb-proof \bām-,prüf\ *adj* : safe against the explosive force of bombs

bomb-shell \bām-,shel\ *n* 1 : BOMB 1 2 : one that stuns, amazes, or completely upsets

bona fide \bō-nə-'fid, 'bän-ə-, 'bō-nə-'fid-ē-, '-fid-ə\ *adj* [L, in good faith] 1 : made in good faith (a *bona fide* agreement) 2 : GENUINE, REAL (a *bona fide* bargain) *syn* authentic

bo-nan-za \bə-'nan-zə\ *n* [Sp, lit., fair weather, fr. ML *bonacia*, alter. of L *malacia* calm at sea, fr. Gk *malakia*, lit., softness, fr. *malakos* soft] : something yielding a rich return

bon-bon \bän-, bän\ *n* : a candy with a creamy center and a soft covering (as of chocolate)

bond \bänd\ *n* 1 : FETTER 2 : a binding or uniting force or tie (~s of friendship) 3 : an agreement or obligation often made binding by a pledge of money or goods 4 : a person who acts as surety for another 5 : an interest-bearing certificate of public or private indebtedness 6

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \a\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \j\ging \ō\go \ō\law \ō\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot
 \ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

: the state of goods subject to supervision pending payment of taxes or duties due (imports held in ~)

bond *vb* 1 : to assure payment of duties or taxes on (goods) by giving a bond 2 : to insure against losses caused by the acts of (~ a bank teller) 3 : to make or become firmly united as if by bonds (~ iron to copper)

bond-age \ˈbān-dj\ *n* : SLAVERY, SERVITUDE

bond-holder \ˈbānd-, hōl-dər\ *n* : one that owns a government or corporation bond

bond-ing *n* : the formation of a close personal relationship esp. through frequent or constant association (~ of mother and child)

bond-man \ˈbān(d)-mən\ *n* : SLAVE, SERF

bonds-man \ˈbān(d)z-mən\ *n* : BONDMAN

bondsman *n* : SURETY 3

bond-woman \ˈbānd-, wūm-ən\ *n* : a female slave or serf

bone \ˈbōn\ *n* 1 : a hard largely calcareous tissue forming most of the skeleton of a vertebrate animal; *also* : one of the pieces of bone making up a vertebrate skeleton 2 : a hard animal substance (as ivory or whalebone) similar to true bone 3 : something made of bone — **bone-less** *adj* — **bony** *also* **bon-ey** \ˈbō-nē\ *adj*

bone *vb* **boned**; **bon-ing** : to free from bones (~ a chicken) **bone black** *n* : the black carbon residue from calcined bones used esp. as a pigment

bone meal *n* : fertilizer or feed made of crushed or ground bone

bon-er \ˈbō-nər\ *n* : a stupid and ridiculous blunder

bone up *vb* 1 : CRAM 3 2 : to refresh one's memory (*boned up* on the speech before giving it)

bon-fire \ˈbān-, fī(ə)r\ *n* [ME *bonefire* a fire of bones, fr. *bon* bone + *fire*] : a large fire built in the open air

bon-go \ˈbān-gō\ *n*, *pl* **bongos** *also* **bongoes** [AmerSp *bon-gó*] : one of a pair of small tuned drums played with the hands

bon-ho-mie \ˈbān-ə-ˈmē\ *n* [F *bonhomie*, fr. *bonhomme* good-natured man, fr. *bon* good + *homme* man] : good-natured easy friendliness

bo-ni-to \ˈbā-nēt-ō\ *n*, *pl* -tos or -to : any of several medium-sized tunas

bon mot \ˈbōn-ˈmō\ *n*, *pl* **bons mots** \ˈbōn-ˈmō(z)\ or **bon mots** \ˈmō(z)\ [F, lit., good word] : a clever remark

bon-net \ˈbān-ət\ *n* : a covering (as a cap) for the head; *esp* : a hat for a woman or infant tied under the chin **bon-ny** \ˈbān-ē\ *adj* **bon-ni-er**; -**est** chiefly Brit : ATTRACTIVE, FAIR; *also* : FINE, EXCELLENT

bon-sai \ˈbōn-ˈsī\ *n*, *pl* **bonsai** [Jp] : a potted plant (as a tree) dwarfed by special methods of culture; *also* : the art of growing such a plant

bo-nus \ˈbō-nəs\ *n* : something in addition to what is expected

bon vi-vant \ˈbān-vē-ˈvānt, ˈbōn-vē-ˈvān\ *n*, *pl* **bons vivants** \ˈbān-vē-ˈvānts, ˈbōn-vē-ˈvān(z)\ or **bon vivants** \ˈsām\ [F, lit., good liver] : a person having cultivated, refined, and sociable tastes esp. in food and drink

bon voy-age \ˈbōv-, wī-ˈāzh, -ˈwā-ˈyāzh; ˈbān-ə\ *n* : FAREWELL — often used as an interjection

bonze \ˈbānz\ *n* : a Buddhist monk

boo \ˈbū\ *n*, *pl* **boos** : a shout of disapproval or contempt — **boo** *vb*

boo-by \ˈbū-bē\ *n*, *pl* **boobies** : an awkward ineffective person : DOPE

booby hatch *n* : an insane asylum

booby prize *n* : an award for the poorest performance in a contest

booby trap *n* : a trap for the unwary; *esp* : a concealed explosive device set to go off when some harmless-looking object is touched

boo-dle \ˈbūd-əl\ *n* 1 : bribe money 2 : a large amount of money

book \ˈbūk\ *n* 1 : a set of sheets bound into a volume 2 : a long written or printed narrative or record 3 : a major division of a long literary work 4 *cap* : BIBLE

book *vb* 1 : to engage, reserve, or schedule by or as if by writing in a book (~ seats on a plane) 2 : to enter charges against in a police register

book-case \-, kās\ *n* : a piece of furniture consisting of shelves to hold books

book-end \-, end\ *n* : a support to hold up a row of books

book-ie \ˈbūk-ē\ *n* : BOOKMAKER

book-ish \ˈbūk-ish\ *adj* 1 : fond of books and reading 2 : inclined to rely unduly on book knowledge

book-keep-er \ˈbūk-, kē-pər\ *n* : one who records the accounts or transactions of a business — **book-keep-ing** \-piŋ\ *n*

book-let \ˈbūk-lət\ *n* : PAMPHLET

book-mak-er \ˈbūk-, mā-kər\ *n* : one who determines odds and receives and pays off bets — **book-mak-ing** \-kiŋ\ *n*

book-mark \-, mārkl\ or **book-mark-er** \-, mār-kər\ *n* : a marker for finding a place in a book

book-mo-bile \ˈbūk-mō-, bēl\ *n* : a truck that serves as a traveling library

book-plate \ˈbūk-, plāt\ *n* : a label pasted in a book to show who owns it

book-sell-er \ˈbūk-, sel-ər\ *n* : one who sells books; *esp* : the proprietor of a bookstore

book-shelf \-, shelf\ *n* : a shelf for books

book-worm \ˈbūk-, wərm\ *n* 1 : a person unusually devoted to reading and study 2 : an insect larva (as of a beetle) that feeds on the binding and paste of a book

boom \ˈbūm\ *n* 1 : a long spar used to extend the bottom of a sail 2 : a beam projecting from the upright pole of a derrick to support or guide the object lifted 3 : a line of floating timbers used to obstruct passage or catch floating objects

boom *vb* 1 : to make a deep hollow sound : RESOUND 2 : to grow or cause to grow rapidly esp. in value, esteem, or importance

boom *n* 1 : a booming sound or cry 2 : a rapid expansion or increase esp. of economic activity

boo-mer-ang \ˈbū-mə-, rəŋ\ *n* [native name in Australia] : a bent or angular club that can be so thrown as to return near the starting point

boon \ˈbūn\ *n* [ME, fr. ON *bōn* petition] : BENEFIT, BLESSING *syn* favor, gift, largess, present

boon *adj* [ME *bon*, fr. MF, good] : INTIMATE, CONGENIAL

boon-docks \ˈbūn-däks\ *n* *pl* [Tagalog (language of the Philippines) *bundok* mountain] 1 : rough country filled with dense brush 2 : a rural area

boon-dog-gle \ˈbūn-, däg-əl, -ˈdög-ə\ *n* : a useless or wasteful project or activity

boor \ˈbūr\ *n* 1 : YOKEL 2 : a rude or insensitive person *syn* churl, lout, clown, clodhopper — **boor-ish** *adj*

boost \ˈbūst\ *vb* 1 : to push up from below 2 : INCREASE, RAISE (~ prices) 3 : AID, PROMOTE (voted a bonus to ~ morale) — **boost** *n* — **boost-er** *n*

boot \ˈbūt\ *n*, chiefly dial : something to equalize a trade — **to boot** : BESIDES

boot *vb*, *archaic* : AVAIL, PROFIT

boot *n* 1 : a covering for the foot and leg 2 : a protective sheath (as of a flower) 3 Brit : an automobile trunk 4 : KICK; *also* : a discharge from employment 5 : a navy or marine corps trainee

boot *vb* 1 : KICK 2 : to eject or discharge summarily

boot-black \ˈbūt-, blak\ *n* : a person who shines shoes **boo-tee** or **boo-tie** \ˈbūt-ē\ *n* : an infant's knitted or crocheted sock

booth \ˈbūth\ *n*, *pl* **booths** \ˈbūthz, ˈbūths\ 1 : a small enclosed stall (as at a fair) 2 : a small enclosure giving privacy for a person (voting ~) (telephone ~) 3 : a restaurant accommodation having a table between backed benches

boot-leg \ˈbūt-, leg\ *vb* : to make, transport, or sell (as liquor) illegally — **boot-leg** *adj* or *n* — **boot-leg-ger** *n*

boot-less \ˈbüt-ləs\ *adj* : USELESS **syn** futile, vain, abortive, fruitless — **boot-less-ly** *adv*

boo-ty \ˈbüt-ē\ *n, pl booties* : PLUNDER, SPOIL

booze \ˈbüz\ *vb* **boozeed**; **boo-z-ing** : to drink liquor to excess — **boo-z-er** *n*

booze *n* : intoxicating liquor — **boozy** *adj*

bop \ˈbäp\ *vb* **bopped**; **bop-ping** : HIT, SOCK — **bop** *n*

BOQ *abbr* bachelor officers' quarters

bor *abbr* borough

bo-rate \ˈbör-āt\ *n* : a salt or ester of boric acid

bo-rax \ˈbör-,aks\ *n* : a crystalline borate of sodium that occurs as a mineral and is used as a flux and cleanser

bor-del-lo \bör-ˈdel-ō\ *n, pl -los* [It] : BROTHEL

bor-der \ˈbörd-ər\ *n* 1 : EDGE, MARGIN 2 : BOUNDARY, FRONTIER **syn** rim, brim, brink, fringe, perimeter

border *vb* **bor-dered**; **bor-der-ing** \ˈbörd-(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to put a border on 2 : ADJOIN 3 : VERGE

bor-der-land \ˈbörd-ər-,land\ *n* 1 : territory at or near a border 2 : an outlying or intermediate region often not clearly defined

bor-der-line \-,lɪn\ *adj* : being in an intermediate position or state; *esp* : not quite up to what is standard or expected (~ intelligence)

bore \ˈbör-ə\ *vb* **bored**; **bor-ing** 1 : to make a hole in with or as if with a drill 2 : to make (as a well) by boring or digging away material **syn** perforate, drill, prick, puncture — **bor-er** *n*

bore *n* 1 : a hole made by or as if by boring 2 : a cylindrical cavity 3 : the diameter of a hole or tube; *esp* : the interior diameter of a gun barrel or engine cylinder

bore *past of BEAR*

bore *n* : a tidal flood with a high abrupt front

bore *n* : one that causes boredom

bore *vb* **bored**; **bor-ing** : to weary with tedious dullness **bo-re-al** \ˈbör-ē-əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or located in northern regions

bore-dom \ˈbörd-əm\ *n* : the condition of being bored **bo-ric acid** \ˈbör-ik-ə\ *n* : a white crystalline weak acid that contains boron and is used as an antiseptic

born \ˈbörn\ *adj* 1 : brought into life by birth 2 : NATIVE (American-born) 3 : having special natural abilities or character from birth (a ~ leader)

born-again *adj* : having experienced a revival of a personal faith or conviction (~ believer) (~ liberal)

borne *past part of BEAR*

bo-ron \ˈbör-,än\ *n* : a chemical element that occurs in nature only in combination (as in borax)—see ELEMENT table

bor-ough \ˈbər-ō\ *n* 1 : a British town that sends one or more members to Parliament; *also* : an incorporated British urban area 2 : an incorporated town or village in some U.S. states; *also* : any of the five political divisions of New York City 3 : a civil division of the state of Alaska corresponding to a county in most other states

bor-row \ˈbär-ō\ *vb* 1 : to take or receive (something) temporarily and with intent to return 2 : to take into possession or use from another source : DERIVE, APPROPRIATE (~ a metaphor)

borscht or **borsch** \ˈbörsh(t)\ *n* [Russ *borshch*] : a soup made mainly from beets

bosh \ˈbāsh\ *n* [Turk *boş* empty] : foolish talk or action : NONSENSE

bosky \ˈbäs-kē\ *adj* : covered with trees or shrubs

bo-som \ˈbüz-əm, ˈbüz-\ *n* 1 : the front of the human chest; *esp* : the female breasts 2 : the part of a garment covering the breast 3 : the seat of secret thoughts and feelings — **bo-somed** \-əmd\ *adj*

bosom *adj* : CLOSE, INTIMATE

boss \ˈbäs, ˈbös\ *n* : a knoblike ornament : STUD

boss *vb* : to ornament with bosses

boss \ˈbös\ *n* 1 : one (as a foreman or manager) exercising

control or supervision 2 : a politician who controls votes or dictates policies — **bossy** *adj*

boss \ˈbös\ *vb* : to act as a boss : SUPERVISE

bo-sun \ˈbös-ən\ *var of* BOATSWAIN

bot *abbr* botanical; botanist; botany

bot-a-ny \ˈbät-(ə-)nē\ *n, pl -nies* 1 : a branch of biology dealing with plants and plant life 2 : plant life (as of a given region); *also* : the biology of a plant or plant group — **bo-tan-i-cal** \bə-ˈtan-i-kəl\ *adj* — **bot-a-nist** \ˈbät-(ə-)nəst\ *n* — **bot-a-nize** \-ə-n-īz\ *vb*

botch \ˈbäch\ *vb* : to foul up hopelessly : BUNGLE — **botch** *n*

both \ˈbōth\ *adj* : being the two : affecting the one and the other

both *pron* : both ones : the one as well as the other

both *conj* — used as a function word to indicate and stress the inclusion of each of two or more things specified by coordinated words, phrases, or clauses (~ New York and London)

both-er \ˈbäth-ər\ *vb* **-ered**; **-er-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ : WORRY, PESTER, TROUBLE **syn** vex, annoy, irk, provoke — **bother** *n* — **both-er-some** \-səm\ *adj*

bot-tle \ˈbät-əl\ *n* 1 : a container (as of glass) with a narrow neck and usu. no handles 2 : the quantity held by a bottle 3 : intoxicating liquor

bottle *vb* **bot-tled**; **bot-ting** \ˈbät-(ə-)lɪŋ\ 1 : to confine as if in a bottle : RESTRAIN 2 : to put into a bottle

bot-tle-neck \ˈbät-əl-,nek\ *n* 1 : a narrow passage or point of congestion 2 : something that obstructs or impedes

bot-tom \ˈbät-əm\ *n* 1 : an under or supporting surface; *also* : BUTTOCKS 2 : the surface on which a body of water lies 3 : the lowest part or place; *also* : an inferior position (start at the ~) 4 : low land along a river — **bottom** *adj* — **bot-tom-less** *adj*

bot-tom-land \ˈbät-əm-,land\ *n* : BOTTOM 4

bottom line *n* 1 : the essential point : CRUX 2 : the final result : OUTCOME

bottom out *vb* : to reach a low point before rebounding (a security market that *bottoms out*)

bot-u-lism \ˈbäch-ə-,lɪz-əm\ *n* : acute food poisoning caused by a bacterial toxin in food

bou-doir \ˈbüd-,wär, ˈbud-ə\ *n* [F, fr. *bouder* to pout] : a woman's private room

bouf-fant \bü-ˈfánt, ˈbü-,fánt\ *adj* [F] : puffed out (~ hairdos)

bough \ˈbau\ *n* : a usu. large or main branch of a tree **bought** *past and past part of BUY*

bouil-la-baisse \bü-yə-ˈbäs\ *n* [F] : a highly seasoned fish stew made at least two kinds of fish

bouil-lon \bü-,yän, ˈbul-,yän, -yən\ *n* : a clear soup made usu. from beef

boul-der \ˈböl-dər\ *n* : a large detached rounded or worn mass of rock — **boul-dered** \-dərəd\ *adj*

boule-vard \ˈbül-ər-,vård, ˈbul-ə\ *n* [F, modif. of Middle Dutch *bolwerk* bulwark; so called because the first boulevards were laid out on the sites of razed city fortifications] : a broad often landscaped thoroughfare

bounce \ˈbaʊns\ *vb* **bounced**; **bounce-ing** 1 : to cause to rebound (~ a ball) 2 : to rebound after striking — **bounce** *n*

bounc-er \ˈbaʊn-sər\ *n* : someone employed in a public place to remove disorderly persons

bound \ˈbaʊnd\ *adj* : intending to go

bound *n* : LIMIT, BOUNDARY — **bound-less** *adj* — **bound-less-ness** *n*

bound *vb* 1 : to set limits to 2 : to form the boundary of 3 : to name the boundaries of

bound *past and past part of BIND*

ə\əbut ˈəˌkitten ˈərˌfurther ˈəˌash ˈəˌace ˈəˌcot, cart
ə\əʊt ˈchˌchin ˈeˌbet ˈeˌeasy ˈgˌgo ˈiˌhit ˈiˌice ˈjˌjob
ŋ\ŋsing ˈoˌgo ˈoˌlaw ˈoˌboy ˈthˌthin ˈthˌthe ˈuˌlout
ə\əfoot ˈyˌyet ˈzhˌvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

bound *adj* 1 : constrained by or as if by bonds : CONFINED, OBLIGED 2 : enclosed in a binding or cover 3 : RESOLVED, DETERMINED; *also* : SURE
bound *n* 1 : LEAP, JUMP 2 : REBOUND, BOUNCE
bound *vb* : SPRING, BOUNCE
bound-ary \ˈbaʊn-d(ə)-rē\ *n, pl -aries* : something that marks or fixes a limit (as of territory) *syn* border, frontier, march
bound-en \ˈbaʊn-dən\ *adj* : BINDING
bound-te-ous \ˈbaʊnt-ē-əs\ *adj* 1 : GENEROUS 2 : ABUNDANT — *bound-te-ous-ly* *adv*
boun-ti-ful \ˈbaʊnt-i-fəl\ *adj* 1 : giving freely 2 : PLENTIFUL — *boun-ti-ful-ly* *adv*
boun-ty \ˈbaʊnt-ē\ *n, pl bounties* [ME *bounte* goodness, fr. OF *bonté*, fr. L *bonitas*, fr. *bonus* good] 1 : GENEROSITY 2 : something given liberally 3 : a reward, premium, or subsidy given usu. for doing something
bou-quet \bō-ˈkā, bū-ˈ\ *n* [F, fr. MF, thicket, fr. OF *bosc* forest] 1 : flowers picked and fastened together in a bunch 2 : a distinctive aroma (as of wine) *syn* scent, fragrance, perfume, redolence
bour-bon \ˈbər-bən\ *n* : a whiskey distilled from a corn mash
bour-geois \ˈbʊrzh-, wā, bʊrzh-ˈwā\ *n, pl bourgeois* \-, wā(z), -ˈwā(z)\ [MF, lit., citizen of a town, fr. *borc* town, borough, fr. L *burgus* fortified place, of Gmc origin] : a middle-class person — *bourgeois* *adj*
bour-geoi-sie \ˌbʊrzh-, wā-ˈzē\ *n* : a social order dominated by bourgeois
bourn or **bourne** \ˈbörn, ˈbürn\ *n, archaic* : BOUNDARY; *also* : DESTINATION
bourse \ˈbʊrs\ *n* : a European stock exchange
bout \ˈbaʊt\ *n* 1 : CONTEST, MATCH 2 : OUTBREAK, ATTACK (a ~ of measles) 3 : SESSION
bou-tique \bū-ˈtēk\ *n* : a fashionable specialty shop
bou-ton-niere \ˌbüt-ən-ˈiər\ *n* : a flower or bouquet worn in a buttonhole
bo-vine \ˈbō-, vīn, -, vën\ *adj* : of, relating to, or resembling the ox or cow — *bovine* *n*
bow \ˈbaʊ\ *vb* 1 : SUBMIT, YIELD 2 : to bend the head or body (as in submission, courtesy, or assent)
bow *n* : an act or posture of bowing
bow \ˈbō\ *n* 1 : BEND, ARCH; *esp* : RAINBOW 2 : a weapon for shooting arrows; *also* : ARCHER 3 : a knot formed by doubling a line into two or more loops 4 : a wooden rod strung with horsehairs for playing an instrument of the violin family
bow \ˈbō\ *vb* 1 : BEND, CURVE 2 : to play (an instrument) with a bow
bow \ˈbaʊ\ *n* : the forward part of a ship — *bow* *adj*
bowd-ler-ize \ˈbōd-lə-, rīz, ˈbaʊd-ˌ\ *vb -ized; -iz-ing* : to expurgate by omitting parts considered vulgar
bow-el \ˈbaʊ(-ə)l\ *n* 1 : INTESTINE — *usu.* used in pl. 2 : one of the divisions of the intestine 3 *pl* : the inmost parts (the ~s of the earth)
bow-er \ˈbaʊ(-ə)r\ *n* : a shelter of boughs or vines : ARBOR
bowl \ˈbōl\ *n* 1 : a concave vessel used to hold liquids 2 : a drinking vessel 3 : a bowl-shaped part or structure — *bowl-ful* \-, fūl\ *n*
bowl *n* 1 : a ball for rolling on a level surface in bowling 2 : a cast of the ball in bowling
bowl *vb* 1 : to play a game of bowling; *also* : to roll a ball in bowling 2 : to travel (as in a vehicle) rapidly and smoothly 3 : to strike or knock down with a moving object; *also* : to overwhelm with surprise
bowler *var of* BOULDER
bow-legged \ˈbō-, leg-əd\ *adj* : having legs that bow outward at or below the knee — *bow-leg* \ˈbō-, leg\ *n*
bow-ler \ˈbō-lər\ *n* : one that bowls
bow-ler \ˈbō-lər\ *n* : DERBY 3
bow-line \ˈbō-lən, -ˌlīn\ *n* : a knot used to form a loop that neither slips nor jams
bowl-ing \ˈbō-liŋ\ *n* : any of various games in which balls

are rolled on a green or alley at an object or a group of objects; *esp* : TENPINS
bow-man \ˈbō-mən\ *n* : ARCHER
bow-sprit \ˈbaʊ-, sprit\ *n* : a spar projecting forward from the prow of a ship
bow-string \ˈbō-, strɪŋ\ *n* : the cord connecting the two ends of a bow
box \ˈbäks\ *n, pl box or box-es* : an evergreen shrub or small tree used *esp.* for hedges
box *n* 1 : a rigid typically rectangular receptacle often with a cover; *also* : the quantity held by a box 2 : a small compartment (as for a group of theater patrons); *also* : a boxlike receptacle or division 3 : any of six spaces on a baseball diamond where the batter, pitcher, coaches, and catcher stand 4 : PREDICAMENT
box *vb* : to furnish with or enclose in or as if in a box
box *n* : a punch or slap *esp.* on the ear
box *vb* 1 : to strike with the hand 2 : to engage in boxing with : fight with the fists *syn* smack, cuff, strike, slap
box-car \ˈbäks-, kār\ *n* : a roofed freight car *usu.* with sliding doors in the sides
box-er \ˈbäk-sər\ *n* : one that engages in boxing
boxer *n* : a compact short-haired *usu.* fawn or brindled dog of a breed of German origin
box-ing \ˈbäk-sɪŋ\ *n* : the sport of fighting with the fists
box office *n* : an office (as in a theater) where admission tickets are sold
box-wood \ˈbäks-, wūd\ *n* : the tough hard wood of the box; *also* : a box tree or shrub
boy \ˈbōi\ *n* 1 : a male child : YOUTH 2 : SON — *boy-hood* \-, hūd\ *n* — *boy-ish* *adj* — *boy-ish-ly* *adv* — *boy-ish-ness* *n*
boy-cott \ˈbōi-, kät\ *vb* [Charles C. *Boycott* †1897 E land agent in Ireland who was ostracized for refusing to reduce rents] : to refrain from having any dealings with — *boycott* *n*
Boy Scout *n* : a member of the Boy Scouts of America
boy-sen-ber-ry \ˈbōiz-ən-, ber-ē, ˈbois-ˌ\ *n* : a large bramble fruit with a raspberry flavor; *also* : the hybrid plant bearing it developed by crossing blackberries and raspberries
bp *abbr* bishop
BP *abbr* 1 blood pressure 2 boiling point
bpl *abbr* birthplace
BPOE *abbr* Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
br *abbr* 1 branch 2 brass 3 brown
Br *abbr* Britain; British
Br *symbol* bromine
BR *abbr* bedroom
bra \ˈbrä\ *n* : BRASSIERE
brace \ˈbräs\ *vb* **braced**; **bracing** 1 *archaic* : to make fast : BIND 2 : to tighten preparatory to use; *also* : to get ready for : prepare oneself 3 : INVIGORATE 4 : to furnish or support with a brace; *also* : STRENGTHEN 5 : to set firmly; *also* : to gain courage or confidence
brace *n, pl braces* 1 or *pl brace* : two of a kind (~ of dogs) 2 : a crank-shaped device for turning a bit 3 : something (as a tie, prop, or clamp) that distributes, directs, or resists pressure or weight 4 *pl* : SUSPENDERS 5 : an appliance for supporting a body part (as the shoulders) 6 *pl* : dental appliances used to exert pressure to straighten misaligned teeth 7 : a mark { or } or ~ used to connect words or items to be considered together
brace-let \ˈbrä-slət\ *n* [ME, fr. MF, dim. of *bras* arm, fr. L *bracchium*, fr. Gk *brachion*] : an ornamental band or chain worn around the wrist
bra-ce-ro \brä-ˈser-ō\ *n, pl -ros* : a Mexican laborer admitted to the U.S. *esp.* for seasonal farm work
brack-en \ˈbrak-ən\ *n* : a large coarse fern; *also* : a growth of such ferns
brack-et \ˈbrak-ət\ *n* 1 : a projecting framework or arm designed to support weight; *also* : a shelf on such framework 2 : one of a pair of punctuation marks []

brawn \ˈbrɒn\ *n* : strong muscles; *also* : muscular strength — **brawny** *adj*

bray \ˈbrā\ *n* : the characteristic harsh cry of a donkey — **bray** *vb*

braz \ˈbrāz\ *vb* **brazed**; **braz-ing** : to solder with an alloy (as brass) that melts at a lower temperature than that of the metals being joined — **brazier** *n*

bra-zen \ˈbrāz-ən\ *adj* 1 : made of brass 2 : sounding harsh and loud 3 : of the color of brass 4 : marked by contemptuous boldness — **bra-zen-ly** *adv* — **bra-zen-ness** \ˈbrāz-ən(-n)əs\ *n*

bra-zier \ˈbrā-zhər\ *n* : a worker in brass

2brazier *n* 1 : a vessel holding burning coals (as for heating) 2 : a device on which food is grilled

Bra-zil-ian \brā-ˈzil-yən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Brazil — **Brazilian** *adj*

Brazil nut \brā-ˈzil-\ *n* : a triangular oily edible nut borne in large capsules by a tall So. American tree; *also* : the tree

breach \ˈbrēch\ *n* 1 : a breaking of a law, obligation, tie (as of friendship), or standard (as of conduct) 2 : an interruption or opening made by or as if by breaking through **syn** violation, transgression, infringement, trespass

2breach *vb* : to make a breach in

1bread \ˈbred\ *n* 1 : baked food made basically of flour or meal 2 : FOOD

2bread *vb* : to cover with bread crumbs before cooking **bread-bas-ket** \ˈbred-,bas-kət\ *n* : a major cereal-producing region

bread-fruit \-,früt\ *n* : a round usu. seedless fruit resembling bread in color and texture when baked; *also* : a tall tropical tree related to the mulberry and bearing bread-fruit

bread-stuff \-,stəf\ *n* : GRAIN, FLOUR

breadth \ˈbredθ, ˈbretθ\ *n* 1 : WIDTH 2 : SPACIOUSNESS; *also* : liberality of taste or views

bread-win-ner \ˈbred-,win-ər\ *n* : a member of a family whose wages supply its livelihood

break \ˈbrāk\ *vb* **broke** \ˈbrök\; **bro-ken** \ˈbrō-kən\; **break-ing** 1 : to separate into parts usu. suddenly or violently : come or force apart 2 : TRANSGRESS (~ a law) 3 : to force a way into, out of, or through 4 : to disrupt the order or unity of (~ ranks) (~ up a gang); *also* : to bring to submission or helplessness 5 : EXCEED, SURPASS (~ a record) 6 : RUIN 7 : to make known 8 : HALT, INTERRUPT; *also* : to act or change abruptly (as a course or activity) 9 : to come esp. suddenly into being or notice (as day ~s) 10 : to fail under stress 11 : HAPPEN, DEVELOP — **break-able** *adj* or *n*

2break *n* 1 : an act of breaking 2 : a result of breaking; *esp* : an interruption of continuity (coffee ~) (a ~ for the commercial) 3 : a stroke of good luck

break-age \ˈbrā-kij\ *n* 1 : the action of breaking 2 : articles or amount broken 3 : loss due to things broken

break-down \ˈbrāk-,daʊn\ *n* 1 : functional failure; *esp* : a physical, mental, or nervous collapse 2 : DISINTEGRATION 3 : DECOMPOSITION 4 : ANALYSIS, CLASSIFICATION — **break down** \(\)ˈbrāk-ˈdaʊn\ *vb*

break-er \ˈbrā-kər\ *n* 1 : one that breaks 2 : a wave that breaks into foam (as against the shore)

break-fast \ˈbrək-fəst\ *n* : the first meal of the day — **breakfast** *vb*

break-front \ˈbrāk-,frənt\ *n* : a large cabinet whose center section projects beyond the flanking end sections **break in** \(\)ˈbrāk-ˈin\ *vb* 1 : to enter a building by force 2 : INTERRUPT; *also* : INTRUDE 3 : TRAIN

break out \(\)ˈbrāk-ˈaʊt\ *vb* 1 : to develop or erupt suddenly and with force 2 : to develop a skin rash

break-through \ˈbrāk-,thrū\ *n* 1 : an act or instance of breaking through an obstruction or defensive line 2 : a sudden advance in knowledge or technique

break-up \ˈbrāk-,əp\ *n* 1 : DISSOLUTION 2 : a division into smaller units — **break up** *vb*

break-wa-ter \ˈbrāk-,wət-ər, -,wät-\ *n* : a structure built to protect a harbor or beach from the force of waves **bream** \ˈbrim, brēm\ *n, pl* **bream** or **breams** : any of various small freshwater sunfishes

breast \ˈbrest\ *n* 1 : either of two milk-producing glandular organs situated on the front of the chest *esp.* in the human female 2 : the front part of the body between the neck and the abdomen 3 : the seat of emotion and thought

breast-bone \ˈbres(t)-ˈbōn, -,bōn\ *n* : STERNUM

breast-feed \ˈbrest-,fēd\ *vb* : to feed (a baby) from a mother's breast rather than from a bottle

breast-plate \ˈbres(t)-ˈplāt\ *n* : a metal plate of armor for protecting the breast

breast-stroke \-,strōk\ *n* : a swimming stroke executed by extending the arms in front of the head while drawing the knees forward and outward and then sweeping the arms back with palms out while kicking backward and outward

breast-work \ˈbrest-,wɜrk\ *n* : a temporary fortification

breath \ˈbreθ\ *n* 1 : the act or power of breathing 2 : a slight breeze 3 : air inhaled or exhaled in breathing 4 : spoken sound 5 : SPIRIT — **breath-less** *adj* — **breath-less-ly** *adv*

breathe \ˈbrēθ\ *vb* **bathed**; **breath-ing** 1 : to inhale and exhale 2 : LIVE 3 : to halt for rest 4 : to utter softly or secretly

breath-tak-ing \ˈbreθ-,tā-kiŋ\ *adj* 1 : making one out of breath 2 : EXCITING, THRILLING (~ beauty)

brec-cia \ˈbrech-(ē)-ə\ *n* : a rock consisting of sharp fragments held in fine-grained material

brech \ˈbrēch\ *n pl* \usu ˈbrich-əz\ : trousers ending near the knee; *also* : PANTS 2 : BUTTOCKS, RUMP 3 : the part of a firearm at the rear of the barrel

1breed \brēd\ *vb* **bred** \bred\; **breed-ing** 1 : BEGET; *also* : ORIGINATE 2 : to propagate sexually; *also* : MATE 3 : BRING UP, NURTURE 4 : to produce (fissionable material) from material that is not fissionable **syn** generate, reproduce, procreate, propagate — **breed-er** *n*

2breed *n* 1 : a strain of similar and presumably related plants or animals usu. developed under the influence of man 2 : KIND, SORT, CLASS

breed-ing *n* 1 : ANCESTRY 2 : training in polite social interaction 3 : sexual propagation of plants or animals

1breeze \ˈbrēz\ *n* : a light wind — **breezy** *adj*

2breeze *vb* **breezed**; **breez-ing** : to progress quickly and easily

breeze-way \ˈbrēz-,wā\ *n* : a roofed open passage connecting two buildings (as a house and garage)

breth-ren \ˈbreθ-(ə)-rən, -ərən\ *pl* of BROTHER — used *esp.* in formal or solemn address

Brethren *n pl* : members of one of several Protestant denominations originating chiefly in a German religious movement and stressing personal religious experience

bre-vet \ˈbri-ˈvet\ *n* : a commission giving a military officer higher nominal rank than that for which he receives pay — **brevet** *vb*

bre-via-ry \ˈbrē-vyā-rē, -vē-,er-ē\ *n, pl* -ries : a book of prayers, hymns, psalms, and readings used by Roman Catholic priests

brev-i-ty \ˈbrev-ət-ē\ *n, pl* -ties : shortness of duration; *esp* : shortness or conciseness of expression

brew \ˈbrū\ *vb* 1 : to prepare (as beer) by steeping, boiling, and fermenting 2 : to prepare (as tea) by soaking in hot water — **brew** *n* — **brew-er** *n* — **brew-ery** \ˈbrū-ə-rē, ˈbrū-(ə)r-ē\ *n*

br-i-ar \brī-(ə)r-\ *n* : a tobacco pipe made from the root of a briar

1bribe \ˈbrīb\ *n* [ME, something stolen, fr. MF, bread given to a beggar] : something (as money or a favor) given or promised to a person to influence conduct

- 2bribe** *vb* **bribed**; **brib-ing** : to corrupt or influence by offering a bribe — **brib-ery** ¹*\bri-b(ə-rē) n*
- bric-a-brac** ¹*\brik-ə-,brak\ n pl* [F] : small ornamental articles
- 1brick** ¹*\brɪk\ n* : a block molded from moist clay and hardened by heat used esp. for building
- 2brick** *vb* : to close, cover, or pave with bricks
- brick-bat** ¹*\brik-,bat\ n 1* : a piece of a broken brick esp. when thrown as a missile **2** : an uncomplimentary remark
- brick-lay-er** ¹*\brik-,lə-ər\ n* : a person who builds or paves with bricks — **brick-lay-ing** ¹*\-,lə-ɪŋ\ n*
- 1brid-al** ¹*\brɪd-əl\ n* [ME *bridale*, fr. OE *brýdealu*, fr. *brýd* bride + *ealu* ale] : MARRIAGE, WEDDING
- 2bridal** *adj* : of or relating to a bride or a wedding
- bride** ¹*\brɪd\ n* : a woman just married or about to be married
- bride-groom** ¹*\brɪd-,grum-,grəm\ n* : a man just married or about to be married
- brides-maid** ¹*\brɪd-,mæd\ n* : a woman who attends a bride at her wedding
- 1bridge** ¹*\brɪdʒ\ n 1* : a structure built over a depression or obstacle for use as a passageway **2** : something (as the upper part of the nose) resembling a bridge in form or function; *esp* : a platform over the deck of a ship **3** : an artificial replacement for missing teeth
- 2bridge** *vb* **bridged**; **bridg-ing** : to build a bridge over — **bridge-able** *adj*
- 3bridge** *n* : a card game for four players developed from whist
- bridge-head** ¹*\-,hed\ n* : an advanced position seized in enemy territory as a foothold
- bridge-work** ¹*\-,wɜrk\ n* : dental bridges
- 1brid-le** ¹*\brɪd-əl\ n 1* : headgear with which a horse is controlled **2** : CURB, RESTRAINT
- 2bridle** *vb* **bridled**; **brid-ling** ¹*\brɪd-(ə-)lɪŋ\ 1* : to put a bridle on; *also* : to restrain with or as if with a bridle **2** : to show hostility or scorn usu. by tossing the head
- 1brief** ¹*\brɛf\ adj 1* : short in duration or extent **2** : CONCISE; *also* : CURT — **brief-ly** *adv* — **brief-ness** *n*
- 2brief** *n 1* : a concise statement or document; *esp* : one summarizing a law client's case or a legal argument **2 pl** : short snug underpants
- 3brief** *vb* : to give final instructions or essential information to
- brief-case** ¹*\brɛf-,kās\ n* : a flat flexible case for carrying papers
- 1brier** or **bri-ar** ¹*\brɪ-(ə)r\ n* : a plant (as a bramble or rose) with a thorny or prickly woody stem; *also* : a group or mass of brier bushes — **bri-ery** ¹*\brɪ-(ə)r-ē\ adj*
- 2brier** or **briar** *n* : a heath of southern Europe with a root used for making pipes
- 1brig** ¹*\brɪg\ n* : a 2-masted square-rigged sailing ship
- 2brig** *n* : the place of confinement for offenders on a naval ship
- 3brig** *abbr* **1** brigade **2** brigadier
- brig-ade** ¹*\brɪg-'ad\ n 1* : a military unit composed of a headquarters, one or more units of infantry or armored forces, and supporting units **2** : a group organized for a particular purpose (as fire-fighting)
- brig-a-dier** ¹*\brɪg-ə-,diər\ n* : a commissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a major general
- brig-and** ¹*\brɪg-ənd\ n* : BANDIT — **brig-and-age** ¹*\-ən-dɪʒ\ n*
- brig-an-tine** ¹*\brɪg-ən-,tɛn\ n* : a 2-masted square-rigged ship not carrying a square mainsail
- Brig Gen** *abbr* brigadier general
- brigh** ¹*\brɪt\ adj 1* : SHINING, RADIANT **2** : ILLUSTRIOUS, GLORIOUS **3** : INTELLIGENT, CLEVER; *also* : LIVELY, CHEERFUL *syn* brilliant, lustrous, beaming, radiant — **bright-ly** *adv* — **bright-ness** *n*
- bright-en** ¹*\brɪt-ən\ vb* **bright-ened**; **bright-en-ing** ¹*\brɪt-(ə-)nɪŋ\ 1* : to make or become bright or brighter — **bright-en-er** ¹*\-(ə-)nər\ n*
- 1bril-liant** ¹*\brɪl-yənt\ adj* [F *brillant*, *prp.* of *briller* to shine, fr. It *brillare*, fr. *brillo* beryl, fr. L *beryllus*] **1** : very bright **2** : STRIKING, DISTINCTIVE **3** : very intelligent *syn* radiant, lustrous, beaming, lucid, bright, lambent — **bril-liance** ¹*\-yəns\ or bril-lian-cy* ¹*\-yən-sē\ n* — **bril-liant-ly** *adv*
- 2brilliant** *n* : a gem cut in a particular form with many facets
- bril-lian-tine** ¹*\brɪl-yən-,tēn\ n* : a usu. oily dressing for the hair
- brim** ¹*\brɪm\ n* : EDGE, RIM *syn* brink, border, verge, fringe — **brim-less** *adj*
- brim-ful** ¹*\-fʊl\ adj* : full to the brim
- brim-stone** ¹*\brɪm-,stɒn\ n* : SULFUR
- brin-dled** ¹*\brɪn-dlɪd\ adj* : having dark streaks or flecks on a gray or tawny ground (a ~ Great Dane)
- brine** ¹*\brɪn\ n 1* : water saturated with salt **2** : OCEAN — **brin-i-ness** ¹*\brɪ-nē-nəs\ n* — **briny** ¹*\brɪ-nē\ adj*
- bring** ¹*\brɪŋ\ vb* **brought** ¹*\brɒt*; **bring-ing** ¹*\brɪŋ-ɪŋ\ 1* : to cause to come with one **2** : INDUCE, PERSUADE, LEAD **3** : PRODUCE, EFFECT **4** : to sell for — **bring-er** *n*
- bring about** *vb* : to cause to take place : EFFECT
- bring up** *vb 1* : to give a parent's fostering care to **2** : to come or bring to a sudden halt **3** : to call to notice **4** : VOMIT
- brink** ¹*\brɪŋk\ n 1* : an edge at the top of a steep place **2** : the point of onset
- brío** ¹*\brē-ō\ n* : VIVACITY, SPIRIT
- bri-oche** ¹*\brē-'ɒsh-,-'ɒsh\ n* [F] : a roll baked from light yeast dough rich with eggs and butter
- bri-quette** or **bri-quet** ¹*\brɪk-'et\ n* : a compacted often brick-shaped mass of fine material (a charcoal ~)
- brisk** ¹*\brɪsk\ adj 1* : ALERT, LIVELY **2** : INVIGORATING *syn* agile, spry, nimble — **brisk-ly** *adv* — **brisk-ness** *n*
- bris-ket** ¹*\brɪs-kət\ n* : the breast or lower chest of a quadruped
- bris-ling** or **bris-ting** ¹*\brɪz-lɪŋ, 'brɪs-\ n* : a small sardine-like herring
- 1bris-tle** ¹*\brɪs-əl\ n* : a short stiff coarse hair — **bris-tly** ¹*\-(ə-)lə\ adj*
- 2bristle** *vb* **bris-tled**; **bris-ting** ¹*\brɪs-(ə-)lɪŋ\ 1* : to stand stiffly erect **2** : to show angry defiance **3** : to appear as if covered with bristles
- Brit** *abbr* Britain; British
- Bri-tan-nia** ¹*\brɪ-,tan-yə-, -tan-ē-ə\ n* : a silver-white alloy of tin, antimony, and copper similar to pewter
- Bri-tan-nic** ¹*\brɪ-'tan-ɪk\ adj* : BRITISH
- britch-es** ¹*\brɪtʃ-əz\ n pl* : BREECHES, TROUSERS
- Brit-ish** ¹*\brɪt-ɪʃ\ n pl* : the people of Great Britain or the Commonwealth — **British** *adj*
- British thermal unit** *n* : the quantity of heat needed to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit
- Brit-on** ¹*\brɪt-ən\ n 1* : a member of a people inhabiting Britain before the Anglo-Saxon invasion **2** : a native or inhabitant of Great Britain
- brit-tle** ¹*\brɪt-əl\ adj* **brit-tler** ¹*\brɪt-(ə-)lər*; **brit-tlest** ¹*\-ləst-, -ləst* : easily broken or snapped : FRAGILE *syn* crisp, crumbly, friable
- bro** *abbr* brother
- 1broach** ¹*\brɒtʃ\ n* : a pointed tool
- 2broach** *vb 1* : to pierce (as a cask) in order to draw the contents **2** : to introduce as a topic of conversation
- 1broad** ¹*\brɒd\ adj 1* : WIDE **2** : SPACIOUS **3** : CLEAR, OPEN **4** : OBVIOUS **5** : COARSE, CRUDE (~ stories) **6** : liberal in outlook **7** : GENERAL **8** : dealing with essential points — **broad-ly** *adv* — **broad-ness** *n*

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'ash \ə'vace \ə'cot, cart
 \aʊ'out \ch'chɪn \e'bet \e'easy \g'go \h'hit \v'ice \j'job
 \ŋ'sing \d'go \d'law \d'boy \th'thin \th'the \d'loot
 \u'foot \v'yet \zh'vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

²**broad** *n*, *slang*: WOMAN

¹**broad-cast** \ˈbrɒd-,kɑst\ *vb* **broadcast** *also* **broad-cast-ed**;
broad-cast-ing 1 : to scatter or sow broadcast 2 : to make widely known 3 : to transmit a broadcast — **broad-cast-er** *n*

²**broad-cast** *adv*: to or over a wide area

³**broadcast** *n* 1 : the transmission of sound or images by radio or television 2 : a single radio or television program

broad-cloth \-,klɒth\ *n* 1 : a smooth dense woolen cloth 2 : a fine soft cloth of cotton, silk, or synthetic fiber

broad-en \ˈbrɒd-ən\ *vb* **broad-ened**; **broad-en-ing** \ˈbrɒd-(ə-)nɪŋ\ : WIDEN

broad-loom \-,lūm\ *adj*: woven on a wide loom esp. in a solid color (a ~ carpet)

broad-mind-ed \-ˈmɪn-dəd\ *adj*: free from prejudice — **broad-mind-ed-ly** *adv* — **broad-mind-ed-ness** *n*

broad-side \-,sɪd\ *n* 1 : a sheet of paper printed usu. on one side (as an advertisement) 2 : the part of a ship's side above the waterline 3 : all of the guns on one side of a ship; *also*: their simultaneous firing 4 : a volley of abuse or denunciation

broad-spectrum *adj*: having a wide range esp. of effectiveness (~ antibiotics)

broad-sword \ˈbrɒd-,sɔrd\ *n*: a broad-bladed sword

broad-tail \-,tāl\ *n*: a flat and wavy fur or skin of a very young or premature karakul lamb

bro-cade \brɒ-ˈkād\ *n*: a usu. silk fabric with a raised design

broc-co-li \ˈbræk-(ə-)lə\ *n* [It, pl. of *broccolo* flowering top of a cabbage, dim. of *brocco* small nail, sprout, fr. L *broccus* projecting]: an open branching cauliflower whose young flowering shoots are used as a vegetable

bro-chette \brɒ-ˈʃet\ *n*: SKEWER

bro-chure \brɒ-ˈʃʊr\ *n* [F, fr. *brocher* to sew, fr. MF, to prick, fr. OF *brochier*, fr. *broche* pointed tool]: PAMPHLET, BOOKLET

bro-gan \ˈbrɒ-gən, brɒ-ˈgan\ *n*: a heavy shoe; *esp*: a work shoe reaching to the ankle

brogue \ˈbrɒg\ *n*: a dialect or regional pronunciation; *esp*: an Irish accent

broi-der \ˈbrɔɪd-ər\ *vb*: EMBROIDER — **broi-dery** \ˈbrɔɪd-(ə-)rɪ\ *n*

broil \ˈbrɔɪl\ *vb*: to cook by exposure to radiant heat : GRILL — **broil** *n*

broil-er \brɔɪ-lər\ *n* 1 : a utensil for broiling 2 : a young chicken fit for broiling

¹**broke** \ˈbrɒk\ *past of* BREAK

²**broke** *adj*: PENNILESS

bro-ken \ˈbrɒ-kən\ *adj* 1 : SHATTERED 2 : having gaps or breaks : INTERRUPTED, DISRUPTED 3 : SUBDUED, CRUSHED 4 : BANKRUPT 5 : imperfectly spoken — **bro-ken-ly** *adv*
bro-ken-heart-ed \ˈbrɒ-kən-ˈhɑrt-əd\ *adj*: overcome by grief or despair

bro-ker \ˈbrɒ-kər\ *n*: an agent who negotiates contracts of purchase and sale

bro-ker-age \ˈbrɒ-k(ə-)rɪj\ *n* 1 : the business of a broker 2 : the fee or commission charged by a broker

bro-mide \ˈbrɒ-,mɪd\ *n* 1 : a compound of bromine and another element or chemical group including some (as potassium bromide) used as sedatives 2 : a trite remark or notion

bro-mid-ic \brɒ-ˈmɪd-ɪk\ *adj*: DULL, TIRESOME (~ remarks)

bro-mine \ˈbrɒ-,mēn\ *n* [F *brome* bromine, fr. Gk *brōmos* stink]: a deep red liquid corrosive chemical element that gives off an irritating vapor—see ELEMENT table
bronc \ˈbræŋk\ *n*: BRONCO

bron-chi-al \ˈbræŋ-kē-əl\ *adj*: of, relating to, or affecting the bronchi or their branches

bron-chi-tis \bræn-ˈkɪt-əs, bræŋ-ˈ\ *n*: inflammation of the bronchi and their branches — **bron-chit-ic** \ˈkɪt-ɪk\ *adj*

bron-chus \ˈbræŋ-kəs\ *n*, *pl* **bron-chi** \ˈbræŋ-,ki-, -kē\ : ei-

ther of the main divisions of the windpipe each leading to a lung

bron-co \ˈbræŋ-kō\ *n*, *pl* **broncos** [MexSp, fr. Sp, rough, wild]: an unbroken or partly broken range horse of western No. America; *also*: MUSTANG

bron-to-sau-rus \ˈbrænt-ə-ˈsɔr-əs\ or **bron-to-saur** \ˈbrænt-ə-ˈsɔr\ *n* [deriv. of Gk *brontē* thunder + *sauros* lizard]: any of various large 4-footed and probably herbivorous dinosaurs

Bronx cheer \ˈbræŋks-ˈ\ *n*: RASPBERRY 2

¹**bronze** \ˈbrænz\ *vb* **bronzed**; **bronz-ing**: to give the appearance of bronze to

²**bronze** *n* 1 : an alloy of copper and tin and sometimes other elements; *also*: something made of bronze 2 : a yellowish brown color — **bronz-y** \ˈbræn-zē\ *adj*

brooch \ˈbrɒç, ˈbrʊç\ *n*: an ornamental clasp or pin

¹**brood** \ˈbrʊd\ *n*: a family of young animals or children and esp. of birds

²**brood** *vb* 1 : to sit on eggs to hatch them; *also*: to shelter (hatched young) with the wings 2 : to think anxiously or gloomily about something : PONDER

³**brood** *adj*: kept for breeding (a ~ mare)

brood-er \ˈbrʊd-ər\ *n* 1 : one that broods 2 : a heated structure for raising young birds

¹**brook** \ˈbrʊk\ *vb*: TOLERATE, BEAR

²**brook** *n*: a small natural stream of water

brook-let \-lət\ *n*: a small brook

brook trout *n*: a common speckled cold-water char of eastern No. America

broom \ˈbrʊm, ˈbrʌm\ *n* 1 : any of several shrubs of the legume family with long slender branches and usu. yellow flowers 2 : an implement for sweeping orig. made from twigs — **broom-stick** \-,stɪk\ *n*

bros *abbr* brothers

broth \ˈbrɒθ\ *n*, *pl* **broths** \ˈbrɒθs, ˈbrɒθz\ 1 : liquid in which meat or sometimes vegetable food has been cooked 2 : a fluid culture medium

broth-el \ˈbræθ-əl, ˈbrɒθ-ˈ\ *n*: an establishment where prostitutes are available

broth-er \ˈbræθ-ər\ *n*, *pl* **brothers** *also* **breth-ren** \ˈbreθ-(ə-)rən, ˈbreθ-ər-n\ 1 : a male having one or both parents in common with another individual; *also*: KINSMAN 2 : a kindred human being 3 : a man who is a religious but not a priest — **broth-er-li-ness** \-lə-nəs\ *n* — **broth-er-ly** \-lə\ *adj*

broth-er-hood \ˈbræθ-ər-,hʊd\ *n* 1 : the state of being brothers or a brother 2 : ASSOCIATION, FRATERNITY 3 : the whole body of persons in a business or profession
broth-er-in-law \ˈbræθ-(ə-)rən-,lə, ˈbræθ-ər-n-,lə\ *n*, *pl* **brothers-in-law** \ˈbræθ-ər-z-ən-ˈ\ : the brother of one's spouse; *also*: the husband of one's sister or of one's spouse's sister

brougham \ˈbrʊ(-ə)m, ˈbrɒ(-ə)m\ *n* 1 : a light closed horse-drawn carriage with the driver outside in front 2 : COUPÉ 2 3 : a sedan having no roof over the driver's seat

brought *past and past part of* BRING

brou-ha-ha \ˈbrʊ-,hā-,hā\ *n*: HUBBUB, UPROAR

brow \braʊ\ *n* 1 : the eyebrow or the ridge on which it grows; *also*: FOREHEAD 2 : the projecting upper part of a steep place

brow-beat \ˈbraʊ-,bēt\ *vb* **-beat**; **-beat-en** \-ˈbēt-n\ or **-beat**; **-beat-ing**: to intimidate by sternness or arrogance : BULLY syn intimidate, hector

¹**brown** \ˈbraʊn\ *adj*: of the color brown; *also*: of dark or tanned complexion

²**brown** *n*: a color like that of coffee or chocolate that is a blend of red and yellow darkened by black — **brown-ish** *adj*

³**brown** *vb*: to make or become brown

brown bag-ging \-ˈbag-ɪŋ\ *n*: the practice of carrying one's lunch usu. in a brown bag — **brown bag-ger** \-ˈbag-ər\ *n*

brown-ie \ˈbraʊ-nē\ *n* 1 : a legendary cheerful elf who performs good deeds at night 2 *cap* : a member of the Girl Scouts from 6 through 8 years of age

brown-out \ˈbraʊn-ɔʊt\ *n* : a curtailment in electrical power; *also* : a period of reduced illumination due to such curtailment

brown rice *n* : hulled but unpolished rice that retains most of the bran layers

brown-stone \ˈbraʊn-stōn\ *n* : a dwelling faced with reddish brown sandstone

browse \ˈbraʊz\ *vb* **browsed**; **brows-ing** 1 : to feed on browse; *also* : GRAZE 2 : to read bits at random in a book or collection of books

browse *n* : tender shoots, twigs, and leaves fit for food for cattle

bru-in \ˈbrʊ-ən\ *n* : BEAR

bruise \ˈbrʊz\ *vb* **bruised**; **bruising** 1 : to inflict a bruise on; *also* : to become bruised 2 : to break down by pounding (~ garlic for a salad)

bruise *n* : a surface injury to flesh : CONTUSION

bruise-r \ˈbrʊ-zər\ *n* : a big husky man

bruit \ˈbrʊt\ *vb* : to noise abroad

brunch \ˈbrʌnʃ\ *n* : a meal that combines a late breakfast and an early lunch

bru-net or **bru-nette** \brü-ˈnet\ *adj* [F *brunet*, masc., *brunette*, fem., brownish, fr. OF, fr. *brun* brown] : of dark or relatively dark pigmentation; *esp* : having brown or black hair and eyes — **brunet** or **brunette** *n*

brunt \ˈbrʌnt\ *n* : the main shock, force, or stress *esp.* of an attack

brush \ˈbrʌʃ\ *n* 1 : BRUSHWOOD 2 : scrub vegetation or land covered with it

brush *n* 1 : a device composed of bristles set in a handle and used *esp.* for cleaning or painting 2 : a bushy tail (as of a fox) 3 : an electrical conductor that makes contact between a stationary and a moving part of a generator or motor 4 : a light rubbing or touching

brush *vb* 1 : to treat (as in cleaning or painting) with a brush 2 : to remove with or as if with a brush; *also* : to dispose of in an offhand manner 3 : to touch gently in passing

brush *n* : SKIRMISH *syn* encounter, run-in

brush-off \ˈbrʌʃ-ɔf\ *n* : an abrupt or offhand dismissal

brush up *vb* : to renew one's skill

brush-wood \ˈbrʌʃ-wʊd\ *n* 1 : small branches lopped from trees or shrubs 2 : a thicket of shrubs and small trees

brusque \ˈbræsk\ *adj* [F *brusque*, fr. It *brusco*, fr. ML *bruscus* a plant with stiff twigs used for brooms] : CURT, BLUNT, ABRUPT *syn* gruff, bluff, crusty, short — **brusquely** *adv*

brus-sels sprout \ˌbrəs-əl(z)-\ *n*, *often cap B* : one of the edible small heads borne on the stalk of a cabbagelike plant; *also*, *pl* : this plant

bru-tal \ˈbrʊt-əl\ *adj* 1 : resembling or befitting a brute (as in coarseness or cruelty) 2 : HARSH, SEVERE (~ weather) — **bru-tal-i-ty** \brü-ˈtal-ət-ē\ *n* — **bru-tal-ly** \ˈbrüt-əl-ē\ *adv*

bru-tal-ize \ˈbrüt-əl-īz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** 1 : to make brutal 2 : to treat brutally

brute \ˈbrʊt\ *adj* [ME, fr. MF *brut* rough, fr. L *brutus* stupid, lit., heavy] 1 : of, relating to, or typical of beasts 2 : BRUTAL 3 : UNREASONING; *also* : purely physical

brute *n* 1 : BEAST 1 2 : a brutal person *syn* animal, creature

brut-ish \ˈbrüt-ish\ *adj* 1 : BRUTE 1 2 : stupidly cruel or sensual; *also* : UNREASONING

BS *abbr* bachelor of science

BSA *abbr* Boy Scouts of America

BSc *abbr* bachelor of science

bskt *abbr* basket

Bt *abbr* baronet

btry *abbr* battery

Btu *abbr* British thermal unit

bu *abbr* bushel

bub-ble \ˈbʌb-əl\ *n* 1 : a globule of gas in a liquid 2 : a thin film of liquid filled with gas 3 : something lacking firmness or solidity — **bub-bly** \-(ə-)lē\ *adj*

bubble *vb* **bub-bled**; **bub-bling** \ˈbʌb-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to form, rise in, or give off bubbles

bu-bo \ˈb(y)ū-bō\ *n*, *pl* **buboes** : an inflammatory swelling of a lymph gland

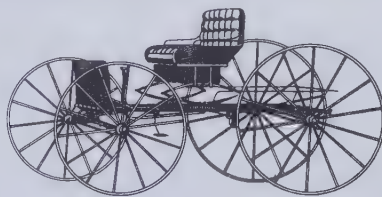
bu-bon-ic plague \b(y)ü-ˈbän-ik\ *n* : a plague caused by a bacterium transmitted to human beings by flea bites and marked *esp.* by chills and fever and by buboes *usu.* in the groin

buc-ca-neer \ˌbək-ə-ˈniər\ *n* : PIRATE

buck \ˈbək\ *n*, *pl* **bucks** 1 or *pl* **buck** : a male animal (as a deer or antelope) 2 : DANDY 3 : DOLLAR

buck *vb* 1 : to spring with a quick plunging leap (a ~ing horse) 2 : to charge against something; *also* : to strive for advancement sometimes without regard to ethical behavior

buck-board \-ˌbɔrd\ *n* : a 4-wheeled vehicle with a floor of long springy boards



buckboard

buck-et \ˈbək-ət\ *n* 1 : PAIL 2 : an object resembling a bucket in collecting, scooping, or carrying something — **buck-et-ful** *n*

bucket seat *n* : a low separate seat for one person (as in an automobile)

buck-eye \ˈbək-ī\ *n* : a tree related to the horse chestnut that occurs chiefly in the central U.S.; *also* : its large nutlike seed

buck fever *n* : nervous excitement of an inexperienced hunter at the sight of game

buck-le \ˈbək-əl\ *n* : a clasp (as on a belt) for two loose ends

buckle *vb* **buck-led**; **buck-ling** \ˈbək-(ə-)lɪŋ\ 1 : to fasten with a buckle 2 : to apply oneself with vigor 3 : to crumple up : BEND, COLLAPSE

buckle *n* : BEND, FOLD, KINK

buck-ler \ˈbək-lər\ *n* : SHIELD

buck-ram \ˈbək-rəm\ *n* : a coarse stiff cloth used *esp.* for binding books

buck-saw \ˈbək-sō\ *n* : a saw set in a usu. H-shaped frame and used for sawing wood

buck-shot \ˈbək-shāt\ *n* : lead shot that is from .24 to .33 inch (about 6.1 to 8.4 millimeters) in diameter

buck-skin \-,skin\ *n* 1 : the skin of a buck 2 : a soft usu. suede-finished leather — **buckskin** *adj*

buck-tooth \-ˈtʊθ\ *n* : a large projecting front tooth — **buck-toothed** \-ˈtʊθt\ *adj*

buck-wheat \-,hwēt\ *n* : either of two plants grown for their triangular seeds which are used as a cereal grain; *also* : these seeds

bu-col-ic \byü-ˈkäl-ik\ *adj* [L *bucolicus*, fr. Gk *boukolikos*, fr. *boukolos* one who tends cattle, fr. *bous* head of

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ə\rfurther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \i\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- cattle + *-kolos* (akin to *L. colere* to cultivate)] : RURAL, RUSTIC
- 1****bud** \bəd\ *n* 1 : an undeveloped plant shoot (as of a leaf or a flower); *also* : a partly opened flower 2 : an asexual reproductive structure 3 : something not yet mature
- 2****bud** *vb* **bud-ded**; **bud-ding** 1 : to form or put forth buds; *also* : to reproduce by asexual buds 2 : to be or develop like a bud 3 : to propagate a desired variety (as of peach) by inserting a bud in a plant of a different variety
- Bud-dhism** \bū-,diz-əm, 'būd-,iz-\ *n* : a religion of eastern and central Asia growing out of the teachings of Gautama Buddha — **Bud-dhist** \būd-əst, 'būd-\ *n* or *adj*
- bud-dy** \bəd-ē\ *n*, *pl* **buddies** : COMPANION; *esp* : a fellow soldier
- budge** \baj\ *vb* **budged**; **budg-ing** : MOVE, STIR, SHIFT
- bud-ger-i-gar** \baj-(ə-)rē-,gär, 'baj-ə-'rē-\ *n* : a small brightly colored Australian parrot often kept as a pet
- 1****bud-get** \baj-ət\ *n* [ME *bougette*, fr. MF *bougette*, dim. of *bouge* leather bag, fr. *L. bulga*] 1 : STOCK, SUPPLY 2 : a financial report containing estimates of income and expenses; *also* : a plan for coordinating income and expenses
- 2****budget** *vb* 1 : to allow for in a budget 2 : to draw up a budget
- 3****budget** *adj* : INEXPENSIVE
- bud-gie** \baj-ē\ *n* : BUDGERIGAR
- 1****buff** \bæf\ *n* 1 : a dull yellow-orange color 2 : FAN, ENTHUSIAST
- 2****buff** *adj* : of the color buff
- 3****buff** *vb* : POLISH, SHINE
- buf-fa-lo** \bæf-ə-,lō\ *n*, *pl* **-lo** or **-loes** *also* **-los** 1 : WATER BUFFALO 2 : a large shaggy-maned No. American wild bovine mammal with short horns and heavy forequarters with a large muscular hump
- 1****buf-fer** \bæf-ər\ *n* : something that lessens shock (as from a physical or financial blow)
- 2****buffer** *n* : one that buffs
- 1****buf-fet** \bæf-ət\ *n* : BLOW, SLAP
- 2****buffet** *vb* 1 : to strike with the hand; *also* : to pound repeatedly 2 : to struggle against or on *syn* beat, batter, drub, pummel, thrash
- 3****buf-fet** \(\,bæ-'fā, bū-\ *n* 1 : SIDEBORD 2 : a counter for refreshments; *also* : a meal at which people serve themselves (as from a buffet)
- buff leather** *n* : a strong supple oil-tanned leather
- buf-foon** \(\,bæ-'fün\ *n* [MF *bouffon*, fr. It *buffone*, fr. ML *bufon-*, *bufo*, fr. *L.* toad] : CLOWN 2 *syn* fool, jester — **buf-foon-ery** \-(ə-)rē\ *n*
- 1****bug** \bæg\ *n* 1 : an insect or other creeping or crawling invertebrate animal; *esp* : an insect pest (as a bedbug) 2 : any of an order of insects with sucking mouthparts and incomplete metamorphosis that includes many plant pests 3 : an unexpected mistake or imperfection (a ~ in a computer program) 4 : a disease-producing germ; *also* : a disease caused by it 5 : a concealed listening device
- 2****bug** *vb* **bugged**; **bug-ging** 1 : BOTHER, ANNOY 2 : to plant a concealed microphone in
- bug-a-boo** \bæg-ə-,bū\ *n*, *pl* **-boos** : BOGEY 1
- bug-bear** \bæg-,baər\ *n* : BOGEY 1; *also* : a source of dread
- bug-gy** \bæg-ē\ *n*, *pl* **buggies** : a light carriage
- bu-gle** \byü-gəl\ *n* [ME, buffalo, instrument made of buffalo horn, bugle, fr. OF, fr. *L. buculus*, dim. of *bos* head of cattle] : a valveless brass wind instrument resembling a trumpet and used *esp.* for military calls — **bu-gler** \-glər\ *n*
- 1****build** \bild\ *vb* **built** \bilt\; **build-ing** 1 : to form or have formed by ordering and uniting materials (~ a house); *also* : to bring into being or develop 2 : to produce or create gradually (~ an argument on facts) 3 : INCREASE, ENLARGE; *also* : ENHANCE 4 : to engage in building — **build-er** *n*
- 2****build** *n* : form or mode of structure; *esp* : PHYSIQUE
- build-ing** \b'il-diŋ\ *n* 1 : a usu. roofed and walled structure (as a house) for permanent use 2 : the art or business of constructing buildings
- build-up** \b'ild-,əp\ *n* : the act or process of building up; *also* : something produced by this
- built-in** \b'il-tin\ *adj* 1 : forming an integral part of a structure 2 : INHERENT
- bulb** \bælb\ *n* 1 : an underground resting stage of a plant (as a lily or an onion) consisting of a short stem base bearing one or more buds enclosed in overlapping leaves; *also* : a fleshy plant structure (as a tuber) resembling a bulb 2 : a plant having or growing from a bulb 3 : a rounded more or less bulb-shaped object or part (as for an electric lamp) — **bul-bous** \bæl-bəs\ *adj*
- Bul-gar-i-an** \bæl-'gar-ē-ən, bū-\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Bulgaria — **Bulgarian** *adj*
- 1****bulge** \bælj\ *vb* **bulged**; **bulg-ing** : to become or cause to become protuberant
- 2****bulge** *n* : a swelling projecting part
- bu-li-mia** \b(y)ü-'lim-ē-ə, -lēm-\ *n* : an abnormal and constant craving for food — **bu-lim-ic** \-'lim-ik\ *adj* or *n*
- 1****bulk** \bælk\ *n* 1 : MAGNITUDE, VOLUME 2 : material (as indigestible fibrous residues of food) that forms a mass in the intestine 3 : a large mass 4 : the major portion
- 2****bulk** *vb* 1 : to have a bulky appearance 2 : to appear as a factor : LOOM
- bulk-head** \bælk-,hed\ *n* 1 : a partition separating compartments 2 : a structure built to cover a shaft or a cellar stairway
- bulky** \bælk-kē\ *adj* **bulk-i-er**; **-est** : having bulk; *esp* : being large and unwieldy
- 1****bull** \būl\ *n* 1 : the adult male of a bovine animal; *also* : a usu. adult male of various other large animals (as the elephant or walrus) 2 : one who buys securities or commodities in expectation of a price increase — **bull-ish** *adj*
- 2****bull** *adj* 1 : MALE 2 : large of its kind 3 : RISING (a ~ market)
- 3****bull** *n* [ME *bulle*, fr. ML *bullā*, fr. *L.* bubble, amulet] : a papal letter
- 4****bull** *n*, *slang* : NONSENSE
- 5****bull** *abbr* bulletin
- 1****bull-dog** \būl-,dōg\ *n* : any of a breed of compact muscular short-haired dogs of English origin
- 2****bulldog** *vb* : to throw (a steer) by seizing the horns and twisting the neck
- bull-doze** \-,dōz\ *vb* 1 : to move, clear, or level with a tractor-driven machine (**bull-doz-er**) having a broad blade for pushing 2 : to force as if by using a bulldozer
- bul-let** \būl-ət\ *n* [MF *boulette* small ball & *boulet* missile, dims. of *boule* ball] : a missile to be shot from a firearm — **bul-let-proof** \būl-ət-'prūf\ *adj*
- bul-le-tin** \būl-ət-'n\ *n* 1 : a brief public report intended for immediate release on a matter of public interest 2 : a periodical publication (as of a college) — **bulletin** *vb*
- bull-fight** \būl-,fīt\ *n* : a spectacle in which people ceremonially fight with and usu. kill bulls in an arena — **bull-fight-er** *n*
- bull-frog** \-,frōg, -fräg\ *n* : FROG; *esp* : a large deep-voiced frog
- bull-head** \-,hed\ *n* : any of several common freshwater catfishes of the U.S.
- bull-head-ed** \-hed-əd\ *adj* : stupidly stubborn : HEAD-STRONG
- bul-lion** \būl-yən\ *n* : gold or silver *esp.* in bars or ingots
- bull-ock** \būl-ək\ *n* : a young bull; *also* : STEER
- bull pen** *n* : a place on a baseball field where relief pitchers warm up; *also* : the relief pitchers of a baseball team
- bull session** *n* : an informal discussion
- bull's-eye** \būl-,zī\ *n*, *pl* **bull's-eyes** : the center of a target; *also* : a shot that hits the bull's-eye
- 1****bul-ly** \būl-ē\ *n*, *pl* **bullies** : a person habitually cruel to others who are weaker

- bully** *adj* : EXCELLENT, FIRST-RATE — often used interjectionally
- bully** *vb* **bul-lied**; **bul-ly-ing** : to behave as a bully toward : DOMINEER *syn* browbeat, intimidate, hector
- bul-rush** \ˈbʊl-,rəʃ\ *n* : any of several large rushes or sedges of wetlands
- bul-wark** \ˈbʊl-(ə)wɜrk, -ə,wɜrk; ˈbəl-(ə)wɜrk\ *n* 1 : a wall-like defensive structure 2 : a strong support or protection in danger
- bum** \ˈbəm\ *adj* 1 : WORTHLESS (~ advice) 2 : DISABLED (~ knee)
- bum** *vb* **bummed**; **bum-ming** 1 : to wander as a tramp; *also* : LOAF 2 : to seek or gain by begging
- bum** *n* : an idle worthless fellow : LOAFER
- bum-ble-bee** \ˈbəm-bəl-,bē\ *n* : any of numerous large hairy social bees
- bum-mer** \ˈbəm-ər\ *n* : an unpleasant experience
- bump** \ˈbʌmp\ *n* 1 : a local bulge; *esp* : a swelling of tissue 2 : a sudden forceful blow or impact — **bumpy** *adj*
- bump** *vb* 1 : to strike or knock forcibly; *also* : to move or alter by bumping 2 : to collide with
- bum-per** \ˈbəm-pər\ *n* 1 : a cup or glass filled to the brim 2 : something unusually large — **bumper** *adj*
- bump-er** \ˈbəm-pər\ *n* : a device for absorbing shock or preventing damage; *esp* : a metal bar at either end of an automobile
- bump-kin** \ˈbʌmp-kən\ *n* : an awkward and unsophisticated country person
- bump-tious** \ˈbʌmp-shəs\ *adj* : obtusely and often noisily self-assertive
- bun** \ˈbʌn\ *n* : a sweet biscuit or roll
- bunch** \ˈbʌnʃ\ *n* 1 : SWELLING 2 : CLUSTER, GROUP — **bunchy** *adj*
- bunch** *vb* : to form into a group or bunch
- bun-co** or **bun-ko** \ˈbʌŋ-kō\ *n, pl* **buncos** or **bunkos** : a swindling scheme — **bunco** *vb*
- bun-dle** \ˈbʌn-dl\ *n* 1 : several items bunched and fastened together; *also* : something wrapped for carrying 2 : a considerable amount : LOT 3 : a small group *esp.* of mostly parallel nerve or muscle fibers
- bundle** *vb* **bun-dled**; **bun-dling** \ˈbʌnd-(ə)lɪŋ\ : to gather or tie in a bundle
- bun-dling** \ˈbʌnd-(ə)lɪŋ\ *n* : a former custom of a courting couple's occupying the same bed without undressing
- bung** \ˈbʌŋ\ *n* : the stopper in the bung-hole of a cask
- bun-ga-low** \ˈbʌŋ-gə-,lō\ *n* : a one-story house with a low-pitched roof
- bung-hole** \ˈbʌŋ-,hōl\ *n* : a hole for emptying or filling a cask
- bun-gle** \ˈbʌŋ-gəl\ *vb* **bun-gled**; **bun-gling** \-g(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to do badly : BOTCH — **bungle** *n* — **bun-gler** \-g(ə-)lər\ *n*
- bun-ion** \ˈbʌn-yən\ *n* : an inflamed swelling of the first joint of the big toe
- bunk** \ˈbʌŋk\ *n* : BED; *esp* : a built-in bed that is often one of a tier
- bunk** *n* : BUNKUM, NONSENSE
- bun-ker** \ˈbʌŋ-kər\ *n* 1 : a bin or compartment for storage (as for coal on a ship) 2 : a protective embankment or dugout 3 : a sand trap or embankment constituting a hazard on a golf course
- bun-kum** or **bun-kum-be** \ˈbʌŋ-kəm\ *n* [*Buncombe* County, N.C.; fr. the defense of a seemingly irrelevant speech made by its congressional representative that he was speaking to Buncombe] : insincere or foolish talk
- bun-ny** \ˈbʌn-ē\ *n, pl* **-nies** : RABBIT
- Bun-sen burner** \ˈbʌn-sən-ən\ *n* : a gas burner usu. consisting of a straight tube with air holes at the bottom
- bunt** \ˈbʌnt\ *vb* 1 : BUTT 2 : to push or tap a baseball lightly without swinging the bat
- bunt** *n* : an act or instance of bunting; *also* : a bunted ball
- bun-ting** \ˈbʌnt-ɪŋ\ *n* : any of numerous small stout-billed finches
- bunting** *n* : a thin fabric used *esp.* for flags; *also* : FLAGS
- buoy** \ˈbū-,ˈbɔɪ\ *n* 1 : a floating object anchored in water to mark something (as a channel, shoal, or rock) 2 : a float consisting of a ring of buoyant material to support a person who has fallen into the water
- buoy** *vb* 1 : to mark by a buoy 2 : to keep afloat 3 : to raise the spirits of
- buoy-an-cy** \ˈbɔɪ-ən-sē, ˈbū-yən-ən\ *n* 1 : the tendency of a body to float or rise when submerged in a fluid 2 : the power of a fluid to exert an upward force on a body placed in it 3 : resilience of spirit — **buoy-ant** \-ənt, -yənt\ *adj*
- bur** \ˈbər\ *var* of BURR
- bur** *abbr* bureau
- bur-den** \ˈbɜrd-ən\ *n* 1 : LOAD; *also* : CARE, RESPONSIBILITY 2 : something oppressive : ENCUMBRANCE 3 : CARGO; *also* : capacity for cargo
- burden** *vb* **bur-dened**; **bur-den-ing** \ˈbɜrd-(ə-)nɪŋ\ : LOAD, OPPRESS — **bur-den-some** \-səm\ *adj*
- burden** *n* 1 : REFRAIN, CHORUS 2 : a main theme or idea : GIST
- bur-dock** \ˈbɜr-,däk\ *n* : any of a genus of coarse composite herbs with globe-shaped flower heads surrounded by prickly bracts
- bu-reau** \ˈbyūr-ō\ *n, pl* **bureaus** *also* **bu-reaux** \-ōz\ [F, desk, cloth covering for desks, fr. OF *burel* woolen cloth, fr. L *burra* shaggy cloth] 1 : a chest of drawers for bedroom use 2 : an administrative unit (as of a government department) 3 : a branch of a publication or wire service in an important news center
- bu-reau-cra-cy** \byū-trāk-rə-sē\ *n, pl* **-cies** 1 : a body of appointive government officials 2 : administration characterized by specialization of functions under fixed rules and a hierarchy of authority; *also* : an unwieldy administrative system deficient in initiative and flexibility — **bu-reau-crat** \ˈbyūr-ə-,krət\ *n* — **bu-reau-crat-ic** \ˈbyūr-ə-ˈkrət-ɪk\ *adj*
- bur-geon** \ˈbɜr-jən\ *vb* : to put forth fresh growth (as from buds) : grow vigorously : FLOURISH
- bur-gess** \ˈbɜr-jəs\ *n* 1 : a citizen of a borough 2 : an official or representative usu. of a borough
- burgh** \ˈbɜr-ō\ *n* : a Scottish town
- bur-gher** \ˈbɜr-gər\ *n* 1 : TOWNSMAN 2 : a prosperous solid citizen
- bur-glary** \ˈbɜr-glə-rē\ *n, pl* **-glar-ies** : forcible entry into a building and *esp.* a dwelling with intent to steal — **bur-glar** \-glər\ *n* — **bur-glar-ize** \ˈbɜr-glə-,rɪz\ *vb*
- bur-gle** \ˈbɜr-glē\ *vb* **bur-gled**; **bur-gling** \-g(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to commit burglary on
- bur-go-mas-ter** \ˈbɜr-gə-,mas-tər\ *n* : the chief magistrate of a town in some European countries
- Bur-gun-dy** \ˈbɜr-gən-dē\ *n, pl* **-dies** : a red or white table wine
- bur-ial** \ˈber-ē-əl\ *n* : the act or process of burying
- burl** \ˈbɜrl\ *n* : a hard woody often flattened hemispherical outgrowth on a tree
- bur-lap** \ˈbɜr-,læp\ *n* : a coarse fabric usu. of jute or hemp used *esp.* for bags
- bur-lesque** \(ə)bər-ē-lesk\ *n* [*burlesque*, *adj.* (comic, droll), fr. F, fr. It *burlesco*, fr. *burla* joke, fr. Sp.] 1 : a witty or derisive literary or dramatic imitation 2 : broadly humorous theatrical entertainment consisting of several items (as songs, skits, or dances)
- burlesque** *vb* **bur-lesqued**; **bur-lesqu-ing** : to make ludicrous by burlesque : mock *syn* caricature, parody, travesty
- bur-ly** \ˈbɜr-lē\ *adj* **bur-li-er**; **-est** : strongly and heavily built : HUSKY *syn* muscular, brawny, beefy, hefty

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Bur-mese \bər-'mēz, -'mēs\ *n*, *pl* **Burmese** : a native or inhabitant of Burma — **Burmese** *adj*

burn \bɜrn\ *vb* **burned** \bərnd, 'bərnt\ or **burnt** \bərnt\; **burn-ing** 1 : to be on fire 2 : to feel or look as if on fire 3 : to alter or become altered by or as if by the action of fire or heat 4 : to use as fuel (~ coal); *also* : to destroy by fire (~ trash) 5 : to cause or make by fire (~ a hole); *also* : to affect as if by heat

burn *n* : an injury or effect produced by or as if by burning

burn-er \bər-nər\ *n* : the part of a fuel-burning or heat-producing device where the flame or heat is produced

bur-nish \bər-nish\ *vb* : to make shiny esp. by rubbing

POLISH — **bur-nish-er** *n* — **bur-nish-ing** *adj* or *n*

bur-noose or **bur-nous** (\bər-'nūs\ *n* : a hooded cloak worn esp. by Arabs

burn-out \bər-'naut\ *n* 1 : the cessation of operation of a jet or rocket engine 2 : exhaustion of one's physical or emotional strength

burp \bɜrp\ *n* : an act of belching — **burp** *vb*

burp gun *n* : a small submachine gun

burr \bər\ *n* 1 *usu* **bur** : a rough or prickly envelope of a fruit; *also* : a plant that bears burs 2 : roughness left in cutting or shaping metal 3 : **WHIR** — **bur-ry** *adj*

bur-ri-to \bər-'rēt-ō\ *n* [AmerSp, fr. Sp, lit., little donkey, dim. of *burro*] : a flour tortilla rolled around a filling and baked

bur-ro \bər-ō, 'būr-\ *n*, *pl* **burros** [Sp] : a usu. small donkey

bur-row \bər-ō\ *n* : a hole in the ground made by an animal (as a rabbit)

burrow *vb* 1 : to form by tunneling (~ a way through the snow); *also* : to make a burrow 2 : to progress by or as if by digging — **bur-row-er** *n*

bur-sar \bər-sər\ *n* : a treasurer esp. of a college

bur-si-tis (\bər-'sit-əs\ *n* : inflammation of the serous sac (**bur-sa** \bər-sə\ of a joint (as the elbow or shoulder)

burst \bɜrst\ *vb* **burst** or **burst-ed**; **burst-ing** 1 : to fly apart or into pieces 2 : to show one's feelings suddenly; *also* : **PLUNGE** (~ into song) 3 : to enter or emerge suddenly : **SPRING** 4 : to be filled to the breaking point

burst *n* 1 : a sudden outbreak or effort : **SPURT** 2 : **EXPLOSION** 3 : an act or result of bursting

Bu-run-di-an (bù-'rūn-dē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Burundi

bury \ber-ē\ *vb* **bur-ied**; **bury-ing** 1 : to deposit in the earth; *also* : to inter with funeral ceremonies 2 : **CONCEAL**, **HIDE**

bus \bəs\ *n*, *pl* **bus-es** or **bus-ses** [short for *omnibus*, fr. F, fr. L, for all, dat. pl. of *omnis* all] : a large motor-driven passenger vehicle

bus *vb* **bused** or **bussed**; **bus-ing** or **bus-sing** 1 : to travel or transport by bus 2 : to work as a busboy

bus *abbr* **business**

bus-boy \bəs-,bōi\ *n* : a waiter's helper

bus-by \bɜz-bē\ *n*, *pl* **bushies** : a military full-dress fur hat

bush \bush\ *n* 1 : **SHRUB** 2 : rough uncleared country 3 : a thick tuft or mat — **bushy** *adj*

bushed \bush\ *adj* : **TIRED**, **EXHAUSTED**

bush-el \bush-əl\ *n* — see **WEIGHT** table

bush-ing \bush-ig\ *n* : a usu. removable cylindrical lining in an opening of a mechanical part to limit the size of the opening, resist wear (as in a bearing for an axle), or serve as a guide

bush-mas-ter \bush-mas-tər\ *n* : a large venomous tropical American snake

bush-whack \-,hwak\ *vb* 1 : to live or hide out in the woods 2 : **AMBUSH** — **bush-whack-er** *n*

busi-ly \biz-ə-lē\ *adv* : in a busy manner

busi-ness \biz-nəs, -nəz\ *n* 1 : **OCCUPATION**, **CALLING**; *also* : **TASK**, **MISSION** 2 : a commercial or industrial enterprise;

also : **TRADE** (~ is good) 3 : **AFFAIR**, **MATTER** 4 : personal concerns **syn** commerce, industry, trade, traffic

busi-ness-man \-,man\ *n* : a man engaged in business esp. as an executive

busi-ness-per-son \-,pərs-'n\ *n* : a businessman or businesswoman

busi-ness-wom-an \-,wum-ən\ *n* : a woman engaged in business esp. as an executive

bus-kin \bəs-kən\ *n* 1 : a laced boot reaching halfway to the knee 2 : tragic drama

buss \bəs\ *n* : **KISS** — **buss** *vb*

bust \bɜst\ *n* [F *buste*, fr. It *busto*, fr. L *bustum* tomb] 1 : sculpture representing the upper part of the human figure 2 : the part of the human torso between the neck and the waist; *esp* : the breasts of a woman

bust *vb* **bust-ed** *also* **bust**; **bust-ing** 1 : **BREAK**, **SMASH**; *also* : **BURST** 2 : to ruin financially 3 : **DEMOTE** 4 : **TAME** 5 *slang* : **ARREST**

bust *n* 1 : a drinking session 2 : a complete failure : **FLOP** 3 : a business depression 4 : **PUNCH**, **SOCK** 5 *slang* : a police raid

bust-tle \bəs-əl\ *vb* **bust-tled**; **bust-ting** \bəs-(ə-)liŋ\ : to move or work in a brisk fussy way

bustle *n* : briskly energetic activity

bustle *n* : a pad or frame formerly worn to swell out the fullness at the back of a woman's skirt

busy \biz-ē\ *adj* **busi-er**; **-est** 1 : engaged in action : not idle 2 : being in use (~ telephones) 3 : full of activity (~ streets) 4 : **OFFICIOUS** **syn** employed, engaged, occupied

busy *vb* **bus-ied**; **busy-ing** : to make or keep busy : **OCCUPY**

busy-body \biz-ē-,bād-ē\ *n* : **MEDDLER**

busy-work \-,wɜrk\ *n* : work that appears productive but only keeps one occupied

but \bət\ *conj* 1 : except for the fact (would have protested ~ that he was afraid) 2 : as to the following, namely (there's no doubt ~ he's the guilty one) 3 : without the concomitant that (never rains ~ it pours) 4 : on the contrary (not one, ~ two job offers) 5 : yet nevertheless (would like to go, ~ I can't); *also* : while on the contrary (would like to go ~ he is busy) 6 : yet also (came home sadder ~ wiser) (poor ~ proud)

but *prep* : other than : **EXCEPT** (there's no one here ~ me)

bu-tane \byü-,tān\ *n* : either of two gaseous hydrocarbons used as a fuel

butch-er \būch-ər\ *n* [ME *bocher*, fr. OF *bouchier*, fr. *bouc* he-goat] 1 : one who slaughters animals or dresses their flesh; *also* : a dealer in meat 2 : one that kills brutally or needlessly — **butch-ery** \-(ə-)rē\ *n*

butcher *vb* **butch-ered**; **butch-er-ing** \-(ə-)riŋ\ 1 : to slaughter and dress for meat (~ hogs) 2 : to kill barbarously

but-ler \bət-lər\ *n* [ME *buteler*, fr. OF *bouteillier* bottle bearer, fr. *bouteille* bottle] : the chief male servant of a household

butt \bət\ *vb* : to strike with the head or horns

butt *n* : a blow or thrust with the head or horns

butt *n* : a large cask

butt *n* 1 : **TARGET** 2 : an object of abuse or ridicule

butt *n* : a large, thicker, or bottom end of something

butt *vb* 1 : **ABUT** 2 : to place or join edge to edge without overlapping

butte \byüt\ *n* : an isolated steep-sided hill

but-ter \bət-ər\ *n* [ME, fr. OE *butere*, fr. L *butyrum* butter, fr. Gk *boutyron*, fr. *bous* cow + *tyros* cheese] 1 : a solid edible emulsion of fat obtained from cream by churning 2 : a substance resembling butter — **but-tery** *adj*

butter *vb* : to spread with butter

but-ter-and-eggs \bət-ə-rə-'negz\ *n* *sing* or *pl* : a common perennial herb related to the snapdragon that has showy yellow and orange flowers

- but-ter-cup** \ˈbət-ər-,kəp\ *n* : any of a genus of herbs usu. having yellow flowers with five petals and sepals
- but-ter-fat** \-,fat\ *n* : the natural fat of milk and chief constituent of butter
- but-ter-fin-gered** \-,fin-gərd\ *adj* : likely to let things fall or slip through the fingers — **but-ter-fin-gers** \-gərz\ *n* *sing or pl*
- but-ter-fly** \-,flī\ *n* : any of a group of slender day-flying insects with four broad wings covered with bright-colored scales
- but-ter-milk** \-,milk\ *n* : the liquid remaining after butter is churned
- but-ter-nut** \-,nət\ *n* : the edible oily nut of an American tree related to the walnut; *also* : this tree
- but-ter-scotch** \-,skäch\ *n* : a candy made from brown sugar, corn syrup, and water; *also* : the flavor of such candy
- but-tock** \ˈbət-ək\ *n* **1** : the back of a hip that forms one of the fleshy parts on which a person sits **2 pl** : the seat of the body : RUMP
- but-ton** \ˈbət-n\ *n* **1** : a small knob secured to an article (as of clothing) and used as a fastener by passing it through a buttonhole or loop **2** : something that resembles a button **3** : PUSH BUTTON
- button** *vb* **but-toned**; **but-ton-ing** \ˈbət-(ə-)niŋ\ : to close or fasten with buttons
- but-ton-hole** \ˈbət-n-,hōl\ *n* : a slit or loop for a button to pass through
- buttonhole** *vb* : to detain in conversation by or as if by holding on to the outer garments of
- but-tress** \ˈbət-rəs\ *n* **1** : a projecting structure to support a wall **2** : PROP, SUPPORT
- buttress** *vb* : PROP, SUPPORT
- bu-tut** \bù-ˈtüt\ *n* — see *dalasi* at MONEY table
- bux-om** \ˈbək-səm\ *adj* : healthily plump; *esp* : full-bodied
- buy** \ˈbi\ *vb* **bought** \ˈbót\; **buy-ing** : to obtain for a price : PURCHASE; *also* : BRIBE — **buy-er** *n*
- buy** *n* **1** : PURCHASE **1, 2 2** : an exceptional value
- buzz** \ˈbəz\ *vb* **1** : to make a buzz **2** : to fly low over in an airplane
- buzz** *n* : a low humming sound (as of bees in flight)
- buz-zard** \ˈbəz-ərd\ *n* : any of various usu. large birds of prey and *esp.* the turkey vulture
- buzz-er** \ˈbəz-ər\ *n* : a device that signals with a buzzing sound
- buzz saw** *n* : CIRCULAR SAW

BV *abbr* Blessed Virgin

BWI *abbr* British West Indies

bx *abbr* box

BX *abbr* base exchange

by \(\)bi, bə\ *prep* **1** : NEAR (stood ~ the window) **2** : through or through the medium of : VIA (left ~ the door) **3** : PAST (drove ~ the house) **4** : DURING, AT (studied ~ night) **5** : no later than (get here ~ 3 p.m.) **6** : through the means or direct agency of (got it ~ fraud) (was seen ~ the others) **7** : in conformity with : ACCORDING TO (did it ~ the book) **8** : with respect to (an electrician ~ trade) **9** : to the amount or extent of (won ~ a nose) (overpaid ~ \$3) **10** — used to express relationship in multiplication, in division, and in measurements (divide *a* ~ *b*) (multiply ~ 6) (15 feet ~ 20 feet)

by \ˈbi\ *adv* **1** : near at hand; *also* : IN (stopped ~ to chat) **2** : PAST **3** : ASIDE, APART

bye \ˈbi\ *n* : a position of a participant in a tournament who has no opponent after pairs are drawn and advances to the next round without playing

by-election *also* **bye-election** \ˈbi-ə-,lek-shən\ *n* : a special election held between regular elections in order to fill a vacancy

by-gone \ˈbi-,gòn\ *adj* : gone by : PAST — **by-gone** *n*

by-law or **bye-law** \ˈbi-,lə\ *n* : a rule adopted by an organization for managing its internal affairs

by-line \ˈbi-,lin\ *n* : a line at the beginning of a newspaper story or magazine article giving the writer's name

BYO *abbr* bring your own

BYOB *abbr* bring your own booze; bring your own bottle

by-pass \ˈbi-,pas\ *n* : a passage to one side or around a blocked or congested area

bypass *vb* : to avoid by means of a bypass

by-path \-,path, -ˌpáth\ *n* : BYWAY

by-play \ˈbi-,plā\ *n* : action engaged in at the side of a stage while the main action proceeds

by-product \-,präd-(ə)kt\ *n* : a product or result produced in addition to the main product or result

by-stand-er \-,stan-dər\ *n* : one present but not participating *syn* onlooker, witness, spectator, eyewitness

byte \ˈbit\ *n* : a group of bits that a computer processes as a unit (an 8-bit ~)

by the way *adv* : in passing : INCIDENTALLY

by-way \ˈbi-,wā\ *n* **1** : a little-traveled side road **2** : a secondary aspect

by-word \-,wərd\ *n* **1** : PROVERB **2** : an object of scorn

C

c \ˈsē\ *n, pl c's or cs* \ˈsēz\ *often cap* **1** : the 3d letter of the English alphabet **2** : a grade rating a student's work as fair

c *abbr, often cap* **1** calorie **2** carat **3** Celsius **4** cent **5** centigrade **6** centimeter **7** century **8** chapter **9** circa **10** cocaine **11** copyright

C *symbol* carbon

ca *abbr* circa

Ca *symbol* calcium

CA *abbr* **1** California **2** chartered accountant **3** chief accountant **4** chronological age

cab \ˈkab\ *n* **1** : a light closed horse-drawn carriage **2** : TAXICAB **3** : the covered compartment for the engineer and controls of a locomotive; *also* : a similar compartment (as on a truck)

CAB *abbr* Civil Aeronautics Board

ca-bal \kə-ˈbal\ *n* [F *cabale*, fr. ML *cabbala* cabala, fr.

Heb *quabbālāh*, lit., received (lore)] : a secret group of plotters or political conspirators

ca-ba-la \ˈkab-ə-lə, kə-ˈbāl-ə\ *n, often cap* **1** : a medieval Jewish mysticism marked by belief in creation through emanation and a cipher method of interpreting scriptures **2** : esoteric doctrine or beliefs

ca-bana \kə-ˈban-(y)ə\ *n* : a shelter at a beach or swimming pool

cab-a-ret \ˌkab-ə-ˈrā\ *n* : NIGHTCLUB

cab-bage \ˈkab-ij\ *n* [ME *caboche*, fr. OF head] : a vegetable related to the turnip with a dense head of leaves

cab-bie or **cab-by** \ˈkab-ē\ *n, pl cabbies* : a driver of a cab

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈvash \əˈvace \əˈcot, cart
\əʊˈt \chˈchin \eɪˈbet \eɪˈeasy \əˈgo \iˈhīt \iˈvice \iˈjob
\ŋˈsing \oˈgo \oˈlaw \oˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \uˈloot
\uˈfoot \yˈyet \zhˈvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

cab-in \ˈkəb-ən\ *n* 1 : a private room on a ship; *also* : a compartment below deck on a small boat for passengers or crew 2 : an aircraft or spacecraft compartment for passengers, crew, or cargo 3 : a small simple one-story house

cabin boy *n* : a boy acting as servant on a ship

cabin class *n* : a class of accommodations on a passenger ship superior to tourist class and inferior to first class

cabin cruiser *n* : CRUISER 3

cab-i-net \ˈkəb-(ə)-nət\ *n* 1 : a case or cupboard for holding or displaying articles (as jewels, specimens, or documents) 2 : an upright case housing a radio or television receiver 3 : the advisory council of a head of state (as a president or sovereign)

cab-i-net-mak-er \-,mā-kər\ *n* : a woodworker who makes fine furniture — **cab-i-net-mak-ing** \-,mā-kiŋ\ *n*

cab-i-net-work \-,wɜrk\ *n* : the finished work of a cabinet-maker

ˈca-ble \ˈkā-bəl\ *n* 1 : a very strong rope, wire, or chain 2 : a bundle of insulated wires usu. twisted around a central core 3 : CABLEGRAM 4 : CABLE TELEVISION

ˈcable *vb* **ca-bled**; **ca-bling** \ˈkā-b(ə)-liŋ\ : to telegraph by cable

cable car *n* : a vehicle moved by an endless cable

ca-ble-gram \ˈkā-bəl-,gram\ *n* : a message sent by a submarine telegraph cable

cable television *n* : a system of television reception in which signals from distant stations are sent by cable to the receivers of paying subscribers

cab-o-chon \ˈkəb-ə-,shən\ *n* : a gem or bead cut in convex form and highly polished but not given facets; *also* : this style of cutting — **cabochon** *adv*

ca-boose \kə-ˈbūs\ *n* : a car usu. at the rear of a freight train for the use of the train crew and railroad workers

cab-ri-o-let \ˌkəb-rē-ə-ˈlā\ *n* [F] 1 : a light 2-wheeled one-horse carriage 2 : a convertible coupe

cab-stand \ˈkəb-,stand\ *n* : a place for cabs to park while waiting for passengers

ca-cao \kə-ˈkau-,ˈkā-ð\ *n*, *pl* **ca-cacos** [Sp] : a So. American tree whose seeds (**cacao beans**) are the source of cocoa and chocolate; *also* : its dried fatty seeds

ca-cia-to-re \ˌkäch-ə-ˈtör-ə\ *adj* [It] : cooked with tomatoes and herbs (veal ~)

ˈcache \ˈkash\ *n* [F] : a hiding place esp. for preserving provisions; *also* : something hidden or stored in a cache

ˈcache *vb* **cached**; **cach-ing** : to place or store in a cache

ca-chet \kə-ˈshə\ *n* [F] 1 : a seal used esp. as a mark of official approval 2 : a feature or quality conferring prestige; *also* : PRESTIGE 3 : a usu. flour paste capsule containing medicine 4 : a design, inscription, or advertisement printed or stamped on mail

ack-le \ˈkək-əl\ *vb* **ack-led**; **ack-ling** \-(ə)-liŋ\ 1 : to make the sharp broken cry characteristic of a hen 2 : to laugh or chatter noisily — **ack-le** *n* — **ack-ler** \-(ə)-lər\ *n*

ca-coph-o-ny \kə-ˈkäf-ə-nē\ *n*, *pl* **-nies** : harsh or discordant sound — **ca-coph-o-nous** \-nəs\ *adj*

ca-cus \ˈkək-təs\ *n*, *pl* **ca-citi** \-,tī\ *also* **ca-cus-es** or **cactus** : any of a large family of drought-resistant flowering plants with fleshy usu. jointed stems and with leaves replaced by scales or prickles

cad \ˈkəd\ *n* : a man who does not behave like a gentleman esp. toward women — **cad-dish** \-ish\ *adj* — **cad-dish-ly** *adv* — **cad-dish-ness** *n*

ca-dav-er \kə-ˈdav-ər\ *n* : a dead body : CORPSE

ca-dav-er-ous \kə-ˈdav-(ə)-rəs\ *adj* : suggesting a corpse esp. in gauntness or pallor *syn* wasted, emaciated, gaunt — **ca-dav-er-ous-ly** *adv*

cad-die or **cad-dy** \ˈkād-ē\ *n*, *pl* **caddies** [F *cadet* military cadet] : one that assists a golfer esp. by carrying his clubs — **caddie** or **caddy** *vb*

cad-dy \ˈkād-ē\ *n*, *pl* **caddies** [Malay *kati* a unit of weight] : a small box, can, or chest; *esp* : one to keep tea in

ca-dence \ˈkād-ns\ *n* : the measure or beat of a rhythmic flow : RHYTHM — **ca-denced** \-nst\ *adj*

ca-den-za \kə-ˈden-zə\ *n* [It] : a brilliant sometimes improvised passage usu. toward the close of a musical composition

ca-det \kə-ˈdet\ *n* [F, fr. F dial. *capdet* chief, fr. L *capitellum*, fr. L *caput* head] 1 : a younger son or brother 2 : a student in a service academy

Ca-dette scout \kə-,det-ə\ *n* : a Girl Scout between the ages of 12 and 14

cadge \ˈkaj\ *vb* **cadged**; **cadg-ing** : SPONGE, BEG — **cadg-er** *n*

cad-mi-um \ˈkād-mē-əm\ *n* : a bluish white metallic chemical element used in protective platings — see **ELEMENT** table

cad-re \ˈkād-rē\ *n* [F] 1 : FRAMEWORK 2 : a nucleus esp. of trained personnel capable of assuming control and training others 3 : a group of indoctrinated leaders active in promoting the interests of a revolutionary party

ca-du-ceus \kə-ˈd(y)ü-sē-əs, -shəs\ *n*, *pl* **-cei** \-sē-,ī\ [L] 1 : the staff of a herald; *esp* : a representation of a staff with two entwined snakes and two wings at the top 2 : an insignia bearing a caduceus and symbolizing a physician

cae-cum *var of* CECUM

Caesar \ˈsē-zər\ *n* 1 : any of the Roman emperors succeeding Augustus Caesar — used as a title 2 *often not cap* : a powerful ruler : AUTOCRAT, DICTATOR; *also* : the civil or temporal power

caesarean or **caesarian** *var of* CESAREAN

cae-sura \sī-ˈz(h)ür-ə\ *n*, *pl* **-suras** or **-su-rae** \-ˈz(h)ür-(ə)-\ : a break in the flow of sound usu. in the middle of a line of verse

ca-fé \kə-ˈfā, kə-ə\ *n* [F, lit., coffee] 1 : RESTAURANT 2 : BARROOM 3 : NIGHTCLUB

ca-fé au lait \(ə)kə-ˈfā-ō-ˈlā\ *n* : coffee with hot milk in about equal parts

cafe-te-ria \ˌkaf-ə-ˈtir-ē-ə\ *n* [AmerSp *cafeteria* retail coffee store, fr. Sp *café* coffee] : a restaurant in which the customers serve themselves or are served at a counter

caf-feine \kə-ˈfēn, ˈkə-,fēn\ *n* : a stimulating alkaloid found esp. in coffee and tea

caft-an \ˈkaf-ˈtan, ˈkaf-,ˈtan\ *n* [Russ *kaftan*, fr. Turk, fr. Per *qafṭān*] : an ankle-length garment with long sleeves worn in countries of the eastern Mediterranean

ˈcage \kāj\ *n* 1 : an openwork enclosure for confining an animal 2 : something resembling a cage

ˈcage *vb* **caged**; **cag-ing** : to put or keep in or as if in a cage

ca-gey *also* **ca-gy** \ˈkā-jē\ *adj* **ca-gi-er**; **-est** : wary of being trapped or deceived : SHREWD — **ca-gi-ly** \ˈkā-jə-lē\ *adv* — **ca-gi-ness** \-jē-nəs\ *n*

CAGS *abbr* Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study

ca-hoot \kə-ˈhūt\ *n* : PARTNERSHIP, LEAGUE — usu. used in *pl.* (officials in ~s with the underworld)

cai-man \kā-ˈman, ki-, ˈkā-mən\ *n* : any of several Central and So. American relatives of the crocodiles

cairn \ˈkaɪn\ *n* : a heap of stones serving as a memorial or a landmark

cais-son \ˈkā-,sən, ˈkās-n\ *n* 1 : a usu. 2-wheeled vehicle for artillery ammunition 2 : a watertight chamber used in underwater construction work or as a foundation

caisson disease *n* : BEND 3

cai-tiff \ˈkāt-əf\ *adj* [ME *caitif*, fr. OF, captive, vile, fr. L *captivus* captive] : being base, cowardly, or despicable — **caitiff** *n*

ca-jole \kə-ˈjöl\ *vb* **ca-joled**; **ca-jol-ing** [F *cajoler*] : to persuade or coax esp. with flattery or false promises : WHEEDLE — **ca-jole-ment** *n* — **ca-jol-ery** \-ˈjöl-(ə)-rē\ *n*

Ca-jun \ˈkā-jən\ *n* : a Louisianian descended from French-speaking immigrants from Acadia (Nova Scotia)

ˈcake \kāk\ *n* 1 : a food made from batter that may be

fried or baked into a usu. small flat shape **2** : a sweet baked food made from batter or dough usu. containing a leaven (as baking powder) **3** : a substance hardened or molded into a solid mass (a ~ of soap)

cake *vb* **caked**; **cake-ing** \kək-ɪŋ/ **1** : ENCRUST **2** : to form or harden into a cake

cake-walk \ˈkāk-ˌwɒk/ *n* **1** : a stage dance typically involving a high prance with backward tilt **2** : a one-sided contest

cal *abbr* **1** calendar **2** caliber

Cal *abbr* **1** California **2** calorie

cal-a-bash \ˈkæl-ə-ˈbæʃ/ *n* : the fruit of a gourd; *also* : a utensil made from its shell

cal-a-boose \ˈkæl-ə-ˈbʊs/ *n* [Sp *calabozo* dungeon] *dial* : JAIL

ca-la-di-um \kə-ˈlād-ē-əm/ *n* : any of a genus of tropical American ornamental plants related to the arums

cal-a-mari \ˌkæl-ə-ˈmār-ē/ *n* [It] : squid used as food

cal-a-mine \ˈkæl-ə-ˌmɪn/ *n* : a lotion of oxides of zinc and iron

ca-lam-i-ty \kə-ˈlām-ət-ē/ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : great distress or misfortune **2** : an event causing great harm or loss and affliction : DISASTER — **ca-lam-i-tous** \-ət-əs/ *adj* — **ca-lam-i-tous-ly** *adv* — **ca-lam-i-tous-ness** *n*

calc *abbr* calculate; calculated

cal-car-e-ous \kæl-ˈkar-ē-əs/ *adj* : containing calcium or calcium carbonate; *also* : resembling calcium carbonate in hardness

cal-cif-er-ous \kæl-ˈsɪf-(ə-)rəs/ *adj* : producing or containing calcium carbonate

cal-ci-fy \ˈkæl-sə-ˌfɪ/ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to make or become calcareous — **cal-ci-fi-ca-tion** \ˌkæl-sə-fə-ˈkā-shən/ *n*

cal-ci-mine \ˈkæl-sə-ˌmɪn/ *n* : a thin water paint used esp. on plastered surfaces — **calcimine** *vb*

cal-cine \kæl-ˈsɪn/ *vb* **cal-cined**; **cal-cin-ing** : to heat to a high temperature but without fusing to drive off volatile matter and often to reduce to powder — **cal-ci-na-tion** \ˌkæl-sə-ˈnā-shən/ *n*

cal-cite \ˈkæl-ˌsɪt/ *n* : a crystalline mineral consisting of calcium carbonate — **cal-cit-ic** \ˈkæl-ˌsɪt-ɪk/ *adj*

cal-ci-um \ˈkæl-sē-əm/ *n* : a silver-white soft metallic chemical element occurring only in combination—see ELEMENT table

calcium carbonate *n* : a substance found in nature as limestone and marble and in plant ashes, bones, and shells

cal-cu-late \ˈkæl-kyə-ˌlāt/ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** [L *calcularē*, fr. *calculus* small stone, pebble used in reckoning] **1** : to determine by mathematical processes : COMPUTE **2** : to reckon by exercise of practical judgment : ESTIMATE **3** : to design or adapt for a purpose **4** : COUNT, RELY — **cal-cu-la-ble** \-lə-bəl/ *adj* — **cal-cu-la-tor** \ˌlāt-ər/ *n*

cal-cu-lat-ed \ˌlāt-əd/ *adj* : undertaken after estimating the probability of success or failure (a ~ risk)

cal-cu-lat-ing \ˌlāt-ɪŋ/ *adj* : marked by shrewd consideration esp. of self-interest — **cal-cu-lat-ing-ly** *adv*

cal-cu-la-tion \ˌkæl-kyə-ˈlā-shən/ *n* **1** : the process or an act of calculating **2** : the result of an act of calculating **3** : studied care : CAUTION

cal-cu-lus \ˈkæl-kyə-ləs/ *n*, *pl* **-li** \-lɪ/ *also* **-lus-es** [L, pebble (used in reckoning)] **1** : a method of computation or calculation in a special notation (as of logic) **2** : a branch of higher mathematics concerned esp. with rates of change and the finding of lengths, areas, and volumes **3** : a concretion usu. of mineral salts esp. in hollow organs or ducts

cal-de-ra \kæl-ˈder-ə, kōl-, ˈdɪr-/ *n* [Sp, lit., caldron] : a large crater usu. formed by the collapse of a volcanic cone

cal-dron \ˈkōl-drən/ *n* : a large kettle

cal-en-dar \ˈkæl-ən-dər/ *n* **1** : an arrangement of time into days, weeks, months, and years; *also* : a sheet or folder

containing such an arrangement for a period **2** : an orderly list

calendar *vb* **-dared**; **-dar-ing** \-d(ə-)rɪŋ/ : to enter in a calendar

cal-en-der \ˈkæl-ən-dər/ *vb* : to press (as cloth or paper) between rollers or plates so as to make smooth or glossy or to thin into sheets

calender *n* : a machine for calendering

ca-lends \ˈkæl-əndz, ˈkæl-ˌn/ *n* *sing or pl* : the first day of the ancient Roman month

ca-len-du-la \kə-ˈlən-jə-lə/ *n* : any of a genus of yellow-flowered herbs related to the daisies

calf \ˈkaf, ˈkæf/ *n*, *pl* **calves** \ˈkævz, ˈkāvz/ **1** : the young of the domestic cow; *also* : the young of various other large mammals (as the elephant or whale) **2** : CALFSKIN

2 *calf* *n*, *pl* **calves** \ˈkævz, ˈkāvz/ : the fleshy back of the leg below the knee

calf-skin \ˈkæf-,skɪn, ˈkæf-/ *n* : leather made of the skin of a calf

cal-i-ber or **cal-i-bre** \ˈkæl-ə-bər/ *n* [MF *calibre*, fr. It *calibro*, fr. Ar *qālīb* shoemaker's last] **1** : the diameter of a projectile **2** : the diameter of the bore of a gun **3** : degree of excellence or importance

cal-i-brate \ˈkæl-ə-ˌbrāt/ *vb* **-brat-ed**; **-brat-ing** **1** : to measure the caliber of **2** : to determine, correct, or put the measuring marks on (~ a thermometer) — **cal-i-bra-tion** \ˌkæl-ə-ˈbrā-shən/ *n*

cal-i-co \ˈkæl-i-,kō/ *n*, *pl* **-coes** or **-cos** : cotton cloth; *esp* : a cheap cotton printed fabric — **calico** *adj*

Calif *abbr* California

Cal-i-for-nia poppy \kæl-ə-ˈfɔr-nyə-/ *n* : a widely cultivated herb with pale yellow to red flowers that is related to the poppies

cal-i-for-ni-um \ˌkæl-ə-ˈfɔr-nē-əm/ *n* : an artificially prepared radioactive chemical element—see ELEMENT table

cal-i-per or **cal-li-per** \ˈkæl-ə-pər/ *n* **1** : an instrument with two adjustable legs used to measure the thickness of objects or distances between surfaces—usu. used in pl. (a pair of ~s) **2** : a device consisting of two plates lined with a frictional material that press against the sides of a rotating wheel or disk in certain brake systems

cal-iph or **cal-if** \ˈkæl-ɪf, ˈkæl-əf/ *n* : a successor of Muhammad as head of Islam—used as a title — **cal-iph-ate** \-,āt, -ət/ *n*

cal-is-then-ics \ˌkæl-əs-ˈthen-iks/ *n* *sing or pl* [Gk *kalos* beautiful + *sthenos* strength] : bodily exercises without apparatus or with light hand apparatus — **cal-is-then-ic** *adj*

calk \ˈkɒk/ *var* of CAULK

call \ˈkɒl/ *vb* **1** : SHOUT, CRY; *also* : to utter a characteristic cry **2** : to utter in a loud clear voice **3** : to announce authoritatively **4** : SUMMON **5** : to make a request or demand (~ for an investigation) **6** : to get or try to get in communication by telephone **7** : to demand payment of (a loan); *also* : to demand surrender of (as a bond issue) for redemption **8** : to make a brief visit **9** : to speak of or address by name : give a name to **10** : to estimate or consider for practical purposes (~ it ten miles) **11** : to halt because of unsuitable conditions **12** : to temporarily transfer control of computer processing to (as a section of a computer program) — **call-er** *n*

2 *call* *n* **1** : SHOUT **2** : the cry of an animal (as a bird) **3** : a request or a command to come or assemble : INVITATION, SUMMONS **4** : DEMAND, CLAIM; *also* : REQUEST **5** : a brief usu. formal visit **6** : an act of calling on the telephone **7** : a temporary transfer of control of computer processing to a particular set of instructions

cal-la lily \ˈkæl-ə-/ *n* : a plant whose flowers form a fleshy

\əˈbʊt \əˈkɪtən \ərˈfʊrðər \əˈæʃ \əˈæce \əˈcɒt, cɑrt
 \əˈaʊt \tʃˈɪn \eɪˈbet \eɪˈeɪsɪ \gəˈgo \vɪˈhɪt \vɪˈtɪs \vɪˈjɒb
 \ŋˈsɪŋ \dʒəˈgo \dʒəˈlɔw \dʒəˈbɔɪ \tʃˈθɪn \tʃˈθɪt \tʃˈθɪt
 \ʊfˈfʊt \vɪˈtɪt \vɪˈzɪʃən see also Pronunciation Symbols page

yellow spike surrounded by a lilylike usu. white leaf
call-back \ˈkɔl-bak\ *n* : a recall by a manufacturer of a product to correct a defect
call-board \-ˌbɔrd\ *n* : a board for posting notices (as of rehearsal calls)
call down *vb* : REPRIMAND
call girl *n* : a prostitute with whom appointments are made by phone
calligrapher \kə-ˈlɪg-rə-fēr\ *n* : beautiful or elegant handwriting; also : the art of producing such writing — **calligrapher** \-fēr\ *n*
call in *vb* 1 : to order to return or be returned 2 : to summon to one's aid 3 : to report by telephone
calling \ˈkɔl-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : a strong inner impulse toward a particular course of action 2 : the activity in which one customarily engages as an occupation
calliope \kə-ˈli-ə-(j)pē, ˈkal-ē, ˈdɒ\ *n* [fr. *Calliope*, chief of the Muses, fr. L, fr. Gk *Kalliope*] : a musical instrument consisting of a series of whistles played by keys arranged as in an organ
call number *n* : a combination of characters assigned to a library book to indicate its place on a shelf
call off *vb* : CANCEL
callous-ity \kə-ˈlās-ət-ē, kə-ˈ\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : the quality or state of being callous 2 : CALLUS 1
callous \ˈkal-əs\ *adj* 1 : being thickened and usu. hardened (~ skin) 2 : hardened in feeling — **callous-ly** *adv* — **callous-ness** *n*
callous *vb* : to make callous
callow \ˈkal-ə\ *adj* [ME *calu* bald, fr. OE] : lacking adult sophistication : IMMATURE — **callow-ness** *n*
call-up \ˈkɔl-əp\ *n* : an order to report for active military service
call up (ˈ)kɔl-əp\ *vb* : to summon for active military duty
callus \ˈkal-əs\ *n* 1 : a callous area on skin or bark 2 : tissue that is converted into bone in the healing of a bone fracture
callus *vb* : to form a callus
calm \ˈkɑm, ˈkɑlm\ *adj* : marked by calm : STILL, PLACID, SERENE — **calm-ly** *adv* — **calm-ness** *n*
calm *vb* : to make or become calm
calm *n* 1 : a period or a condition of freedom from storms, high winds, or rough water 2 : complete or almost complete absence of wind 3 : a state of tranquillity
cal-o-mel \ˈkal-ə-məl, -ˌmē\ *n* : a chloride of mercury used esp. as a purgative and fungicide
caloric \kə-ˈlɔr-ik\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to heat 2 : of or relating to calories
calorie also **cal-ory** \ˈkal-(ə)rē\ *n*, *pl* -ries : a unit for measuring heat; *esp* : one for measuring the value of foods for producing heat and energy in the human body equivalent to the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one kilogram of water one degree Celsius
calo-rif-ic \ˈkal-ə-ˈrɪf-ik\ *adj* : CALORIC
calo-rim-e-ter \ˈkal-ə-ˈrɪm-ət-ər\ *n* : an apparatus for measuring quantities of heat — **calo-rim-e-try** \ˈkal-ə-ˈrɪm-ə-trē\ *n*
cal-u-met \ˈkal-yə-, met-, -mə\ *n* : an American Indian ceremonial pipe
calum-ni-ate \kə-ˈlɒm-nē-, ˈāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to accuse falsely and maliciously : SLANDER *syn* defame, malign, libel, slander, traduce — **calum-ni-a-tion** \-ˌlɒm-nē-ˈā-shən\ *n* — **calum-ni-a-tor** \-ˌlɒm-nē-, ˈāt-ər\ *n*
calum-ny \ˈkal-əm-nē\ *n*, *pl* -nies : false and malicious accusation — **calum-ni-ous** \kə-ˈlɒm-nē-əs\ *adj*
calve \ˈkav, ˈkáv\ *vb* calved; calv-ing : to give birth to a calf
calves *pl* of CALF
Calvin-ism \ˈkal-və-, niz-əm\ *n* : the theological system of John Calvin and his followers — **Calvin-ist** \-və-nəst\ *n* or *adj* — **Calvin-is-tic** \ˈkal-və-ˈnɪs-tɪk\ *adj*

cal-yp-so \kə-ˈlɪp-sō\ *n*, *pl* -sos : a style of music originating in the British West Indies and having lyrics that usu. satirize local personalities and events
cal-lyx \ˈkā-lyks, ˈkal-iks\ *n*, *pl* **cal-lyx-es** or **cal-ly-ces** \ˈkā-lə-, sēz, ˈkal-ə-\ : the outside usu. green or leaflike part of a flower consisting of sepals
cam \ˈkam\ *n* : a rotating or sliding projection (as on a wheel) in a mechanical linkage by which rotary motion is transformed into linear motion or vice versa
ca-ma-ra-de-rie \ˌkam-(ə-)ˈrad-ə-rē, ˌkām-(ə-)ˈrād-\ *n* [F] : friendly feeling and goodwill among comrades
cam-bi-um \ˈkam-bē-əm\ *n*, *pl* -bi-ums or -bia \-bē-ə\ : a thin cellular layer between xylem and phloem of most higher plants from which new tissues develop — **cam-bi-al** \-bē-əl\ *adj*
Cam-bri-an *adj* : of, relating to, or being the earliest period of the Paleozoic era — **Cambrian** *n*
cam-bric \ˈkām-brik\ *n* : a fine thin white linen or cotton fabric
came *past* of COME
cam-el \ˈkam-əl\ *n* : either of two large hoofed cud-chewing mammals used esp. in desert regions of Asia and Africa for carrying burdens and for riding
camel hair also **camel's hair** *n* 1 : the hair of a camel or a substitute for it 2 : cloth made of camel hair or of camel hair and wool
ca-mel-lia \kə-ˈmēl-yə\ *n* : any of several shrubs or trees related to the tea plant and grown in warm regions and greenhouses for their showy roselike flowers
Cam-em-bert \ˈkam-əm-, beər\ *n* : a soft surface-ripened cheese with a grayish rind and yellow interior
cam-eo \ˈkam-ē-, ə\ *n*, *pl* -eos 1 : a gem carved in relief; also : a small medallion with a profiled head in relief 2 : a brief appearance by a well-known actor in a play or movie
cam-era \ˈkam-(ə)rə\ *n* : a closed lightproof box with a lens through which the image of an object is recorded on a light-sensitive material; also : an electronic device that forms an image and converts it into an electrical signal (as for television broadcast) — **cam-era-man** \ˈkam-(ə-)rə-, man-, -mən\ *n*
Cam-er-oo-ni-an \ˌkam-ə-ˈrū-nē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of the Republic of Cameroon or the Cameroons region — **Cameroonian** *adj*
cam-i-sole \ˈkam-ə-, sōl\ *n* : a short sleeveless undergarment for women
camomile *var* of CHAMOMILE
cam-ou-flage \ˈkam-ə-, flāzh, -ˌflāj\ *n* [F] 1 : the disguising of military equipment with paint, nets, or foliage; also : the disguise itself 2 : a deceptive expedient — **camouflage** *vb*
camp \ˈkɑmp\ *n* 1 : a place where tents or buildings are erected for usu. temporary shelter 2 : a collection of tents or other shelters 3 : a body of persons encamped — **camp-ground** \-, graʊnd\ *n* — **camp-site** \-, sīt\ *n*
camp *vb* 1 : to make or occupy a camp 2 : to live in a camp or outdoors
camp *n* 1 : exaggerated effeminate mannerisms 2 : something so outrageous or in such bad taste as to be considered amusing — **camp** *adj* — **camp-i-ly** \ˈkam-pə-lē\ *adv* — **camp-i-ness** \-pē-nəs\ *n* — **campy** \ˈkam-pē\ *adj*
camp *vb* : to engage in camp : exhibit the qualities of camp
cam-paign \kam-ˈpān\ *n* 1 : a series of military operations forming one distinct stage in a war 2 : a series of activities designed to bring about a particular result (advertising ~) — **campaign** *vb* — **cam-paign-er** *n*
cam-pa-ni-le \ˌkam-pə-ˈnē-lē\ *n*, *pl* -ni-les or -ni-li \-ˈnē-lē\ : a usu. freestanding bell tower
cam-pa-nol-o-gy \ˌkam-pə-ˈnāl-ə-jē\ *n* : the art of bell ringing — **cam-pa-nol-o-gist** \-jəst\ *n*
camp-er \ˈkam-pər\ *n* 1 : one that camps 2 : a portable

dwelling (as a specially equipped vehicle) for use during casual travel and camping

Camp Fire Girl *n* : a member of a national organization of girls from 7 to 18

camp follower *n* 1 : a civilian (as a prostitute) who follows a military unit to attend or exploit its personnel 2 : a follower of a group who is not an adherent; *esp* : a politician who joins a movement solely for personal gain

cam-phor \ˈkəm(p)-fər/ *n* : a gummy volatile fragrant compound obtained from an evergreen Asian tree (**camphor tree**) and used *esp*. in medicine

camp meeting *n* : a series of evangelistic meetings usu. held outdoors

camp-o-ree \ˌkəm-pə-ˈrē/ *n* : a gathering of Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts from a given geographic area

cam-pus \ˈkəm-pəs/ *n* [L, plain] : the grounds and buildings of a college or school; *also* : a central grassy part of the grounds

cam-shaft \ˈkəm-ˌshaft/ *n* : a shaft to which a cam is fastened

1 *can* \kən, (ˈ)kən/ *vb*, *past could* \kəd, (ˈ)kʊd/; *pres sing & pl can* 1 : be able to 2 : may perhaps (~ he still be alive) 3 : be permitted by conscience or feeling to (you ~ hardly blame him) 4 : have permission or liberty to (you ~ go now)

2 *can* \ˈkən/ *n* 1 : a typically cylindrical metal container or receptacle (garbage ~) (coffee ~) 2 : JAIL

3 *can* \ˈkən/ *vb* **canned**; **can-ning** 1 : to put in a can : preserve by sealing in airtight cans or jars 2 *slang* : to discharge from employment 3 *slang* : to put a stop or an end to 4 : to record on discs or tape — **can-ner** *n*

Can or Canad *abbr* Canada; Canadian

Can-a-da goose \ˈkən-əd-ə-/ *n* : a common wild goose of No. America

Ca-na-di-an \kə-ˈnād-ē-ən/ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Canada — **Canadian** *adj*

ca-naille \kə-ˈnī, -ˈnāl/ *n* [F, fr. It *canaglia*, fr. *cane* dog] : RABBLE, RIFFRAFF

ca-nal \kə-ˈnāl/ *n* 1 : a tubular passage in the body : DUCT 2 : an artificial waterway (as for boats or irrigation)

can-a-lize \ˈkən-əl-, -ɪz/ *vb* **-lized**; **-liz-ing** 1 : to provide with a canal or make into or like a channel 2 : to provide with an outlet; *esp* : to direct into preferred channels — **ca-nal-iza-tion** \ˌkən-əl-ə-ˈzā-shən/ *n*

can-a-pé \ˈkən-ə-pē, -pə/ *n* [F, lit., sofa, fr. ML *canopeum*, *canapeum* mosquito net] : a piece of bread or toast or a cracker topped with a savory food

ca-nard \kə-ˈnārd/ *n* : a false or unfounded report or story **ca-nary** \kə-ˈner-ē/ *n*, *pl* **ca-nar-ies** [fr. the *Canary* islands] 1 : a usu. sweet wine similar to Madeira 2 : a usu. yellow or greenish finch often kept in a cage 3 : a bright yellow

ca-nas-ta \kə-ˈnas-tə/ *n* [Sp, lit., basket] : rummy played with two full decks of cards plus four jokers

canc *abbr* canceled

can-can \ˈkən-, kən/ *n* : a woman's dance of French origin characterized by high kicking

1 *can-cel* \ˈkən-səl/ *vb* **-celed** or **-celled**; **-cel-ing** or **-cel-ling** \-s(-)lɪŋ/ [ME *cancellen*, fr. MF *canceller*, fr. L *cancellare* to make like a lattice, fr. *cancer* lattice] 1 : to destroy the force or validity of : ANNUL 2 : to match in force or effect : OFFSET 3 : to cross out : DELETE 4 : to remove (a common divisor) from a numerator and denominator; *also* : to remove (equivalents) on opposite sides of an equation or account 5 : to mark (a postage stamp or check) so that it cannot be reused 6 : to neutralize each other's strength or effect — **can-cel-la-tion** \ˌkən-səl-ə-ˈlā-shən/ *n* — **can-cel-er** or **can-cel-ler** \ˈkən(t)-s(-)lər/ *n*

2 **cancel** *n* 1 : CANCELLATION 2 : a deleted part

can-er \ˈkən-sər/ *n* [L, lit., crab] 1 *cap* : a zodiacal constellation between Gemini and Leo usu. pictured as a

crab 2 *cap* : the 4th sign of the zodiac in astrology; *also* : one born under this sign 3 : a malignant tumor that tends to spread in the body 4 : a malignant evil that corrodes slowly and fatally — **can-er-ous** \ˈkəns(-)rəs/ *adj* — **can-er-ous-ly** *adv*

can-de-la-bra \ˌkən-də-ˈlāb-rə, -ˈlāb-/ *n* : an ornamental branched candlestick or lamp with several lights

can-de-la-brum \-rəm/ *n*, *pl* **-bra** \-rə/ *also* **-brums** : CAN-DELABRA

can-des-cent \ˈkən-ˈdes-ənt/ *adj* : glowing or dazzling *esp*. from great heat — **can-des-cence** \-əns/ *n*

can-did \ˈkən-dəd/ *adj* 1 : FRANK, STRAIGHTFORWARD 2 : relating to photography of subjects acting naturally or spontaneously without being posed — **can-did-ly** *adv* — **can-did-ness** *n*

can-di-da-cy \ˈkən-(d)əd-ə-sə/ *n*, *pl* **-cies** : the state of being a candidate

can-di-date \ˈkən-(d)ə-, dāt-, -(d)əd-ət/ *n* [L *candidatus*, fr. *candidatus* clothed in white, fr. *candidus* white; fr. the white toga worn by candidates in ancient Rome] : one who seeks or is proposed for an office, honor, or membership

can-di-da-ture \ˈkən-(d)əd-ə-, chūr/ *n*, *chiefly Brit* : CANDIDACY

can-died \ˈkən-dēd/ *adj* : preserved in or encrusted with sugar

1 *can-dle* \ˈkən-dəl/ *n* : a usu. slender mass of tallow or wax molded around a wick and burned to give light

2 **candle** *vb* **can-dled**; **can-dling** \ˈkən-(d)lɪŋ, -dɪl-ɪŋ/ : to examine (as eggs) by holding between the eye and a light — **can-dler** \-d(-)lər/ *n*

can-dle-light \ˈkən-dɪl-(l)ɪt/ *n* 1 : the light of a candle; *also* : any soft artificial light 2 : the time when candles are lit : TWILIGHT

Can-dle-mas \ˈkən-dɪl-məs/ *n* : February 2 observed as a church festival in commemoration of the presentation of Christ in the temple

can-dle-pin \-, pɪn/ *n* : a slender bowling pin tapering toward top and bottom used in a bowling game (**candle-pins**) with a smaller ball than that used in tenpins

can-dle-stick \-, stɪk/ *n* : a holder with a socket for a candle

can-dle-wick \-, wɪk/ *n* : a soft cotton yarn; *also* : embroidery made with this yarn usu. in tufts

can-dor \ˈkən-dər/ *n* : FRANKNESS, OUTSPOKENNESS

C and W *abbr* country and western

1 *can-dy* \ˈkən-dē/ *n*, *pl* **candies** : a confection made from sugar often with flavoring and filling

2 **candy** *vb* **can-died**; **can-dy-ing** 1 : to encrust in sugar often by cooking in a syrup 2 : to make attractive : SWEETEN 3 : to crystallize or become crystallized into sugar **candy strip-er** \-, strɪ-pər/ *n* : a teenage volunteer nurse's aide

1 *cane* \ˈkən/ *n* 1 : a slender hollow or pithy stem (as of a reed or bramble) 2 : a tall woody grass or reed (as sugarcane) 3 : a walking stick; *also* : a rod for flogging **2** **cane** *vb* **caned**; **can-ing** 1 : to beat with a cane 2 : to weave or make with cane — **can-er** *n*

cane-brake \ˈkən-, brāk/ *n* : a thicket of cane

1 *can-nine* \ˈkɑ-, nɪn/ *n* [L *caninus*, fr. *canis* dog] 1 : a pointed tooth between the outer incisor and the first premolar 2 : DOG

2 **canine** *adj* : of or relating to dogs or to the family to which they belong

can-is-ter \ˈkən-ə-stər/ *n* 1 : a small box for holding a dry product (as tea) 2 : a perforated box containing material to absorb or filter a harmful substance in the air

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\aʊ\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \ʊ\oot
\ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

can-ker \ˈkən-kər\ *n* : a spreading sore that eats into tissue — **can-ker-ous** \ˈkən-k(ə)rəs\ *adj*

can-ker-worm \-ˌwɜrm\ *n* : either of two moths and esp. their larvae that are pests of forest and shade trees

can-na \ˈkən-ə\ *n* : any of a genus of tropical herbs with large leaves and racemes of bright-colored flowers

can-na-bis \ˈkən-ə-bəs\ *n* : any of the psychoactive preparations (as marijuana) or chemicals (as THC) derived from hemp; *also* : HEMP

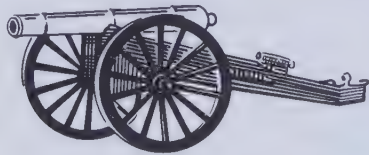
canned \ˈkand\ *adj* : prepared in standardized form for general use or wide distribution

can-ner-y \ˈkən-(ə)rē\ *n*, *pl* **-ner-ies** : a factory for the canning of foods

can-ni-bal \ˈkən-ə-bəl\ *n* [NL *Canibalis* a member of a Caribbean Indian people, fr. Sp *Canibal*, fr. a native word *Caniba* or *Carib*] : one that eats the flesh of its own kind — **can-ni-bal-ism** \ˈkən-ə-bə-,liz-əm\ *n* — **can-ni-bal-is-tic** \ˈkən-ə-bə-,lɪs-tɪk\ *adj*

can-ni-bal-ize \ˈkən-ə-bə-,lɪz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** **1** : to take usable parts from (as an inoperative machine) to construct or repair another machine **2** : to practice cannibalism

can-non \ˈkən-ən\ *n*, *pl* **cannons** or **cannon** [MF *canon*, fr. It *cannone*, lit., large tube, fr. *canna* reed, tube, fr. L, cane, reed] **1** : an artillery piece supported on a carriage or mount **2** : a large-caliber automatic gun on an aircraft



cannon 1

can-non-ade \ˈkən-ə-ˈnād\ *n* : a heavy fire of artillery — **cannonade** *vb*

can-non-ball \ˈkən-ən-,bɒl\ *n* : a usu. round solid missile for firing from a cannon

can-non-er \ˈkən-ə-ˈniər\ *n* : an artillery gunner

can-not \ˈkən-,āt; kə-ˈnāt\ *can not* — **cannot** *but* : to be unable to do otherwise than

can-nu-la \ˈkən-yə-lə\ *n*, *pl* **-las** or **-lae** \-,lə\ : a small tube for insertion into a body cavity or into a duct or vessel

can-ny \ˈkən-ē\ *adj* **can-ni-er**; **-est** : PRUDENT, SHREWD — **can-ni-ly** \ˈkən-ɪ-ē\ *adv* — **can-ni-ness** \ˈkən-ē-nəs\ *n*

ca-noe \kə-ˈnu\ *n* : a light narrow boat with sharp ends and curved sides that is usu. propelled by paddles — **canoe** *vb* — **ca-noe-ist** *n*

1 **can-on** \ˈkən-ən\ *n* **1** : a regulation decreed by a church council; *also* : a provision of canon law **2** : an official or authoritative list (as of the saints or the books of the Bible) **3** : an accepted principle (the ~s of good taste)

2 **can-on** *n* : a clergyman on the staff of a cathedral **ca-nion** \ˈkən-yən\ *var of* CANYON

ca-non-i-cal \kə-ˈnän-i-kəl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or forming a canon **2** : conforming to a general rule or acceptable procedure : ORTHODOX **3** : of or relating to a clergyman who is a canon — **ca-non-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

ca-non-i-cals \-kəlz\ *n* *pl* : the vestments prescribed by canon for an officiating clergyman

can-on-ize \ˈkən-ə-,nɪz\ *vb* **can-on-ized** \-,nɪzd\; **can-on-iz-ing** **1** : to declare an officially recognized saint **2** : GLO-RIFY, EXALT — **can-on-iza-tion** \ˈkən-ə-nə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*

can-on law *n* : the law governing a church

can-on regu-lar, *pl* **canons regu-lar** : a member of one of several Roman Catholic religious institutes of regular priests living in community

can-o-py \ˈkən-ə-pe\ *n*, *pl* **-pies** [ME *canope*, fr. ML *cano-peum* mosquito net, fr. L *conopeum*, fr. Gk *kônôpion*,

fr. *kônôps* mosquito] : an overhanging cover, shelter, or shade — **canopy** *vb*

1 **cant** \ˈkant\ *n* **1** : an oblique or slanting surface **2** : TILT, SLANT

2 **cant** *vb* : to give a slant to

3 **cant** *vb* **1** : to beg in a whining manner **2** : to talk hypocritically

4 **cant** *n* **1** : the special idiom of a profession or trade : JARGON **2** : insincere speech; *esp* : insincerely pious words or statements

Cant *abbr* Cantic of Canticles

can-ta-bi-le \kän-ˈtāb-ə-,lə\ *adv* or *adj* [It] : in a singing manner — *also* as a direction in music

can-ta-lou-pe *also* **can-te-lou-pe** \ˈkant-ə-,lōp\ *n* : MUSKMEL-ON; *esp* : one with orange flesh and rough skin

can-tan-ker-ous \ˈkən-ˈtanj-k(ə-)rəs\ *adj* : ILL-NATURED, QUARRELSOME — **can-tan-ker-ous-ly** *adv* — **can-tan-ker-ous-ness** *n*

can-ta-ta \kən-ˈtāt-ə\ *n* [It] : a choral composition usu. accompanied by organ, piano, or orchestra

can-teen \ˈkən-ˈtēn\ *n* [F *cantine* bottle case, canteen (store), fr. It *cantina* wine cellar, fr. *canto* corner] **1** : a flask for carrying liquids **2** : a place of recreation and entertainment for military personnel **3** : a small cafeteria or counter at which snacks are served

can-ter \ˈkant-ər\ *n* : a horse's 3-beat gait resembling but smoother and slower than a gallop — **canter** *vb*

Can-ter-bury bell \ˈkant-ə(r)-ber-ē\ *n* : any of several plants related to the bluebell that are cultivated for their showy flowers

can-ti-cle \ˈkant-i-kəl\ *n* : SONG; *esp* : any of several liturgical songs taken from the Bible

Cantic of Canticles *n* — see **Bible table**

1 **can-ti-le-ver** \ˈkant-ɪ-,ē-vər\ *n* : a projecting beam or structure supported only at one end; *also* : either of a pair of such structures projecting toward each other so that when joined they form a bridge

2 **cantilever** *vb* **1** : to project as a cantilever **2** : to build as a cantilever **3** : to support by a cantilever (a ~ed shelf)

can-tle \ˈkant-əl\ *n* : the upwardly projecting rear part of a saddle

can-to \ˈkən-ˈtō\ *n*, *pl* **cantos** [It, fr. L *cantus* song] : one of the major divisions of a long poem

can-ton \ˈkant-ən, ˈkən-,tän\ *n* : a small territorial division of a country; *esp* : one of the political divisions of Switzerland — **can-ton-al** \ˈkant-ən-əl, ˈkən-ˈtän-əl\ *adj*

can-ton-ment \ˈkən-ˈtōn-mənt, -ˈtän-ən\ *n* : usu. temporary quarters for troops

can-tor \ˈkant-ər\ *n* : a synagogue official who sings liturgical music and leads the congregation in prayer

can-vas *also* **can-vass** \ˈkan-vəs\ *n* **1** : a strong cloth formerly much used for making tents and sails **2** : a set of sails **3** : a group of tents **4** : a piece of cloth prepared as a surface to receive oil paint; *also* : an oil painting **5** : the canvas-covered floor of a boxing or wrestling ring

can-vas-back \ˈkan-vəs-,bak\ *n* : a No. American wild duck with red head and gray back

1 **can-vass** *also* **can-vas** \ˈkan-vəs\ *vb* : to go through (a district) or to go to (persons) to solicit votes or orders for goods or to determine public opinion or sentiment — **can-vass-er** *n*

2 **canvass** *n* : an act of canvassing (as the solicitation of votes or survey of public opinion)

can-yon \ˈkən-yən\ *n* : a deep narrow valley with high steep sides

caou-tchouc \ˈkau-,chük, -ˌchük\ *n* : RUBBER **3**

1 **cap** \ˈkəp\ *n* **1** : a covering for the head esp. with a visor and no brim; *also* : something resembling such a covering **2** : a container holding an explosive charge **3** : an upper limit (as on expenditures)

2 **cap** *vb* **capped**; **cap-ping** **1** : to provide or protect with a cap **2** : to form a cap over : CROWN **3** : OUTDO, SURPASS

4 : CLIMAX

³**cap** *abbr* 1 capacity 2 capital 3 capitalize; capitalized
CAP *abbr* Civil Air Patrol

cap-a-ble \kă-pə-bəl\ *adj* : having ability, capacity, or power to do something : ABLE, COMPETENT — **cap-a-bil-i-ty** \kă-pə-bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **cap-a-bly** \kă-pə-blē\ *adv*
cap-a-cious \kə-ˈpā-shəs\ *adj* : able to contain much — **cap-a-cious-ly** *adv* — **cap-a-cious-ness** *n*

cap-pac-i-tance \kə-ˈpas-ət-əns\ *n* : the property of an electric nonconductor that permits the storage of energy
cap-pac-i-tor \kə-ˈpas-ət-ər\ *n* : an electronic circuit device for temporary storage of electrical energy

¹**cap-pac-i-ty** \kə-ˈpas-ət-ē\ *n, pl -ties* 1 : legal qualification or fitness 2 : the ability to contain, receive, or accommodate 3 : extent of space : VOLUME 4 : ABILITY 5 : position or character assigned or assumed

²**capacity** *adj* : equaling maximum capacity (a ~ crowd)
cap-a-pie or **cap-à-pie** \kəp-ə-ˈpē\ *adv* [MF] : from head to foot : at all points

cap-ar-i-son \kə-ˈpar-ə-sən\ *n* 1 : an ornamental covering for a horse 2 : TRAPPINGS, ADORNMENT — **caparison** *vb*
¹**cape** \kəp\ *n* 1 : a point of land jutting out into water 2 *usu cap* : CAPE COD COTTAGE

²**cape** *n* : a sleeveless garment hanging from the neck over the shoulders
Cape Cod cottage \kəp-,kəd-\ *n* : a compact rectangular dwelling of one or one-and-a-half stories *usu.* with a steep gable roof

¹**cap-er** \kă-pər\ *n* : the flower bud or young berry of a Mediterranean shrub pickled for use as a relish; *also* : this shrub

²**cap-er** *vb* **cap-er-ed**; **cap-er-ing** \p(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to leap about in a playful manner : PRANCE
³**cap-er** *n* 1 : a frolicsome leap 2 : a capricious escapade 3 : an illegal or questionable act

cape-skin \kəp-,skɪn\ *n* : a light flexible leather made from sheepskins
Cape Verd-ian \ˈvɜrd-ē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of the Republic of Cape Verde

cap-ful \kəp-,fʊl\ *n* : as much as a cap will hold

cap-il-lar-i-ty \kəp-ə-ˈlār-ət-ē\ *n, pl -ties* : the action by which the surface of a liquid where it is in contact with a solid (as in a slender tube) is raised or lowered depending on the relative attraction of the molecules of the liquid for each other and for those of the solid

¹**cap-il-lary** \kəp-ə-,lər-ē\ *adj* 1 : resembling a hair 2 : having a very small bore (~ tube) 3 : of or relating to capillaries or to capillarity

²**capillary** *n, pl -lar-ies* : any of the tiny thin-walled blood vessels that carry blood between the smallest arteries and their corresponding veins

¹**cap-i-tal** \kəp-ət-əl\ *adj* 1 : conforming to the series A, B, C rather than a, b, c (~ letters) (~ G) 2 : punishable by death (a ~ crime) 3 : most serious (a ~ error) 4 : first in importance or position : CHIEF; *also* : being the seat of government (the ~ city) 5 : of or relating to capital (~ expenditures); *esp* : relating to or being assets that add to the long-term net worth of a corporation 6 : FIRST-RATE, EXCELLENT

²**capital** *n* 1 : accumulated wealth *esp.* as used to produce more wealth 2 : the total face value of shares of stock issued by a company 3 : capitalists considered as a group 4 : ADVANTAGE, GAIN 5 : a letter larger than the ordinary small letter and often different in form 6 : the capital city of a state or country; *also* : a city preeminent in some activity (the fashion ~ of the world)

³**capital** *n* : the top part or piece of an architectural column
capital gain *n* : the increase in value of an asset (as stock or real estate) between the time it is bought and the time it is sold

capital goods *n pl* : machinery, tools, factories, and commodities used in the production of goods

cap-i-tal-ism \kəp-ət-əl-,iz-əm\ *n* : an economic system characterized by private or corporate ownership of cap-

ital goods and by prices, production, and distribution of goods that are determined mainly in a free market

¹**cap-i-tal-ist** \-əst\ *n* 1 : a person who has capital *esp.* invested in business 2 : a person of great wealth : PLUTOCRAT 3 : a believer in capitalism

²**capitalist** or **cap-i-tal-is-tic** \kəp-ət-əl-ˈis-tik\ *adj* 1 : owning capital 2 : practicing or advocating capitalism 3 : marked by capitalism — **cap-i-tal-is-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

cap-i-tal-iza-tion \kəp-ət-əl-ə-ˈzā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act or process of capitalizing 2 : the total amount of money used as capital in a business

cap-i-tal-ize \kəp-ət-əl-,īz\ *vb -ized; -iz-ing* 1 : to write or print with an initial capital or in capitals 2 : to convert into or use as capital 3 : to supply capital for 4 : to gain by turning something to advantage : PROFIT

cap-i-tal-ly \kəp-ət-əl-ē\ *adv* : ADMIRABLY, EXCELLENTLY
cap-i-ta-tion \kəp-ə-ˈtā-shən\ *n* : a direct uniform tax levied on each person

cap-i-tol \kəp-ət-əl\ *n* : the building in which a legislature holds its sessions

cap-it-u-late \kə-ˈpɪch-ə-,lāt\ *vb -lat-ed; -lat-ing* 1 : to surrender *esp.* on conditions agreed upon 2 : to cease resisting : ACQUIESCE *syn* submit, yield, succumb, cave, defer — **cap-it-u-lat-ion** \kəp-ə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*

cap-on \kă-,pān-,pən\ *n* : a castrated male chicken
cap-puc-ci-no \kəp-ə-ˈtʃē-nō-,kəp-\ *n* [It, lit., Capuchin; fr. the likeness of its color to that of a Capuchin's habit] : espresso mixed with foamy hot milk or cream and often flavored with cinnamon

cap-ric-cio \kə-ˈprē-č(ē-)ō\ *n, pl -cios* : an instrumental piece in free form *usu.* lively in tempo and brilliant in style

cap-price \kə-ˈprēs\ *n* [F, fr. It *capriccio*, lit., head with hair standing on end, shudder, fr. *capo* head + *riccio* hedgehog] 1 : a sudden whim or fancy 2 : an inclination to change one's mind impulsively 3 : CAPRICCIO — **cap-ri-cious** \kə-ˈprish-əs\ *adj* — **cap-ri-cious-ly** *adv* — **cap-ri-cious-ness** *n*

Cap-ri-corn \kəp-ri-,kór-n\ *n* 1 : a zodiacal constellation between Sagittarius and Aquarius *usu.* pictured as a goat 2 : the 10th sign of the zodiac in astrology; *also* : one born under this sign

cap-ri-ole \kəp-rē-,ōl\ *n* : ³CAPER 1; *esp* : an upward leap of a horse with a backward kick at the height of the leap — **capriole** *vb*

caps *abbr* 1 capitals 2 capsule

cap-si-cum \kəp-si-kəm\ *n* : PEPPER 2

cap-size \kəp-,sɪz-,kəp-ˈsɪz\ *vb* **cap-sized**; **cap-siz-ing** : UP-SET, OVERTURN

cap-stán \kəp-stən-,stan\ *n* 1 : a machine for moving or raising heavy weights that consists of a vertical drum which can be rotated and around which cable is turned 2 : a rotating shaft that drives recorder tape

cap-su-lar \kəp-sə-lər\ *adj* : of, relating to, or resembling a capsule

cap-su-lat-ed \-,lāt-əd\ *adj* : enclosed in a capsule

¹**cap-sule** \kəp-səl-,sül\ *n* 1 : an enveloping cover (as of a bodily joint) (a spore ~); *esp* : an edible shell enclosing medicine or vitamins to be swallowed 2 : a dry fruit made of two or more united carpels that splits open when ripe 3 : a small pressurized compartment for a pilot or astronaut

²**capsule** *adj* 1 : very brief 2 : very compact

Capt *abbr* captain

¹**cap-tain** \kəp-tən\ *n* 1 : a commander of a body of troops 2 : a commissioned officer in the army, air force, or marine corps ranking next below a major 3 : an officer

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ce \i\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ü\foot \y\et \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

in charge of a ship; *esp* : a commissioned officer in the navy ranking next below a rear admiral or a commodore
4 : a leader of a side or team **5** : a dominant figure — **cap-tain-cy** *n*

²**captain** *vb* : to be captain of : **LEAD**

caption \ˈkəp-shən\ *n* **1** : a heading esp. of an article or document : **TITLE** **2** : the explanatory matter accompanying an illustration **3** : a motion-picture subtitle — **cap-tion** *vb*

cap-tious \ˈkəp-shəs\ *adj* : marked by an inclination to find fault — **cap-tious-ly** *adv* — **cap-tious-ness** *n*

cap-ti-vate \ˈkəp-tə-,vāt\ *vb* -vat-ed; -vat-ing : to attract and hold irresistibly by some special charm or art — **cap-ti-va-tion** \ˌkəp-tə-ˈvā-shən\ *n* — **cap-ti-va-tor** \ˈkəp-tə-,vāt-ər\ *n*

cap-tive \ˈkəp-tiv\ *adj* **1** : made prisoner esp. in war **2** : kept within bounds : **CONFINED** **3** : held under control — **captive** *n* — **cap-tiv-i-ty** \kəp-ˈtiv-ət-ē\ *n*

cap-tor \ˈkəp-tər\ *n* : one that captures

cap-ture \ˈkəp-tʃər\ *n* **1** : the act of capturing **2** : one that has been captured

²**capture** *vb* **cap-tured**; **cap-tur-ing** **1** : to take captive : **WIN**, **GAIN** **2** : to preserve in a relatively permanent form

Ca-pu-chin \ˈkəp-yə-shən\ *n* : a member of an austere branch of the order of St. Francis of Assisi engaged in missionary work and preaching

car \ˈkär\ *n* **1** : a vehicle moving on wheels **2** : the compartment of an elevator **3** : the part of a balloon or airship that carries passengers or equipment

ca-ra-bao \ˌkär-ə-ˈbaʊ\ *n*, *pl* -bao or -baos : a water buffalo esp. in the Philippines

car-a-bi-neer or **car-a-bi-nier** \ˌkär-ə-bə-ˈniər\ *n* : a soldier armed with a carbine

car-a-cole \ˈkär-ə-,köl\ *n* : a half turn to right or left executed by a mounted horse — **caracole** *vb*

ca-ra-fe \ˌkə-ˈraf-, -rāf\ *n* : a bottle with a flaring lip used esp. to hold wine

car-a-mel \ˈkär-ə-məl, ˈkär-məl\ *n* **1** : an amorphous substance obtained by heating sugar and used for flavoring and coloring **2** : a firm chewy candy

car-a-pace \ˈkär-ə-,päs\ *n* : a protective case or shell on the back of some animals (as turtles or crabs)

¹**carat** *var* of **KARAT**

²**car-at** \ˈkär-ət\ *n* : a unit of weight for precious stones equal to 200 milligrams

car-a-van \ˈkär-ə-,vən\ *n* **1** : a group of travelers journeying together through desert or hostile regions **2** : a group of vehicles traveling in a file

car-a-van-sa-ry \ˌkär-ə-ˈvan-sə-rē\ or **car-a-van-se-rai** \-sə-,rī\ *n*, *pl* -ries or -rais or -rai [Per *kārwānsarāi*, fr. *kārwān* caravan + *sarāi* palace, inn] **1** : an inn in eastern countries where caravans rest at night **2** : **HOTEL**, **INN**

car-a-vel \ˈkär-ə-,vel\ *n* : a small 15th and 16th century ship with a broad bow, high narrow poop, and usu. three masts

car-a-way \ˈkär-ə-,wā\ *n* : an aromatic herb related to the carrot with fruits (**caraway seed**) used in seasoning and medicine; *also* : its fruit

car-bide \ˈkär-,bīd\ *n* : a compound of carbon with another element

car-bine \ˈkär-,bēn, -bīn\ *n* : a short-barreled light-weight rifle

car-bo-hy-drate \ˌkär-bō-ˈhī-,drāt, -drət\ *n* : any of various compounds composed of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen (as sugars and starches)

car-bol-ic acid \ˌkär-,bäl-ik\ *n* : **PHENOL**

car-bon \ˈkär-bən\ *n* **1** : a nonmetallic chemical element occurring in nature as diamond and graphite and as a constituent of coal, petroleum, and limestone — see **ELEMENT** table **2** : a sheet of carbon paper; *also* : **CARBON COPY** **1**

car-bo-na-ceous \ˌkär-bə-ˈnā-shəs\ *adj* : relating to, containing, or composed of carbon

¹**car-bon-ate** \ˈkär-bə-,nāt, -nət\ *n* : a salt or ester of carbonic acid

²**car-bon-ate** \-,nāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to impregnate with carbon dioxide (a *carbonated* beverage) — **car-bon-ation** \ˌkär-bə-ˈnā-shən\ *n*

carbon black *n* : any of various black substances consisting chiefly of carbon used esp. as pigments

carbon copy *n* **1** : a copy made by carbon paper **2** : **DUPLICATE**

carbon dating *n* : the determination of the age of old material (as an archaeological specimen) by means of the content of carbon **14**

carbon dioxide *n* : a heavy colorless gas that does not support combustion and is formed in animal respiration and in the combustion and decomposition of organic substances

carbon 14 *n* : a heavy radioactive form of carbon used in dating archaeological and geological materials

car-bon-ic acid \ˌkär-,bän-ik-ə\ *n* : a weak acid that decomposes readily into water and carbon dioxide

car-bon-if-er-ous \ˌkär-bə-ˈnif-(ə-)rəs\ *adj* **1** : producing or containing carbon or coal **2** *cap* : of, relating to, or being the period of the Paleozoic era between the Devonian and the Permian — **Carboniferous** *n*

carbon monoxide *n* : a colorless odorless very poisonous gas formed by the incomplete burning of carbon

carbon paper *n* : a thin paper coated with a pigment and used for making copies

carbon tet-ra-chlo-ride \-,te-trə-ˈklör-,īd\ *n* : a colorless nonflammable toxic liquid used esp. as a solvent

carbon 12 *n* : the most abundant isotope of carbon having a nucleus of 6 protons and 6 neutrons and used as a reference in the determination of other atomic masses

car-boy \ˈkär-,bōi\ *n* [Per *qarāba*, fr. *Ar qarrābah* demijohn] : a large container for liquids

car-bun-cle \ˈkär-,bəŋ-kəl\ *n* : a painful inflammation of the skin and underlying tissue that discharges pus from several openings — **car-bun-cu-lar** \ˌkär-ˈbəŋ-kyə-lər\ *adj*

car-bu-re-tor \ˈkär-b(y)ə-,rāt-ər\ *n* : an apparatus for supplying an internal-combustion engine with an explosive mixture of vaporized fuel and air

car-cass \ˈkär-kəs\ *n* : a dead body; *esp* : one of an animal dressed for food

car-cin-o-gen \ˌkär-ˈsin-ə-jən\ *n* : an agent causing or inciting cancer — **car-ci-no-gen-ic** \ˌkär-s-ə-n-ō-ˈjen-ik\ *adj* — **car-ci-no-ge-nic-i-ty** \-jə-ˈnis-ət-ē\ *n*

car-ci-no-ma \ˌkär-s-ə-n-ō-mə\ *n*, *pl* -mas or -ma-ta \-mət-ə\ : a malignant tumor of epithelial origin — **car-ci-no-ma-tous** \-ō-mət-əs\ *adj*

¹**card** \ˈkɑrd\ *vb* : to comb with a card : cleanse and untangle before spinning — **card-er** *n*

²**card** *n* : an instrument for combing fibers (as wool or cotton)

³**card** **1** : **PLAYING CARD** **2** *pl* : a game played with playing cards; *also* : card playing **3** : a usu. clownishly amusing person : **WAG** **4** : a flat stiff usu. small piece of paper, cardboard, or plastic **5** : **PROGRAM**; *esp* : a sports program

⁴**card** *vb* **1** : to list or schedule on a card **2** : **SCORE**

⁵**card** *abbr* cardinal

car-da-mom \ˈkɑrd-ə-məm\ *n* : the aromatic capsular fruit of an East Indian herb related to the ginger whose seeds are used as a condiment and in medicine; *also* : this plant

card-board \ˈkɑrd-,bɔrd\ *n* : **PAPERBOARD**

card-car-ry-ing \ˈkɑrd-,kär-ē-īŋ\ *adv* : being a regularly enrolled member of an organized group and esp. of the Communist party and not merely a sympathizer with its ideals and programs

card catalog *n* : a catalog (as of books) in which the entries are arranged systematically on cards

car-di-ac \kär-dē-ē, ak\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or located near the heart **2** : of, relating to, or affected with heart disease

car-di-gan \kär-d-i-gən\ *n* : a sweater or jacket usu. without a collar and with a full-length opening in the front

car-di-nal \kär-d(-ə-)nəl\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. LL *cardinalis*, fr. L *cardo* hinge] **1** : an ecclesiastical official of the Roman Catholic Church ranking next below the pope **2** : a crested No. American finch that is nearly completely red in the male

cardinal *adj* : of basic importance : CHIEF, MAIN, PRIMARY — **car-di-nal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

car-di-nal-ate \-ət, -i, ət\ *n* : the office, rank, or dignity of a cardinal

cardinal flower *n* : a No. American plant that bears a spike of brilliant red flowers

cardinal number *n* : a number (as 1, 5, 82, 357) that is used in simple counting and answers the question "how many?"

cardinal point *n* : one of the four principal compass points north, south, east, and west

car-di-ol-o-gy \kär-dē-äl-ə-jē\ *n* : the study of the heart and its action and diseases — **car-di-ol-o-gist** \-äl-ə-jəst\ *n*

car-dio-pul-mo-nary resuscitation \kär-dē-ō-'pül-mə-, ner-ē-\ *n* : a procedure to restore normal breathing after cardiac arrest that includes the clearance of air passages to the lungs, heart massage by the exertion of pressure on the chest, and the use of drugs

car-dio-vas-cu-lar \kär-dē-ō-'vas-kyə-lər\ *adj* : of or relating to the heart and blood vessels

card-sharp-er \kär-d-, shär-pər\ or **card-sharp** \-, shärp\ *n* : a cheater at cards

care \kær\ *n* **1** : a heavy sense of responsibility : WORRY, ANXIETY **2** : watchful attention : HEED **3** : CHARGE, SUPERVISION **4** : a person or thing that is an object of anxiety or solicitude

care *vb* **cared**; **car-ing** **1** : to feel anxiety **2** : to feel interest **3** : to give care **4** : to have a liking, fondness, taste, or inclination **5** : to be concerned about (~ what happens)

CARE *abbr* Cooperative for American Relief to Everywhere

ca-reen \kə-'rēn\ *vb* **1** : to cause (a boat) to lean over on one side **2** : to sway from side to side

car-reer \kə-'riər\ *n* [MF *carrière*, fr. Old Provençal *carriera* street, fr. ML *carraria* road for vehicles, fr. L *car-rus* car] **1** : a course of action or events; *esp* : a person's progress in his or her chosen occupation **2** : an occupation or profession followed as a life's work

career *vb* : to go at top speed *esp.* in a headlong manner

care-free \kær-, frē\ *adj* : free from care or worry
care-ful \-fəl\ *adj* **care-ful-ler**; **care-ful-lest** **1** : using or taking care : VIGILANT **2** : marked by solicitude, caution, or prudence — **care-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **care-ful-ness** *n*

care-less \-ləs\ *adj* **1** : free from care : UNTROUBLED **2** : UNCONCERNED, INDIFFERENT **3** : not taking care **4** : not showing or receiving care — **care-less-ly** *adv* — **care-less-ness** *n*

ca-ress \kə-'res\ *n* : a tender or loving touch or embrace

caress *vb* : to touch or stroke tenderly or lovingly — **ca-ress-er** *n*

car-et \kär-ət\ *n* [L, is missing, fr. *carere* to be lacking] : a mark ^ used to indicate the place where something is to be inserted

care-tak-er \kær-, tä-kər\ *n* **1** : one in charge usu. as occupant in place of an absent owner **2** : one temporarily fulfilling the functions of an office

care-worn \-, wörn\ *adj* : showing the effects of grief or anxiety

car-fare \kär-, faər\ *n* : passenger fare (as on a streetcar or bus)

car-go \kär-gō\ *n*, *pl* **cargoes** or **cargos** : the goods carried in a ship, airplane, or vehicle : FREIGHT

car-hop \kär-, häp\ *n* : one who serves customers at a drive-in restaurant

Car-ib-be-an \kär-ə-'bē-ən, kə-'rib-ē-ən\ *adj* : of or relating to the eastern and southern West Indies or the Caribbean sea

car-i-bou \kär-ə-'bü\ *n*, *pl* **caribou** or **caribous** : any of several large deer of northern No. America and Siberia with palmate antlers in both sexes that are grouped with the reindeer in one species

car-i-ca-ture \kär-i-kə-, chür\ *n* **1** : distorted representation to produce a ridiculous effect **2** : a representation *esp.* in literature or art having the qualities of caricature — **caricature** *vb* — **car-i-ca-tur-ist** \-, chür-əst\ *n*

car-ies \kär-ēz\ *n*, *pl* **caries** : tooth decay

car-il-lon \kär-ə-, län\ *n* : a set of tuned bells sounded by hammers controlled by a keyboard

car-il-lon-neur \kär-ə-lə-'nør\ *n* [F] : a carillon player

car-i-ous \kär-ē-əs\ *adj* : affected with caries

car-load \kär-'lōd, -lōd\ *n* : a load that fills a car

car-mi-na-tive \kär-'min-ət-iv\ *adj* : expelling gas from the alimentary canal — **carminative** *n*

car-mine \kär-mən, -mīn\ *n* : a vivid red

car-nage \kär-nij\ *n* : great destruction of life : SLAUGHTER

car-nal \kärn-'l\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to the body **2** : SENSUAL — **car-nal-i-ty** \kär-'nal-ət-ē\ *n* — **car-nal-ly** \kärn-'l-ē\ *adv*

car-na-tion \kär-'nä-shən\ *n* : a cultivated pink of any of numerous usu. double-flowered varieties derived from an Old World species

car-nau-ba wax \kär-'nō-bə-, kär-nə-'ü-bə-\ *n* : a brittle yellowish wax from a Brazilian palm that is used *esp.* in polishes

car-ne-lian \kär-'nēl-ən\ *n* : a hard tough reddish quartz used as a gem

car-ni-val \kär-nə-vəl\ *n* [It *carnevale*, fr. *carnelevare*, lit., removal of meat] **1** : a season of merrymaking just before Lent **2** : a boisterous merrymaking **3** : a traveling enterprise offering amusements **4** : an organized program of entertainment

car-niv-o-ra \kär-'niv-ə-rə\ *n* *pl* : carnivorous mammals

car-ni-vore \kär-nə-, vōr\ *n* : a flesh-eating animal; *esp* : any of an order of mammals (as dogs, cats, bears, minks, and seals) feeding mostly on animal flesh

car-niv-o-rous \kär-'niv-(ə-)rəs\ *adj* **1** : feeding on animal tissues **2** : of or relating to the carnivores — **car-niv-o-rous-ly** *adv* — **car-niv-o-rous-ness** *n*

car-ny or **car-ney** or **car-nie** \kär-nē\ *n*, *pl* **carnies** or **carneys** **1** : CARNIVAL **3** **2** : one who works with a carnival

car-ol \kär-əl\ *n* : a song of joy, praise, or devotion — **car-ol** *vb* — **car-ol-er** or **car-ol-ler** \-ə-lər\ *n*

car-om \kär-əm\ *n* **1** : a shot in billiards in which the cue ball strikes two other balls **2** : a rebounding *esp.* at an angle — **car-om** *vb*

car-o-tene \kär-ə-, tēn\ *n* : any of several orange to red pigments formed *esp.* in plants and used as a source of vitamin A

ca-rot-id \kə-'rät-əd\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the chief artery or pair of arteries that pass up the neck and supply the head — **carotid** *n*

ca-rous-al \kə-'rau-zəl\ *n* : CAROUSE

ca-rouse \kə-'rauž\ *n* [MF *carrousse*, fr. *carous*, *adv.*, all

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\vice \i\job
\ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
\ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- out (in *boire carous* to empty the cup), fr. *G garaus*] : a drunken revel — **carouse** *vb* — **ca-rous-er** *n*
- car-ou-sel** \,kar-ə'sel, 'kar-ə,sel\ *n* : MERRY-GO-ROUND
- carp** \'kärp\ *vb* : to find fault : CAVIL, COMPLAIN — **carp-er** *n*
- 2carp** *n*, *pl carp* or **carps** : a long-lived freshwater fish of sluggish waters often raised for food
- 1car-pal** \'kär-pəl\ *adj* : relating to the wrist or the bones of the wrist
- 2carpal** *n* : a carpal element or bone
- car-pe di-em** \,kär-pē-'dē,em, -'dī-\ *n* [L, enjoy the day] : enjoyment of the present without concern for the future
- car-pel** \'kär-pəl\ *n* : one of the highly modified leaves that together form the ovary of a flower of a seed plant
- car-pen-ter** \'kär-pən-tər\ *n* : one who builds or repairs wooden structures — **carpenter** *vb* — **car-pen-try** \-trē\ *n*
- car-pet** \'kär-pət\ *n* : a heavy fabric used esp. as a floor covering — **carpet** *vb*
- car-pet-bag** \-,bag\ *n* : a traveling bag common in the 19th century
- car-pet-bag-ger** \-,bag-ər\ *n* : a Northerner in the South after the American Civil War usu. seeking private gain under the reconstruction governments
- car-pet-ing** \,kär-pət-ɪŋ\ *n* : material for carpets; *also* : CARPETS
- car pool** *n* : an arrangement by a group of automobile drivers who take turns driving their own cars and carrying the others as passengers — **car-pool** \-,pül\ *vb*
- car-port** \'kär-,pört\ *n* : an open-sided automobile shelter
- car-pus** \'kär-pəs\ *n* : the wrist or its bones
- car-ra-geen-an** or **car-ra-geen-in** \,kär-ə-'gē-nən\ *n* : a colloid extracted esp. from a dark purple branching seaweed and used in foods esp. to stabilize and thicken them
- car-rel** \'kär-əl\ *n* : a table with bookshelves often partitioned or enclosed for individual study in a library
- car-riage** \'kär-ij\ *n* 1 : the act of carrying 2 : manner of holding the body 3 : a wheeled vehicle 4 *Brit* : a railway passenger coach 5 : a movable part of a machine for supporting some other moving part
- carriage trade** *n* : trade from well-to-do or upper-class people
- car-ri-er** \'kär-ē-ər\ *n* 1 : one that carries 2 : a person or organization in the transportation business 3 : one who carries germs of a disease in his or her system but is immune to the disease 4 : one who has a gene for a trait or condition that is not expressed in his or her system 5 : an electromagnetic wave whose amplitude or frequency is varied in order to convey a radio or television signal
- carrier pigeon** *n* : a pigeon used esp. to carry messages
- car-ri-on** \'kär-ē-ən\ *n* : dead and decaying flesh
- car-rot** \'kär-ət\ *n* : the elongated orange-red root of a common garden plant that is eaten as a vegetable; *also* : this plant
- car-rou-sel** *var* of CAROUSEL
- 1car-ry** \'kär-ē\ *vb* **car-ried**; **car-ry-ing** 1 : to move while supporting : TRANSPORT, CONVEY, TAKE 2 : to influence by mental or emotional appeal 3 : to get possession or control of : CAPTURE, WIN 4 : to transfer from one place (as a column) to another (~ a number in addition) 5 : to have or wear on one's person; *also* : to bear within one 6 : INVOLVE, IMPLY 7 : to hold or bear (oneself) in a specified way 8 : to keep in stock for sale 9 : to sustain the weight or burden of : SUPPORT 10 : to prolong in space, time, or degree 11 : to keep on one's books as a debtor 12 : to succeed in (an election) 13 : to win adoption (as in a legislature) 14 : PUBLISH, PRINT 15 : to reach or penetrate to a distance
- 2carry** *n* 1 : an act or method of carrying (fireman's ~) 2 : PORTAGE 3 : the range of a gun or projectile or of a struck or thrown ball
- car-ry-all** \'kär-ē-,əl\ *n* 1 : a light covered carriage for four or more persons 2 : a capacious bag or case
- carry away** *vb* : to arouse to a high and often excessive degree of emotion
- carrying charge** *n* : a charge added to the price of merchandise sold on the installment plan
- car-ry-on** \'kär-ē-,ən, -,än\ *n* : a piece of luggage suitable for being carried aboard an airplane by a passenger — **car-ry-on** \'kär-ē-,ən, -,än\ *adj*
- carry on** \,kär-ē-,ən, -,än\ *vb* 1 : CONDUCT, MANAGE 2 : to behave in a foolish, excited, or improper manner 3 : to continue in spite of hindrance or discouragement
- carry out** *vb* 1 : to put into execution 2 : to bring to a successful conclusion
- car-sick** \'kär-,sɪk\ *adj* : affected with motion sickness esp. in an automobile — **car sickness** *n*
- 1cart** \'kärt\ *n* 1 : a heavy 2-wheeled wagon 2 : a small wheeled vehicle
- 2cart** *vb* : to convey in or as if in a cart — **cart-er** *n*
- cart-age** \'kärt-ij\ *n* : the act of or rate charged for carting
- carte blanche** \'kärt-'blāsh\ *n*, *pl cartes blanches* \'kärt-'blāsh(-əz)\ [F, lit., blank document] : full discretionary power
- car-tel** \'kär-'tel\ *n* : a combination of independent business enterprises designed to limit competition *syn* pool, syndicate, monopoly, trust
- car-ti-lage** \'kärt-'l-ij\ *n* : an elastic tissue composing most of the skeleton of embryonic and very young vertebrates and later mostly turning into bone in higher vertebrates — **car-ti-lag-i-nous** \,kärt-'l-aj-ə-nəs\ *adj*
- car-tog-ra-phy** \kär-'täg-rə-fē\ *n* : the making of maps — **car-tog-ra-pher** \-fər\ *n*
- car-ton** \'kärt-ən\ *n* : a cardboard box or container
- car-toon** \kär-'tūn\ *n* 1 : a preparatory sketch (as for a painting) 2 : a drawing intended as humor, caricature, or satire 3 : COMIC STRIP — **cartoon** *vb* — **car-toon-ist** *n*
- car-tridge** \'kär-trij\ *n* 1 : a tube containing a complete charge for a firearm 2 : a container of material for insertion into an apparatus 3 : a case containing photographic film 4 : a small case containing a needle and transducer that attaches to the tone arm of a phonograph 5 : a case containing a magnetic tape or disk 6 : a case for holding integrated circuits containing a computer program (a video-game ~)
- cart-wheel** \'kärt-,hwēl\ *n* 1 : a large coin (as a silver dollar) 2 : a lateral handspring with arms and legs extended
- carve** \kärv\ *vb* **carved**; **carv-ing** 1 : to cut with care or precision : shape by cutting 2 : to cut into pieces or slices 3 : to slice and serve meat at table — **carver** *n*
- cary-at-id** \,kär-ē-'at-əd\ *n*, *pl -ids* or *-ides* \-ə-,dēz\ : a sculptured draped female figure used as an architectural column
- ca-sa-ba** \kə-'sāb-ə\ *n* : any of several muskmelons with a yellow rind and sweet flesh
- 1cas-cade** \kas-'kād\ *n* 1 : a steep usu. small waterfall 2 : something arranged in a series or succession of stages so that each stage derives from or acts upon the product of the preceding
- 2cas-cade** *vb* **cas-cad-ed**; **cas-cad-ing** : to fall, pass, or connect in or as if in a cascade
- cas-cara** \kas-'kär-ə\ *n* : the dried bark of a small Pacific coastal tree of the U.S. and southern Canada used as a laxative; *also* : this tree
- 1case** \'käs\ *n* 1 : a particular instance or situation 2 : an inflectional form of a noun, pronoun, or adjective indicating its grammatical relation to other words; *also* : such a relation whether indicated by inflection or not 3 : what actually exists or happens : FACT 4 : a suit or action in law : CAUSE 5 : a convincing argument 6 : an instance of disease or injury; *also* : PATIENT 7 : IN-

STANCE, EXAMPLE — **in case 1** : IF **2** : as a precaution **3** : as a precaution against the event that — **in case of** : in the event of

case *n* **1** : a box or container for holding something; *also* : a box with its contents **2** : an outer covering **3** : a divided tray for holding printing type **4** : CASING **2**

case *vb* **cased**; **cas-ing** **1** : to enclose in or cover with a case **2** : to inspect esp. with intent to rob

ca-sein \kă-'sēn, 'kă-sē-ən/ *n* : any of several phosphorus-containing proteins occurring in or produced from milk

case-ment \kās-mənt/ *n* : a window sash that opens like a door; *also* : a window having such a sash

case-work \-,wɜrk/ *n* : social work that involves the individual person or family — **case-work-er** *n*

cash \kash/ *n* [MF or It; MF *casse* money box, fr. It *cassa*, fr. L *capsa* chest] **1** : ready money **2** : money or its equivalent paid at the time of purchase or delivery

cash *vb* : to pay or obtain cash for

ca-shew \kash-ü, kə-'shü/ *n* : an edible kidney-shaped nut of a tropical American tree related to the sumacs; *also* : the tree

ca-shier \kə-'shīər/ *vb* : to dismiss from service; *esp* : to dismiss in disgrace

cash-ier \kə-'shīər/ *n* **1** : a bank official responsible for moneys received and paid out **2** : one who receives and records payments

cashier's check *n* : a check drawn by a bank upon its own funds and signed by its cashier

cash in *vb* **1** : to convert into cash (cash in bonds) **2** : to settle accounts and withdraw from a gambling game or business deal **3** : to obtain financial profit or advantage

cash-mere \kəz-'mīər, 'kash-/ *n* : fine wool from the undercoat of an Indian goat (cashmere goat) or a yarn spun of this; *also* : a soft twilled fabric orig. woven from this yarn

cash register *n* : a business machine that indicates each sale and often records the money received

cas-ing \kā-siŋ/ *n* **1** : something that encases **2** : the frame of a door or window

ca-si-no \kə-'sē-nō/ *n*, *pl* -nos [It, fr. *casa* house] **1** : a building or room for social amusements; *esp* : one used for gambling **2** *also* **cas-si-no** : a card game in which players win cards by matching those on the table

cas-k \kask/ *n* [MF *casque* helmet, fr. Sp *casco* potsherd, skull, helmet, fr. *cas-car* to break] : a barrel-shaped container *usu* for liquids; *also* : the quantity held by such a container

cas-ket \kās-kət/ *n* **1** : a small box (as for jewels) **2** : COFFIN

cas-ket \kask/ *n* : HELMET

cas-sa-va \kə-'sāv-/ *n* : any of several tropical spurge with rootstocks yielding a nutritious starch from which tapioca is prepared; *also* : the rootstock or its starch

cas-se-rol \kās-ə-'rōl, 'kəz-/ *n* **1** : a dish in which food may be baked and served **2** : a dish cooked and served in a casserole

cas-sette *also* **ca-sette** \kə-'set/ *n* **1** : a lightproof container for photographic plates or film **2** : a plastic case containing magnetic tape

cas-sia \kash-/ *n* **1** : a coarse cinnamon bark **2** : any of various East Indian leguminous herbs, shrubs, and trees of which several yield senna

cas-sit-er-ite \kə-'sit-ə-'rīt/ *n* : a dark mineral that is the chief tin ore

cas-sock \kās-ək/ *n* : an ankle-length garment worn esp. by Roman Catholic and Anglican clergy

cas-so-wary \kās-ə-'wer-/ *n*, *pl* -war-ies : any of several large birds closely related to the emu

cast \kast/ *vb* **cast**; **cast-ing** **1** : THROW, FLING **2** : DIRECT (~ a glance) **3** : to deposit (a ballot) formally **4** : to throw off, out, or away : DISCARD, SHED **5** : COMPUTE; *esp* : to add up **6** : to assign the parts of (a play) to actors;

also : to assign to a role or part **7** : to shape (a substance) by pouring in liquid or plastic form into a mold and letting harden without pressure **8** : to make (as a knot or stitch) by looping or catching up

cast *n* **1** : THROW, FLING **2** : a throw of dice **3** : the group of actors to whom parts in a play are assigned **4** : something formed in or as if in a mold; *also* : a rigid surgical dressing (as for protecting and supporting a fractured bone) **5** : TINGE, HUE **6** : APPEARANCE, LOOK **7** : something thrown out or off, shed, or expelled (worm ~s)

cas-ta-net \kās-tə-'net/ *n* [Sp *castañeta*, fr. *castaña* chestnut, fr. L *castanea*] : a rhythm instrument consisting of two small wooden, ivory, or plastic shells held in the hand and clicked together

cast-away \kās-tə-'wā/ *adj* **1** : thrown away : REJECTED **2** : cast adrift or ashore as a survivor of a shipwreck — **castaway** *n*

caste \kast/ *n* [Port *casta*, lit., race, lineage, fr. fem. of *casto* pure, chaste, fr. L *castus*] **1** : one of the hereditary social classes in Hinduism **2** : a division of a society based on wealth, inherited rank, or occupation **3** : social position : PRESTIGE **4** : a system of rigid social stratification

cas-tel-lat-ed \kās-tə-'lāt-əd/ *adj* : having battlements like a castle

cast-er \kas-tər/ *n* **1** or **cas-tor** : a small container to hold salt or pepper at the table **2** : a small wheel that turns freely and is used to support and move furniture, trucks, and machines

cas-ti-gate \kās-tə-'gāt/ *vb* -gat-ed; -gat-ing : to punish or criticize severely — **cas-ti-ga-tion** \kās-tə-'gā-shən/ *n* — **cas-ti-ga-tor** \kās-tə-'gāt-ər/ *n*

cast-ing \kas-tiŋ/ *n* **1** : CAST **7** **2** : something cast in a mold

casting vote *n* : a deciding vote cast by a presiding officer to break a tie

cast iron *n* : a hard brittle alloy of iron, carbon, and silicon cast in a mold

cas-tle \kas-əl/ *n* **1** : a large fortified building or set of buildings **2** : a large or imposing house **3** : ROOK

castle in the air : an impracticable project

cast-off \kas-'tɒf/ *adj* : thrown away or aside : DISCARDED — **cast-off** *n*

cas-tor oil \kas-tər-/ *n* : a thick yellowish oil extracted from the poisonous seeds of an herb (castor-oil plant) and used as a lubricant and cathartic

cas-trate \kas-'trāt/ *vb* -cas-trat-ed; -cas-trat-ing : to deprive of sex glands and esp. testes — **cas-trat-er** or **cas-tra-tor** \-ər/ *n* — **cas-tra-tion** \kə-'strā-shən/ *n*

ca-su-al \kəz-(ə-w)əl/ *adj* **1** : resulting from or occurring by chance **2** : OCCASIONAL, INCIDENTAL **3** : OFFHAND, NONCHALANT **4** : designed for informal use (~ clothing) — **ca-su-al-ly** \-ē/ *adv* — **ca-su-al-ness** *n*

ca-su-al-ty \kəz-(ə-w)əl-tē/ *n*, *pl* -ties **1** : serious or fatal accident **2** : a military person lost through death, injury, sickness, or capture or through being missing in action **3** : a person or thing injured, lost, or destroyed

ca-su-is-try \kəz-ə-wə-'strē/ *n*, *pl* -ries : adroit and esp. false or misleading argument or reasoning usu. about morals — **ca-su-ist** \-wəst/ *n* — **ca-su-is-tic** \,kəz-ə-'wis-tik/ or **ca-su-is-ti-cal** \-ti-kəl/ *adj*

ca-sus bel-li \,kās-əs-'bel-/ē, \kās-əs-'bel-/ī *n*, *pl* **ca-sus belli** \,kās-'üs-, \kā-'süs-/ [NL, occasion of war] : a cause or pretext for a declaration of war

cat \kat/ *n* **1** : a common domestic mammal long kept by human beings as a pet or for catching rats and mice **2** : any of various animals (as the lion, lynx, or leopard) of

\ə'abut \p'kitten \ə'further \ə'shəsh \ə'vace \ə'cot, cart
 \ə'u'out \ch'chin \ə'bet \ē'easy \ə'go \i'hilt \i'vice \j'job
 \ŋ'sing \ŋ'go \ŋ'law \ŋ'boy \ŋ'thin \th'the \ū'loot
 \ū'foot \y'yet \zh'vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

the same family as the domestic cat **3** : a spiteful woman

4 : CAT-O'-NINE-TAILS **5** *slang* : GUY

²**cat** *abbr* catalog

CAT *abbr* computerized axial tomography

ca-tab-o-lism \kə-'tab-ə-,līz-əm/ *n* : destructive metabolism involving the release of energy and resulting in the breakdown of complex materials — **cat-a-bol-ic** \,kat-ə-'bāl-ik/ *adj*

cat-a-clysm \,kat-ə-,klīz-əm/ *n* : a violent change or upheaval — **cat-a-clys-mal** \,kat-ə-'klīz-məl/ or **cat-a-clys-mic** \,klīz-mīk/ *adj*

cat-a-comb \,kat-ə-,kōm/ *n* : an underground burial place with galleries and recesses for tombs

cat-a-falque \,kat-ə-,falk-, -fō(l)k/ *n* : an ornamental structure sometimes used in solemn funerals to hold the body

cat-a-lep-sy \,kat-əl-,ep-sē/ *n*, *pl* -sies : a trancelike nervous condition characterized esp. by loss of voluntary motion — **cat-a-lep-tic** \,kat-əl-'ep-tīk/ *adj* or *n*

¹**cat-a-log** or **cat-a-logue** \,kat-əl-,ŏg/ *n* **1** : LIST, REGISTER **2** : a systematic list of items with descriptive details; *also* : a book containing such a list

²**catalog** or **catalogue** *vb* -loged or -logued; -log-ing or -loguing **1** : to make a catalog of **2** : to enter in a catalog — **cat-a-log-er** or **cat-a-logu-er** *n*

ca-tal-pa \kə-'tal-pə/ *n* : a broad-leaved tree with showy flowers and long slim pods

ca-tal-y-sis \kə-'tal-ə-səs/ *n*, *pl* -yses \-,sēz/ : the change and esp. increase in the rate of a chemical reaction brought about by a substance (**cat-a-lyst** \,kat-əl-'əst/) that is itself unchanged at the end of the reaction — **cat-a-lyt-ic** \,kat-əl-'it-ik/ *adj* — **cat-a-lyt-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē/ *adv*

catalytic converter *n* : an automobile exhaust-system component in which a catalyst changes harmful gases into mostly harmless products

cat-a-lyze \,kat-əl-,īz/ *vb* -lyzed; -lyz-ing : to bring about the catalysis of (a chemical reaction)

cat-a-ma-ran \,kat-ə-mə-'ran/ *n* [Tamil (a language of southern India) *kaṭṭumaram*, fr. *kaṭṭu* to tie + *maram* tree] : a boat with twin hulls

cat-a-mount \,kat-ə-,maʊnt/ *n* : COUGAR; *also* : LYNX

cat-a-pult \,kat-ə-,pəlt-, -pʊlt/ *n* **1** : an ancient military machine for hurling missiles (as stones and arrows) **2** : a device for launching an airplane (as from an aircraft carrier) — **catapult** *vb*

cat-a-ract \,kat-ə-,rakt/ *n* **1** : a cloudiness of the lens of the eye obstructing vision **2** : a large waterfall; *also* : steep rapids in a river

ca-tarrh \kə-'tār/ *n* : inflammation of a mucous membrane esp. of the nose and throat — **ca-tarrh-al** \-əl/ *adj*

ca-tas-trophe \kə-'tas-trə-(f)ē/ *n* [Gk *katastrophē*, fr. *katastrephein* to overturn, fr. *kata-* down + *strephein* to turn] **1** : a great disaster or misfortune **2** : utter failure — **cat-a-stroph-ic** \,kat-ə-'sträf-ik/ *adj* — **cat-a-stroph-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē/ *adv*

cat-a-ton-ic \,kat-ə-'tān-ik/ *adj* : of, relating to, or marked by schizophrenia characterized esp. by stupor, negativism, rigidity, purposeless excitement, and abnormal posturing — **catatonic** *n*

cat-bird \,kat-'bərd/ *n* : an American songbird with a catlike mewing call

cat-boat \,kat-,bōt/ *n* : a single-masted sailboat with a single large sail extended by a long boom

cat-call \-,kōl/ *n* : a sound like the cry of a cat; *also* : a noise made to express disapproval — **catcall** *vb*

¹**catch** \,kach-, 'kech/ *vb* caught \,kōt/; **catch-ing** **1** : to capture esp. after pursuit **2** : TRAP **3** : to discover esp. unexpectedly : SURPRISE, DETECT **4** : to become suddenly aware of **5** : to take hold of : SNATCH (~ at a straw) **6** : INTERCEPT **7** : to get entangled **8** : to become affected with or by (~ fire) (~ cold) **9** : to seize and hold firmly; *also* : FASTEN **10** : OVERTAKE **11** : to be in time for (~ a

train) **12** : to take in and retain **13** : to look at or listen to

²**catch** *n* **1** : something caught **2** : the act of catching; *also* : a game consisting of throwing and catching a ball **3** : something that catches or checks or holds immovable (a door ~) **4** : one worth catching esp. as a mate **5** : FRAGMENT, SNATCH **6** : a concealed difficulty or complication

catch-all \-,dɔl/ *n* : something to hold a variety of odds and ends

catch-as-catch-can \,kach-əz-,kach-'kan-, 'kech-əz-, 'kech-/ *adj* : using any means available

catch-er \,kach-ər-, 'kech-/ *n* : one that catches; *esp* : a player stationed behind home plate in baseball

catch-ing \-ɪŋ/ *adj* **1** : INFECTIOUS, CONTAGIOUS **2** : ALLURING, CATCHY

catch-ment \,kach-mənt-, 'kech-/ *n* **1** : the action of catching water **2** : something that catches water

catch on *vb* **1** : UNDERSTAND **2** : to become popular

catch-pen-ny \-,pen-ē/ *adj* : designed esp. to get small sums of money from the ignorant (a ~ plan)

catch-22 \-,twent-ē-'tū/ *n*, *pl* **catch-22's** or **catch-22s** *often* *cap* *C* [fr. *Catch-22*, a paradoxical rule found in the novel *Catch-22* (1961) by Joseph Heller] : a problematic situation for which the only solution is denied by a circumstance inherent in the problem or by a rule; *also* : the circumstance or rule that denies a solution

catch-up \,kech-əp-, 'kach-/ *var* of CATSUP

catch up *vb* : to travel or work fast enough to overtake or complete

catch-word \,kach-,wərd-, 'kech-/ *n* **1** : GUIDE WORD **2** : a word or expression representative of a party, school, or point of view

catchy \,kach-ē-, 'kech-/ *adj* **catch-i-er**; -est **1** : likely to attract attention **2** : easily remembered (~ music) **3** : TRICKY

cat-e-chism \,kat-ə-,kīz-əm/ *n* : a summary or test (as of religious doctrine) usu. in the form of questions and answers — **cat-e-chist** \-,kīst/ *n* — **cat-e-chize** \,kīz/ *vb*

cat-e-chu-men \,kat-ə-'kyū-mən/ *n* : a religious convert receiving training before baptism

cat-e-gor-i-cal \,kat-ə-'gōr-ī-kəl/ *adj* **1** : ABSOLUTE, UNQUALIFIED **2** : of, relating to, or constituting a category — **cat-e-gor-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē/ *adv*

cat-e-gor-ize \,kat-ī-gə-,rīz/ *vb* -rized; **riz-ing** : to put into a category : CLASSIFY — **cat-e-gor-i-za-tion** \,kat-ī-gə-rə-'zā-shən/ *n*

cat-e-gor-y \,kat-ə-,gōr-ē/ *n*, *pl* -ries : a division used in classification; *also* : CLASS, GROUP, KIND

ca-ter \,kāt-ər/ *vb* **1** : to provide a supply of food **2** : to supply what is wanted — **ca-ter-er** *n*

ca-ter-cor-ner \,kat-ē-'kōr-nər-, 'kat-ə-, 'kit-ē/ or **ca-ter-cornered** *adv* or *adj* [obs. *cater* (four-spot of cards or dice) + *E corner*] : in a diagonal or oblique position

ca-ter-pil-lar \,kat-ə(r)-,pil-ər/ *n* [ME *catyrpel*, fr. OF *catepelose*, lit., hairy cat] : a wormlike often hairy insect larva esp. of a butterfly or moth

ca-ter-waul \,kat-ər-,wōl/ *vb* : to make a harsh cry — **caterwaul** *n*

cat-fish \,kat-'fīsh/ *n* : any of several big-headed stout-bodied fishes with slender tactile processes around the mouth



catfish

cat-gut \-ˌgət/ *n* : a tough cord made usu. from sheep intestines

ca-thar-sis \kə-ˈthär-səs/ *n*, *pl* **ca-thar-ses** \-ˌsēz/ **1** : an act of purging or purification **2** : elimination of a psychological problem by bringing it to consciousness and affording it expression

ca-thar-tic \kə-ˈthärt-ik/ *adj* or *n* : PURGATIVE

ca-the-dral \kə-ˈthē-drəl/ *n* : the principal church of a diocese

cath-e-ter ˈkath-ət-ər/ *n* : a tube for insertion into a bodily passage or cavity esp. for injecting or drawing off material

cath-ode ˈkath-əd/ *n* **1** : the negative electrode of an electrolytic cell **2** : the positive terminal of a battery **3** : the electron-emitting electrode of an electron tube — **ca-thod-ic** \kə-ˈthäd-ik/ or **ca-thod-al** ˈkath-əd-əl/ *adj*

cathode-ray tube *n* : a vacuum tube in which a beam of electrons is projected on a fluorescent screen and produces a luminous spot

cath-o-lic ˈkath-(ə-)lik/ *adj* **1** : GENERAL, UNIVERSAL **2** *cap* : of or relating to Catholics and esp. Roman Catholics

Cath-o-lic ˈkath-(ə-)lik/ *n* : a member of a church claiming historical continuity from the ancient undivided Christian church; *esp* : a member of the Roman Catholic Church — **Ca-thol-i-cism** \kə-ˈthäl-ə-,siz-əm/ *n*

cath-o-lic-i-ty ˈkath-ə-ˈlis-ət-ē/ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** *cap* : the character of being in conformity with a Catholic church **2** : liberality of sentiments or views **3** : comprehensive range

cat-ion ˈkat-ī-ən/ *n* : the ion in an electrolyte that migrates to the cathode; *also* : a positively charged ion

cat-kin ˈkat-kən/ *n* : a long flower cluster (as of a willow) bearing crowded flowers and prominent bracts

cat-like \-ˌlik/ *adj* : resembling a cat or its behavior; *esp* : STEALTHY

cat-nap \-ˌnap/ *n* : a very short light nap — **catnap** *vb*

cat-nip \-ˌnip/ *n* : an aromatic mint that is esp. attractive to cats

cat-o'-nine-tails \,kat-ə-ˈnīn-,tälz/ *n*, *pl* **cat-o'-nine-tails** : a whip made of usu. nine knotted cords fastened to a handle

CAT scan ˈkat-, ˈsē-ˈä-ˈtē/ *n* [computerized axial tomography] : an image made by computed tomography

CAT scanner *n* : a medical instrument consisting of integrated X-ray and computing equipment that is used to make CAT scans

cat's cradle *n* : a game played with a string looped on the fingers in such a way as to resemble a small cradle

cat's-eye ˈkats-ī/ *n*, *pl* **cat's-eyes** : any of various iridescent gems

cat's-paw \-ˌpə/ *n*, *pl* **cat's-paws** : a person used by another as a tool

cat-sup ˈkech-əp, ˈkach-; ˈkat-səp/ *n* [Malay *kêchap* spiced fish sauce] : a seasoned tomato puree

cat-tail ˈkat-,tāl/ *n* : a tall reedlike marsh plant with furry brown spikes of tiny flowers

cat-tle ˈkat-əl/ *n* *pl* : LIVESTOCK; *esp* : domestic bovines (as cows, bulls, or calves) — **cat-tle-man** \-ˌmən-, ˌman/ *n*

cat-ty ˈkat-ē/ *adj* **cat-tier**, **-est** : slyly spiteful — **cat-ti-ly** ˈkat-ī-ē/ *adv* — **cat-ti-ness** \-ē-nəs/ *n*

cat-ty-corner or **cat-ty-cornered** *var* of CATERCORNER

CATV *abbr* community antenna television

cat-walk ˈkat-,wök/ *n* : a narrow walk (as along a bridge)

Cau-ca-sian \kə-ˈkă-zhən-, ˈkəzh-ən/ *adj* : of or relating to the white race of mankind — **Caucasian** *n* — **Cau-ca-soid** \kə-kə-,soid/ *adj* or *n*

cau-cus ˈkə-kəs/ *n* : a meeting of a group of persons belonging to the same political party or faction usu. to decide upon policies and candidates — **cau-cus** *vb*

cau-dal ˈkód-əl/ *adj* : of, relating to, or located near the tail or the hind end of the body — **cau-dal-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

cau-di-lló \kau-ˈt(hē-)y(ō)-, ˈt(hēl-yō/ *n*, *pl* **-llos** : a Spanish or Latin-American military dictator

caught ˈkòt/ *past* and *past part* of CATCH

caul ˈkól/ *n* : the inner fetal membrane of higher vertebrates esp. when covering the head at birth

cauldron *var* of CALDRON

cau-li-flow-er ˈkó-li-,flau-(ə)r/ *n* [It *cavolfiore*, fr. *cavolo* cabbage (fr. L *caulis* stem, cabbage) + *fiore* flower] : a garden plant closely related to cabbage and grown for its compact edible head of undeveloped flowers; *also* : this head

cauliflower ear *n* : an ear deformed from injury and excessive growth of scar tissue

caulk ˈkòk/ *vb* [ME *caulken*, fr. OF *cauquer* to trample, fr. L *calcare*, fr. *calx* heel] : to make the seams of (a boat) watertight by filling with waterproofing material; *also* : to make tight against leakage (~ a pipe joint) — **caulk-er** *n*

caulk *also* **caulk-ing** ˈkò-kiŋ/ *n* : material used to caulk

cau-ri ˈkau-rē/ *n*, *pl* **cauris** — see *syli* at MONEY table

caus-al ˈkò-zəl/ *adj* **1** : expressing or indicating cause **2** : relating to or acting as a cause — **cau-sal-i-ty** \kò-ˈzäl-ət-ē/ *n* — **caus-al-ly** ˈkò-zə-lē/ *adv*

cau-sa-tion \kò-ˈzā-shən/ *n* **1** : the act or process of causing **2** : the means by which an effect is produced

cause ˈkòz/ *n* **1** : REASON, MOTIVE **2** : something that brings about a result; *esp* : a person or thing that is the agent of bringing something about **3** : a suit or action in court : CASE **4** : a question or matter to be decided **5** : a principle or movement earnestly supported — **cause-less** *adj*

cause *vb* **caused**; **caus-ing** : to be the cause or occasion of — **caus-ative** ˈkò-zət-iv/ *adj* — **caus-er** *n*

cause cé-lè-bre \,kòz-sä-ˈlebrē/, \kòz-/ *n*, *pl* **causes célèbres** \same/ [F, lit., celebrated case] **1** : a legal case that excites widespread interest **2** : a notorious incident or episode

cau-se-rie \,kòz-(ə-)rē/ *n* [F] **1** : an informal conversation : CHAT **2** : a short informal composition

cause-way ˈkòz-,wā/ *n* : a raised way or road across wet ground or water

caus-tic ˈkò-stik/ *adj* **1** : CORROSIVE **2** : SHARP, INCISIVE (~ wit)

caustic *n* **1** : a substance that burns or destroys organic tissue by chemical action **2** : SODIUM HYDROXIDE

cau-ter-ize ˈkót-ə-,rīz/ *vb* **-ized**; **iz-ing** : to burn or sear usu. to prevent infection or bleeding — **cau-ter-iza-tion** \,kót-ə-rə-ˈzā-shən/ *n*

cau-tion ˈkò-shən/ *n* **1** : ADMONITION, WARNING **2** : prudent forethought to minimize risk : WARINESS **3** : one that arouses astonishment — **cau-tion-ary** \-shə-,ner-ē/ *adj*

caution *vb* **cau-tioned**; **cau-tion-ing** ˈkò-sh(ə-)niŋ/ : to advise caution to : WARN

cau-tious ˈkò-shəs/ *adj* : marked by or given to caution : CAREFUL — **cau-tious-ly** *adv* — **cau-tious-ness** *n*

cav *abbr* **1** cavalry **2** cavity

cav-al-cade \,kav-əl-ˈkād/ *n* **1** : a procession of riders or carriages; *also* : a procession of vehicles **2** : a dramatic sequence or procession

cav-a-li-er \,kav-ə-ˈli-ər/ *n* [MF, fr. It *cavaliere*, fr. Old Provençal *cavalier*, fr. LL *caballarius* groom, fr. L *caballus* horse] **1** : a mounted soldier : KNIGHT **2** *cap* : an adherent of Charles I of England **3** : a debonaire person

cavalier *adj* **1** : gay and easy in manner : DEBONAIR **2** : DISDAINFUL, HAUGHTY — **cav-a-li-er-ly** *adv*

cav-al-ry ˈkav-əl-rē/ *n*, *pl* **-ries** : troops mounted on

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chain \ə\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \v\loot
 \v\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

- horseback or moving in motor vehicles — **cav-al-ry-man** \-mən, -rɪ, mən/ *n*
- 1** **cave** \ˈkæv/ *n* : a natural underground chamber with an opening to the surface
- 2** **cave** *vb* **caved**; **cav-ing** **1** : to collapse or cause to collapse **2** : to cease to resist : **SUBMIT** — *usu.* used with *in*
- ca-ve-at** \ˈkav-ē-at, -jət; ˈkäv-ē-,ät/ *n* [L, let him beware] : **WARNING**
- caveat emp-tor** \-ˈemp-tər, -tôr/ *n* [NL, let the buyer beware] : a warning principle in trading that buyers should be alert to see that they get the quantity and quality paid for
- cave-in** \ˈkäv-,vɪn/ *n* **1** : the action of caving in **2** : a place where earth has caved in
- cave-man** \ˈkäv-,mən/ *n* **1** : a cave dweller esp. of the Stone Age **2** : one who acts with rough or violent directness esp. toward women
- cav-ern** \ˈkav-ərən/ *n* : a cave often of large or unknown size — **cav-ern-ous** *adj* — **cav-ern-ous-ly** *adv*
- cav-i-ar** or **cav-i-are** \ˈkäv-ē-är, ˈkäv-/ *n* : the salted roe of a large fish (as sturgeon) used as an appetizer
- cav-il** \ˈkäv-əl/ *vb* **-iled** or **-illed**; **il-ing** or **il-ling** \-(ə-)liŋ/ : to find fault without good reason : make frivolous objections — **cavil** *n* — **cav-il-er** or **cav-il-ler** *n*
- cav-ing** \ˈkäv-viŋ/ *n* : the sport of exploring caves : **SPE-LUNKING**
- cav-i-ta-tion** \käv-ə-ˈtā-shən/ *n* : the formation of partial vacuums in a liquid by a swiftly moving solid body (as a propeller) or by high-frequency sound waves; *also* : a cavity so formed
- cav-i-ty** \ˈkäv-ət-ē/ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : an unfilled space within a mass : a hollow place **2** : an area of decay in a tooth
- ca-vort** \kə-ˈvört/ *vb* : **PRANCE**, **CAPER**
- ca-ry** \ˈkäv-/ *n*, *pl* **caries** : **GUINEA PIG**
- caw** \ˈkō/ *vb* : to utter the harsh call of the crow or a similar cry — **caw** *n*
- cay** \ˈkē, ˈkäv/ *n* : ***KEY**
- cay-enne pepper** \kī-,en-, ˈkäv-/ *n* : a condiment consisting of ground dried fruits or seeds of a hot pepper
- cay-man** *var* of **CAIMAN**
- Ca-ya-ga** \käv-ä-ˈü-gə, kī-/ *n*, *pl* **Cayuga** or **Cayugas** : a member of an American Indian people of New York
- Cay-use** \ˈkī-, (y)üs, kī- (y)üs/ *n* **1** *pl* **Cayuse** or **Cayuses** : a member of an American Indian people of Oregon and Washington **2** *pl* **cayuses**, *not cap*, *West* : a native range horse of the western U.S.
- Cb** *symbol* **columbium**
- CB** \ˈsē-ˈbē/ *n* : **CITIZENS BAND**
- CBC** *abbr* **Canadian Broadcasting Corporation**
- CBD** *abbr* **cash before delivery**
- CBS** *abbr* **Columbia Broadcasting System**
- CBW** *abbr* **chemical and biological warfare**
- cc** *abbr* **cubic centimeter**
- CC** *abbr* **1** **carbon copy** **2** **community college** **3** **country club**
- CCC** *abbr* **Civilian Conservation Corps**
- CCD** \ˈsē-ˈsē-ˈdē/ *n* : **CHARGE-COUPLED DEVICE**
- CCTV** *abbr* **closed-circuit television**
- CCU** *abbr* **1** **cardiac care unit** **2** **coronary care unit** **3** **critical care unit**
- ccw** *abbr* **counterclockwise**
- cd** *abbr* **cord**
- Cd** *symbol* **cadmium**
- CD** *abbr* **1** **certificate of deposit** **2** **Civil Defense**
- CDR** *abbr* **commander**
- CDT** *abbr* **central daylight (saving) time**
- Ce** *symbol* **cerium**
- CE** *abbr* **1** **chemical engineer** **2** **civil engineer** **3** **Corps of Engineers**
- cease** \ˈsēs/ *vb* **ceased**; **ceas-ing** : to come or bring to an end : **STOP**
- cease-fire** \ˈsēs-ˈfɪ(ə)r/ *n* : a suspension of active hostilities
- cease-less** \ˈsēs-ləs/ *adj* : being without pause or stop : **CONTINUOUS** — **cease-less-ly** *adv* — **cease-less-ness** *n*
- ce-cum** \ˈsē-kəm/ *n*, *pl* **ce-ca** \-kə/ : the blind pouch at the beginning of the large intestine into which the small intestine opens — **ce-cal** \-kəl/ *adj*
- ce-dar** \ˈsēd-ər/ *n* : any of a genus of trees related to the pines that are noted for their fragrant durable wood; *also* : this wood
- cede** \ˈsēd/ *vb* **ced-ed**; **ced-ing** **1** : to yield or give up esp. by treaty **2** : **ASSIGN**, **TRANSFER** — **ced-er** *n*
- ce-di** \ˈsäd-ē/ *n* — see **MONEY** table
- ce-dil-la** \si-ˈdil-ə/ *n* : a mark placed under the letter *c* (as *ç*) to show that the *c* is to be pronounced like *s*
- ceil-ing** \ˈsē-liŋ/ *n* **1** : the overhead inside lining of a room **2** : the height above the ground of the base of the lowest layer of clouds when over half of the sky is obscured **3** : the greatest height at which an airplane can operate efficiently **4** : a prescribed upper limit (price ~)
- cel-an-dine** \ˈsel-ən-,dɪn, -dēn/ *n* : a yellow-flowered herb related to the poppies
- cel-e-brate** \ˈsel-ə-,brät/ *vb* **-brat-ed**; **-brat-ing** **1** : to perform (as a sacrament) with appropriate rites **2** : to honor (as a holiday) by solemn ceremonies or by refraining from ordinary business **3** : to observe a notable occasion with festivities **4** : **EXTOL** — **cel-e-brant** \-brant/ *n* — **cel-e-bra-tion** \ˈsel-ə-ˈbrä-shən/ *n* — **cel-e-bra-tor** \ˈsel-ə-brät-ər/ *n*
- cel-e-brat-ed** \-əd/ *adj* : widely known and often referred to **syn** distinguished, renowned, noted, famous, illustrious, notorious
- celeb-ri-ty** \sə-ˈleb-rət-ē/ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : the state of being celebrated : **RENOWN** **2** : a celebrated person
- celer-i-ty** \sə-ˈler-ət-ē/ *n* : **SPEED**, **RAPIDITY**
- cel-ery** \ˈsel-(ə-)rē/ *n*, *pl* **-er-ies** : a European herb related to the carrot and widely grown for the crisp edible stems of its leaves
- celery cabbage** *n* : **CHINESE CABBAGE**
- ce-les-ta** \sə-ˈles-tə/ or **ce-les-te** \sə-ˈlest/ *n* : a keyboard instrument with hammers that strike steel plates
- ce-les-tial** \sə-ˈles-chəl/ *adj* **1** : **HEAVENLY**, **DIVINE** **2** : of or relating to the sky — **ce-les-tial-ly** \-əl/ *adv*
- celestial navigation** *n* : navigation by observation of the positions of celestial bodies
- celestial sphere** *n* : an imaginary sphere of infinite radius against which the celestial bodies appear to be projected
- cel-i-ba-cy** \ˈsel-ə-bə-sē/ *n* **1** : the state of being unmarried; *esp* : abstention by vow from marriage **2** : **CHASTITY**
- cel-i-bate** \ˈsel-ə-bət/ *n* : one who lives in celibacy — **celibate** *adj*
- cell** \ˈsel/ *n* **1** : a small room (as in a convent or prison) *usu.* for one person; *also* : a small compartment, cavity, or bounded space **2** : a tiny mass of protoplasm that contains a nucleus, is enclosed by a membrane, and forms the fundamental unit of living matter **3** : a container holding an electrolyte either for generating electricity or for use in electrolysis **4** : a single unit in a device for converting radiant energy into electrical energy
- cel-lar** \ˈsel-ər/ *n* **1** : **BASEMENT** **2** : the lowest position (as in an athletic league) **3** : a stock of wines
- cel-lar-age** \ˈsel-ə-rɪ/ *n* : cellar space esp. for storage
- cel-lar-ette** or **cel-lar-et** \ˈsel-ə-ˈret/ *n* : a case or cabinet for a few bottles of wine or liquor
- cel-lo** \ˈchel-ə/ *n*, *pl* **cellos** : a bass member of the violin family tuned an octave below the viola — **cel-list** \-əst/ *n*
- cel-lo-phane** \ˈsel-ə-,fän/ *n* : a thin transparent material made from cellulose and used as a wrapping
- cel-lu-lar** \ˈsel-yə-lər/ *adj* : of, relating to, or consisting of cells

centrifugal force *n* : the force that tends to impel a thing or parts of a thing outward from a center of rotation
cen-tri-fuge \ˈsen-trə-ˌfyūj\ *n* : a machine using centrifugal force (as for separating substances of different densities or for removing moisture)
cen-trip-e-tal \sen-ˈtrip-ət-əl\ *adj* [NL *centripetus*, fr. *centr-* center + *L petere* seek] : proceeding or acting in a direction toward a center or axis
centripetal force *n* : the force needed to keep an object revolving about a point moving in a circular path
cen-trist \ˈsen-trəst\ *n* 1 often *cap* : a member of a center party 2 : one who holds moderate views
cen-tu-ri-on \sen-ˈt(y)ūr-ē-ən\ *n* : an officer commanding a Roman century
cen-tu-ry \ˈsench-(ə-)rē\ *n, pl -ries* 1 : a subdivision of a Roman legion 2 : a group or sequence of 100 like things 3 : a period of 100 years
century plant *n* : a Mexican agave maturing and flowering only once in many years and then dying
CEO *abbr* chief executive officer
ce-phal-ic \sə-ˈfal-ik\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to the head 2 : directed toward or situated on or in or near the head
ce-ram-ic \sə-ˈram-ik\ *n* 1 *pl* : the art or process of making articles from a nonmetallic mineral (as clay) by firing 2 : a product produced by ceramics — **ceramic** *adj*
ce-ra-mist \sə-ˈram-əst\ or **ce-ram-i-cist** \sə-ˈram-ə-səst\ *n* : one who engages in ceramics
˚ce-re-al \ˈsir-ē-əl\ *adj* [L *cerealis*, fr. *Ceres*, the Roman goddess of agriculture] : relating to grain or to the plants that produce it; *also* : made of grain
˚cereal *n* 1 : a grass (as wheat) yielding grain suitable for food; *also* : its grain 2 : grain of a cereal prepared for use as a breakfast food
cer-e-bel-lum \ser-ə-ˈbel-əm\ *n, pl -bellums or -bel-la* \-ˈbel-ə\ [ML, fr. L, dim. of *cerebrum*] : a part of the brain that projects over the medulla and is concerned esp. with coordination of muscular action and with bodily balance — **cer-e-bel-lar** \-ˈbel-ər\ *adj*
ce-re-bral cortex \sə-ˈrē-brəl-, ˈser-ə-ˈ\ *n* : the surface layer of gray matter of the cerebrum that functions chiefly in coordination of higher nervous activity
cerebral palsy *n* : a disorder caused by brain damage usu. before or during birth and marked esp. by defective muscle control
cer-e-brate \ˈser-ə-, brāt\ *vb -brat-ed; -brat-ing* : THINK — **cer-e-bration** \ser-ə-ˈbrā-shən\ *n*
cer-e-brum \sə-ˈrē-brəm, ˈser-ə-ˈ\ *n, pl -brums or -bra* \-brə\ [L] : the enlarged front and upper part of the brain that contains the higher nervous centers — **ce-re-bral** \sə-ˈrē-brəl, ˈser-ə-ˈ\ *adj* — **ce-re-bral-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
cere-cloth \ˈsɪər-, klōth\ *n* : cloth treated with melted wax or gummy matter and formerly used esp. for wrapping a dead body
cere-ment \ˈser-ə-mənt, ˈsɪər-mənt\ *n* : a shroud for the dead
˚cer-e-mo-ni-al \ser-ə-ˈmō-nē-əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or forming a ceremony — **cer-e-mo-ni-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
˚ceremonial *n* : a ceremonial act or system : RITUAL, FORM
cer-e-mo-ni-ous \ser-ə-ˈmō-nē-əs\ *adj* 1 : devoted to forms and ceremony 2 : CEREMONIAL 3 : according to formal usage or procedure 4 : marked by ceremony — **cer-e-mo-ni-ous-ly** *adv* — **cer-e-mo-ni-ous-ness** *n*
cer-e-mo-ny \ˈser-ə-, mō-nē\ *n, pl -nies* 1 : a formal act or series of acts prescribed by law, ritual, or convention 2 : a conventional act of politeness 3 : a mere outward form 4 : FORMALITY
ce-re-us \ˈsir-ē-əs\ *n* : any of various cacti of the western U.S. and tropical America
ce-rise \sə-ˈrēs\ *n* [F, lit., cherry] : a moderate red
ce-ri-um \ˈsir-ē-əm\ *n* : a malleable metallic chemical element used esp. in alloys — see **ELEMENT** table
cer-met \ˈsər-, met\ *n* : a strong alloy of a heat-resistant compound and a metal used esp. for turbine blades

cert *abbr* certificate; certification; certified; certify
˚cer-tain \ˈsərt-ən\ *adj* 1 : FIXED, SETTLED 2 : proved to be true 3 : of a specific but unspecified character (~ people in authority) 4 : DEPENDABLE, RELIABLE 5 : INDISPUTABLE, UNDENIABLE 6 : assured in mind or action — **cer-tain-ly** *adv*
˚certain *pron* : certain ones
cer-tain-ty \-tē\ *n, pl -ties* 1 : something that is certain 2 : the quality or state of being certain
cer-tif-i-cate \sər-ˈtif-i-kət\ *n* 1 : a document testifying to the truth of a fact 2 : a document testifying that one has fulfilled certain requirements (as of a course or school) 3 : a document evidencing ownership or debt
cer-ti-fi-ca-tion \sərt-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of certifying : the state of being certified 2 : a certified statement
certified milk *n* : milk produced in dairies that operate under the rules and regulations of an authorized medical milk commission
certified public accountant *n* : an accountant who has met the requirements of a state law and has been granted a state certificate
cer-ti-fy \ˈsərt-ə-, fi\ *vb -fied; -fy-ing* 1 : VERIFY, CONFIRM 2 : to endorse officially 3 : to guarantee (a bank check) as good by a statement to that effect stamped on its face 4 : to provide with a usu. professional certificate or license **syn** accredit, approve, sanction, endorse — **cer-ti-fi-able** \-fi-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **cer-ti-fi-ably** \-blē\ *adv* — **cer-ti-fi-er** *n*
cer-ti-tude \ˈsərt-ə-, t(y)ūd\ *n* : the state of being or feeling certain
ce-ru-le-an \sə-ˈrū-lē-ən\ *adj* : AZURE
ce-ru-men \sə-ˈrū-mən\ *n* : EARWAX
cer-vi-cal \sər-vi-kəl\ *adj* : of or relating to a neck or cervix
cer-vix \ˈsər-viks\ *n, pl cer-vi-ces* \-və-, sēz\ or **cer-vix-es** 1 : NECK; *esp* : the back part of the neck 2 : a constricted portion of an organ or part; *esp* : the narrow outer end of the uterus
ce-sar-e-an *also* **ce-sar-i-an** \si-ˈzar-ē-ən, -ˈzer-\ *n* : CESAREAN SECTION — **cesarean** *also* **cesarian** *adj*
cesarean section *also* **cesarian section** *n* [fr. the legend that Julius Caesar was born this way] : surgical incision of the walls of the abdomen and uterus for delivery of offspring
ce-si-um \ˈsē-zē-əm\ *n* : a silver-white soft ductile chemical element — see **ELEMENT** table
ces-sa-tion \se-ˈsā-shən\ *n* : a temporary or final ceasing (as of action)
ces-sion \ˈsesh-ən\ *n* : a yielding (as of rights) to another
cess-pool \ˈses-, pūl\ *n* : an underground pit or tank for receiving household sewage
cf *abbr* [L *confer*] compare
Cf *symbol* californium
CF *abbr* cystic fibrosis
cg or **gcm** *abbr* centigram
CG *abbr* 1 coast guard 2 commanding general
cgs \ˈsē-jē-es\ *adj, often cap C&G&S* : of, relating to, or being a system of units based on the centimeter as the unit of length, the gram as the unit of weight, and the second as the unit of time
ch *abbr* 1 chain 2 champion 3 chapter 4 church
CH *abbr* 1 clearinghouse 2 courthouse 3 customhouse
Cha-blis \ˈshab-lē; sha-ˈblē\ *n, pl Cha-blis* \-lēz, -ˈblēz\ 1 : a dry sharp white Burgundy wine 2 : a white California wine that is a blend of several grapes
cha-cha \ˈchā-, chā\ *n* : a fast rhythmic ballroom dance of Latin American origin
Chad-ian \ˈchad-ē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Chad — **Chadian** *adj*
chafe \ˈchāf\ *vb chafed; chaf-ing* 1 : IRRITATE, VEX 2 : FRET 3 : to warm by rubbing 4 : to rub so as to wear away; *also* : to make sore by rubbing

cha-fer \ˈchā-fər\ *n* : any of various large beetles
chaff \ˈchaf\ *n* 1 : debris (as husks) separated from grain in threshing 2 : something comparatively worthless — **chaffy** \-ē\ *adj*
chaff *n* : light jesting talk : **BANTER**
chaff *vb* : to tease in a good-natured manner
chaf-fer \ˈchaf-ər\ *vb* : **BARGAIN**, **HAGGLE** — **chaf-fer-er** *n*
chaf-finch \ˈchaf-ˈfɪnç\ *n* : a European finch with a cheerful song
chaf-ing dish \ˈchā-fɪŋ-\ *n* : a utensil for cooking food at the table
cha-grin \shə-ˈgrɪn\ *n* : mental uneasiness or annoyance caused by failure, disappointment, or humiliation
chagrin *vb* **cha-grined** \-ˈgrɪnd\; **cha-grin-ing** \-ˈgrɪn-ɪŋ\ : to cause to feel chagrin
chain \ˈtʃæn\ *n* 1 : a flexible series of connected links 2 : a chainlike surveying instrument; *also* : a unit of length equal to 66 feet (about 20 meters) 3 : a series of things linked together **syn** train, string, sequence, succession, series
chain *vb* : to fasten, bind, or connect with a chain; *also* : **FETTER**
chain gang *n* : a gang of convicts chained together
chain letter *n* : a letter sent to several persons with a request that each send copies to an equal number of persons
chain mail *n* : flexible armor of interlocking metal rings
chain reaction *n* 1 : a series of events in which each event initiates the succeeding one 2 : a chemical or nuclear reaction yielding products that cause further reactions of the same kind
chain saw *n* : a portable power saw that has teeth linked together to form an endless chain
chain-smoke \ˈtʃæn-ˈsmək\ *vb* : to smoke esp. cigarettes continuously
chain store *n* : any of numerous stores under the same ownership that sell the same lines of goods
chair \ˈtʃeər\ *n* 1 : a seat with a back for one person 2 : **ELECTRIC CHAIR** 3 : an official seat; *also* : an office or position of authority or dignity 4 : **CHAIRMAN**
chair *vb* : to act as chairman of
chair lift *n* : a motor-driven conveyor for skiers consisting of seats hung from a moving cable
chair-man \ˈtʃeər-mən\ *n* : the presiding officer of a meeting or of a committee — **chair-man-ship** *n*
chair-wom-an \-,wʊm-ən\ *n* : a woman who acts as chair-man
chaise \ˈʃəz\ *n* 1 : a 2-wheeled carriage with a folding top 2 : a light carriage or pleasure cart
chaise longue \ˈʃəz-ˈlɒŋ\ *n*, *pl* **chaises longues** \-ˈlɒŋ(z)\ [*F chaise longue*, lit., long chair] : a long couch-like chair
chaise lounge \-ˈləʊŋ\ *n* : **CHAISE LONGUE**
chal-ced-o-ny \kal-ˈsɛd-ˈn-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-nies** : a translucent pale blue or gray quartz
chal-co-py-rite \kal-kə-ˈpɪ-,rɪt\ *n* : a yellow mineral constituting an important ore of copper
chal-let \sha-ˈlɛ\ *n* 1 : a herdsman's cabin in the Swiss mountains 2 : a building in the style of a Swiss cottage with a wide roof overhang
chal-ice \ˈchal-əs\ *n* : a drinking cup; *esp* : the eucharistic cup
chalk \ˈtʃɒk\ *n* 1 : a soft limestone 2 : chalk or chalky material esp. when used as a crayon — **chalky** *adj*
chalk *vb* 1 : to rub or mark with chalk 2 : to record with or as if with chalk — *usu.* used with *up*
chalk-board \ˈtʃɒk-bɔrd\ *n* : **BLACKBOARD**
chalk up *vb* 1 : **ASCRIBE**, **CREDIT** 2 : **ATTAIN**, **ACHIEVE**
chal-lenge \ˈtʃal-ən\ *vb* **chal-lenged**; **chal-leng-ing** [*ME chalengen* to accuse, fr. *OF chalengier*, fr. *L calumniari* to accuse falsely, fr. *calumnia* calumny] 1 : to order to halt and prove identity 2 : to take exception to : **DISPUTE** 3 : to issue an invitation to compete against one esp. in single combat : **DARE**, **DEFY** — **chal-leng-er** *n*

challenge *n* 1 : a summons to a duel 2 : an invitation to compete in a sport 3 : a calling into question 4 : an exception taken to a juror 5 : a sentry's command to halt and prove identity 6 : a stimulating or interesting task or problem
chal-lis \ˈʃal-ē\, *pl* **chal-lises** \-ēz\ : a lightweight clothing fabric of wool, cotton, or synthetic yarns
cham \ˈkam\ *var of* **KHAN**
cham-ber \ˈtʃəm-bər\ *n* 1 : **ROOM**; *esp* : **BEDROOM** 2 : an enclosed space or compartment 3 : a hall for meetings of a legislative body 4 : a judge's consultation room — *usu.* used in pl. 5 : a legislative or judicial body; *also* : a council for a business purpose 6 : the part of a firearm that holds the cartridge or powder charge during firing — **cham-bered** \-bərd\ *adj*
cham-ber-lain \ˈtʃəm-bər-lən\ *n* 1 : a chief officer in the household of a king or nobleman 2 : **TREASURER**
cham-ber-maid \-,mād\ *n* : a maid who takes care of bedrooms
chamber music *n* : music intended for performance by a few musicians before a small audience
chamber of commerce : an association of businesspeople for promoting commercial and industrial interests in the community
cham-bray \ˈʃam-,brā\ *n* : a lightweight clothing fabric of white and colored threads
cha-me-leon \kə-ˈmɛl-yən\ *n* [*ME camelion*, fr. *MF*, fr. *L chamaeleon*, fr. *Gk chamaileōn*, fr. *chamai* on the ground + *leōn* lion] : a small lizard whose skin changes color esp. according to its surroundings
cham-fer \ˈtʃam-fər\ *n* : a beveled edge
chamfer *vb* 1 : to cut a furrow in (as a column) : **GROOVE** 2 : to make a chamfer on : **BEVEL**
cham-ois \ˈʃam-ē\, *pl* **cham-ois** \-ē(z)\ 1 : a small goat-like antelope of Europe and the Caucasus region of the U.S.S.R. 2 *also* **cham-my** \-ē\ : a soft leather made esp. from the skin of the sheep or goat 3 : a cotton fabric made in imitation of chamois leather
cham-o-mile \ˈkam-ə-,mɪl-,ˌmɛl\ *n* : any of a genus of strong-scented herbs related to the daisies and having flower heads that yield a bitter medicinal substance
champ \ˈtʃamp\, **chämp** *vb* 1 : to chew noisily 2 : to show impatience of delay or restraint
champ \ˈtʃamp\ *n* : **CHAMPION**
champ-pagne \ˈʃam-ˈpæn\ *n* : a white effervescent wine
champ-paign \ˈʃam-ˈpæn\ *n* : a stretch of flat open country
cham-pi-on \ˈtʃam-pi-ən\ *n* 1 : a militant advocate or defender 2 : one that wins first prize or place in a contest 3 : one that is acknowledged to be better than all others
champion *vb* : to protect or fight for as a champion **syn** back, advocate, uphold, support
cham-pi-on-ship \-ˈʃɪp\ *n* 1 : the position or title of a champion 2 : the act of championing : **DEFENSE** 3 : a contest held to determine a champion
chance \ˈtʃans\ *n* 1 : something that happens without apparent cause 2 : the unpredictable element in existence : **LUCK**, **FORTUNE** 3 : **OPPORTUNITY** 4 : the likelihood of a particular outcome in an uncertain situation : **PROBABILITY** 5 : **RISK** 6 : a raffle ticket — **chance** *adj* — **by chance** : in the haphazard course of events
chance *vb* **chanced**; **chanc-ing** 1 : to take place by chance : **HAPPEN** 2 : to come casually and unexpectedly — *used with upon* 3 : to leave to chance 4 : to accept the risk of
chan-cel \ˈtʃan-səl\ *n* : the part of a church including the altar and choir
chan-cel-lery or **chan-cel-lory** \ˈtʃan- s(ə)-lə-rē\, *pl* **-ler-ies** or **-lor-ies** 1 : the position or office of a chancellor 2

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \tʃ\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ɔ\go \ɔ\law \ɔ\thin \θ\the \ʊ\foot
 \ʊ\foot \y\yet \z\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

: the building or room where a chancellor works **3** : the office or staff of an embassy or consulate

chan-cel-lor \ˈchan-s(ə-)ləɹ/ *n* **1** : a high state official in various countries **2** : the head of a university **3** : a judge in the equity court in various states of the U.S. **4** : the chief minister of state in some European countries — **chan-cel-lor-ship** *n*

chan-cery \ˈchans-(ə-)rē/ *n*, *pl* **-cer-ies** **1** : any of various courts of equity in the U.S. and Britain **2** : a record office for public or diplomatic archives **3** : a chancellor's court or office **4** : the office of an embassy

chan-cre \ˈshaŋ-kər/ *n* [F, fr. L *cancer*] : a primary sore or ulcer at the site of entry of an infective agent (as of syphilis)

chan-croid \ˈchap-,krōid/ *n* : a sexually transmitted disease caused by a bacterium and characterized by chancres that differ from those of syphilis in lacking hardened margins

chancy \ˈchan-sē/ *adj* **chanc-i-er**; **-est** **1** *Scot* : AUSPICIOUS **2** : RISKY

chan-del-ier \,shaŋ-də-ˈli-ər/ *n* : a branched lighting fixture suspended from a ceiling

chan-dler \ˈchan-dl-ər/ *n* [ME *chandeler* a maker or seller of candles, fr. MF *chandelier*, fr. OF, fr. *chandelle* candle, fr. L *candela*] : a dealer in provisions and supplies of a specified kind (ship's ~) — **chan-dlery** *n*

change \ˈchānj/ *vb* **changed**; **chang-ing** **1** : to make or become different : ALTER **2** : to replace with another **3** : EXCHANGE **4** : to give or receive an equivalent sum in notes or coins of usu. smaller denominations or of another currency **5** : to put fresh clothes or covering on (~ a bed) **6** : to put on different clothes — **change-able** *adj* — **change-er** *n*

change *n* **1** : the act, process, or result of changing **2** : a fresh set of clothes to replace those being worn **3** : money given in exchange for other money of higher denomination **4** : surplus money returned to a person who offers payment exceeding the sum due **5** : coins esp. of small denominations — **change-ful** *adj* — **change-less** *adj*

change-ling \ˈchānj-liŋ/ *n* : a child secretly exchanged for another in infancy

change of life : MENOPAUSE

change-over \ˈchānj-,ō-vər/ *n* : CONVERSION, TRANSITION

change ringing *n* : the art or practice of ringing a set of tuned bells in continually varying order

chan-nel \ˈchan-nəl/ *n* **1** : the bed of a stream **2** : the deeper part of a waterway **3** : STRAIT **4** : a means of passage or transmission **5** : a range of frequencies of sufficient width for a single radio or television transmission **6** : a usu. tubular enclosed passage : CONDUIT **7** : a long gutter, groove, or furrow

channel *vb* **-neled** or **-nelled**; **-neling** or **-nel-ling** **1** : to make a channel in **2** : to direct into or through a channel

chan-nel-ize \ˈchan-nəl-ī-z/ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : CHANNEL — **chan-nel-iza-tion** \,chan-nəl-ə-ˈzā-shən/ *n*

chan-son \shān-sōn/ *n*, *pl* **chan-sons** \-sōn(z)/ : SONG; *esp* : a cabaret song

chant \ˈchant/ *vb* **1** : SING; *esp* : to sing a chant **2** : to sing or speak in the manner of a chant **3** : to celebrate or praise in song — **chant-er** *n*

chant *n* **1** : a repetitive melody in which several words are sung to one tone : SONG; *esp* : a liturgical melody **2** : a manner of singing or speaking in musical monotones

chan-teuse \shān-ˈtə(r)z, shan-ˈtūz/ *n*, *pl* **chan-teuses** \-ˈtə(r)z(-əz), -ˈtūz(-əz)/ [F] : a female concert or nightclub singer

chan-ty or **chan-ty** \ˈshant-ē, ˈchant-/ *n*, *pl* **chanteys** or **chanties** : a song sung by sailors in rhythm with their work

chan-ti-cleer \chant-ə-ˈkli-ər, ˈshant-/ *n* : ROOSTER

Chan-u-kah \ˈkān-ə-kə, ˈhān-/ *var* of HANUKKAH

cha-os \ˈkā-äs/ *n* **1** *often cap* : the confused unorganized state existing before the creation of distinct forms **2**

: complete disorder **syn** confusion, jumble, snarl, muddle, disarray — **cha-ot-ic** \kā-ˈāt-ik/ *adj* — **cha-ot-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē/ *adv*

chap \ˈchap/ *vb* **chapped**; **chap-ping** : to dry and crack open usu. from wind and cold (*chapped lips*)

chap *n* : a jaw with its fleshy covering — usu. used in pl.

chap *n* : FELLOW

chap *abbr* chapter

chap-ar-ral \,shap-ə-ˈra/ *n* **1** : a dense impenetrable thicket of shrubs or dwarf trees **2** : an ecological community of southern California comprised of shrubby plants

chap-book \ˈchap-,bʊk/ *n* : a small book of ballads, tales, or tracts

cha-peau \sha-ˈpō/ *n*, *pl* **cha-peaus** \-ˈpōz/ or **cha-peaux** \-ˈpō(z)/ [MF] : HAT

chap-el \ˈchap-əl/ *n* [ME, fr. OF *chapele*, fr. ML *cappella*, fr. LL *cappa* cloak; fr. the cloak of St. Martin of Tours preserved as a sacred relic in a chapel built for that purpose] **1** : a private or subordinate place of worship **2** : an assembly at an educational institution usu. including devotional exercises **3** : a place of worship used by a Christian group other than the established church

chap-er-on or **chap-er-one** \ˈshap-ə-,rōn/ *n* [F *chaperon*, lit., hood, fr. MF, head covering, fr. *chape*] **1** : a person (as a matron) who accompanies young unmarried women in public for propriety **2** : an older person who accompanies young people at a social gathering to ensure proper behavior

chaperon or **chaperone** *vb* **-oned**; **-on-ing** **1** : ESCORT, GUIDE **2** : to act as a chaperon to or for — **chap-er-on-age** \-,rō-nij/ *n*

chap-fall-en \ˈchap-,fō-lən, ˈchäp-/ *adj* **1** : having the lower jaw hanging loosely **2** : DEJECTED, DEPRESSED

chap-lain \ˈchap-lən/ *n* **1** : a clergyman officially attached to a special group (as the army) **2** : a person chosen to conduct religious exercises (as for a club) — **chap-lain-cy** \-sē/ *n*

chap-let \ˈchap-lət/ *n* **1** : a wreath for the head **2** : a string of beads : NECKLACE

chap-man \ˈchap-mən/ *n*, *Brit* : an itinerant dealer : PEDDLER

chaps \ˈshaps, ˈchaps/ *n* *pl* [fr. MexSp *chaparreras*] : leather leggings resembling trousers without a seat that are worn esp. by western ranch hands

chap-ter \ˈchap-tər/ *n* **1** : a main division of a book **2** : a body of canons (as of a cathedral) **3** : a local branch of a society or fraternity

char \ˈchär/ *n*, *pl* **char** or **chars** : any of a genus of trouts (as the common brook trout) with small scales

char *vb* **charred**; **char-ring** **1** : to burn to charcoal **2** : SCORCH **3** : to burn to a cinder

char *vb* **charred**; **char-ring** : to work as a cleaning woman **char-a-banc** \ˈshar-ə-baŋ/ *n*, *Brit* : a sight-seeing motor coach

char-ac-ter \ˈkar-ik-tər/ *n* [ME *character*, fr. MF *caractère*, fr. L *character* mark, distinctive quality, fr. Gk *charaktēr*, fr. *charassein* to scratch, engrave] **1** : a graphic symbol (as a letter) used in writing or printing **2** : a symbol that represents information; *also* : a representation of such a character that may be accepted by a computer **3** : a distinguishing feature : ATTRIBUTE **4** : the complex of mental and ethical traits marking a person or a group **5** : a person marked by conspicuous often peculiar traits **6** : one of the persons in a novel or play **7** : REPUTATION **8** : moral excellence

char-ac-ter-ist-ic \,kar-ik-tə-ˈris-tik/ *n* : a distinguishing trait, quality, or property

characteristic *adj* : serving to mark individual character *syn* individual, peculiar, distinctive — **char-ac-ter-ist-i-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə-)lē/ *adv*

char-ac-ter-ize \ˈkar-ik-tə-,rīz/ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** **1** : to de-

scribe the character of **2** : to be a characteristic of — **char-ac-ter-iza-tion** \ˌkär-ik-t(ə)-rə-ˈzā-shən/ *n*

char-ades \shə-ˈrādz/ *n sing or pl* : a guessing game in which contestants act out the syllables of a word to be guessed

char-coal \ˈchär-,kōl/ *n 1* : a porous carbon prepared from vegetable or animal substances **2** : a piece of fine charcoal used in drawing; *also* : a drawing made with charcoal

chard \ˈchärd/ *n* : a beet lacking the enlarged root but having leaves and stalks often cooked as a vegetable
char-don-nay \ˌshard-n-ˈä/ *n, often cap* [F] : a dry white wine of Chablis type

charge \ˈchärg/ *vb charged; charging 1* : to load or fill to capacity **2** : to give an electric charge to; *also* : to restore the activity of (a storage battery) by means of an electric current **3** : to impose a task or responsibility on **4** : COMMAND, ORDER **5** : ACCUSE **6** : to rush against : rush forward in assault **7** : to make liable for payment; *also* : to record a debt or liability against **8** : to fix as a price — **charge-able** *adj*

charge n 1 : a quantity (as of fuel or ammunition) required to fill something to capacity **2** : a store or accumulation of force **3** : an excess or deficiency of electrons in a body **4** : THRILL, KICK **5** : a task or duty imposed **6** : CARE, RESPONSIBILITY **7** : one given into another's care **8** : instructions from a judge to a jury **9** : COST, EXPENSE, PRICE; *also* : a debit to an account **10** : ACCUSATION, INDICTMENT **11** : ATTACK, ASSAULT

charge-coupled device n : a semiconductor device used esp. as an optical sensor

char-gé d'affaires \shär-ˌzhäd-ə-ˈfær/ *n, pl chargés d'affaires* \-,zhä(z)d-ə-/ [F] : a diplomat who substitutes for an ambassador or minister

char-ger \ˈchär-jər/ *n* : a large platter

charg-er n 1 : a device or a workman that charges something **2** : WAR-HORSE

char-i-ot \ˈchar-ē-ət/ *n* : a 2-wheeled vehicle of ancient times used in war and in races and processions — **char-i-o-teer** \ˌchar-ē-ə-ˈtiər/ *n*

cha-ris-ma \kə-ˈriz-mə/ *also char-ism* \ˈkär-,iz-əm/ *n, pl cha-ris-ma-ta* \kə-ˈriz-mət-ə/ *also charisms* : a personal quality of leadership arousing popular loyalty or enthusiasm — **char-is-mat-ic** \ˌkär-əz-ˈmat-ik/ *adj*

char-i-ta-ble \ˈchar-ət-ə-bəl/ *adj 1* : liberal in giving to needy people **2** : merciful or lenient in judging others **syn** benevolent, philanthropic, altruistic, humanitarian — **char-i-ta-ble-ness n** — **char-i-ta-bly** \-blē/ *adv*

char-i-ty \ˈchar-ət-ē/ *n, pl -ties 1* : goodwill toward or love of humanity **2** : an act or feeling of generosity **3** : the giving of aid to the poor; *also* : ALMS **4** : an institution engaged in relief of the poor **5** : leniency in judging others **syn** mercy, clemency, lenity

char-la-tan \ˈshär-lə-tən/ *n* : a person pretending to knowledge or ability that he lacks : QUACK

Charles-ton \ˈchärl-stən/ *n* : a lively ballroom dance in which the knees are twisted in and out and the heels are swung sharply outward on each step

char-ley horse \ˈchär-lē-,hōrs/ *n* : pain and stiffness from muscular strain in an arm or leg

charm \ˈchärm/ *n* [ME *charme*, fr. OF, fr. L *carmen* song, fr. *canere* to sing] **1** : an act or expression believed to have magic power **2** : something worn about the person to ward off evil or bring good fortune : AMULET **3** : a trait that fascinates or allures **4** : physical grace or attraction **5** : a small ornament worn on a bracelet or chain

charm vb 1 : to affect by or as if by a magic spell **2** : to protect by or as if by charms **3** : FASCINATE, ENCHANT **syn** allure, captivate, bewitch, attract — **charm-er** \ˈchär-mər/ *n*

charm-ing \ˈchär-miŋ/ *adj* : extremely pleasing or delightful — **charm-ing-ly** *adv*

char-nel house \ˈchärn-əl/ *n* : a building or chamber in which bodies or bones are deposited

chart \ˈchärt/ *n 1* : MAP **2** : a sheet giving information in the form of a table, list, or diagram; *also* : GRAPH

chart vb 1 : to make a chart of **2** : PLAN

char-ter \ˈchärt-ər/ *n 1* : an official document granting rights or privileges (as to a colony, town, or college) from a sovereign or a governing body **2** : CONSTITUTION **3** : a written instrument from a society creating a branch **4** : a mercantile lease of a ship

charter vb 1 : to grant a charter to **2 Brit** : CERTIFY (← *ed* engineer) **3** : to hire, rent, or lease for temporary use — **char-ter-er n**

charter member n : an original member of an organization

char-treuse \shär-ˈtrüz-,ˈtrūs/ *n* : a variable color averaging a brilliant yellow green

char-wom-an \ˈchär-,wüm-ən/ *n* : a cleaning woman esp. in large buildings

chary \ˈchar-ē/ *adj chari-er; -est* [ME, sorrowful, dear, fr. OE *cearig* sorrowful, fr. *caru* sorrow] **1** : CAUTIOUS, CIRCUMSPECT **2** : SPARING — **char-ily** \ˈchar-ə-lē/ *adv*

chase \ˈchäs/ *n 1* : PURSUIT; *also* : HUNTING **2** : QUARRY **3** : a tract of unenclosed land used as a game preserve

chase vb chased; chasing 1 : to follow rapidly : PURSUE **2** : HUNT **3** : to seek out (chasing down clues) **4** : to cause to depart or flee : drive away **5** : RUSH, HASTEN

chase vb chased; chasing : to decorate (a metal surface) by embossing or engraving

chase n : FURROW, GROOVE

chas-er \ˈchä-sər/ *n 1* : one that chases **2** : a mild drink (as beer) taken after hard liquor

chasm \ˈkaz-əm/ *n* : GORGE **2**

chas-sis \ˈshas-ē-,ˈchas-ē/ *n, pl chas-sis* \-ēz/ : a supporting framework (as for the body of an automobile or the parts of a radio set)

chaste \ˈchäst/ *adj chast-er; chast-est 1* : innocent of unlawful sexual intercourse : VIRTUOUS, PURE **2** : CELIBATE **3** : pure in thought : MODEST **4** : severe or simple in design — **chaste-ly** *adv* — **chaste-ness n**

chas-ten \ˈchäs-n/ *vb chas-tened; chas-ten-ing* \ˈchäs-(-)niŋ/ : to correct through punishment or suffering : DISCIPLINE; *also* : PURIFY — **chas-ten-er n**

chas-tise \ˈchas-ˈtiz/ *vb chas-tised; chas-tis-ing* [ME *chastisen*, alter. of *chasten*] **1** : to punish esp. bodily **2** : to censure severely : CASTIGATE — **chas-tise-ment** \-mənt,ˈchas-təz-/ *n*

chas-ti-ty \ˈchas-tət-ē/ *n* : the quality or state of being chaste; *esp* : sexual purity

cha-su-ble \ˈchaz-ə-bəl,ˈchas-/ *n* : the outer vestment of the celebrant at the Eucharist

chat \ˈchat/ *n* : light familiar informal talk — **chat vb**
châ-teau \ˈsha-ˈtō/ *n, pl châ-teaux* \-ˈtōz/ or **châ-teaux** \-ˈtō(z)/ [F, fr. L *castellum* castle, dim. of *castra* camp] **1** : a feudal castle in France **2** : a large country house **3** : a French vineyard estate

chat-e-laine \ˈshat-əl-,än/ *n 1* : the mistress of a chateau **2** : a clasp or hook for a watch, purse, or keys

chat-tel \ˈchat-əl/ *n 1* : an item of tangible property other than real estate **2** : SLAVE, BONDMAN

chat-ter \ˈchat-ər/ *vb 1* : to utter speechlike but meaningless sounds **2** : to talk idly, incessantly, or fast **3** : to click repeatedly or uncontrollably — **chatter n** — **chat-ter-er n**

chat-ter-box \ˈchat-ər-,bäks/ *n* : one who talks incessantly

chat-ty \ˈchat-ē/ *adj chat-ti-er; -est* : TALKATIVE — **chat-tily** \ˈchat-ē-lē/ *adv* — **chat-ti-ness** \-ē-nəs/ *n*

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\wash \ä\ace \ä\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \ä\hit \ä\ice \j\job
\g\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
\ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

chauffeur \ˈshō-fər, shō-ˈfər\ *n* [F, lit., stoker, fr. *chauffer* to heat] : a person employed to drive an automobile

chauffeur *vb* **chauf-feured**; **chauf-feur-ing** \ˈshō-f(ə-)rɪŋ, shō-ˈfər-ɪŋ\ **1** : to do the work of a chauffeur **2** : to transport in the manner of a chauffeur

chaunt \ˈchənt, ˈchänt\ *var of* CHANT

chau-vin-ism \ˈshō-və-, niz-əm\ *n* [F *chauvinisme*, fr. Nicolas Chauvin, soldier of excessive patriotism and devotion to Napoleon] **1** : excessive or blind patriotism **2** : an attitude of superiority toward members of the opposite sex — **chau-vin-ist** \-və-nəst\ *n or adj* — **chau-vin-istic** \ˌshō-və-ˈnis-tik\ *adj* — **chau-vin-is-ti-cal-ly** \-tik(ə-)lə\ *adv*

cheap \ˈtʃēp\ *adj* **1** : INEXPENSIVE **2** : costing little effort to obtain **3** : worth little : SHODDY, TAWDRY **4** : worthy of scorn **5** : STINGY — **cheap** *adv* — **cheap-ly** *adv* — **cheap-ness** *n*

cheap-en \ˈtʃē-pən\ *vb* **cheap-ened**; **cheap-en-ing** \ˈtʃēp-(ə-)nɪŋ\ **1** : to make or become cheap or cheaper in price or value **2** : to make tawdry

cheap-skate \ˈtʃēp-,skāt\ *n* : a niggardly person; *esp* : one seeking to avoid his or her share of costs

cheat \ˈtʃēt\ *vb* **1** : to deprive of something through fraud or deceit **2** : to practice fraud or trickery **3** : to violate rules (as of a game) dishonestly — **cheat-er** *n*

cheat *n* **1** : the act of deceiving : FRAUD, DECEPTION **2** : one that cheats : a dishonest person

check \ˈtʃek\ *n* **1** : a sudden stoppage of progress **2** : a sudden pause or break **3** : something that stops or restrains **4** : a standard for testing or evaluation **5** : EXAMINATION, INVESTIGATION **6** : the act of testing or verifying **7** : a written order to a bank to pay money **8** : a ticket or token showing ownership or identity **9** : a slip indicating an amount due **10** : a pattern in squares; *also* : a fabric in such a pattern **11** : a mark typically placed beside an item to show that it has been noted **12** : CRACK, SPLIT

check *vb* **1** : to slow down or stop : BRAKE **2** : to restrain the action or force of : CURB **3** : to compare with a source, original, or authority : VERIFY **4** : to inspect or test for satisfactory condition **5** : to mark with a check as examined **6** : to consign for shipment for one holding a passenger ticket **7** : to mark into squares **8** : to leave or accept for safekeeping in a checkroom **9** : to correspond point by point : TALLY **10** : CRACK, SPLIT

check-book \ˈtʃek-,bʊk\ *n* : a book containing blank checks

check-er \ˈtʃek-ər\ *n* : a piece in the game of checkers

checker *vb* **check-ered**; **check-er-ing** \ˈtʃek-(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to variegate with different colors or shades **2** : to vary with contrasting elements (a ~ed career) **3** : to mark into squares

checker *n* : one that checks; *esp* : one who checks out purchases in a supermarket

check-er-ber-ry \ˈtʃek-ə(r)-,ber-ē\ *n* : WINTERGREEN **1**; *also* : the spicy red fruit of this plant

check-er-board \-ə(r)-,bɔrd\ *n* : a board of 64 squares of alternate colors used in various games

check-ers \ˈtʃek-ərz\ *n* : a game for two played on a checkerboard with each player having 12 pieces

check *in vb* : to report one's presence or arrival (as at a hotel)

check-list \ˈtʃek-,list\ *n* : a list of items that may easily be referred to

check-mate \ˈtʃek-,māt\ *vb* [ME *chekmaten*, fr. *chek-mate*, interj. used to announce checkmate, fr. MF *eschec mat*, fr. Ar *shāh māt*, fr. Per, lit., the king is left unable to escape] **1** : to thwart completely : DEFEAT, FRUSTRATE **2** : to attack (an opponent's king) in chess so that escape is impossible — **checkmate** *n*

check-off \ˈtʃek-,ɒf\ *n* : the deduction of union dues from a worker's paycheck by the employer

check-out \ˈtʃek-,aʊt\ *n* **1** : the action or an instance of

checking out **2** : a counter at which checking out is done **3** : the process of examining and testing something as to readiness for intended use **4** : the process of familiarizing oneself with the operation of a mechanical thing (as an airplane)

check out \-ˈaʊt\ *vb* **1** : to settle one's account (as at a hotel) and leave **2** : to total or have totaled the cost of purchases in a store and to make or receive payment for them

check-point \ˈtʃek-,pɔɪnt\ *n* : a point at which a check is performed

check-room \-,rʊm, -,rʊm\ *n* : a room at which baggage, parcels, or clothing is checked

check-up \-,əp\ *n* : EXAMINATION; *esp* : a general physical examination

ched-dar \ˈtʃed-ər\ *n*, *often cap* : a hard mild to sharp white or yellow cheese of smooth texture

cheek \ˈtʃek\ *n* **1** : the fleshy side part of the face **2** : IMPUDENCE, BOLDNESS, AUDACITY **3** : BUTTOCK **1**

cheek-bone \ˈtʃek-,bɒn, -,bɒn\ *n* : the bone or bony ridge below the eye

cheeky \ˈtʃē-kē\ *adj* **cheek-i-er**; -**est** : IMPUDENT, SAUCY — **cheek-i-ly** \ˈtʃē-kē-lē\ *adv* — **cheek-i-ness** \-kē-nəs\ *n*

cheep \ˈtʃēp\ *vb* : to utter faint shrill sounds : PEEP — **cheep** *n*

cheer \ˈtʃiər\ *n* [ME *chere* face, cheer, fr. OF, face] **1** : state of mind or heart : SPIRIT **2** : ANIMATION, GAIETY **3** : hospitable entertainment : WELCOME **4** : food and drink for a feast **5** : something that gladdens **6** : a shout of applause or encouragement

cheer *vb* **1** : to give hope or courage to : COMFORT **2** : to make glad **3** : to urge on *esp.* by shouts **4** : to applaud with shouts **5** : to grow or be cheerful — *usu.* used with *up* — **cheer-er** *n*

cheer-ful \ˈtʃiər-fəl\ *adj* **1** : having or showing good spirits **2** : conducive to good spirits : pleasant and bright — **cheer-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **cheer-ful-ness** *n*

cheer-lead-er \ˈtʃiər-,lēd-ər\ *n* : a person who directs organized cheering *esp.* at a sports event

cheer-less \ˈtʃiər-ləs\ *adj* : BLEAK, DISPIRITING — **cheer-less-ly** *adv* — **cheer-less-ness** *n*

cheery \ˈtʃi(ə)r-ē\ *adj* **cheer-i-er**; -**est** : LIVELY, BRIGHT, GAY — **cheer-i-ly** \ˈtʃiər-ē-lē\ *adv* — **cheer-i-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*

cheese \ˈtʃēz\ *n* : the curd of milk *usu.* pressed into cakes and cured for use as food

cheese-burg-er \ˈtʃēz-,bɜr-gər\ *n* : a hamburger containing a slice of cheese

cheese-cake \-,kāk\ *n* **1** : a dessert consisting of a creamy filling *usu.* containing cheese baked in a shell **2** : photographs of attractive *usu.* scantily clad women

cheese-cloth \-,klōth\ *n* : a lightweight coarse cotton gauze

cheese-par-ing \-,pa(ə)r-ɪŋ\ *n* : miserly or petty economizing — **cheesepar-ing** *adj*

cheesy \ˈtʃē-zē\ *adj* **chee-z-i-er**; -**est** **1** : resembling, suggesting, or containing cheese **2** *slang* : CHEAP **3**

chee-tah \ˈtʃēt-ə\ *n* [Hindu *cītā*, fr. Skt *citrakāya* tiger, fr. *citra* bright + *kāya* body] : a large long-legged spotted swift-moving African and formerly Asian cat



cheetah

chef \ˈʃef\ *n* **1** : a cook who manages the kitchen (as of a restaurant) **2** : cook

chef d'oeuvre \shā-dœvrəⁿ, *pl* **chefs d'oeuvre** \-dœvrəⁿ : MASTERPIECE
chem *abbr* chemical; chemist; chemistry
¹**chem-i-cal** \ˈkem-i-kəlⁿ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, used in, or produced by chemistry **2** : acting or operated or produced by chemicals — **chem-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lēⁿ *adv*
²**chemical** *n* : a substance obtained by a chemical process or used for producing a chemical effect
chemical engineering *n* : engineering dealing with the industrial application of chemistry
chemical warfare *n* : warfare using incendiary mixtures, smokes, or irritant, burning, or asphyxiating gases
chem-ise \shə-ˈmēzⁿ *n* **1** : a woman's one-piece undergarment **2** : a loose straight-hanging dress
chem-ist \ˈkem-əstⁿ *n* **1** : one trained in chemistry **2** *Brit* : PHARMACIST
chem-is-try \ˈkem-ə-strēⁿ, *pl* **-tries** **1** : the science that deals with the composition, structure, and properties of substances and of the changes they undergo **2** : chemical composition or properties (the ~ of gasoline) **3** : a strong mutual attraction
che-mo-ther-a-py \kē-mō-ˈther-ə-pēⁿ : the use of chemicals in the treatment or control of disease — **che-mo-ther-a-peu-tic** \-ˈther-ə-pyū-ikⁿ *adj*
che-nille \shə-ˈnēlⁿ *n* [F, lit., caterpillar, fr. L *canicula*, dim. of *canis* dog] : a fabric with a deep fuzzy pile often used for bedspreads and rugs
cheque \ˈchekⁿ *chiefly Brit var of* ¹**check** **7**
cher-ish \ˈcher-ishⁿ *vb* **1** : to hold dear : treat with care and affection **2** : to keep deeply in mind
Cher-o-kee \ˈcher-ə-(ˌ)kēⁿ, *pl* **Cherokee** or **Cherokees** : a member of an American Indian people orig. of Tennessee and No. Carolina; *also* : their language
che-root \shə-ˈrūtⁿ : a cigar cut square at both ends
cher-ry \ˈcher-ēⁿ, *pl* **cherries** [ME *chery*, fr. OF *cherise* (taken as a plural), fr. LL *ceresia*, fr. L *cerasus* cherry tree, fr. Gk *kerasos*] **1** : the small fleshy pale yellow to deep blackish red fruit of a tree related to the roses; *also* : the tree or its wood **2** : a variable color averaging a moderate red
chert \ˈchɔrtⁿ, *ˈchatⁿ* : a rock resembling flint and consisting essentially of fine crystalline quartz or fibrous chalcedony — **cherty** \-ēⁿ *adj*
cher-ub \ˈcher-əbⁿ *n* *pl* **cher-u-bim** \ˈcher-(y)ə-, bimⁿ : an angel of the 2d highest rank **2** *pl* **cherubs** : a chubby rosy person — **che-ru-bic** \chə-ˈrū-bikⁿ *adj*
chess \ˈchesⁿ : a game for two played on a board of 64 squares of alternate colors with each player having 16 pieces — **chess-board** \-, bɔrdⁿ — **chess-man** \-, mənⁿ, -mənⁿ *n*
chest \ˈchestⁿ **1** : a box, case, or boxlike receptacle for storage or shipping **2** : the part of the body enclosed by the ribs and sternum
ches-ter-field \ˈches-tər-, fēldⁿ : an overcoat with a velvet collar
chest-nut \ˈches-(ˌ)nətⁿ **1** : the edible nut of any of a genus of trees related to the beech and oaks; *also* : this tree **2** : a grayish to reddish brown **3** : an old joke or story
chet-rum \ˈchet-rəmⁿ, *pl* **chet-rums** or **chetrum** — see *ngultrum* at **MONEY** table
che-val glass \shə-ˈval-ⁿ : a full-length mirror that may be tilted in a frame
che-va-lier \ˌshev-ə-ˈliər, shə-ˈval-, yāⁿ : a member of one of various orders of knighthood or of merit
chev-i-ot \ˌshev-ē-ətⁿ, *often cap* **1** : a twilled fabric with a rough nap **2** : a sturdy soft-finished cotton fabric
chev-ron \ˌshev-rənⁿ : a sleeve badge of one or more V-shaped or inverted V-shaped stripes worn to indicate rank or service (as in the armed forces)
¹**chew** \ˈchiū^{vb} : to crush or grind with the teeth — **chew-able** *adj* — **chew-er** *n*
²**chew** *n* **1** : an act of chewing **2** : something for chewing

chewy \ˈchü-ēⁿ *adj* : requiring chewing (~ candy)
Chey-en-ne \shī-ˈan-, ˈenⁿ, *pl* **Cheyenne** or **Cheyennes** [CanF, fr. Dakota *Shaiyena*, fr. *shaia* to speak unintelligibly] : a member of an American Indian people of the western plains of the U.S.; *also* : their language
chg *abbr* **1** change **2** charge
Chi-an-ti \kē-ˈánt-ē-, ˈant-ⁿ : a dry usu. red wine
chiao \ˈtyauⁿ, *n*, *pl* **chiao** : a monetary unit of the People's Republic of China equal to 1/10 yuan
chiar-oscu-ro \kē-, ār-ə-ˈsk(y)ūr-ōⁿ, *pl* **-ros** [It, fr. *chiaro* clear, light + *oscuro* obscure, dark] **1** : pictorial representation in terms of light and shade without regard to color **2** : the arrangement or treatment of light and dark parts in a pictorial work of art
¹**chic** \ˈshēkⁿ : **STYLISHNESS**
²**chic** *adj* : cleverly stylish : **SMART**; *also* : currently fashionable
chi-cane \shik-ˈānⁿ : **CHICANERY**
chi-ca-nery \-ˈān-(ə-)rēⁿ, *n*, *pl* **-ner-ies** : **TRICKERY**, **DECEPTION**
Chi-ca-no \chi-ˈkän-ōⁿ, *n*, *pl* **-nos** : an American of Mexican descent — **Chicano** *adj*
chi-chi \ˈshē-(ˌ)shē-, ˈchē-(ˌ)chēⁿ *adj* [F] **1** : **SHOWY**, **FRILLY** **2** : **ARTY**, **PRECIOUS** **3** : **CHIC** — **chichi** *n*
chick \ˈchikⁿ **1** : a young chicken; *also* : a young bird **2** : a young woman
chick-a-dee \ˈchik-ə-(ˌ)dēⁿ : any of several small grayish American birds with black or brown caps
Chick-a-saw \ˈchik-ə-, sōⁿ, *pl* **Chickasaw** or **Chickasaws** : a member of an American Indian people of Mississippi and Alabama
¹**chick-en** \ˈchik-ənⁿ **1** : a common domestic fowl esp. when young; *also* : its flesh used as food **2** : **COWARD**
²**chicken** *adj* **1** *slang* : **COWARDLY** **2** *slang* : insistent on petty esp. military discipline
chicken feed *n*, *slang* : an insignificant sum of money
chick-en-heart-ed \ˌchik-ən-ˈhärt-ədⁿ *adj* : **TIMID**, **COWARDLY**
chicken out *vb* : to lose one's courage
chicken pox *n* : an acute contagious virus disease esp. of children characterized by a low fever and vesicles
chick-pea \ˈchik-, pēⁿ : an Asian leguminous herb cultivated for its short pods with one or two edible seeds; *also* : its seed
chick-weed \ˈchik-, wēdⁿ : any of several low-growing small-leaved weeds related to the pinks
chi-cle \ˈchik-əlⁿ : a gum from the latex of a tropical evergreen tree used as the chief ingredient of chewing gum
chic-o-ry \ˈchik-(ə-)rēⁿ, *pl* **-ries** : a usu. blue-flowered herb related to the daisies and grown for its root and for use in salads; *also* : its dried ground root used for flavoring or adulterating coffee
chide \ˈchid^{vb} **chid** \ˈchid^{or} **chid-ed** \ˈchid-ədⁿ; **chid** *or* **chid-den** \ˈchid-ənⁿ *or* **chided**; **chid-ing** \ˈchid-ɪŋⁿ : to speak disapprovingly to **syn** reproach, reprove, reprimand, admonish, scold, rebuke
¹**chief** \ˈchēfⁿ *adj* **1** : highest in rank **2** : most eminent or important **syn** principal, main, leading, major — **chief-ly** *adv*
²**chief** **1** : the leader of a body or organization : **HEAD** **2** : the principal or most valuable part — **chief-dom** *n*
chief master sergeant *n* : a noncommissioned officer of the highest rank in the air force
chief of staff **1** : the ranking officer of a staff in the armed forces **2** : the ranking officer of the army or air force
chief of state : the formal head of a national state as distinguished from the head of the government

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
 \əˈout \əˈchin \əˈbet \əˈeasy \əˈgo \əˈhit \əˈice \əˈjob
 \əˈsing \əˈgo \əˈlaw \əˈboy \əˈthin \əˈthe \əˈloot
 \əˈfoot \əˈyet \əˈvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

chief petty officer *n* : an enlisted man in the navy ranking next below a senior chief petty officer
chief-tain \ˈchēf-tən\ *n* : a chief esp. of a band, tribe, or clan — **chief-tain-cy** \-sē\ *n* — **chief-tain-ship** *n*
chief warrant officer *n* : a warrant officer of senior rank
chif-fon \ˈshif-ˈfən, ˈshif-ˈfən\ *n* [F, lit., rag, fr. *chiffe* old rag] : a sheer fabric esp. of silk
chif-fo-nier \ˈshif-fo-ˈni-er\ *n* : a high narrow chest of drawers
chig-ger \ˈchig-ər\ *n* : a bloodsucking larval mite that irritates the skin
chi-gnon \ˈshēn-,yān\ *n* [F] : a knot of hair worn at the back of the head
Chi-hua-hua \chə-ˈwā-,wā\ *n* : a very small large-eared dog of a breed that originated in Mexico
chil-blain \ˈchil-,blān\ *n* : a sore or inflamed swelling (as on the feet or hands) caused by exposure to cold
child \ˈchild\ *n*, *pl* **child-ren** \ˈchil-drən\ **1** : an unborn or recently born person **2** : a young person between the periods of infancy and youth **3** : a male or female offspring : SON, DAUGHTER **4** : one strongly influenced by another or by a place or state of affairs — **child-ish** *adj* — **child-ish-ly** *adv* — **child-ish-ness** *n* — **child-less** *adj* — **child-less-ness** *n* — **child-like** *adj*
child-bear-ing \ˈchil-d-,bar-ɪŋ\ *n* : **CHILDBIRTH** — **childbearing** *adj*
child-birth \-,bərth\ *n* : the act or process of giving birth to offspring
child-hood \-,hüd\ *n* : the warrant or time of being a child
child-proof \-,pruf\ *adj* : made to prevent tampering by children
child's play *n* : a simple task or act
Chil-ean \ˈchil-ē-ən, chə-ˈlā-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Chile — **Chilean** *adj*
chili or **chile** or **chili-l** \ˈchil-ē\ *n*, *pl* **chil-ies** or **chil-es** or **chil-lies** **1** : a pungent pepper related to the tomato **2** : a thick sauce of meat and chilies **3** : **CHILI CON CARNE**
chili con car-ne \ˈchil-ē-,kän-ˈkär-nē, -kən-\ *n* [Sp *chile con carne* chili with meat] : a spiced stew of ground beef and chilies or chili powder usu. with beans
chili powder *n* : a seasoning made of ground hot peppers and other spices
chill \ˈchil\ *n* **1** : a feeling of coldness accompanied by shivering **2** : moderate coldness **3** : a check to enthusiasm or warmth of feeling
chill *adj* **1** : moderately cold **2** : COLD, RAW **3** : DISTANT, FORMAL (a ~ reception) **4** : DEPRESSING, DISPIRITING
chill *vb* **1** : to make or become cold or chilly **2** : to make cool esp. without freezing **3** : to harden the surface of (as metal) by sudden cooling — **chill-er** *n*
chilly \ˈchil-ē\ *adj* **chill-i-er**; -est **1** : noticeably cold **2** : unpleasantly affected by cold **3** : lacking warmth of feeling — **chill-i-ness** *n*
chime \ˈchim\ *n* **1** : a set of bells musically tuned **2** : the sound of a set of bells — usu. used in pl. **3** : a musical sound suggesting bells
chime *vb* **chimed**; **chim-ing** **1** : to make bell-like sounds **2** : to indicate (as the time of day) by chiming **3** : to be or act in accord : be in harmony
chime *in vb* : to break into or join in a conversation
chi-me-ra or **chi-mae-ra** \ki-ˈmir-ə, kə-ˈn\ *n* [L *chimaera*, fr. Gk *chimaira* she-goat, chimera] **1** : an imaginary monster made up of incongruous parts **2** : a frightful or foolish fancy
chi-me-ri-cal \-ˈmer-i-kəl\ *also* **chi-me-ric** \-ik\ *adj* **1** : FANTASTIC, IMAGINARY **2** : inclined to fantastic schemes
chim-ney \ˈchim-nē\ *n*, *pl* **chimneys** **1** : a vertical structure extending above the roof of a building for carrying off smoke **2** : a glass tube around a lamp flame
chimp \ˈchimp, ˈshimp\ *n* : **CHIMPANZEE**
chim-pan-zee \ˈchim-,pan-ˈzē, ˈshim-, ˈpən-; chim-ˈpan-zē, shim-ˈ-ən\ *n* : an African manlike ape
chin \ˈchin\ *n* : the part of the face below the lower lip

including the prominence of the lower jaw — **chin-less** *adj*

chin *vb* **chinned**; **chin-ning** : to raise (oneself) while hanging by the hands until the chin is level with the support
chi-na \ˈchi-nə\ *n* : porcelain ware; *also* : domestic pottery in general

Chi-na-town \-,taʊn\ *n* : the Chinese quarter of a city
chinch bug \ˈchinch-\ *n* : a small black and white bug destructive to cereal grasses

chin-chil-la \ˈchin-ˈchil-ə\ *n* **1** : a small So. American rodent with soft pearl-gray fur; *also* : its fur **2** : a heavy long-napped woolen cloth

chine \ˈchīn\ *n* **1** : BACKBONE, SPINE; *also* : a cut of meat including the backbone or part of it **2** : RIDGE, CREST

Chi-nese \ˈchi-nēz-, ˈnēs\ *n*, *pl* **Chi-nese** **1** : a native or inhabitant of China **2** : any of a group of related languages of China — **Chinese** *adj*

Chinese cabbage *n* **1** : **BOC CHOY** **2** : a Chinese vegetable related to the cabbage that forms tight elongate cylindrical heads of pale green to cream-colored leaves

Chinese checkers *n* : a game in which each player in turn transfers a set of marbles from a home point to the opposite point of a pitted 6-pointed star

Chinese gooseberry *n* : a subtropical vine that bears kiwifruit; *also* : **KIWIFRUIT**

Chinese lantern *n* : a collapsible translucent cover for a light

chink \ˈchɪŋk\ *n* : a small crack or fissure

chink *vb* : to fill the chinks of : stop up

chink *n* : a slight sharp metallic sound

chink *vb* : to make a slight sharp metallic sound

chi-no \ˈchē-nō\ *n*, *pl* **chinos** **1** : a usu. khaki cotton twill **2** *pl* : an article of clothing made of chino

Chi-nook \shə-ˈnük, chə-, ˈnük\ *n*, *pl* **Chinook** or **Chinooks** : a member of an American Indian people of Oregon

chintz \ˈchɪnts\ *n* : a usu. glazed printed cotton cloth
chintzy \ˈchɪnt-sē\ *adj* **chintz-i-er**; -est **1** : decorated with or as if with chintz **2** : GAUDY, CHEAP

chin-up \ˈchin-,əp\ *n* : the act of chinning oneself

chip \ˈchip\ *n* **1** : a small usu. thin and flat piece (as of wood) cut or broken off **2** : a thin crisp morsel of food **3** : a counter used in games (as poker) **4** *pl*, *slang* : MONEY **5** : a flaw left after a chip is removed **6** : a very small slice of silicon containing electronic circuits

chip *vb* **chipped**; **chip-ping** **1** : to cut or break chips from **2** : to break off in small pieces at the edges **3** : to play a chip shot

chip *in vb* : **CONTRIBUTE**

chip-munk \ˈchip-,mʌŋk\ *n* : any of various ground-dwelling squirrels found in No. America into Mexico and in Asia

chipped beef \ˈchip(t)-\ *n* : smoked dried beef sliced thin

chip-per \ˈchip-ər\ *n* : one that chips

chipper *adj* : LIVELY, CHEERFUL

chip-pe-wa \ˈchip-ə-,wə, ˈwā-, ˈwā-, -wə\ *n*, *pl* **Chippewa** or **Chippewas** : **OJIBWA**

chip shot *n* : a short usu. low shot to the green in golf
chi-rog-ra-phy \ki-ˈræg-rə-fē\ *n* : HANDWRITING, PENMANSHIP — **chi-ro-graph-ic** \ki-rə-ˈgraf-ik\ *adj*

chi-rop-o-dy \kə-ˈrāp-əd-ē, shə-\ *n* : **PODIATRY** — **chi-rop-o-dist** \-əd-əst\ *n*

chi-ro-prac-tic \ki-rə-,prak-tik\ *n* : a system of therapy based esp. on manipulation of body structures — **chi-ro-prac-tor** \-tər\ *n*

chirp \ˈchɜrp\ *n* : a short sharp sound characteristic of a small bird or cricket — **chirp** *vb*

chis-el \ˈchɪz-əl\ *n* : a metal tool with a cutting edge at the end of a blade used in chipping away and shaping wood, stone, or metal

chisel *vb* -eled or -elled; -el-ing or -el-ling \ˈchɪz-(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to work with or as if with a chisel **2** : to obtain by

shrewd often unfair methods; *also* : CHEAT — **chis-el-er** \(-ə-)lēr\ *n*

chit ¹\chit\ *n* [ME *chitte* kitten, cub] **1** : CHILD **2** : a pert young woman

chit *n* [Hindi *ciṭṭhi* letter, note] : a signed voucher for a small debt

chit-chat \chit-, chat\ *n* : casual or trifling conversation

chi-tin \kit-ən\ *n* : a sugar polymer that forms part of the hard outer integument esp. of insects — **chi-tin-ous** *adj*

chit-ter-lings or **chit-lins** \chit-lən\ *n pl* : the intestines of hogs esp. prepared as food

chi-val-ric \shə-ˈval-rik\ *adj* : relating to chivalry : CHIVALROUS

chiv-al-rous \shiv-əl-rəs\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to chivalry **2** : marked by honor, courtesy, and generosity **3** : marked by especial courtesy to women — **chiv-al-rous-ly** *adv* — **chiv-al-rous-ness** *n*

chiv-al-ry \shiv-əl-rē\ *n, pl -ries* **1** : a body of knights **2** : the system or practices of knighthood **3** : the spirit or character of the ideal knight

chive \chiv\ *n* : an herb related to the onion that has leaves used for flavoring

chloral hydrate \klōr-əl-ə\ *n* : a white crystalline compound used as a hypnotic and sedative

chlor-dane \klōr-, dan\ *also* **chlor-dan** \-, dan\ *n* : a viscous liquid insecticide

chloride \klōr-, id\ *n* : a compound of chlorine with another element or group

chlori-nate \klōr-ə-, nāt\ *vb -nat-ed; -nat-ing* : to treat or cause to combine with chlorine or a chlorine-containing compound — **chlori-na-tion** \klōr-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n* — **chlori-na-tor** \klōr-ə-, nāt-ər\ *n*

chlorine \klōr-, ēn\ *n* : a nonmetallic chemical element that is found alone as a heavy strong-smelling greenish yellow irritating gas and is used as a bleach, oxidizing agent, and disinfectant — see ELEMENT table

chlorite \klōr-, it\ *n* : a usu. green mineral found with and resembling mica

chloro-flu-o-ro-car-bon \klōr-ə-ˈflōr-ə-, kār-bən-, ˈflūr-ə\ *n* : a gaseous compound that contains carbon, chlorine, fluorine, and sometimes hydrogen and is used esp. as a solvent, a refrigerant, and an aerosol propellant

chloro-form \klōr-ə-, fōrm\ *n* : a colorless heavy fluid with etherlike odor used as a solvent and anesthetic

chloroform *vb* : to treat with chloroform to produce anesthesia or death

chloro-phyll \-, fil\ *n* : the green coloring matter of plants that functions in photosynthesis

chm *abbr* chairman

chock \chäk\ *n* : a wedge for steadying something or for blocking the movement of a wheel — **chock** *vb*

chock-a-block \chäk-ə-, bläk\ *adj* : very full : CROWDED

chock-full \chäk-ˈfül, ˈchäk-ə\ *adj* : full to the limit : CRAMMED

choc-o-late \chäk-(ə-)lät, ˈchök-ə\ *n* [Sp, fr. Nahuatl (an Indian language of southern Mexico) *xocolatl*] **1** : a food prepared from ground roasted cacao beans; *also* : a drink prepared from this **2** : a candy made of or with a coating of chocolate **3** : a dark brown color

Choc-taw \chäk-, tō\ *n, pl Choctaw or Choctaws* : a member of an American Indian people of Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana; *also* : their language

choice \chöis\ *n* **1** : the act of choosing : SELECTION **2** : the power or opportunity of choosing : OPTION **3** : the best part **4** : a person or thing selected **5** : a variety offered for selection

choice *adj* **choice-er; choice-est** **1** : worthy of being chosen **2** : selected with care **3** : of high quality

choir \kwī-(ə)r\ *n* **1** : an organized company of singers esp. in a church **2** : the part of a church occupied by the singers

choir-boy \kwī-(ə)r-, bōi\ *n* : a boy member of a church choir

choir-master \-, mas-tər\ *n* : the director of a choir (as in a church)

choke \chök\ *vb* **choked; chok-ing** **1** : to hinder breathing (as by obstructing the windpipe) : STRANGLE **2** : to check the growth or action of **3** : CLOG, OBSTRUCT **4** : to decrease or shut off the air intake of the carburetor of a gasoline engine to make the fuel mixture richer **5** : to perform badly in a critical situation

choke *n* **1** : the act of choking **2** : a narrowing in size toward the muzzle in the bore of a gun **3** : a valve for choking a gasoline engine

choker \chō-kər\ *n* : something (as a necklace) worn tightly around the neck

cho-ler \käl-ər, ˈkō-lər\ *n* : a tendency toward anger : IRASCIBILITY

chol-era \käl-ə-rə\ *n* : a disease marked by severe vomiting and dysentery; *esp* : an often fatal epidemic disease (Asiatic cholera) chiefly of southeastern Asia caused by a bacillus

cho-ler-ic \käl-ə-rik, kə-ˈlēr-ik\ *adj* **1** : IRASCIBLE **2** : ANGRY, IRATE

cho-les-ter-ol \kə-ˈles-tər-, rōl\ *n* : a physiologically important waxy substance found in animal tissues and implicated experimentally in arteriosclerosis

chomp \chämp, ˈchömp\ *vb* : to chew or bite on something heavily

choose \chüz\ *vb* **chose** \chöz\; **cho-sen** \ˈchöz-ən\; **choosing** \chü-zīŋ\ **1** : to select esp. after consideration **2** : DECIDE **3** : to think proper : see fit : PLEASE — **choo-ser** *n*

choosy or **choos-er** \chü-zē\ *adj* **choos-i-er; -est** : very particular in making choices

chop \chäp\ *vb* **chopped; chop-ping** **1** : to cut by repeated blows **2** : to cut into small pieces : MINCE **3** : to strike (a ball) with a short quick downward stroke

chop *n* **1** : a sharp downward blow or stroke **2** : a small cut of meat often including part of a rib **3** : a short abrupt motion (as of a wave)

chop *n* **1** : an official seal or stamp **2** : a mark on goods to indicate quality or kind; *also* : QUALITY, GRADE

chop-house \chäp-, haüs\ *n* : RESTAURANT

chop-per \chäp-ər\ *n* **1** : one that chops **2** : HELICOPTER

chop-pi-ness \chäp-ē-nəs\ *n* : the quality or state of being choppy

chop-py \chäp-ē\ *adj* **chop-pi-er; -est** : CHANGEABLE, VARIABLE (a ~ wind)

choppy *adj* **chop-pi-er; -est** **1** : rough with small waves **2** : JERKY, DISCONNECTED — **chop-pi-ly** \chäp-ə-lē\ *adv*

chops \chäps\ *n pl* : the fleshy covering of the jaws

chop-stick \chäp-, stik\ *n* : one of a pair of sticks used chiefly in oriental countries for lifting food to the mouth

chop suey \chäp-ˈsü-ē\ *n, pl chop sueys* : a dish made typically of bean sprouts, bamboo shoots, celery, onions, mushrooms, and meat or fish and served with rice

cho-ral \kōr-əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or sung by a choir or chorus or in chorus — **cho-ral-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

cho-rale \kə-ˈral, ˈräl\ *n* **1** : a hymn or psalm sung in church; *also* : a hymn tune or a harmonization of a traditional melody **2** : CHORUS, CHOIR

chord \kōrd\ *n* [alter. of ME *cord*, short for *accord*] : three or more musical tones sounded simultaneously

chord *n* **1** : CORD, STRING; *esp* : a cordlike anatomical structure **2** : a straight line joining two points on a curve

chore \chōr\ *n pl* : the daily light work of a household or farm **2** : a routine task or job **3** : a difficult or disagreeable task

cho-rea \kə-ˈrē-ə\ *n* : a nervous disorder marked by spasmodic uncontrolled movements

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ä\cot, cart
 \au\out \ch\chain \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŏ\go \ö\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

cho-re-og-ra-phy \kôr-ê-'äg-rä-fē\ *n*, *pl* -phies : the art of dancing or of arranging dances and esp. ballets — **cho-re-graph** \kôr-ê-ä-,gräf\ *vb* — **cho-re-og-ra-pher** \kôr-ê-'äg-rä-fär\ *n* — **cho-reo-graph-ic** \kôr-ê-ä-'graf-ik\ *adj* — **cho-reo-graph-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

cho-ris-ter \kôr-ä-stär\ *n* : a singer in a choir
chor-tle \chört-əl\ *vb* **chor-tled**; **chor-ting** \chört-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to laugh or chuckle esp. in satisfaction or exultation — **chortle** *n*

chorus \kôr-əs\ *n* 1 : an organized company of singers : CHOIR 2 : a group of dancers and usu. singers (as in a musical comedy) 3 : a part of a song repeated at intervals 4 : a composition to be sung by a chorus; *also* : group singing 5 : sounds uttered by a number of persons or animals together

chorus *vb* : to sing or utter in chorus

chose *past of* CHOOSE

cho-sen \chöz-ən\ *adj* : selected or marked for special favor or privilege

chow \chaü\ *n* : FOOD

chow *n* : CHOW CHOW

chow-chow \chaü-,chaü\ *n* : chopped mixed pickles in mustard sauce

chow chow \chaü-,chaü\ *n* : any of a breed of thick-coated straight-legged muscular dogs with a blue-black tongue and a short tail curled close to the back

chow-der \chaüd-ər\ *n* : a soup or stew made from seafood or vegetables and containing milk or tomatoes

chow mein \chaü-'män\ *n* : a seasoned stew of shredded or diced meat, mushrooms, and vegetables that is usu. served with fried noodles

chrism \križ-əm\ *n* : consecrated oil used esp. in baptism and confirmation

Christ \krist\ *n* [L. *Christus*, fr. Gk. *Christos*, lit., anointed, trans. of Heb. *māshiah*] : Jesus esp. as the Messiah — **Christ-like** *adj* — **Christ-ly** *adj*

christ-en \kris-ən\ *vb* **christ-ened**; **christ-en-ing** \kris-(ə-)nɪŋ\ 1 : BAPTIZE 2 : to name at baptism 3 : to name or dedicate (as a ship) by a ceremony suggestive of baptism — **christ-en-ing** *n*

Chris-ten-dom \kris-'n-dəm\ *n* 1 : the entire body of Christians 2 : the part of the world in which Christianity prevails

Chris-tian \kris-chen\ *n* : an adherent of Christianity

Christian *adj* 1 : of or relating to Christianity 2 : based on or conforming with Christianity 3 : of or relating to a Christian 4 : professing Christianity

chris-ti-an-ia \kris-chē-'an-ē-ä-, 'kris-tē-\ *n* : CHRISTIE

Chris-ti-an-ity \kris-chē-'an-ət-ē-\ *n* : the religion derived from Jesus Christ, based on the Bible as sacred scripture, and professed by Christians

Chris-tian-ize \kris-chə-,nīz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to make Christian

Christian name *n* : GIVEN NAME

Christian Science *n* : a religion and system of healing founded by Mary Baker Eddy and taught by the Church of Christ, Scientist — **Christian Scientist** *n*

chris-tie or **chris-ty** \kris-tē-\ *n*, *pl* christies : a skiing turn made by shifting body weight forward and skidding into a turn with parallel skis

Christ-mas \kris-mäs\ *n* : December 25 celebrated as a church festival in commemoration of the birth of Christ and observed as a legal holiday

Christmas club *n* : a savings account in which regular deposits are made to provide money for Christmas shopping

Christ-mas-tide \kris-mə-,stīd\ *n* : the season of Christmas

chro-mat-ic \krō-'mat-ik\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to color 2 : proceeding by half steps of the musical scale — **chro-mat-i-cism** \-'mat-ə-,siz-əm\ *n*

chro-mato-graph \krō-'mat-ə-,gräf\ *n* : an instrument used in chromatography

chro-ma-tog-ra-phy \krō-mə-'täg-rä-fē\ *n* : the separation of a complex mixture into its component compounds as a result of the different rates at which the compounds travel through or over a stationary substance due to differing affinities for the substance — **chro-mato-graph-ic** \krō-,mat-ə-'graf-ik\ *adj* — **chro-mato-graph-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

chrome \kröm\ *n* 1 : CHROMIUM 2 : a chromium pigment 3 : something plated with an alloy of chromium

chro-mi-um \krō-mē-əm\ *n* : a bluish white metallic element used esp. in alloys and chrome plating — see ELEMENT table

chro-mo-some \krō-mə-,sōm-, -zōm\ *n* : one of the usu. elongated bodies in a cell nucleus that contains most or all of the DNA or RNA comprising the genes — **chro-mo-som-al** \krō-mə-'sō-məl-, -zō-\ *adj*

chro-mo-sphere \krō-mə-,sfēr\ *n* : the lower atmosphere of a star (as the sun)

chron *abbr* 1 chronicle 2 chronological; chronology

Chron *abbr* Chronicles

chron-ic \krän-ik\ *adj* : marked by long duration or frequent recurrence (a ~ disease); *also* : HABITUAL (a ~ grumbler) — **chron-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

chron-i-cle \krän-i-kəl\ *n* : HISTORY, NARRATIVE

chronicle *vb* -cled; -cling \-k(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to record in or as if in a chronicle — **chron-i-cle** \-k(ə-)lər\ *n*

Chronicles *n* — see BIBLE table

chro-no-graph \krän-ə-,gräf\ *n* : an instrument for measuring and recording time intervals with accuracy — **chro-no-graph-ic** \krän-ə-'graf-ik\ *adj* — **chro-nog-ra-phy** \krä-'nä-g-rä-fē\ *n*

chro-nol-o-gy \krə-'näl-ə-jē\ *n*, *pl* -gies 1 : the science that deals with measuring time and dating events 2 : a chronological list or table 3 : arrangement of events in the order of their occurrence — **chron-o-log-i-cal** \krän-'l-ä-j-i-kəl\ *adj* — **chron-o-log-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv* — **chro-nol-o-gist** \krə-'näl-ə-jöst\ *n*

chro-nom-e-ter \krə-'näm-ət-ər\ *n* : a very accurate time-piece

chrys-a-lid \kris-ə-ləd\ *n* : CHRYSALIS

chrys-a-lis \kris-ə-ləs\ *n*, *pl* **chry-sal-i-des** \kris-'al-ə-,dēz\ or **chrys-a-lis-es** : an insect pupa in a firm case without a cocoon

chry-san-the-mum \kris-'an-thə-məm\ *n* [L., fr. Gk. *chrysanthemon*, fr. *chryso* gold + *anthemon* flower] : any of a genus of plants related to the daisies including some grown for their showy flowers or for medicinal products or insecticides; *also* : a flower of a chrysanthemum

chrys-o-lite \kris-ə-,lit\ *n* : OLIVINE

chub \chəb\ *n*, *pl* **chub** or **chubs** : any of various small freshwater fishes related to the carp

chub-by \chəb-ē\ *adj* **chub-bi-er**; -est : PLUMP — **chub-bi-ness** *n*

chuck \chək\ *vb* 1 : to give a pat or tap 2 : to toss or throw with a short motion of the arms 3 : DISCARD; *also* : EJECT 4 : to have done with

chuck *n* 1 : a light pat under the chin 2 : TOSS

chuck *n* 1 : a cut of beef including most of the neck and the parts around the shoulder blade and the first three ribs 2 : a device for holding work or a tool in a machine (as a lathe)

chuck-hole \chək-,höl\ *n* : POTHOLE

chuck-le \chək-əl\ *vb* **chuck-led**; **chuck-ling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to laugh in a quiet hardly audible manner — **chuckle** *n*

chuck wagon *n* : a wagon equipped with a stove and food supplies

chug \chəg\ *n* : a dull explosive sound made by or as if by a laboring engine

chug *vb* **chugged**; **chug-ging** : to move or go with chugs

chuk-ka \chək-ə\ *n* : a short usu. ankle-length leather boot with two pairs of eyelets

chuk-ker or **chuk-kar** \chək-ər\ or **chuk-ka** \-ə\ *n* : a playing period of a polo game

1chum \ˈtʃəm\ *n* : an intimate friend
2chum *vb* **chummed**; **chum-ming** **1** : to room together **2** : to be a close friend
chum-my \ˈtʃəm-ē\ *adj* **chum-mi-er**; -**est** : INTIMATE, SOCIABLE — **chum-mi-ly** \ˈtʃəm-ə-lē\ *adv* — **chum-mi-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*
chump \ˈtʃəmp\ *n* : FOOL, BLOCKHEAD
chunk \ˈtʃəŋk\ *n* **1** : a short thick piece **2** : a sizable amount
chunky \ˈtʃəŋ-kē\ *adj* **chunk-i-er**; -**est** **1** : STOCKY **2** : containing chunks
church \ˈtʃərch\ *n* [OE *cirice*, fr. LGk *kyriakon*, short for *kyriakon dōma*, lit., the Lord's house, fr. Gk *Kyrios* Lord + *dōma* house] **1** : a building esp. for Christian public worship **2** : the whole body of Christians **3** : DENOMINATION **4** : CONGREGATION **5** : public divine worship
church-go-er \ˈtʃərch-ˌgō(-ə)r\ *n* : one who habitually attends church — **church-go-ing** \-ˌgō-ɪŋ\ *adj* or *n*
church-less \ˈtʃərch-ləs\ *adj* : not affiliated with a church
church-man \ˈtʃərch-mən\ *n* **1** : CLERGYMAN **2** : a member of a church
church-war-den \ˈtʃərch-ˌwɔrd-n\ *n* : WARDEN **5**
church-yard \ˌˌjɑrd\ *n* : a yard that belongs to a church and is often used as a burial ground
churl \ˈtʃɜrl\ *n* **1** : a medieval peasant **2** : RUSTIC **3** : a rude ill-bred person — **churl-ish** *adj* — **churl-ish-ly** *adv* — **churl-ish-ness** *n*
1churn \ˈtʃɜrn\ *n* : a container in which milk or cream is violently stirred in making butter
2churn *vb* **1** : to stir in a churn; *also* : to make (butter) by such stirring **2** : to shake around violently
churn out *vb* : to produce mechanically and in large quantity
chute \ˈʃʊt\ *n* **1** : an inclined surface, trough, or passage down or through which something may pass (a coal ~) (a mail ~) **2** : PARACHUTE
chut-ney \ˈtʃət-nē\ *n*, *pl* **chutneys** : a condiment of acid fruits with raisins, dats, and onions
chut-z-pah \ˈhʊt-spə, ˈkʊt-, -(ˌ)spə\ *n* : supreme self-confidence
CIA *abbr* Central Intelligence Agency
cía *abbr* [Sp *compañía*] company
ciao \ˈtʃaʊ\ *interj* [It, fr. It dial., alter. of *schiaivo* (I am your) slave, fr. ML *sclavus*] — used to express greeting or farewell
ci-ca-da \sə-ˈkād-ə\ *n* : any of a family of stout-bodied insects related to the aphids and having wide blunt heads and large transparent wings
ci-ca-trix \ˈsik-ə-ˌtriːks\ *n*, *pl* **ci-ca-tri-ces** \ˈsik-ə-ˌtriːsɛz\ [L] : a scar resulting from formation and contraction of fibrous tissue in a flesh wound
ci-ce-ro-ne \ˈsɪs-ə-ˈrō-nē, ˌtʃē-ˈchə-n\ *n*, *pl* **-ni** \-(ˌ)nē\ : a guide who conducts sightseers
CID *abbr* Criminal Investigation Department
ci-der \ˈsid-ər\ *n* : juice pressed from fruit (as apples) and used as a beverage, vinegar, or flavoring
cie *abbr* [F *compagnie*] company
ci-gar \ˈsig-ˈār\ *n* : a roll of tobacco for smoking
ci-ga-rette \ˈsig-ə-ˈret, ˈsig-ə-ˌret\ *n* [F, dim. of *cigare* cigar] : a slender roll of cut tobacco enclosed in paper for smoking
ci-ga-ril-lo \ˈsig-ə-ˈril-ō, ˈrē-ō\ *n*, *pl* **-los** [Sp] **1** : a very small cigar **2** : a cigarette wrapped in tobacco rather than paper
ci-lan-tro \si-ˈlän-trō, ˈlän-ˌ\ *n* : leaves of coriander used as a flavoring or garnish
ci-li-ate \ˈsil-ē-, ät\ *n* : any of a group of protozoans characterized by cilia
ci-li-um \ˈsil-ē-əm\ *n*, *pl* **-ia** \-ē-ə\ **1** : a minute short hair-like process; *esp* : one of a cell **2** : EYELASH
C in C *abbr* commander in chief

cinch \ˈsɪnʃ\ *n* **1** : a girth for holding a saddle or a pack in place **2** : a sure or an easy thing — **cinch** *vb*
cin-cho-na \sɪŋ-ˈkō-nə\ *n* : any of a genus of So. American trees; *also* : the bitter quinine-containing bark of a cinchona
cin-c-ture \ˈsɪŋk-ˌtʃər\ *n* : BELT, GIRDLE
cin-der \ˈsɪn-dər\ *n* **1** : SLAG **2** *pl* : ASHES **3** : a hot piece of partly burned wood or coal **4** : a fragment of lava from an erupting volcano — **cinder** *vb* — **cin-dery** *adj*
cinder block *n* : a building block made of cement and coal cinders
cin-e-ma \ˈsɪn-ə-mə\ *n* **1** : a motion-picture theater **2** : MOVIES — **cin-e-mat-ic** \ˌsɪn-ə-ˈmat-ik\ *adj*
cin-e-ma-theque \ˌsɪn-ə-mə-ˈtek\ *n* : a small movie house specializing in avant-garde films
cin-e-ma-tog-ra-phy \ˌsɪn-ə-mə-ˈtäg-rə-fē\ *n* : motion-picture photography — **cin-e-ma-tog-ra-pher** \-fər\ *n* — **cin-e-mat-o-graph-ic** \-ˌmat-ə-ˈgräf-ik\ *adj*
cin-er-ar-i-um \ˌsɪn-ə-ˈrer-ē-əm\ *n*, *pl* **-ia** \-ē-ə\ : a place to receive the ashes of the cremated dead — **cin-er-ary** \ˈsɪn-ə-ˌrer-ē\ *adj*
cin-na-bar \ˈsɪn-ə-, bär\ *n* : a red mineral that is the only important ore of mercury
cin-na-mon \ˈsɪn-ə-mən\ *n* : a spice consisting of the highly aromatic bark of any of several trees related to the true laurel; *also* : a tree that yields cinnamon
cinque-foil \ˈsɪŋk-ˌfɔɪl, ˈsɪŋk-ˌ\ *n* : any of a genus of plants related to the roses with leaves having five lobes
1ci-pher \ˈsi-fər\ *n* [ME, fr. MF *cifre*, fr. ML *cifra*, fr. Ar *ṣifr* empty, zero] **1** : ZERO, NAUGHT **2** : a method of secret writing
2cipher *vb* **ci-phered**; **ci-pher-ing** \-f(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to compute arithmetically
cir or **circ** *abbr* circular
cir-ca \ˈsər-kə\ *prep* : ABOUT (<~ 1600)
cir-ca-di-an \ˌsər-ˈkād-ē-ən, ˌsər-kə-ˈdī-ən\ *adj* : being, having, characterized by, or occurring in approximately 24-hour intervals (as of biological activity)
1cir-cle \ˈsər-kəl\ *n* **1** : a closed curve every point of which is equally distant from a fixed point within it **2** : something in the form of a circle **3** : an area of action or influence **4** : CYCLE **5** : a group bound by a common tie
2circle *vb* **cir-cled**; **cir-cling** \-k(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to enclose in a circle **2** : to move or revolve around; *also* : to move in a circle
cir-clet \ˈsər-klet\ *n* : a small circle; *esp* : a circular ornament
cir-cuit \ˈsər-kət\ *n* **1** : a boundary around an enclosed space **2** : a moving or revolving around (as in an orbit) **3** : a regular tour (as by a judge) around an assigned territory **4** : the complete path of an electric current **5** : LEAGUE; *also* : a chain of theaters — **cir-cuit-al** \-kət-əl\ *adj*
circuit breaker *n* : a switch that automatically interrupts an electric circuit under an abnormal condition
circuit court *n* : a court that sits at two or more places within one judicial district
cir-cu-itous \ˌsər-ˈkyüt-əs\ *adj* **1** : not being forthright or direct in language or action **2** : having a circular or winding course
cir-cuit-ry \ˈsər-kə-trē\ *n*, *pl* **-ries** : the plan or the components of an electric circuit
cir-cu-ity \ˌsər-ˈkyüt-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ities** : INDIRECTION
1cir-cu-lar \ˈsər-kyə-lər\ *adj* **1** : having the form of a circle : ROUND **2** : moving in or around a circle **3** : CIRCUITOUS **4** : sent around to a number of persons (a ~ letter) — **cir-cu-lar-i-ty** \ˈsər-kyə-ˈlar-ət-ē\ *n*

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \əˈfurther \əˈash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
 \əˈout \əˈchin \əˈbet \əˈeasy \əˈgo \əˈhit \əˈice \əˈjob
 \əˈsing \əˈgo \əˈlaw \əˈboy \əˈthin \əˈthe \əˈloot
 \əˈfoot \əˈyet \əˈvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

2circular *n* : a paper (as an advertising leaflet) intended for wide distribution

cir-cu-lar-ize \sər-kyə-lə-,rīz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing **1** : to send circulars to **2** : to poll by questionnaire

circular saw *n* : a power saw with a round cutting blade

cir-cu-late \sər-kyə-,lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing **1** : to move or cause to move in a circle, circuit, or orbit **2** : to pass from place to place or from person to person — **cir-cu-la-tion** \sər-kyə-'lā-shən\ *n*

cir-cu-la-to-ry \sər-kyə-lə-,tōr-ē\ *adj* : of or relating to circulation or the circulatory system

circulatory system *n* : the system of blood, blood vessels, lymphatic vessels, and heart concerned with the circulation of the blood and lymph

cir-cum-am-bu-late \sər-kəm-'am-byə-,lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing **1** : to circle on foot esp. ritually

cir-cum-cise \sər-kəm-,sīz\ *vb* -cised; -cis-ing **1** : to cut off the foreskin of — **cir-cum-ci-sion** \sər-kəm-'sīzh-ən\ *n*

cir-cum-fer-ence \sər-'kəm-f(ə-)rəns\ *n* **1** : the perimeter of a circle **2** : the external boundary or surface of a figure or object

cir-cum-flex \sər-kəm-,fleks\ *n* : the mark ^ over a vowel

cir-cum-lo-cu-tion \sər-kəm-lō-'kyū-shən\ *n* : the use of unnecessary words in expressing an idea

cir-cum-lu-nar \-'lū-nər\ *adj* : revolving about or surrounding the moon

cir-cum-nav-i-gate \-'nav-ə-,gāt\ *vb* : to go completely around esp. by water — **cir-cum-nav-i-ga-tion** \-,nav-ə-'gā-shən\ *n*

cir-cum-po-lar \-'pō-lər\ *adj* **1** : continually visible above the horizon (a ~ star) **2** : surrounding or found near a terrestrial pole

cir-cum-scribe \sər-kəm-,skrib\ *vb* **1** : to limit narrowly the range or activity of **2** : to draw a line around — **cir-cum-scrip-tion** \sər-kəm-'skrip-shən\ *n*

cir-cum-spect \sər-kəm-,spekt\ *adj* : careful to consider all circumstances and consequences : PRUDENT — **cir-cum-spec-tion** \sər-kəm-'spek-shən\ *n*

cir-cum-stance \sər-kəm-,stans\ *n* **1** : a fact or event that must be considered along with another fact or event **2** : surrounding conditions **3 pl** : situation with regard to wealth **4** : CEREMONY **5** : CHANCE, FATE

cir-cum-stan-tial \sər-kəm-'stan-chəl\ *adj* **1** : consisting of or depending on circumstances **2** : INCIDENTAL **3** : containing full details — **cir-cum-stan-tial-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

cir-cum-vent \sər-kəm-'vent\ *vb* : to check or defeat esp. by stratagem

cir-cus \sər-kəs\ *n* **1** : a usu. traveling show that features feats of physical skill and daring, wild animal acts, and performances by clowns **2** : a circus performance; *also* : the equipment, livestock, and personnel of a circus

cirque \sərk\ *n* : a deep steep-walled mountain basin shaped like half a bowl

cir-rho-sis \sə-'rō-səs\ *n*, *pl* -rho-ses \-,sēz\ [NL, fr. Gk *kirrhos* orange-colored] : fibrosis esp. of the liver — **cir-rhot-ic** \-'rāt-ik\ *adj* or *n*

cir-rus \sir-əs\ *n*, *pl* cir-rī \sir-,rī\ : a wispy white cloud usu. of minute ice crystals at high altitudes

cis-lu-nar \(')sis-'lū-nər\ *adj* : lying between the earth and the moon or the moon's orbit

cis-tern \sis-tərn\ *n* : an often underground tank for storing water

cit *abbr* **1** citation; cited **2** citizen

cit-a-del \sit-ə-'dē-, -ə-'dēl\ *n* **1** : a fortress commanding a city **2** : STRONGHOLD

ci-ta-tion \si-'tā-shən\ *n* **1** : an official summons to appear (as before a court) **2** : QUOTATION **3** : a formal statement of the achievements of a person; *also* : a specific reference in a military dispatch to meritorious performance of duty

cite \si\ *vb* **cit-ed**; **cit-ing** **1** : to summon to appear before a court **2** : QUOTE **3** : to refer to esp. in commendation or praise

citi-fied \sit-i-,fid\ *adj* : of, relating to, or characterized by an urban style of living

cit-i-zen \sit-ə-'zēn\ *n* **1** : an inhabitant of a city or town **2** : a person who owes allegiance to a government and is entitled to government protection — **cit-i-zen-ship** *n*

cit-i-zen-ry \-rē\ *n*, *pl* -ries : a whole body of citizens

citizens band *n* : a range of radio frequencies set aside for private radio communications

cit-ric acid \sit-rik-ə\ *n* : a sour organic acid obtained from lemon and lime juices or by fermentation of sugars and used as a flavoring

cit-ron \sit-rən\ *n* **1** : the oval lemonlike fruit of an Asian citrus tree **2** : a small hard-fleshed watermelon used esp. in pickles and preserves

cit-ro-nel-la \sit-rə-'nel-ə\ *n* : an oil obtained from a grass of southern Asia and used in perfumes and as an insect repellent

cit-rus \sit-rəs\ *n*, *pl* citrus or cit-rus-es : any of a genus of often thorny evergreen trees or shrubs grown in warm regions for their fruits (as the orange, lemon, lime, and grapefruit)

city \sit-ē\ *n*, *pl* cit-ies [ME *citie* large or small town, fr. OF *citē* capital city, fr. ML *civitas*, fr. L, citizenship, state, city of Rome, fr. *civis* citizen] **1** : an inhabited place larger or more important than a town **2** : a municipality in the U.S. governed under a charter granted by the state; *also* : an incorporated municipal unit of the highest class in Canada

city manager *n* : an official employed by an elected council to direct the administration of a city government

city-state \sit-ē-'stāt-, -stāt\ *n* : an autonomous state consisting of a city and surrounding territory

civ *abbr* civil; civilian

civ-et \siv-ət\ *n* : a yellowish strong-smelling substance obtained from a catlike mammal (*civet* cat) of Africa or Asia and used in making perfumes

civic \siv-ik\ *adj* : of or relating to a city, citizenship, or civil affairs

civ-ics \-iks\ *n* : a social science dealing with the rights and duties of citizens

civil \siv-əl\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to citizens or to the state as a political body **2** : COURTEOUS, POLITE **3** : of or relating to legal proceedings in connection with private rights and obligations (the ~ code) **4** : of or relating to the general population : not military or ecclesiastical

civil defense *n* : the protective measures and emergency relief activities conducted by civilians in case of hostile attack, sabotage, or natural disaster

civil disobedience *n* : refusal to obey governmental commands esp. as a nonviolent means of protest

civil engineer *n* : an engineer whose training or occupation is in the designing and construction chiefly of public works (as roads or harbors) — **civil engineering** *n*

ci-vil-ian \sə-'vil-yən\ *n* : a person not on active duty in a military, police, or fire-fighting force

ci-vil-i-ty \sə-'vil-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties **1** : POLITENESS, COURTESY **2** : a polite act or expression

ci-vi-li-za-tion \siv-ə-lə-'zā-shən\ *n* **1** : a relatively high level of cultural and technological development **2** : the culture characteristic of a time or place

civi-lize \siv-ə-,līz\ *vb* -lized; -liz-ing **1** : to raise from a primitive state to an advanced and ordered stage of cultural development **2** : REFIN — **civi-lized** *adj*

civil liberty *n* : freedom from arbitrary governmental interference specifically by denial of governmental power — *usu.* used in *pl.*

civ-il-ly \siv-ə(ł)-lē\ *adv* **1** : in terms of civil rights, matters, or law (~ dead) **2** : in a civil manner : POLITELY

civil rights *n pl* : the nonpolitical rights of a citizen; *esp* : those guaranteed by the 13th and 14th amendments to the Constitution and by acts of Congress

civil servant *n* : a member of a civil service

civil service *n* : the administrative service of a government

civil war *n* : a war between opposing groups of citizens of the same country

civ-vies \ˈsiv-ēz\ *n pl* : civilian clothes as distinguished from a military uniform

CJ *abbr* chief justice

ck *abbr* 1 cask 2 check

cl *abbr* 1 centiliter 2 class

Cl *symbol* chlorine

clack \ˈklak\ *vb* 1 : CHATTER, PRATTLE 2 : to make or cause to make a clatter

clack *n* 1 : rapid continuous talk : CHATTER 2 : a sound of clacking (the ~ of a typewriter)

clad \ˈklad\ *adj* 1 : CLOTHED, COVERED 2 : being or consisting of coins made of outer layers of one metal bonded to a core of a different metal (~ coinage)

claim \ˈklām\ *vb* 1 : to ask for as one's own; *also* : to take as the rightful owner 2 : to call for : REQUIRE 3 : to state as a fact : MAINTAIN

claim *n* 1 : a demand for something due 2 : a right to something usu. in another's possession 3 : an assertion open to challenge 4 : something claimed

claim-ant \ˈklā-mənt\ *n* : a person making a claim

clair-voy-ant \ˈklar-ˈvɔi-ənt\ *adj* [F, fr. *clair* clear + *voy-ant* seeing] 1 : unusually perceptive 2 : having the power of discerning objects not present to the senses — **clair-voy-ance** \-əns\ *n* — **clairvoyant** *n*

clam \ˈklam\ *n* 1 : any of numerous bivalve mollusks including many that are edible 2 : DOLLAR

clam-bake \-,bāk\ *n* : a party or gathering (as at the seashore) at which food is cooked usu. on heated rocks covered by seaweed

clam-ber \ˈklam-bər\ *vb* **clam-bered**; **clam-ber-ing** \ˈklam-b(ə)-rɪŋ, ˈklam-(ə)-rɪŋ\ : to climb awkwardly (as by scrambling)

clam-my \ˈklam-ē\ *adj* **clam-mi-er**; **-est** : being damp, soft, sticky, and usu. cool — **clam-mi-ness** *n*

clam-or \ˈklam-ər\ *n* 1 : a noisy shouting 2 : a loud continuous noise 3 : vigorous protest or demand — **clam-or-ous** *adj*

clamor *vb* **clam-ored**; **clam-or-ing** \ˈklam-(ə)-rɪŋ\ : to make a clamor

clamp \ˈklamp\ *n* : a device that holds or presses parts together firmly

clamp *vb* : to fasten with or as if with a clamp

clamp down \(')klamp-ˈdaʊn\ *vb* : to impose restrictions : become repressive — **clamp-down** \ˈklamp-ˈdaʊn\ *n*

clam-shell \ˈklam-,shel\ *n* : a bucket or grapple (as on a dredge) having two hinged jaws

clam up *vb* : to become silent

clan \ˈklan\ *n* [ME, fr. ScGael *clann* offspring, clan, fr. Old Irish *cland* plant, offspring, fr. L *planta* plant] : a group (as in the Scottish Highlands) made up of households whose heads claim descent from a common ancestor — **clan-nish** *adj* — **clan-nish-ness** *n*

clan-des-tine \ˈklan-ˈdes-tən\ *adj* : held in or conducted with secrecy

clang \ˈklaŋ\ *n* : a loud metallic ringing sound — **clang** *vb*

clang-gor \ˈklaŋ-(g)ər\ *n* : a resounding clang or medley of clangs

clank \ˈklaŋk\ *n* : a sharp brief metallic ringing sound — **clank** *vb*

clap \ˈklap\ *vb* **clapped**; **clap-ping** 1 : to strike noisily 2 : APPLAUD

clap *n* 1 : a loud noisy crash 2 : the noise made by clapping the hands

clap *n* : GONORRHEA

clap-board \ˈklab-ərd; ˈkla(p)-,bōrd\ *n* : a narrow board thicker at one edge than the other used for siding — **clap-board** *vb*

clap-per \ˈklap-ər\ *n* : one that makes a clapping sound; *esp* : the tongue of a bell

clap-trap \ˈklap-,trap\ *n* : pretentious nonsense

claque \ˈklak\ *n* [F, fr. *claquer* to clap] 1 : a group hired to applaud at a performance 2 : a group of self-seeking flatterers

clar-et \ˈklar-ət\ *n* [ME, fr. MF (*vin*) *claret* clear wine] : a dry red wine

clar-i-fy \ˈklar-ə-,fɪ\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to make or become clear — **clar-i-fi-ca-tion** \,klar-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

clar-i-net \,klar-ə-ˈnet\ *n* : a single-reed woodwind instrument in the form of a cylindrical tube with moderately flaring end — **clar-i-net-ist** or **clar-i-net-tist** \-əst\ *n*



clarinet

clar-i-on \ˈklar-ē-ən\ *adj* : brilliantly clear (a ~ call)

clar-i-ty \ˈklar-ət-ē\ *n* : CLEARNESS

clash \ˈklash\ *vb* 1 : to make or cause to make a clash 2 : CONFLICT, COLLIDE

clash *n* 1 : a noisy usu. metallic sound of collision 2 : a hostile encounter; *also* : a conflict of opinion

clasp \ˈklasp\ *n* 1 : a device (as a hook) for holding objects or parts together 2 : EMBRACE, GRASP

clasp *vb* 1 : to fasten with a clasp 2 : EMBRACE 3 : GRASP

class \ˈklas\ *n* 1 : a group of students meeting regularly in a course; *also* : a group graduating together 2 : a course of instruction; *also* : the period when such a course is taught 3 : social rank; *also* : high quality 4 : a group of the same general status or nature; *esp* : a major category in biological classification that is above the order and below the phylum 5 : a division or rating based on grade or quality — **class-less** *adj*

class *vb* : CLASSIFY

class action *n* : a legal action undertaken in behalf of the plaintiffs and all others having an identical interest in the alleged wrong

clas-sic \ˈklas-ik\ *adj* 1 : serving as a standard of excellence; *also* : TRADITIONAL 2 : CLASSICAL 2 3 : notable *esp*: as the best example 4 : AUTHENTIC

classic *n* 1 : a work of enduring excellence and *esp*. of ancient Greece or Rome; *also* : its author 2 : a traditional event

clas-si-cal \ˈklas-i-kəl\ *adj* 1 : CLASSIC 2 : of or relating to the ancient Greek and Roman classics 3 : of or relating to a form or system of primary significance before modern times (~ economics) 4 : concerned with a general study of the arts and sciences — **clas-si-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

clas-si-cism \ˈklas-ə-,siz-əm\ *n* 1 : the principles or style of the literature or art of ancient Greece and Rome 2 : adherence to traditional standards believed to be universally valid — **clas-si-cist** \-səst\ *n*

clas-si-fied \ˈklas-ə-,fɪd\ *adj* : withheld from general circulation for reasons of national security

clas-si-fy \ˈklas-ə-,fɪ\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to arrange in or assign to classes — **clas-si-fi-able** *adj* — **clas-si-fi-ca-tion** \,klas-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

class-mate \ˈklas-,māt\ *n* : a member of the same class (as in a college)

class-room \-,rūm-, -rūm\ *n* : a room (as in a school) in which classes meet

classy \ˈklas-ē\ *adj* **class-i-er**; **-est** : ELEGANT, STYLISH

clat-ter \ˈklat-ər\ *n* : a rattling sound (the ~ of dishes) — **clatter** *vb*

clause \ˈklōz\ *n* 1 : a group of words having its own

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \au\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \eg\o \i\hit \i\ce \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \ō\law \ō\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

subject and predicate but forming only part of a compound or complex sentence **2** : a separate part of an article or document

claus-tro-pho-bia \,klō-strə-ˈfō-bē-ə\ *n* : abnormal dread of being in closed or narrow spaces — **claus-tro-pho-bic** \-bik\ *adj*

clav-i-chord \ˈklav-ə-,kórd\ *n* : an early keyboard instrument in use before the piano

clav-i-cle \ˈklav-i-kəl\ *n* [F *clavicule*, fr. NL *clavicula*, fr. L, dim. of L *clavis* key] : COLLARBONE

clav-ier \klā-ˈvīər; ˈklā-vē-ər\ *n* **1** : the keyboard of a musical instrument **2** : an early keyboard instrument

claw \ˈklō\ *n* **1** : a sharp usu. curved nail on the toe of an animal **2** : a sharp curved process (as on the foot of an insect); *also* : a pincerlike organ at the end of a limb of some arthropods (as a lobster) — **clawed** \ˈklōd\ *adj*

claw *vb* : to rake, seize, or dig with or as if with claws **clay** \ˈklā\ *n* **1** : an earthy material that is plastic when moist but hard when fired and is used in making pottery; *also* : finely divided soil consisting largely of such clay **2** : EARTH, MUD **3** : a plastic substance used for modeling **4** : the mortal human body — **clay-ey** \ˈklā-ē\ *adj*

clay-more \ˈklā-,mōr\ *n* : a large 2-edged sword formerly used by Scottish Highlanders

clay pigeon *n* : a saucer-shaped target thrown from a trap in trapshooting

clean \ˈklēn\ *adj* **1** : free from dirt or disease **2** : PURE; *also* : HONORABLE **3** : THOROUGH (made a ~ sweep) **4** : TRIM (a ship with ~ lines); *also* : EVEN **5** : habitually neat — **clean** *adv* — **clean-ly** \ˈklēn-lē\ *adv* — **clean-ness** \ˈklēn-nəs\ *n*

clean *vb* : to make or become clean — **clean-er** *n*

clean-cut \ˈklēn-ˈkət\ *adj* **1** : cut so that the surface or edge is smooth and even **2** : sharply defined or outlined **3** : giving an effect of wholeness

clean-ly \ˈklēn-lē\ *adv* **clean-li-er**; -est **1** : careful to keep clean **2** : habitually kept clean — **clean-li-ness** *n*

clean room \ˈklēn-,rūm, -,rüm\ *n* : an uncontaminated room maintained for the manufacture or assembly of objects (as precision parts)

cleanse \ˈklēnz\ *vb* **cleansed**; **cleans-ing** : to make clean — **cleans-er** *n*

clean-up \ˈklēn-,əp\ *n* **1** : an act or instance of cleaning **2** : a very large profit

cleanup *adj* : being 4th in the batting order of a baseball team

clean up \(ˈ)klēn-ˈəp\ *vb* : to make a spectacular business profit

clear \ˈkliər\ *adj* **1** : BRIGHT, LUMINOUS; *also* : UNTROUBLED, SERENE **2** : CLOUDLESS **3** : CLEAN, PURE; *also* : TRANSPARENT **4** : easily heard, seen, or understood **5** : capable of sharp discernment; *also* : free from doubt **6** : INNOCENT **7** : free from restriction, obstruction, or entanglement — **clear** *adv* — **clear-ly** *adv* — **clear-ness** *n*

clear *vb* **1** : to make or become clear **2** : to go away **3** : DISPERSE **3** : to free from accusation or blame; *also* : to certify as trustworthy **4** : EXPLAIN **5** : to get free from obstruction **6** : SETTLE **7** : NET **8** : to get rid of **9** : REMOVE **9** : to jump or go by without touching; *also* : PASS

clear *n* : a clear space or part

clear-ance \ˈkliər-əns\ *n* **1** : an act or process of clearing **2** : the distance by which one object clears another

clear-cut \ˈkliər-ˈkət\ *adj* **1** : sharply outlined **2** : DEFINITE, UNEQUIVOCAL

clear-head-ed \-ˈhed-əd\ *adj* : having a clear understanding : PERCEPTIVE

clear-ing \ˈkli(ə)r-ig\ *n* **1** : a tract of land cleared of wood and brush **2** : the passage of checks and claims through a clearinghouse

clear-ing-house \-,haüs\ *n* : an institution maintained by banks for making an exchange of checks and claims held by each bank against other banks

cleat \ˈklēt\ *n* : a piece of wood or metal fastened on or projecting from something to give strength, provide a grip, or prevent slipping

cleav-age \ˈklē-vij\ *n* **1** : a splitting apart : SPLIT **2** : the depression between a woman's breasts esp. when exposed by a low-cut dress

cleave \ˈklēv\ *vb* **cleaved** \ˈklēvd\ or **clove** \ˈklōv\; **cleaved**; **cleav-ing** : ADHERE, CLING

cleave *vb* **cleaved** \ˈklēvd\ *also* **cleft** \ˈkleft\ or **clove** \ˈklōv\; **cleaved** *also* **cleft** or **clo-ven** \ˈklō-vən\; **cleav-ing** **1** : to divide by force : split asunder **2** : DIVIDE

cleav-er \ˈklē-vər\ *n* : a heavy chopping knife for cutting meat

clef \ˈklef\ *n* : a sign placed on the staff in music to show what pitch is represented by each line and space

cleft \ˈkleft\ *n* : FISSURE, CRACK

cleft palate *n* : a split in the roof of the mouth that appears as a birth defect

clém-a-tis \ˈklem-ət-əs; kli-ˈmat-əs\ *n* : a vine related to the buttercups that has showy usu. white or purple flowers

clém-en-cy \ˈklem-ən-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies **1** : disposition to be merciful **2** : mildness of weather

clém-ent \-ənt\ *adj* **1** : MERCIFUL, LENIENT **2** : TEMPERATE, MILD

clench \ˈklēnch\ *vb* **1** : CLINCH **1 2** : to hold fast **3** : to set or close tightly

clere-sto-ry \ˈkliər-,stōr-ē\ *n* : an outside wall of a room or building that rises above an adjoining roof and contains windows

clér-gy \ˈklər-jē\ *n* : a body of religious officials authorized to conduct services

clér-gy-man \-ji-mən\ *n* : a member of the clergy

clér-ic \ˈkler-ik\ *n* : CLERGYMAN

clér-i-cal \ˈkler-i-kəl\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to the clergy or a clergyman **2** : of or relating to a clerk

clér-i-cal-ism \ˈkler-i-kə-,liz-əm\ *n* : a policy of maintaining or increasing the power of a religious hierarchy

clerk \ˈklərk, Brit ˈklärk\ *n* **1** : CLERIC **2** : an official responsible for correspondence, records, and accounts; *also* : a person employed to perform general office work **3** : a store salesman — **clerk** *vb* — **clerk-ship** *n*

clever \ˈklev-ər\ *adj* **1** : showing skill or resourcefulness **2** : marked by wit or ingenuity — **clever-ly** *adv* — **clever-ness** *n*

clevis \ˈklev-əs\ *n* : a U-shaped shackle used for attaching or suspending parts

clew \ˈklü\ *n* **1** : CLUE **2** : a metal loop on a lower corner of a sail for holding ropes

clew *vb* : to haul (a sail) up or down by ropes through the clews

cli-ché \kli-ˈshā\ *n* [F] : a trite phrase or expression — **cli-chéd** \-ˈshād\ *adj*

click \ˈklik\ *vb* **1** : to make or cause to make a click **2** : to fit or work together smoothly

click *n* : a slight sharp noise

cli-ent \ˈkli-ənt\ *n* **1** : DEPENDENT **2** : a person who engages the professional services of another; *also* : PATRON, CUSTOMER

cli-en-tele \,kli-ən-ˈtel, ˈklē-ən-\ *n* : a body of clients and esp. customers

cliff \ˈklif\ *n* : a high steep face of rock

cliff-hang-er \-,haŋ-ər\ *n* **1** : an adventure serial or melodrama usu. presented in installments each of which ends in suspense **2** : a contest whose outcome is in doubt up to the very end

cli-mac-ter-ic \kli-ˈmak-t(ə-)rik\ *n* **1** : a major turning point or critical stage **2** : MENOPAUSE; *also* : a corresponding period in the male

cli-mate \ˈkli-mət\ *n* [ME *climat*, fr. MF, fr. LL *clima*, fr. Gk *klima* inclination, latitude, climate, fr. *klinein* to lean] **1** : a region having specific climatic conditions **2** : the average weather conditions at a place over a period

of years **3** : the prevailing set of conditions (as temperature and humidity) indoors **4** : a prevailing atmosphere or environment (the ~ of opinion) — **cli-mat-ic** \kli-'mat-ik/ *adj* — **cli-mat-i-cal-ly** \i-k(ə-)lə/ *adv*

cli-ma-to-l-o-gy \kli-mə-'täl-ə-jē/ *n* : the science that deals with climates — **cli-ma-to-log-i-cal** \kli-mət-'l-ä-j-i-kəl/ *adj* — **cli-ma-to-log-i-cal-ly** \k(ə-)lə/ *adv* — **cli-ma-tol-o-gist** \-mə-'täl-ə-jəst/ *n*

cli-max \kli-,maks/ *n* [L, fr. Gk *klimax* ladder, fr. *klinein* to lean] **1** : a series of ideas or statements so arranged that they increase in force and power from the first to the last; *also* : the last member of such a series **2** : the highest point **3** : **ORGASM** — **cli-mac-tic** \kli-'mak-tik/ *adj*

climax *vb* : to come or bring to a climax

climb \klim/ *vb* **1** : to rise to a higher point **2** : to go up or down esp. by use of hands and feet; *also* : to ascend in growing — **climb-er** *n*

climb *n* **1** : a place where climbing is necessary **2** : the act of climbing : ascent by climbing

clime \klim/ *n* : **CLIMATE**

clinch \klinch/ *vb* **1** : to turn over or flatten the end of something sticking out (~ a nail); *also* : to fasten by clinching **2** : to make final : **SETTLE** **3** : to hold fast or firmly

clinch *n* **1** : a fastening by means of a clinched nail, rivet, or bolt **2** : an act or instance of clinching in boxing

clinch-er \klin-cher/ *n* : one that clinches; *esp* : a decisive fact, argument, act, or remark

cling \kliŋ/ *vb* **clung** \kleg/; **cling-ing** **1** : to adhere as if glued; *also* : to hold or hold on tightly **2** : to have a strong emotional attachment

cling-stone \kliŋ-,stōn/ *n* : any of various fruits (as some peaches) whose flesh adheres strongly to the pit

clin-ic \klin-ik/ *n* **1** : medical instruction featuring the examination and discussion of actual cases **2** : a group meeting for teaching a certain skill and working on individual problems (a reading ~) **3** : a facility (as of a hospital) for diagnosis and treatment of outpatients

clin-i-cal \klin-i-kəl/ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or typical of a clinic; *esp* : involving direct observation of the patient **2** : scientifically dispassionate — **clin-i-cal-ly** \k(ə-)lə/ *adv*

cli-ni-cian \klin-'ish-ən/ *n* : one qualified in the clinical practice of medicine, psychiatry, or psychology as distinguished from one specializing in laboratory or research techniques

clink \kliŋk/ *vb* : to make or cause to make a sharp short metallic sound

clink *n* : a clinking sound

clin-ker \kliŋ-kər/ *n* : stony matter fused by fire (as in a furnace from impurities in coal) : **SLAG**

clip \klip/ *vb* **clipped**; **clip-ping** : to fasten with a clip

clip *n* **1** : a device that grips, clasps, or hooks **2** : a cartridge holder for a rifle

clip *vb* **clipped**; **clip-ping** **1** : to cut or cut off with shears **2** : **CURTAIN**, **DIMINISH** **3** : **HIT**, **PUNCH** **4** : to illegally block (an opponent) in football

clip *n* **1** : a 2-bladed instrument for cutting esp. the nails **2** : a sharp blow **3** : a rapid pace

clip-board \kliŋ-,bōrd/ *n* : a small writing board with a spring clip at the top for holding papers

clip joint *n*, *slang* : an establishment (as a nightclub) that makes a practice of defrauding its customers

clip-per \kliŋ-ər/ *n* **1** : an implement for clipping esp. the hair or nails — usu. used in pl. **2** : a fast sailing ship

clip-ping \kliŋ-iŋ/ *n* : a piece clipped from something (as a newspaper)

clique \klēk, 'klik/ *n* [F] : a small exclusive group of people : **COTERIE** — **cliqu-ey** \klēk-ē, 'klik-/ *adj* — **cliqu-ish** \-ish/ *adj*

cli-to-ris \kli-tə-rəs/ *n*, *pl* **cli-to-ri-des** \kli-'tōr-ə-,dēz/ : a small organ at the anterior or ventral part of the vulva homologous to the penis — **cli-to-ral** \rəl/ *adj*

clk *abbr* clerk

clo *abbr* clothing

cloak \klōk/ *n* **1** : a loose outer garment **2** : something that conceals

cloak *vb* : to cover or hide with a cloak

cloak-and-dag-ger *adj* : involving or suggestive of espionage

clob-ber \kläb-ər/ *vb* **clob-bered**; **clob-ber-ing** \-(ə-)riŋ/ **1** : to pound mercilessly; *also* : to hit with force : **SMASH** **2** : to defeat overwhelmingly

cloche \klōsh/ *n* [F, lit., bell] : a woman's small hat that somewhat resembles a helmet

clock \kläk/ *n* : a timepiece not intended to be carried on the person

clock *vb* **1** : to time (a person or a performance) by a timing device **2** : to register (as speed) on a mechanical recording device — **clock-er** *n*

clock *n* : an ornamental figure on a stocking or sock

clock-wise \kläk-,wīz/ *adv* : in the direction in which the hands of a clock move — **clockwise** *adj*

clock-work \-,wɔrk/ *n* : machinery containing a set of small cogwheels

clod \kläd/ *n* **1** : a lump esp. of earth or clay **2** : a dull or insensitive person

clod-hop-per \-,həp-ər/ *n* **1** : an uncouth rustic **2** : a large heavy shoe

clog \kläg/ *n* **1** : a weight so attached as to impede motion **2** : a thick-soled shoe

clog *vb* **clogged**; **clog-ging** **1** : to impede with a clog : **HINDER** **2** : to obstruct passage through **3** : to become filled with extraneous matter

cloi-son-né \,klōiz-'n-ə/ *adj* : a colored decoration made of enamels poured into the divided areas in a design outlined with wire or metal strips

clois-ter \klōi-stər/ *n* [ME *cloistre*, fr. OF, fr. ML *claustrum*, fr. L, bar, bolt, fr. *claudere* to close] **1** : a monastic establishment **2** : a covered usu. colonnaded passage on the side of a court — **clois-tral** \-strəl/ *adj*

cloister *vb* : to shut away from the world

clone \klōn/ *n* [Gk *klōn* twig] **1** : the offspring produced asexually from an individual (as a plant increased by grafting) **2** : an individual grown from a single body cell of its parent and genetically identical to the parent **3** : one that appears to be a copy of an original form — **clon-al** \klōn-'l/ *adj* — **clone** *vb*

clop \kläp/ *n* : a sound made by or as if by a hoof or wooden shoe against pavement — **clop** *vb*

close \klöz/ *vb* **closed**; **close-ing** **1** : to bar passage through : **SHUT** **2** : to suspend the operations (as of a school) **3** : **END**, **TERMINATE** **4** : to bring together the parts or edges of; *also* : to fill up **5** : **GRAPPLE** (~ with the enemy) **6** : to enter into an agreement — **close-able** or **close-able** *adj*

close \klöz/ *n* : **CONCLUSION**, **END**

close \klös/ *adj* **close-er**; **close-est** **1** : having no openings **2** : narrowly restricting or restricted **3** : limited to a privileged class **4** : **SECLUDED**; *also* : **SECRETIVE** **5** : **RIGOROUS** **6** : **SULTRY**, **STUFFY** **7** : **STINGY** **8** : having little space between items or units **9** : fitting tightly; *also* : **SHORT** (~ haircut) **10** : **NEAR** **11** : **INTIMATE** (~ friends) **12** : **ACCURATE** **13** : decided by a narrow margin (a ~ game) — **close** *adv* — **close-ly** *adv* — **close-ness** *n*

closed circuit *n* : television installation in which the signal is transmitted by wire to a limited number of receivers

closed shop *n* : an establishment having only members of a labor union on the payroll

close-fist-ed \klös-'fis-təd/ *adj* : **STINGY**

close-knit \-'nit/ *adj* : closely bound together by social, cultural, economic, or political ties

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
 \ə'u'out \ch'chin \ə'bet \ə'easy \ə'go \i'hlt \i'ce \j'ob
 \ə'ŋsing \ə'go \ə'law \ə'i'boy \th'thin \th'the \ü'loot
 \ü'foot \y'yet \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

close-mouthed \-'maũthd, -'maũth\ *adj* : cautious in speaking

close-out \'klöz-,aũt\ *n* : a sale of a business's entire stock at low prices

close out \'klöz-,aũt\ *vb* **1** : to dispose of by a closeout **2** : to dispose of a business : sell out

close-et \'klöz-ət, 'klöz-ə\ *n* **1** : a small room for privacy **2** : a small compartment for household utensils or clothing **3** : WATER CLOSET

closest *vb* : to take into a private room for an interview
close-up \'klös-,əp\ *n* **1** : a photograph or movie shot taken at close range **2** : an intimate view or examination of something

close-ure \'klöz-zhər\ *n* **1** : an act of closing : the condition of being closed **2** : something that closes **3** : CLOTURE

clot \'klät\ *n* : a mass formed by a portion of liquid (as blood or cream) thickening and sticking together — **clot** *vb*

cloth \'klóth\ *n, pl cloths* \'klóthz, 'klóths\ **1** : a pliable fabric made usu. by weaving or knitting natural or synthetic fibers and filaments **2** : TABLECLOTH **3** : distinctive dress of the clergy; *also* : CLERGY

clothe \'klóth\ *vb* **clothed** or **clad** \'klad\; **cloth-ing** **1** : DRESS **2** : to express by suitably significant language

clothes \'klóth(z)\ *n pl* **1** : CLOTHING **2** : BEDCLOTHES

clothes-horse \-,hórs\ *n* **1** : a frame on which to hang clothes **2** : a conspicuously dressy person

clothes moth *n* : a small pale insect whose larvae eat wool, fur, and feathers

clothes-pin \'klóth(z)-,pin\ *n* : a device for fastening clothes on a line

clothes-press \-,pres\ *n* : a receptacle for clothes

cloth-ier \'klóth-yər, 'kló-thē-ər\ *n* : a maker or seller of clothing

cloth-ing \'kló-thín\ *n* : garments in general

clo-ture \'klöz-çər\ *n* : the closing or limitation (as by calling for a vote) of debate in a legislative body

cloud \'klaũd\ *n* [ME, rock, cloud, fr. OE *clūd* rock, hill] **1** : a visible mass of water or ice particles usu. high in the air **2** : a usu. visible mass of minute airborne particles; *also* : a mass of obscuring matter in interstellar space **3** : CROWD, SWARM (a ~ of mosquitoes) **4** : something having a dark or threatening aspect — **cloud-i-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n* — **cloud-less** *adj* — **cloudy** *adj*

cloud *vb* **1** : to darken or hide with or as if with a cloud **2** : OBSCURE **3** : TAINT, SULLY

cloud-burst \-,bərst\ *n* : a sudden heavy rainfall

cloud-let \-lət\ *n* : a small cloud

cloud nine *n* : a feeling of extreme well-being or elation — *usu.* used with *on*

clout \'klaũt\ *n* **1** : a blow esp. with the hand **2** : PULL, INFLUENCE

clout *vb* : to hit forcefully

clove \'klöv\ *n* : one of the small bulbs that grows at the base of the scales of a large bulb (a ~ of garlic)

clove *past of CLEAVE*

clove *n* [ME *clowe*, fr. OF *clou* (de girofle), lit., nail of clove, fr. L *clavus* nail] : the dried flower bud of an East Indian tree used esp. as a spice

clo-ven \'klöz-vən\ *past part of CLEAVE*

cloven foot *n* : a foot (as of a sheep) with the front part divided into two parts — **cloven-foot-ed** \-'füt-əd\ *adj*

cloven hoof *n* : CLOVEN FOOT — **cloven-hoofed** \-'huft-, -'hüvd\ *adj*

clo-ver \'klöz-vər\ *n* : any of a genus of leguminous herbs with usu. 3-parted leaves and dense flower heads

clo-ver-leaf \-,ləf\ *n, pl cloverleaves* \-,ləfs\ or **clo-ver-leaves** \-,ləvz\ : a road plan passing one highway over another and routing turning traffic without left turns or direct crossings

clown \'klaũn\ *n* **1** : BOOR **2** : a fool or comedian in an entertainment (as a circus) — **clown-ish** *adj* — **clown-ish-ly** *adv* — **clown-ish-ness** *n*

clown *vb* : to act like a clown

clay \'klói\ *vb* : to disgust or nauseate with excess of something orig. pleasing — **clay-ing-ly** \-ín-lē\ *adv*

clr *abbr* clear

club \'kləb\ *n* **1** : a heavy wooden stick or staff used as a weapon; *also* : BAT **2** : any of a suit of playing cards marked with a black figure resembling a clover leaf **3** : a group of persons associated for a common purpose; *also* : the meeting place of such a group

club *vb* **clubbed**; **club-bing** **1** : to strike with a club **2** : to unite or combine for a common cause

club-foot \'kləb-'füt\ *n* : a misshapen foot twisted out of position from birth — **club-foot-ed** \-'füt-əd\ *adj*

club-house \'kləb-,haüs\ *n* **1** : a house occupied by a club **2** : locker rooms used by an athletic team

club sandwich *n* : a sandwich of three slices of bread with two layers of meat and lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise

club soda *n* : SODA WATER **1**

club steak *n* : a small steak cut from the end of the short loin

cluck \'klək\ *n* : the call of a hen esp. to her chicks — **cluck** *vb*

clue \'klü\ *n* : something that guides through an intricate procedure or maze; *esp.* : a piece of evidence leading to the solution of a problem

clue *vb* **clued**; **clue-ing** or **clu-ing** : to provide with a clue; *also* : to give information to (~ me in)

clump \'kləmp\ *n* **1** : a group of things clustered together **2** : a heavy tramping sound

clump *vb* : to tread clumsily and noisily

clum-sy \'kləm-zə\ *adj* **clum-si-er**; **-est** **1** : lacking dexterity, nimbleness, or grace **2** : not tactful or subtle — **clum-si-ly** \'kləm-zə-lē\ *adv* — **clum-si-ness** \-zə-nəs\ *n*

clung *past and past part of CLING*

clus-ter \'kləs-tər\ *n* : GROUP, BUNCH

cluster *vb* **clustered**; **clus-ter-ing** \-(ə-)rín\ : to grow or gather in a cluster

clutch \'kləç\ *vb* : to grasp with or as if with the hand

clutch *n* **1** : the claws or a hand in the act of grasping; *also* : CONTROL, POWER **2** : a device for gripping an object **3** : a coupling used to connect and disconnect a driving and a driven part of a mechanism; *also* : a lever or pedal operating such a coupling **4** : a crucial situation

clutch *adj* : made, done, or successful in a crucial situation

clutch *n* **1** : a nest or batch of eggs; *also* : a brood of chicks **2** : GROUP, BUNCH

clut-ter \'klət-ər\ *vb* : to fill or cover with a disorderly scattering of things

clutter *n* : a crowded mass

cm *abbr* centimeter

Cm *symbol* curium

CM *abbr* [Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands] Northern Mariana Islands

cmdr *abbr* commander

cml *abbr* commercial

CMSgt *abbr* chief master sergeant

CNO *abbr* chief of naval operations

CNS *abbr* central nervous system

co *abbr* **1** company **2** county

Co *symbol* cobalt

CO *abbr* **1** Colorado **2** commanding officer **3** conscientious objector

c/o *abbr* care of

coach \'kōch\ *n* **1** : a large closed 4-wheeled carriage with an elevated outside front seat for the driver **2** : a railroad passenger car esp. for day travel **3** : BUS **4** : a private tutor; *also* : one who instructs or trains a team of performers

coach *vb* **1** : to go in a horse-drawn coach **2** : to instruct, direct, or prompt as a coach — **coach-er** *n*

coach-man \-mən\ *n* : a man whose business is driving a coach or carriage

co-ad-ju-tor \kō-ə-ˈjūt-ər, kō-ˈaj-ət-ər\ *n* : ASSISTANT; *esp* : an assistant bishop having the right of succession
co-ag-u-lant \kō-ˈag-yə-lənt\ *n* : something that produces coagulation
co-ag-u-late \kō-ˈag-yə-,lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing : CLOT —
co-ag-u-la-tion \kō-,ag-yə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*
coal \kōl\ *n* 1 : EMBER 2 : a black solid combustible mineral used as fuel
coal *vb* 1 : to supply with coal 2 : to take in coal
co-alesce \kō-ə-ˈles\ *vb* co-alesced; co-alescing : to grow together; *also* : FUSE *syn* merge, blend, mingle, mix —
co-ales-cence \-ˈles-əns\ *n*
coal-field \kōl-,fēld\ *n* : a region where deposits of coal occur
coal gas *n* : gas from coal; *esp* : gas distilled from bituminous coal and used for heating
co-ali-tion \kō-ə-ˈlish-ən\ *n* : UNION; *esp* : a temporary union for a common purpose — **co-ali-tion-ist** *n*
coal oil *n* : KEROSENE
coal tar *n* : tar distilled from bituminous coal and used in dyes and drugs
co-an-chor \kō-ˈaŋ-kər\ *n* : a newscaster who shares the duties of head broadcaster
coarse \kōrs\ *adj* coars-er; coars-est 1 : of ordinary or inferior quality 2 : composed of large parts or particles (~ sand) 3 : CRUDE (~ manners) 4 : ROUGH, HARSH — **coarse-ly** *adv* — **coarse-ness** *n*
coars-en \kōrs-ən\ *vb* coars-ened; coars-en-ing \kōrs-(-)nɪŋ\ : to make or become coarse
coast \kōst\ *n* [ME *cost*, fr. MF *coste*, fr. L *costa* rib, side] 1 : SEASHORE 2 : a slide down a slope — **coast-al** *adj*
coast *vb* 1 : to sail along the shore 2 : to move (as downhill on a sled or as on a bicycle while not pedaling) without effort
coast-er *n* 1 : one that coasts 2 : a shallow container or a plate or mat to protect a surface
coaster brake *n* : a brake in the hub of the rear wheel of a bicycle
coast guard *n* : a military force employed in guarding or patrolling a coast — **coast-guards-man** \kōst-,gärdz-mən\ *n*
coast-line \kōst-,lɪn\ *n* : the outline or shape of a coast
coat \kōt\ *n* 1 : an outer garment for the upper part of the body 2 : an external growth (as of fur or feathers) on an animal 3 : a covering layer
coat *vb* : to cover usu. with a finishing or protective coat
coat-ing \kōt-ɪŋ\ *n* : COAT, COVERING
coat of arms : the heraldic bearings (as of a person) usu. depicted on an escutcheon
coat of mail : a garment of metal scales or rings worn as armor
co-au-thor \kō-ˈò-thər\ *n* : a joint or associate author — **coauthor** *vb*
coax \kōks\ *vb* : WHEEDLE; *also* : to gain by gentle urging or flattery
co-ax-i-al \kō-ˈak-sē-əl\ *adj* : having coincident axes — **co-ax-i-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
coaxial cable *n* : a cable that consists of a tube of electrically conducting material surrounding a central conductor
cob \küb\ *n* 1 : a male swan 2 : CORN-COB 3 : a short-legged stocky horse
co-balt \kō-,bölt\ *n* [G *kobalt*, alter. of *kobold*, lit., goblin, fr. its occurrence in silver ore, believed to be due to goblins] : a tough shiny silver-white magnetic metallic chemical element found with iron and nickel — *see* ELEMENT table
cobalt chloride *n* : a chloride of cobalt; *esp* : one that is blue when dry, turns deep pink in the presence of moisture, and is used to indicate humidity
cob-ble \küb-əl\ *vb* cob-bled; cob-bling \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to make or put together roughly or hastily

cob-bler \ˈküb-lər\ *n* 1 : a mender or maker of shoes 2 : a deep-dish fruit pie with a thick crust
cob-ble-stone \ˈküb-əl-,stōn\ *n* : a naturally rounded stone larger than a pebble and smaller than a boulder
co-bra \kō-brə\ *n* : any of several venomous snakes of Asia and Africa that when excited expand the skin of the neck into a broad hood
cob-web \ˈküb-,web\ *n* [ME *coppeweb*, fr. *coppe* spider, fr. OE *ātorcoppa*] 1 : SPIDERWEB; *also* : a thread spun by a spider or insect larva 2 : something flimsy or entangling
co-caine \kō-ˈkān, ˈkō-,kān\ *n* : a drug that is obtained from the leaves of a So. American shrub (**co-ca** \ˈkō-kə\), can result in severe psychological dependence, and is sometimes used as a local anesthetic
coc-cus \ˈkāk-əs\ *n*, *pl* **coc-ci** \ˈkāk-,(-)s\ : a spherical bacterium
coc-cyx \ˈkāk-siks\ *n*, *pl* **coc-cy-ges** \ˈkāk-sə-,jēz\ *also* **coc-cyx-es** \ˈkāk-sik-səz\ : the end of the spinal column beyond the sacrum *esp.* in man
co-chi-neal \ˈkäch-ə-,nēl\ *n* : a red dye made from the dried bodies of females of a tropical American insect (**cochineal insect**)
co-chlea \kō-klē-ə, ˈkāk-lē-ə\ *n*, *pl* **co-chle-as** or **co-chle-ae** \(-)klē-,ē-,(-)l\ : the usu. spiral part of the inner ear containing nerve endings which carry information about sound to the brain — **co-chle-ar** \-lē-ər\ *adj*
cock \kāk\ *n* 1 : the adult male of a bird and *esp.* of the common domestic chicken 2 : VALVE, FAUCET 3 : LEADER 4 : the hammer of a firearm; *also* : the position of the hammer when ready for firing
cock *vb* 1 : to draw back the hammer of a firearm 2 : to set or draw back in readiness for some action (~ your arm to throw) 3 : to turn or tilt usu. to one side
cock *n* : a small pile (as of hay)
cock-ade \kä-ˈkād\ *n* : an ornament worn on the hat as a badge
cock-a-tiel \kāk-ə-ˈtēl\ *n* : a small crested parrot often kept as a cage bird
cock-a-too \kāk-ə-,tū\ *n*, *pl* -toos [D *kaketoe*, fr. Malay *kakatu*] : a large crested brilliantly colored Australian parrot
cock-a-trice \kāk-ə-trēs, -,trɪs\ *n* : a legendary serpent with a deadly glance
cock-crow \kāk-,krō\ *n* : DAWN
cocked hat \kächt-ə\ *n* : a hat with the brim turned up on two or three sides
cock-er-el \kāk-(ə-)rəl\ *n* : a young male domestic chicken
cock-er spaniel \kāk-ər-ə\ *n* [*cocking* (woodcock hunting)] : any of a breed of small spaniels with long ears, square muzzle, and silky coat
cockeyed \ˈkāk-īd\ *adj* 1 : turned or tilted to one side 2 : slightly crazy : FOOLISH
cock-fight \-,fɪt\ *n* : a contest of gamecocks usu. fitted with metal spurs
cock-le \kāk-əl\ *n* : any of several weedy plants related to the pinks
cockle *n* : a bivalve mollusk with a heart-shaped shell
cock-le-shell \-,shel\ *n* : the shell of a cockle 2 : a light flimsy boat
cock-ney \ˈkāk-nē\ *n*, *pl* **cockneys** [ME *cokeney*, lit., cocks' egg, fr. *cock* cock + *ey* egg, fr. OE *æg*] : a native of London and *esp.* of the East End of London; *also* : the dialect of a cockney
cock-pit \ˈkāk-,pɪt\ *n* 1 : a pit for cockfights 2 : an open space in the deck from which a small boat is steered 3 : a space in an aircraft fuselage for the pilot

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \eb\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ce \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

cock-roach \ˈkāk-,rōch\ *n* : any of an order of active nocturnal insects including some which infest houses and ships

cock-sure \ˈkāk-ˈshūr\ *adj* **1** : perfectly sure : CERTAIN **2** : COCKY

cock-tail \ˈkāk-,tāl\ *n* **1** : an iced drink made of liquor and flavoring ingredients **2** : an appetizer (as tomato juice) served as a first course of a meal

cocky \ˈkāk-ē\ *adj* **cock-i-er**; **-est** : marked by overconfidence : PERT, CONCEITED — **cock-i-ly** \ˈkāk-ə-lē\ *adv* — **cock-i-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*

co-coa \ˈkō-kō\ *n* **1** : CACAO **2** : chocolate deprived of some of its fat and powdered; *also* : a drink made of this heated with water or milk

co-co-nut \ˈkō-kə-(j)nət\ *n* : a large edible nut produced by a tall tropical palm (coconut palm)

co-coon \kə-ˈkūn\ *n* : a case usu. of silk which an insect larva forms and in which it passes the pupal stage

cod \ˈkād\ *n*, *pl* **cod** *also* **cods** : a soft-finned large-mouthed food fish of the No. Atlantic

COD abbr **1** cash on delivery **2** collect on delivery

co-da \ˈkōd-ə\ *n* : a closing section in a musical composition that is formally distinct from the main structure

cod-dle \ˈkād-əl\ *vb* **cod-dled**; **cod-dling** \ˈkād-(-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to cook slowly in water below the boiling point **2** : PAMPER

code \ˈkōd\ *n* **1** : a systematic statement of a body of law **2** : a system of principles or rules (moral ~) **3** : a system of signals **4** : a system of symbols (as in secret communication) with special meanings **5** : GENETIC CODE

2code vb **cod-ed**; **cod-ing** : to put into the form or symbols of a code

co-deine \ˈkō-dēn, ˈkōd-ē-ən\ *n* : a narcotic drug obtained from opium and used esp. in cough remedies

co-dex \ˈkō-,dɛks\ *n*, *pl* **co-di-ces** \ˈkōd-ə-,sēz, ˈkād-ə\ : a manuscript book (as of the Scriptures or classics)

cod-fish \ˈkād-,fɪʃ\ *n* : COD

cod-ger \ˈkāj-ər\ *n* : an odd or cranky fellow

cod-i-cil \ˈkād-ə-səl, -sɪl\ *n* : a legal instrument modifying an earlier will

cod-i-fy \ˈkād-ə-,fɪ, ˈkōd-ə\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to arrange in a systematic form — **cod-i-fi-ca-tion** \ˈkād-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən, ˈkōd-ə\ *n*

cod-ling \ˈkād-lɪŋ\ *n* **1** : a young cod **2** : HAKE

co-ed \ˈkō-,ed\ *n* : a female student in a coeducational institution — **coed** *adj*

co-ed-u-ca-tion \ˈkō-,ej-ə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* : the education of male and female students at the same institution — **co-ed-u-ca-tion-al** \-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj* — **co-ed-u-ca-tion-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

co-ef-fi-cient \ˈkō-ə-ˈfɪʃ-ənt\ *n* **1** : a constant factor as distinguished from a variable in a mathematical term **2** : a number that serves as a measure of some property (as of a substance or device)

coel-en-ter-ate \si-ˈlent-ə-,rāt, -rət\ *n* : any of a phylum of radially symmetrical invertebrate animals including the corals, sea anemones, and jellyfishes

co-equal \kō-ˈē-kwəl\ *adj* : equal with another — **coequal** *n* — **co-equal-i-ty** \ˈkō-ē-ˈkwəl-ət-ē\ *n* — **co-equal-ly** \kō-ˈē-kwə-lē\ *adv*

co-erce \kō-ˈərs\ *vb* **co-erced**; **co-erc-ing** **1** : RESTRAIN, REPRESS **2** : COMPEL **3** : ENFORCE — **co-er-cion** \ˈə-r-zhən, -shən\ *n* — **co-er-cive** \ˈə-r-siv\ *adj*

co-eval \kō-ˈē-vəl\ *adj* : of the same age — **coeval** *n*

co-ex-ist \kō-ig-ˈzɪst\ *vb* **1** : to exist together or at the same time **2** : to live in peace with each other — **co-ex-is-tence** \ˈzɪs-təns\ *n*

co-ex-ten-sive \ˈkō-ɪk-ˈstɛn-siv\ *adj* : having the same scope or extent in space or time

C of C abbr Chamber of Commerce

cof-fee \ˈkō-fē\ *n* [It & Turk; It *caffè*, fr. Turk *kahve*, fr. Ar *qahwa*] : a drink made from the roasted and ground

seeds of a fruit of a tropical shrub or tree; *also* : these seeds (coffee beans) or a plant producing them

cof-fee-house \-ˈhauz\ *n* : a place where refreshments (as coffee) are sold

coffee klatch \-ˈklach\ *n* : KAFFEE-KLATSCH

cof-fee-pot \-,pāt\ *n* : a pot for brewing or serving coffee

coffee shop *n* : a small restaurant

coffee table *n* : a low table customarily placed in front of a sofa

cof-fer \ˈkō-fər\ *n* : a chest or box used esp. for valuables **cof-fer-dam** \-,dam\ *n* : a watertight enclosure from which water is pumped to expose the bottom of a body of water and permit construction

cof-in \ˈkō-fən\ *n* : a box or chest for a corpse to be buried in

C of S abbr chief of staff

1cog \ˈkæg\ *n* : a tooth on the rim of a wheel or gear — **cogged** \ˈkægd\ *adj*

2cog abbr cognate

co-gen-e-ra-tion \ˈkō-jən-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* : the simultaneous generation of electricity and heat from the same fuel

co-gent \ˈkō-jənt\ *adj* : having power to compel or constrain : CONVINCING — **co-gen-cy** \-jən-sē\ *n*

cog-i-tate \ˈkāj-ə-,tāt\ *vb* **-tat-ed**; **-tat-ing** : THINK, PONDER — **cog-i-ta-tion** \ˈkāj-ə-ˈtā-shən\ *n* — **cog-i-ta-tive** \ˈkāj-ə-,tāt-iv\ *adj*

co-gnac \ˈkōn-,yak\ *n* : a French brandy

cog-nate \ˈkæg-,nāt\ *adj* **1** : of the same or similar nature **2** : RELATED; *esp* : related by descent from the same ancestral language — **cognate** *n*

cog-ni-tive \ˈkæg-nat-iv\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being conscious mental activity (as thinking, remembering, or learning) — **cog-ni-tion** \ˈkæg-ˈni-shən\ *n*

cog-ni-zance \ˈkæg-nə-zəns\ *n* **1** : apprehension by the mind : AWARENESS **2** : NOTICE, HEED — **cog-ni-zant** \ˈkæg-nə-zənt\ *adj*

cog-no-men \ˈkæg-ˈnō-mən, ˈkæg-nə-\ *n*, *pl* **cognomens** or **cog-no-mi-na** \ˈkæg-ˈnām-ə-nə, -ˈnō-mə-\ : NAME; *esp* : NICKNAME

co-gno-scen-te \kän-yə-ˈshent-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-scen-ti** \-ē\ [obs. It] : CONNOISSEUR

cog-wheel \ˈkæg-,hwēl\ *n* : a wheel with cogs or teeth **co-hab-it** \kō-ˈhab-ət\ *vb* : to live together as husband and wife — **co-hab-i-ta-tion** \-,hab-ə-ˈtā-shən\ *n*

co-her-e \kō-ˈhɪər\ *vb* **co-hered**; **co-her-ing** : to stick together

co-her-ent \kō-ˈhɪr-ənt\ *adj* **1** : having the quality of cohering **2** : logically consistent — **co-her-ence** \-əns\ *n* — **co-her-ent-ly** *adv*

co-he-sion \kō-ˈhē-zhən\ *n* **1** : a sticking together **2** : molecular attraction by which the particles of a body are united — **co-he-sive** \-siv\ *adj* — **co-he-sive-ly** *adv* — **co-he-sive-ness** *n*

co-ho \ˈkō-,hō\ *n*, *pl* **cohos** or **coho** : a rather small salmon with light-colored flesh

co-hort \ˈkō-,hɔrt\ *n* **1** : a group of warriors or followers **2** : COMPANION, ACCOMPICE

coif \ˈkɔif\; **2usu** \ˈkwäf\ *n* **1** : a close-fitting hat **2** : COIFFURE

coif-feur \kwä-ˈfər\ *n* [F] : HAIRDRESSER

coif-feuse \kwä-ˈfə(r)z, -ˈf(y)üz\ *n* : a female hairdresser

coif-fure \kwä-ˈfyūr\ *n* : a manner of arranging the hair

1coil \ˈkɔil\ *vb* : to wind in a spiral shape

2coil *n* : a series of rings or loops (as of coiled rope, wire, or pipe) : RING, LOOP

1coin \ˈkɔin\ *n* [ME, fr. MF, wedge, corner, fr. L *cuneus* wedge] **1** : a piece of metal issued by government authority as money **2** : metal money

2coin *vb* **1** : to make (a coin) esp. by stamping : MINT **2** : CREATE, INVENT (~ a phrase) — **coin-er** *n*

coin-age \ˈkɔi-nij\ *n* **1** : the act or process of coining **2** : COINS

co-in-cide \ˈkō-ən-ˈsɪd, ˈkō-ən-,sɪd\ *vb* **-cid-ed**; **-cid-ing** **1**

: to occupy the same place in space or time 2 : to correspond or agree exactly

co-in-ci-dence \kō-'in-səd-əns\ *n* 1 : exact agreement 2 : occurrence together apparently without reason; *also* : an event that so occurs

co-in-ci-dent \-səd-ənt\ *adj* 1 : of similar nature 2 : occupying the same space or time — **co-in-ci-den-tal** \kō-,in-sə-'dent-əl\ *adj*

co-it-us \kō-ət-əs\ *n* [L, fr. pp. of *coire* to come together] : SEXUAL INTERCOURSE — **co-ital** \-ət-əl\ *adj*

coke \kōk\ *n* : a hard gray porous fuel made by heating soft coal to drive off most of its volatile material

coke *n* : COCAINE

col *abbr* 1 colonial; colony 2 column

Col *abbr* 1 colonel 2 Colorado 3 Colossians

COL *abbr* 1 colonel 2 cost of living

co-la \kō-lə\ *n* : a carbonated soft drink usu. containing sugar, caffeine, caramel, and special flavoring

col-an-der \kəl-ən-dər, 'käl-\ *n* : a perforated utensil for draining food

cold \kōld\ *adj* 1 : having a low or decidedly subnormal temperature 2 : lacking warmth of feeling 3 : suffering or uncomfortable from lack of warmth — **cold-ly** *adv* — **cold-ness** \kōl(d)-nəs\ *n* — **in cold blood** : with premeditation : DELIBERATELY

cold *n* 1 : a condition marked by low temperature; *also* : cold weather 2 : a chilly feeling 3 : a bodily disorder popularly associated with chilling; *esp* : COMMON COLD

cold *adv* : TOTALLY, FINALLY

cold-blood-ed \kōld-'bləd-əd\ *adj* 1 : lacking normal human feelings 2 : having a body temperature not internally regulated but close to that of the environment 3 : sensitive to cold

cold duck *n* : a blend of sparkling burgundy and champagne

cold feet *n pl* : doubt or fear that prevents action

cold shoulder *n* : cold or unsympathetic behavior — **cold-should-er** *vb*

cold sore *n* : a group of blisters appearing in or about the mouth in the oral form of herpes simplex

cold sweat *n* : concurrent perspiration and chill usu. associated with fear, pain, or shock

cold turkey *n* : abrupt complete cessation of the use of an addictive drug

cold war *n* : a conflict characterized by the use of means short of sustained overt military action

cole-slau \kōl-'slə\ *n* [D *koolsla*, fr. *kool* cabbage + *sla* salad] : a salad made of raw cabbage

col-ic \käl-ik\ *n* : sharp sudden abdominal pain — **col-icky** \käl-i-kē\ *adj*

col-i-se-um \käl-ə-'sē-əm\ *n* : a large structure esp. for athletic contests

coll *abbr* college

col-lab-o-rate \kə-'lāb-ə-,rāt\ *vb* -rat-ed; -rat-ing 1 : to work jointly with others (as in writing a book) 2 : to cooperate with an enemy force occupying one's country — **col-lab-o-ra-tion** \-,lāb-ə-'rā-shən\ *n* — **col-lab-o-ra-tor** \-'lāb-ə-,rāt-ər\ *n*

col-lage \kə-'lāzh\ *n* [F, gluing] : an artistic composition of fragments (as of printed matter) pasted on a picture surface

col-lapse \kə-'lāps\ *vb* col-lapsed; col-laps-ing 1 : to sink together abruptly 2 : DISINTEGRATE; *also* : to fall in : give way 3 : to break down physically or mentally; *esp* : to fall helpless or unconscious 4 : to fold down compactly — **col-laps-ible** *adj*

collapse *n* : BREAKDOWN

col-lar \käl-ər\ *n* 1 : a band, strip, or chain worn around the neck or the neckline of a garment 2 : something resembling a collar — **col-lar-less** *adj*

collar *vb* : to seize by the collar; *also* : CAPTURE, GRAB

col-lar-bone \-,bōn\ *n* : the bone of the shoulder that joins the breastbone and the shoulder blade

col-lard \käl-ərd\ *n* : a stalked smooth-leaved kale — usu. used in pl.

col-late \kə-'lāt; 'käl-,āt, 'kōl-\ *vb* col-lat-ed; col-lat-ing 1 : to compare (as two texts) carefully and critically 2 : to assemble in proper order

col-lat-er-al \kə-'lat-(ə-)rəl\ *adj* 1 : associated but of secondary importance 2 : descended from the same ancestors but not in the same line 3 : PARALLEL 4 : of, relating to, or being collateral used as security; *also* : secured by collateral

collateral *n* : property (as stocks) used as security for the repayment of a loan

col-la-tion \kə-'lā-shən, kă-, kō-\ *n* 1 : a light meal 2 : the act, process, or result of collating

col-league \käl-,ēg\ *n* : an associate esp. in a profession

col-lect \käl-ikt, -ekt\ *n* : a short prayer comprising an invocation, petition, and conclusion

col-lect \kə-'lekt\ *vb* 1 : to bring or come together into one body or place : ASSEMBLE 2 : to gather from numerous sources (~ stamps) 3 : to gain control of (~ his thoughts) 4 : to receive payment of — **col-lect-ible** or **col-lect-able** *adj* or *n* — **col-lec-tion** \-'lek-shən\ *n* — **col-lec-tor** \-'lek-tər\ *n*

col-lect \kə-'lekt\ *adv* or *adj* : to be paid for by the receiver

col-lect-ed \kə-'lek-təd\ *adj* : SELF-POSSESSED, CALM

col-lec-tive \kə-'lek-tiv\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or denoting a group of individuals considered as a whole 2 : formed by collecting 3 : involving all members of a group as distinct from its individuals 4 : shared or assumed by all members of the group — **col-lec-tive-ly** *adv*

collective *n* 1 : GROUP 2 : a cooperative unit or organization

collective bargaining *n* : negotiation between an employer and union representatives

col-lec-tiv-ism \kə-'lek-ti-,viz-əm\ *n* : a political or economic theory advocating collective control esp. over production and distribution

col-lec-tiv-ize \-,vīz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to organize under collective control

col-leen \kə-'lēn, 'käl-,ēn\ *n* : an Irish girl

col-lege \käl-ij\ *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. L *collegium* society, fr. *collega* colleague, fr. *com-* with + *legare* to appoint] 1 : a building used for an educational or religious purpose 2 : an institution of higher learning granting a bachelor's degree; *also* : an institution offering instruction esp. in a vocational or technical field (barber ~) 3 : an organized body of persons having common interests or duties (~ of cardinals) — **col-le-giate** \kə-'lē-jēt\ *adj*

col-le-gi-al-i-ty \kə-,lē-jē-'al-ət-ē\ *n* : the relationship of colleagues

col-le-gian \kə-'lē-jən\ *n* : a college student

col-le-gi-um \kə-'leg-ē-əm, -'lāg-\ *n*, *pl* -gia \-ē-ə\ or -giums : a governing group in which each member has approximately equal power

col-lide \kə-'lid\ *vb* col-lid-ed; col-lid-ing 1 : to come together with solid impact 2 : to come into conflict : CLASH — **col-li-sion** \-'līzh-ən\ *n*

col-lie \käl-ē\ *n* : a large dog of a breed with rough-coated and smooth-coated varieties developed in Scotland for herding sheep

col-li-er \käl-yə\ *n* 1 : a coal miner 2 : a ship for carrying coal

col-li-ery \käl-yə-rē\ *n*, *pl* -li-er-ies : a coal mine and its associated buildings

col-li-mate \käl-ə-'māt\ *vb* -mat-ed; -mat-ing : to make (as rays of light) parallel

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ə\bfurther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ə\chin \ə\bet \ə\easy \ə\go \ə\hit \ə\ice \ə\job
 \ə\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \ə\thin \ə\the \ə\foot
 \ə\foot \ə\yet \ə\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

col-lo-ca-tion \kāl-ə-'kā-shən\ *n* 1 : a placing together or side by side; *also* : the result of such placing 2 : a noticeable arrangement or conjoining of linguistic elements (as words)

col-lo-di-on \kə-'lōd-ē-ən\ *n* : a sticky substance that hardens in the air and is used to cover wounds and coat photographic films

col-loid \kāl-'lōid\ *n* : a substance in the form of submicroscopic particles that when in solution or suspension do not settle out; *also* : such a substance together with the medium in which it is dispersed — **col-loi-dal** \kə-'lōid-əl\ *adj*

colloq *abbr* colloquial

col-lo-qui-al \kə-'lō-kwē-əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or characteristic of conversation and esp. of familiar and informal conversation

col-lo-qui-al-ism \-'lō-kwē-ə-,līz-əm\ *n* : a colloquial expression

col-lo-qui-um \kə-'lō-kwē-əm\ *n*, *pl* -qui-ums or -quia \-kwē-ə\ : CONFERENCE, SEMINAR

col-lo-quy \kāl-ə-kwē\ *n*, *pl* -quies : a usu. formal conversation or conference

col-lu-sion \kə-'lū-zhən\ *n* : secret agreement or cooperation for an illegal or deceitful purpose — **col-lu-sive** \-'lū-siv\ *adj*

Colo *abbr* Colorado

co-log-ne \kə-'lōn\ *n* [Cologne, Germany] : a perfumed liquid consisting of alcohol and aromatic oils — **col-log-ned** \-'lōnd\ *adj*

co-lon \kō-lən\ *n*, *pl* colons or **co-la** \-lə\ : the part of the large intestine extending from the cecum to the rectum — **co-lon-ic** \kō-'län-ik\ *adj*

colon *n*, *pl* colons : a punctuation mark : used esp. to direct attention to following matter

co-lon \kə-'lōn\ *n*, *pl* **co-lo-nes** \-'lō-,nās\ — see MONEY table

co-lo-nel \kōrn-əl\ *n* [alter. of *coronel*, fr. MF, fr. It *colonello* column of soldiers, colonel, fr. L *columna*] : a commissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a brigadier general

co-lo-nial \kə-'lō-nē-əl-,nyəl\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or characteristic of a colony; *also* : possessing or composed of colonies 2 *often cap* : of or relating to the original 13 colonies forming the U.S.

colonial *n* : a member or inhabitant of a colony

co-lo-nial-ism \-'lō-nē-əm\ *n* : control by one power over a dependent area or people; *also* : a policy advocating or based on such control — **co-lo-nial-ist** \-əst\ *n* or *adj*

co-lo-nist \kāl-ə-nəst\ *n* 1 : COLONIAL 2 : one who takes part in founding a colony

co-lo-nize \kāl-ə-,nīz\ *vb* -nized; -niz-ing 1 : to establish a colony in or on 2 : to settle in a colony — **co-lo-ni-za-tion** \kāl-ə-nə-'zā-shən\ *n* — **co-lo-niz-er** *n*

col-on-nade \kāl-ə-'nād\ *n* : an evenly spaced row of columns usu. supporting the base of the roof structure

col-o-ny \kāl-ə-nē\ *n*, *pl* -nies 1 : a body of people living in a new territory; *also* : the territory inhabited by these people 2 : a localized population of organisms (a ~ of bees) 3 : a group with common interests situated in close association (a writers' ~); *also* : the area occupied by such a group

col-o-phon \kāl-ə-fən-,fän\ *n* 1 : an inscription placed at the end of a book with facts relative to its production 2 : a distinctive symbol used by a printer or publisher

col-or \kəl-ər\ *n* 1 : a phenomenon of light (as red or blue) or visual perception that enables one to differentiate otherwise identical objects; *also* : a hue as contrasted with black, white, or gray 2 : APPEARANCE 3 : complexion tint 4 *pl* : FLAG; *also* : military service (a call to the ~s) 5 : VIVIDNESS, INTEREST — **col-or-ful** *adj* — **col-or-less** *adj*

color *vb* **col-ored**; **col-or-ing** \kəl-ə-'rīŋ\ 1 : to give color to; *also* : to change the color of 2 : BLUSH

Col-o-ra-do potato beetle \kāl-ə-'rad-ō-,-'rād-\ *n* : a black-and-yellow striped beetle that feeds on the leaves of the potato

col-or-a-tion \kəl-ə-'rā-shən\ *n* : use or arrangement of colors

col-or-a-tu-ra \kəl-ə-rə-'t(y)ūr-ə\ *n* 1 : elaborate ornamentation in vocal music 2 : a soprano specializing in coloratura

col-or-blind \kəl-ər-,blind\ *adj* : partially or totally unable to distinguish one or more chromatic colors — **color blindness** *n*

col-ored \kəl-ərd\ *adj* 1 : having color 2 : SLANTED, BIASED 3 : of a race other than the white; *esp* : NEGRO

colored *n*, *pl* **colored** or **coloreds** *often cap* : a colored person

col-or-fast \kəl-ər-,fast\ *adj* : having color that does not fade or run — **col-or-fast-ness** *n*

co-los-sal \kə-'lās-əl\ *adj* : of very great size or degree

co-los-sians \kə-'lāsh-ənz\ *n* — see BIBLE table

co-los-sus \kə-'lās-əs\ *n*, *pl* **co-los-sus-es** \-'lās-ə-səz\ or **co-los-si** \-'lās-ī\ [L] : a gigantic statue; *also* : something of great size or scope

col-por-teur \kāl-,pōrt-ər\ *n* [F] : a peddler of religious books

colt \kōlt\ *n* : FOAL; *also* : a young male horse, ass, or zebra — **colt-ish** *adj*

col-um-bine \kāl-əm-,bīn\ *n* [ME, fr. ML *columbina*, fr. L, fem. of *columbinus* dovelike, fr. *columba* dove] : any of a genus of plants with showy spurred flowers that are related to the buttercups

co-lum-bi-um \kə-'lām-bē-əm\ *n* : NIOBIUM

Columbus Day \kə-'lām-bəs-\ *n* : the 2d Monday in October or formerly October 12 observed as a legal holiday in many states in commemoration of the landing of Columbus

col-umn \kāl-əm\ *n* 1 : one of two or more vertical sections of a printed page; *also* : a special department (as in a newspaper) 2 : a supporting pillar; *also* : something resembling such a column (a ~ of water) 3 : a long row (as of soldiers) — **co-lum-nar** \kə-'lām-nər\ *adj*

col-umn-ist \kāl-əm-(n)əst\ *n* : one who writes a newspaper or magazine column

com or **comm** *abbr* 1 command; commander 2 commerce; commercial 3 commission; commissioner 4 committee 5 common 6 commonwealth

co-ma \kō-mə\ *n* : a state of deep unconsciousness caused by disease, injury, or poison — **co-ma-tose** \kō-mə-,tōs-, 'kām-ə-\ *adj*

Co-man-che \kə-'man-chē\ *n*, *pl* **Comanche** or **Comanches** : a member of an American Indian people ranging from Wyoming and Nebraska south into New Mexico and Texas

comb \kōm\ *n* 1 : a toothed instrument for arranging the hair or for separating and cleaning textile fibers 2 : a fleshy crest on the head of a fowl 3 : HONEYCOMB — **comb** *vb* — **combed** \kōmd\ *adj*

comb *abbr* combination; combining

com-bat \kəm-'bat-, 'kām-,bat\ *vb* -bat-ed or -bat-ted; -bat-ing or -bat-ting 1 : FIGHT, CONTEND 2 : to struggle or work against : OPOSE — **com-bat** \kām-,bat\ *n* — **com-bat-ant** \kəm-'bat-ənt-, 'kām-bət-ənt\ *n* — **com-bat-ive** \kəm-'bat-iv\ *adj*

combat fatigue *n* : a traumatic neurotic or psychotic reaction occurring under conditions (as wartime combat) that cause intense stress

comb-er \kō-mər\ *n* 1 : one that combs 2 : a long curling wave of the sea

com-bi-na-tion \kām-bə-'nā-shən\ *n* 1 : a result or product of combining 2 : a sequence of letters or numbers chosen in setting a lock 3 : the act or process of combining; *also* : the quality or state of being combined

com-bine \kəm-'bīn\ *vb* **com-bined**; **com-bin-ing** : to become one : UNITE

2com-bine \ˈkām-,bīn\ *n* 1 : COMBINATION; *esp* : one made to secure business or political advantage 2 : a machine that harvests and threshes grain while moving over the field

comb-ings \ˈkō-mīŋz\ *n pl* : loose hairs or fibers removed by a comb

combining form *n* : a linguistic form that occurs only in compounds or derivatives

com-bo \ˈkām-bō\ *n, pl combos* : a small jazz or dance band

com-bus-ti-ble \kām-ˈbəs-tə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being burned — **com-bus-ti-bil-i-ty** \-,bəs-tə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n* — **combustible** *n*

com-bus-tion \kām-ˈbəs-chen\ *n* 1 : an act or instance of burning 2 : slow oxidation (as in the animal body)

comdg *abbr* commanding

comdr *abbr* commander

comdt *abbr* commandant

come \(\)kəm\ *vb* **came** \ˈkām\; **come**; **com-ing** \ˈkəm-ŋ\ 1 : APPROACH 2 : ARRIVE 3 : to reach the point of being or becoming (~ to a boil) 4 : AMOUNT (the bill *came* to \$10) 5 : to take place 6 : ORIGINATE, ARISE 7 : to be available 8 : REACH, EXTEND 9 : to experience orgasm — **come across** : to meet or find by chance — **come to pass** : HAPPEN — **come upon** : to come across

come-back \ˈkəm-,bak\ *n* 1 : RETORT 2 : RECOVERY — **come back** \(\)kəm-ˈbak\ *vb*

co-me-di-an \kə-ˈmēd-ē-ən\ *n* 1 : an actor in comedy 2 : an amusing person 3 : an entertainer specializing in comedy

co-me-di-enne \-,mēd-ē-ˈen\ *n* : a woman who is a comedian

come-down \ˈkəm-,daʊn\ *n* : a descent in rank or dignity

com-e-dy \ˈkām-əd-ē\ *n, pl -dies* [ME, fr. MF *comédie*, fr. L *comœdia*, fr. Gk *kōmōidia*, fr. *kōmos* revel + *aeidein* to sing] 1 : a light amusing play with a happy ending 2 : a literary work treating a comic theme or written in a comic style 3 : humorous entertainment

come-ly \ˈkəm-lē\ *adj* **come-li-er**; **-est** : good-looking : HANDSOME — **come-li-ness** *n*

come off *vb* : SUCCEED

come-on \ˈkəm-,ōn, -jān\ *n* : INDUCEMENT, LURE

come out *vb* 1 : to come into public view 2 : to declare oneself 3 : TURN OUT 5 (everything *came out* all right) — **come out with** : SAY 1

com-er \ˈkəm-ər\ *n* : a promising beginner

1co-mes-ti-ble \kə-ˈmes-tə-bəl\ *adj* : EDIBLE

2comestible *n* : FOOD — *usu.* used in pl.

com-et \ˈkām-ət\ *n* [ME *comete*, fr. OE *cometa*, fr. L, fr. Gk *komētēs*, lit., long-haired, fr. *komē* hair] : a small bright celestial body that develops a cloudy tail when near the sun

come to *vb* : to regain consciousness

come-up-pance \kə-ˈmæp-əns\ *n* : a deserved rebuke or penalty

com-fit \ˈkəm-fət\ *n* : a candied fruit or nut

1com-fort \ˈkəm-fərt\ *n* 1 : CONSOLATION 2 : freedom from pain, trouble, or anxiety; *also* : something that gives such freedom — **com-fort-less** *adj*

2comfort *vb* 1 : to give strength and hope to 2 : CONSOLE

com-fort-able \ˈkəm(f)t-ə-bəl, ˈkəm-fərt-\ *adj* 1 : providing comfort 2 : more than adequate 3 : feeling at ease — **com-fort-ably** \-blē\ *adv*

com-fort-er \ˈkəm-fə(r)t-ər\ *n* 1 : one that comforts 2 : QUILT

com-fy \ˈkəm-fē\ *adj* : COMFORTABLE

1com-ic \ˈkām-ik\ *adj* 1 : relating to comedy or comic strips 2 : provoking laughter or amusement *syn* laughable, funny, farcical — **com-i-cal** *adj*

2comic *n* 1 : COMEDIAN 2 : COMIC BOOK

comic book *n* : a magazine containing sequences of comic strips

comic strip *n* : a group of cartoons in narrative sequence

coming \ˈkəm-ŋ\ *adj* 1 : APPROACHING, NEXT 2 : gaining importance

co-mi-ty \ˈkām-ət-ē, ˈkō-mət-\ *n, pl -ties* : friendly civility : COURTESY

coml *abbr* commercial

comm *abbr* — see COM

com-ma \ˈkām-ə\ *n* : a punctuation mark, used *esp.* as a mark of separation within the sentence

1com-mand \kə-ˈmand\ *vb* 1 : to direct authoritatively : ORDER 2 : DOMINATE, CONTROL, GOVERN 3 : to overlook from a strategic position

2command *n* 1 : the act of commanding 2 : ability to control : MASTERY 3 : an order given 4 : an electrical signal that actuates a device (as a computer); *also* : the activation of a device by means of such a signal 5 : a body of troops under a commander; *also* : an area or position that one commands 6 : a position of highest authority

com-man-dant \ˈkām-ən-,dant, -,dänt\ *n* : an officer in command

com-man-deer \ˈkām-ən-ˈdiər\ *vb* : to take possession of by force

com-mand-er \kə-ˈman-dər\ *n* 1 : LEADER, CHIEF; *esp* : an officer commanding an army or subdivision of an army 2 : a commissioned officer in the navy ranking next below a captain

commander in chief : one who holds supreme command of the armed forces

com-mand-ment \kə-ˈman(d)-mənt\ *n* : COMMAND, ORDER; *esp* : any of the Ten Commandments

command module *n* : a space vehicle module designed to carry the crew and reentry equipment

com-man-do \kə-ˈman-dō\ *n, pl -dos or -does* [Afrikaans *kommando*, fr. Dutch *commando* command] : a member of a military unit trained for surprise raids

command sergeant major *n* : a noncommissioned officer in the army ranking above a first sergeant

com-mem-o-rate \kə-ˈmem-ə-,rāt\ *vb -rat-ed; -rat-ing* 1 : to call or recall to mind 2 : to serve as a memorial of — **com-mem-o-ra-tion** \-,mem-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

com-mem-o-ra-tive \kə-ˈmem-(ə)-rət-iv, -ˈmem-ə-,rāt-iv\ *adj* : intended to commemorate an event

com-mence \kə-ˈmens\ *vb* **com-menced**; **com-menc-ing** : BEGIN, START

com-mence-ment \-mənt\ *n* 1 : the act or time of a beginning 2 : the graduation exercises of a school or college

com-mend \kə-ˈmend\ *vb* 1 : to commit to one's care 2 : RECOMMEND 3 : PRAISE — **com-mend-able** \-ˈmen-də-bəl\ *adj* — **com-mend-ably** \-blē\ *adv* — **com-men-da-tion** \ˈkām-ən-ˈdā-shən, -,ən-\ *n*

com-men-su-ra-ble \kə-ˈmens-(ə)-rə-bəl\ *adj* : having a common measure; *esp* : divisible by a common unit an integral number of times

com-men-su-rate \kə-ˈmens-(ə)-rət, -ˈmench-(ə)-\ *adj* : equal in measure or extent; *also* : PROPORTIONAL, CORRESPONDING (a job ~ with her abilities)

com-ment \ˈkām-ent\ *n* 1 : an expression of opinion 2 : an explanatory, illustrative, or critical note or observation : REMARK — **comment** *vb*

com-men-tary \ˈkām-ən-,ter-ē\ *n, pl -tar-ies* : a systematic series of comments

com-men-ta-tor \-ˈtāt-ər\ *n* : one who comments; *esp* : one who gives talks on news events on radio or television

com-merce \ˈkām-(,)ərs\ *n* : the buying and selling of commodities : TRADE

1com-mer-cial \kə-ˈmər-shəl\ *adj* : having to do with com-

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\aʊ\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ɔ\go \ɔ\law \ɔ\boy \th\thin \th\the \ʊ\loot
\ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

merce; *also* : designed for profit or for mass appeal — **com-mer-cial-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

²**commercial** *n* : an advertisement broadcast on radio or television

com-mer-cial-ism \kə-ˈmər-shə-,līz-əm\ *n* 1 : a spirit, method, or practice characteristic of business 2 : excessive emphasis on profit

com-mer-cial-ize \-,līz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing 1 : to manage on a business basis for profit 2 : to exploit for profit

com-mi-na-tion \,kām-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n* : DENUNCIATION — **com-mi-na-to-ry** \ˈkām-ə-nə-,tōr-ē\ *adj*

com-min-gle \kə-ˈmīŋ-gəl\ *vb* : MINGLE, BLEND

com-mis-er-ate \kə-ˈmiz-ə-,rāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to feel or express pity : SYMPATHIZE — **com-mis-er-a-tion** \-,miz-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

com-mis-sar \ˈkām-ə-,sär\ *n* [Russ] : a Communist party official assigned to a military unit to teach and enforce party principles and policy

com-mis-sar-i-at \,kām-ə-ˈser-ē-ət\ *n* 1 : a system for supplying troops with food 2 : a department headed by a commissar

com-mis-sary \ˈkām-ə-,ser-ē\ *n*, *pl* -sar-ies : a store for equipment and provisions esp. for military personnel

¹**com-mis-sion** \kə-ˈmish-ən\ *n* 1 : a warrant granting certain powers and imposing certain duties 2 : a certificate conferring military rank and authority 3 : authority to act as agent for another; *also* : something to be done by an agent 4 : a body of persons charged with performing a duty 5 : the doing of some act; *also* : the thing done 6 : the allowance made to an agent for transacting business for another

²**commission** *vb* -mis-sioned; -mis-sion-ing \-ˈmish-(ə-)niŋ\ 1 : to give a commission to 2 : to order to be made 3 : to put (a ship) into a state of readiness for service

commissioned officer *n* : an officer of the armed forces holding rank by virtue of a commission from the president

com-mis-sion-er \kə-ˈmish-(ə-)nər\ *n* 1 : a member of a commission 2 : an official in charge of a department of public service 3 : the administrative head of a professional sport — **com-mis-sion-er-ship** *n*

com-mit \kə-ˈmīt\ *vb* **com-mit-ted**; **com-mit-ting** 1 : to put into charge or trust : ENTRUST 2 : to put in a prison or mental institution 3 : TRANSFER, CONSIGN 4 : PERPETRATE (~ a crime) 5 : to pledge or assign to some particular course or use — **com-mit-ment** *n* — **com-mit-tal** *n*

com-mit-tee \kə-ˈmīt-ē\ *n* : a body of persons selected to consider and act or report on some matter — **com-mit-tee-man** \-mən\ *n* — **com-mit-tee-wom-an** \-,wūm-ən\ *n*

commo *abbr* commodore

com-mode \kə-ˈmōd\ *n* [F, fr. *commode*, *adj.*, suitable, convenient, fr. L *commodus*, fr. *com-* with + *modus* measure] 1 : a movable washstand with cupboard underneath 2 : TOILET 3

com-mo-di-ous \kə-ˈmōd-ē-əs\ *adj* : comfortably spacious : ROOMY

com-mod-i-ty \kə-ˈmād-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : a product of agriculture or mining 2 : an article of commerce (wheat and soybeans are traded as commodities)

com-mo-dore \ˈkām-ə-,dōr\ *n* 1 : a commissioned officer in the navy ranking next below a rear admiral 2 : an officer commanding a group of merchant ships; *also* : the chief officer of a yacht club

¹**com-mon** \ˈkām-ən\ *adj* 1 : belonging to or serving the community : PUBLIC 2 : shared by a number in a group 3 : widely or generally known, found, or observed : FAMILIAR (~ knowledge) 4 : VERNACULAR 3 (~ names) 5 : not above the average esp. in social status *syn* universal, general, generic — **com-mon-ly** *adv*

²**common** *n* 1 *pl* : the common people 2 *pl* : a dining hall 3 *pl*, *cap* : the lower house of the British and Canadian parliaments 4 : a piece of land held in common by a community — **in common** : shared together

com-mon-al-ty \ˈkām-ən-əl-tē\ *n*, *pl* -ties : the common people

common cold *n* : a contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus and characterized by a sore, swollen, and inflamed nose and throat, usu. by much mucus, and by coughing and sneezing

common denominator *n* 1 : a common multiple of the denominators of a number of fractions 2 : a common trait or theme

common divisor *n* : a number or expression that divides two or more numbers or expressions without remainder

com-mon-er \ˈkām-ə-nər\ *n* : one of the common people : one having no rank of nobility

common fraction *n* : a fraction in which the numerator and denominator are both integers and are separated by a horizontal or slanted line

common law *n* : a group of legal practices and traditions based on judges' decisions and social customs and usu. having the same force as laws passed by legislative bodies

common logarithm *n* : a logarithm whose base is 10

common market *n* : an economic unit formed to remove trade barriers among members

common multiple *n* : a multiple of each of two or more numbers or expressions

¹**com-mon-place** \ˈkām-ən-,plās\ *n* : something that is ordinary or trite

²**commonplace** *adj* : ORDINARY

common sense *n* : ordinary good sense and judgment

com-mon-weal \ˈkām-ən-,wē\ *n* 1 *archaic* : COMMON-WEALTH 2 : the general welfare

com-mon-wealth \-,welth\ *n* 1 : the body of people politically organized into a state 2 : STATE; *also* : an association or federation of autonomous states

com-mo-tion \kə-ˈmō-shən\ *n* 1 : DISTURBANCE, UPRISING 2 : AGITATION

com-mu-nal \kə-ˈmyū-nəl, ˈkām-yən-əl\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to a commune or community 2 : marked by collective ownership and use of property 3 : shared or used in common

¹**com-mune** \kə-ˈmyūn\ *vb* **communed**; **com-mun-ing** : to communicate intimately

²**com-mune** \ˈkām-,yūn; kə-ˈmyūn\ *n* 1 : the smallest administrative district in some European countries 2 : a community organized on a communal basis

com-mu-ni-ca-ble \kə-ˈmyū-ni-kə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being communicated (~ diseases) — **com-mu-ni-ca-bil-i-ty** \-,myū-ni-kə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n*

com-mu-ni-cant \-ˈmyū-ni-kənt\ *n* 1 : a church member entitled to receive Communion 2 : one that communicates; *esp* : INFORMANT

com-mu-ni-cate \kə-ˈmyū-nə-,kāt\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing 1 : to make known 2 : TRANSMIT, IMPART 3 : to receive Communion 4 : to be in communication 5 : JOIN, CONNECT

com-mu-ni-ca-tion \kə-,myū-nə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* 1 : an act of transmitting 2 : MESSAGE 3 : exchange of information or opinions 4 : a means of communicating — **com-mu-ni-ca-tive** \kə-ˈmyū-nə-,kāt-iv, -ni-kāt-iv\ *adj*

com-mu-nion \kə-ˈmyū-nyən\ *n* 1 : a sharing of something with others 2 *cap* : a Christian sacrament in which bread and wine are partaken of as a commemoration of the death of Christ; *also* : the act of receiving the sacrament 3 : intimate fellowship or rapport 4 : a body of Christians having a common faith and discipline

com-mu-ni-qué \kə-ˈmyū-nə-,kā, -,myū-nə-ˈkā\ *n* : BULLETIN 1

com-mu-nism \ˈkām-yə-,niz-əm\ *n* 1 : social organization in which goods are held in common 2 : a theory of social organization advocating common ownership of means of production and a distribution of products of industry based on need 3 *cap* : a political doctrine based on revolutionary Marxian socialism that is the official

ideology of the U.S.S.R. and some other countries; *also* : a system of government in which one party controls state-owned means of production — **com-mu-nist** \-nəst/ *n* or *adj*, *often cap* — **com-mu-nis-tic** \,kām-yə-ˈnɪs-tɪk/ *adj*, *often cap*

com-mu-ni-ty \kə-ˈmyū-nət-ē/ *n*, *pl -ties* **1** : a body of people living in the same place under the same laws; *also* : a natural population of plants and animals that interact ecologically and live in one place (as a pond) **2** : society at large **3** : joint ownership **4** : SIMILARITY, LIKENESS

community college *n* : a nonresidential 2-year college that is usu. government-supported

community property *n* : property held jointly by husband and wife

com-mu-ta-tion \,kām-yə-ˈtā-shən/ *n* : substitution of one form of payment or penalty for another

com-mu-ta-tive \ˈkām-yə-,tāt-iv, kə-ˈmyūt-ət-/ *adj* : of, relating to, having, or being the property that a given mathematical operation and set have when the result obtained using any two numbers of the set with the operation does not differ with the order in which the numbers are used (addition of the real numbers is ~) — **com-mu-ta-tiv-i-ty** \kə-,myūt-ə-ˈtɪv-ət-ē, \kām-yə-tə-/ *n*

com-mu-ta-tor \ˈkām-yə-,tāt-ər/ *n* : a device (as on a generator or motor) for changing the direction of electric current

com-mute \kə-ˈmyūt/ *vb* **com-mut-ed**; **com-mut-ing** **1** : EXCHANGE **2** : to substitute a less severe penalty for (one more severe) **3** : to travel back and forth regularly — **com-mut-er** *n*

commute *n* : a trip made in commuting
comp abbr **1** comparative **2** compiled; compiler **3** composition **4** compound

com-pact \kəm-ˈpakt, (ˈ)kām-/ *adj* **1** : SOLID, DENSE **2** : BRIEF, SUCCINCT **3** : occupying a small volume by efficient use of space (~ camera) — **com-pact-ly** *adv* — **com-pact-ness** *n*

compact *vb* : to pack together

com-pact \ˈkām-,pakt/ *n* **1** : a small case for cosmetics **2** : a small automobile

com-pact \ˈkām-,pakt/ *n* : AGREEMENT, COVENANT
compact disc *n* : a small plastic optical disc usu. containing recorded music

com-pan-ion \kəm-ˈpan-yən/ *n* [OF *compagnon*, fr. LL *companion-*, *companion*, lit., one who shares bread, fr. L *com-* together + *panis* bread] **1** : an intimate friend or associate : COMRADE **2** : one that is closely connected with something similar — **com-pan-ion-able** *adj* — **com-pan-ion-ship** *n*

companion *n* : COMPANIONWAY

com-pan-ion-way \-,wā/ *n* : a ship's stairway from one deck to another

com-pa-ny \ˈkəmp-(ə-)nē/ *n*, *pl -nies* **1** : association with others : FELLOWSHIP; *also* : COMPANIONS **2** : GUESTS **3** : a group of persons or things **4** : an infantry unit consisting of two or more platoons and normally commanded by a captain **5** : a group of musical or dramatic performers **6** : the officers and crew of a ship **7** : an association of persons for carrying on a business *syn* party, band, troop, troupe, corps, outfit

com-pa-ra-ble \ˈkām-p(ə-)rə-bəl/ *adj* : capable of being compared *syn* parallel, similar, like, alike, corresponding — **com-pa-ra-bil-i-ty** \,kām-p(ə-)rə-ˈbɪl-ət-ē/ *n*

com-par-a-tive \kəm-ˈpar-ət-iv/ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or constituting the degree of grammatical comparison that denotes increase in quality, quantity, or relation **2** : RELATIVE (a ~ stranger) — **com-par-a-tive-ly** *adv*

comparative *n* : the comparative degree or a comparative form in a language

com-pare \kəm-ˈpær/ *vb* **com-pared**; **com-par-ing** **1** : to represent as like something : LIKEN **2** : to examine for likenesses and differences **3** : to inflect or modify (an

adjective or adverb) according to the degrees of comparison

com-pare *n* : the possibility of comparing (beauty beyond ~)

com-par-i-son \-ˈpar-ə-sən/ *n* **1** : the act of comparing : relative estimate **2** : change in the form of an adjective or adverb to show different levels of quality, quantity, or relation

com-part-ment \kəm-ˈpärt-mənt/ *n* **1** : a separate division **2** : a section of an enclosed space : ROOM

com-part-men-tal-ize \kəm-,pärt-ˈment-əl-,īz/ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to separate into compartments

com-pass \ˈkəm-pəs, ˈkām-/ *vb* [ME *compassen*, fr. OF *compasser* to measure, fr. (assumed) VL *compassare* to pace off, fr. L *com-* + *passus* pace] **1** : CONTRIVE, PLOT **2** : to make a circuit of; *also* : SURROUND **3** : BRING ABOUT, ACHIEVE

compass *n* **1** : BOUNDARY, CIRCUMFERENCE **2** : an enclosed space **3** : RANGE, SCOPE **4** : a device for determining direction by means of a magnetic needle swinging freely and pointing to the magnetic north; *also* : a nonmagnetic device that indicates direction **5** : an instrument for drawing circles or transferring measurements consisting of two legs joined by a pivot



compass 5

com-pas-sion \kəm-ˈpash-ən/ *n* : sympathetic feeling : PITY, MERCY — **com-pas-sion-ate** \-(ə-)nət/ *adj*

com-pat-i-ble \kəm-ˈpat-ə-bəl/ *adj* : able to exist or act together harmoniously (~ colors) (~ drugs) *syn* consonant, congenial, sympathetic — **com-pat-i-bil-i-ty** \-,pat-ə-ˈbɪl-ət-ē/ *n*

com-pa-tri-ot \kəm-ˈpā-trē-ət, -trē-,ät/ *n* : a fellow countryman

com-peer \ˈkām-,piər/ *n* : EQUAL, PEER

com-pel \kəm-ˈpel/ *vb* **com-pelled**; **com-pel-ling** : to drive or urge with force : CONSTRAIN

com-pen-di-um \kəm-ˈpen-dē-əm/ *n*, *pl -di-ums* or *-dia* \-dē-ə/ **1** : a brief summary of a larger work or of a field of knowledge **2** : COLLECTION

com-pen-sate \ˈkām-pən-,sāt/ *vb* -sat-ed; -sat-ing **1** : to be equivalent to in value or effect : make up for **2** : PAY, REMUNERATE *syn* balance, offset, counterbalance, counterpoise — **com-pen-sa-tion** \,kām-pən-ˈsā-shən/ *n* — **com-pen-sa-to-ry** \kəm-ˈpen-sə-,tōr-ē/ *adj*

com-pete \kəm-ˈpēt/ *vb* **com-pet-ed**; **com-pet-ing** : CONTEND, VIE

com-pe-tence \ˈkām-pət-əns/ *n* **1** : adequate means for subsistence **2** : FITNESS, ABILITY

com-pe-ten-cy \-pət-ən-sē/ *n*, *pl -cies* : COMPETENCE

com-pe-tent \-pət-ənt/ *adj* : CAPABLE, FIT, QUALIFIED

com-pe-ti-tion \,kām-pə-ˈtɪsh-ən/ *n* **1** : the act of competing : RIVALRY **2** : CONTEST, MATCH; *also* : one's competitors — **com-pet-i-tive** \kəm-ˈpet-ət-iv/ *adj* — **com-pet-i-tive-ly** *adv* — **com-pet-i-tive-ness** *n*

com-pet-i-tor \kəm-ˈpet-ət-ər/ *n* : one that competes : RIVAL

com-pile \kəm-ˈpil/ *vb* **com-piled**; **com-pil-ing** [ME *compilen*, fr. MF *compiler*, fr. L *compilare* to plunder] **1** : to collect and edit into a volume **2** : to compose out of materials from other documents **3** : to translate (a computer program) with a compiler **4** : to build up gradually (~ a record of four wins and two losses) — **com-pi-la-tion** \,kām-pə-ˈlā-shən/ *n*

\ə/abut \ə/ˈkitten \ər/further \ə/ash \ə/ace \ə/cot, cart
\aʊ/out \ch/chain \ə/bet \e/easy \g/og \i/hit \i/ice \j/job
\ŋ/sing \d/og \ɔ/law \ɔi/boy \th/thin \th/the \u/loot
\ʊ/foot \y/yet \zh/vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- com-pil-er** \kəm-'pī-lər\ *n* 1 : one that compiles 2 : a computer program that translates another program written in a programming language into machine language
- com-pla-cence** \kəm-'plās-'ns\ *n* : SATISFACTION; *esp* : SELF-SATISFACTION — **com-pla-cent** \-'nt\ *adj* — **com-pla-cent-ly** *adv*
- com-pla-cen-cy** \-'n-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies : COMPLACENCE
- com-plain** \kəm-'plān\ *vb* 1 : to express grief, pain, or discontent 2 : to make a formal accusation — **com-plain-ant** *n* — **com-plain-er** *n*
- com-plaint** \kəm-'plānt\ *n* 1 : expression of grief, pain, or dissatisfaction 2 : a bodily ailment or disease 3 : a formal accusation against a person
- com-plai-sance** \kəm-'plās-'ns, 'kām-plā-'zans\ *n* [F] : disposition to please — **com-plai-sant** \-'nt, -'zant\ *adj*
- com-pleat** \kəm-'plēt\ *adj* : PROFICIENT
- com-plect-ed** \kəm-'plek-təd\ *adj* : having a specified facial complexion (dark-complected)
- com-ple-ment** \'kām-plə-mənt\ *n* 1 : a quantity needed to make a thing complete 2 : full quantity, number, or amount 3 : an added word by which a predicate is made complete 4 : a substance in blood that combines with antibodies to destroy antigens — **com-ple-men-ta-ry** \,kām-plə-'men-t(ə)-rē\ *adj*
- com-ple-ment** \-,mənt\ *vb* : to be complementary to : fill out
- com-plete** \kəm-'plēt\ *adj* **com-plet-er**; -est 1 : having no part lacking 2 : brought to an end 3 : fully realized — **THOROUGH** — **com-plete-ly** *adv* — **com-plete-ness** *n* — **com-ple-tion** \-'plē-shən\ *n*
- complete** *vb* **com-plet-ed**; **com-plet-ing** 1 : FINISH, CONCLUDE 2 : to make whole or perfect
- com-plex** \'kām-,pleks\ *n* : something made up of or involving an often intricate combination of elements; *esp* : a system of repressed desires, memories, and ideas that exert a dominant influence on the personality and behavior (a guilt ~)
- com-plex** \kām-'pleks, kəm-'pleks, 'kām-,pleks\ *adj* 1 : composed of two or more parts 2 : consisting of a main clause and one or more subordinate clauses (~ sentence) 3 : COMPLICATED, INTRICATE — **com-plex-i-ty** \kəm-'plek-sət-ē, kām-*n*
- complex fraction** *n* : a fraction with a fraction or mixed number in the numerator or denominator or both
- com-plex-ion** \kəm-'plek-shən\ *n* 1 : the hue or appearance of the skin *esp.* of the face 2 : general appearance — **com-plex-ioned** \-shənd\ *adj*
- complex number** *n* : a number (as $3 + 4\sqrt{-1}$) formed by adding a real number to the product of a real number and the square root of minus one
- com-pli-ance** \kəm-'pli-əns\ *n* 1 : the act of complying to a demand or proposal 2 : a disposition to yield — **com-pli-ant** \-'ənt\ *adj*
- com-pli-cate** \'kām-plə-,kāt\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing : to make or become complex or intricate — **com-pli-ca-tion** \,kām-plə-'kā-shən\ *n*
- com-pli-cat-ed** \'kām-plə-,kāt-əd\ *adj* 1 : consisting of parts intricately combined 2 : difficult to analyze, understand, or explain — **com-pli-cat-ed-ly** *adv*
- com-plic-i-ty** \kəm-'plis-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties : the state of being an accomplice
- com-pli-ment** \'kām-plə-mənt\ *n* 1 : an expression of approval or courtesy; *esp* : a flattering remark 2 *pl* : best wishes : REGARDS
- com-pli-ment** \-,mənt\ *vb* : to pay a compliment to
- com-pli-men-ta-ry** \,kām-plə-'men-t(ə)-rē\ *adj* 1 : containing or expressing a compliment 2 : given free as a courtesy (~ ticket)
- com-ply** \kəm-'plī\ *vb* **com-plied**; **com-ply-ing** : ACQUIESCE, YIELD
- com-po-nent** \kəm-'pō-nənt, 'kām-,pō-*n* : a component part *syn* ingredient, element, factor, constituent
- component** *adj* : serving to form a part of : CONSTITUENT
- com-port** \kəm-'pōrt\ *vb* 1 : AGREE, ACCORD 2 : CONDUCT *syn* behave, acquit, deport
- com-port-ment** \-mənt\ *n* : BEHAVIOR, BEARING
- com-pose** \kəm-'pōz\ *vb* **com-posed**; **com-pos-ing** 1 : to form by putting together : FASHION 2 : to produce (as pages of type) by composition 3 : ADJUST, ARRANGE 4 : CALM, QUIET 5 : to practice composition (~ music) — **com-posed** \-'pōzd\ *adj* — **com-pos-er** *n*
- composing stick** *n* : a hand-held compositor's tray with an adjustable slide for setting type
- com-pos-ite** \kām-'pāz-ət, kām-*adj* 1 : made up of distinct parts or elements 2 : of, relating to, or being a large family of flowering plants (as the daisy) that bear many small flowers united into compact heads resembling single flowers
- composite** *n* 1 : something composite 2 : a plant of the composite family *syn* blend, compound, mixture, amalgamation
- com-po-si-tion** \,kām-pə-'zish-ən\ *n* 1 : the act or process of composing; *esp* : arrangement of elements in artistic form 2 : the arrangement or production of type for printing 3 : MAKEUP, CONSTITUTION 4 : a product of mixing various elements or ingredients 5 : a literary, musical, or artistic product; *esp* : ESSAY
- com-pos-i-tor** \kəm-'pāz-ət-ər\ *n* : one who sets type
- com-post** \'kām-,pōst\ *n* : a fertilizing material consisting largely of decayed organic matter
- com-po-sure** \kəm-'pō-zhər\ *n* : CALMNESS, SELF-POSSESSION
- com-pote** \'kām-,pōt\ *n* 1 : fruits cooked in syrup 2 : a bowl (as of glass) usu. with a base and stem from which compotes, fruits, nuts, or sweets are served
- com-pound** \('kām-'paund, kām-*vb* [ME *compounen*, fr. MF *compondre*, fr. L *componere*, fr. *com-* together + *ponere* to put] 1 : COMBINE 2 : to form by combining parts (~ a medicine) 3 : SETTLE (~ a dispute) 4 : to increase (as interest) by an amount that itself increases; *also* : to add to 5 : to forbear prosecution of (an offense) in return for some reward
- com-pound** \'kām-,paund\ *adj* 1 : made up of two or more parts 2 : composed of united similar parts *esp.* of a kind usu. separate (a ~ plant ovary) 3 : formed by the combination of two or more otherwise independent elements (~ sentence)
- com-pound** \'kām-,paund\ *n* 1 : a word consisting of parts that are words 2 : something formed from a union of elements or parts; *esp* : a distinct substance formed by the union of two or more chemical elements *syn* mixture, composite, blend, admixture, alloy
- com-pound** \'kām-,paund\ *n* [by folk etymology fr. Malay *kampong* group of buildings, village] : an enclosure containing buildings
- compound interest** *n* : interest computed on the sum of an original principal and accrued interest
- com-pre-hend** \kām-'pri-'hend\ *vb* 1 : UNDERSTAND 2 : INCLUDE — **com-pre-hen-si-ble** \-'hen-sə-bəl\ *adj* — **com-pre-hen-sion** \-'hen-chən\ *n* — **com-pre-hen-sive** \-'siv\ *adj*
- com-press** \kām-'pres\ *vb* : to squeeze together : CONDENSE *syn* constrict, contract, shrink — **com-pressed** *adj* — **com-pres-sion** \-'presh-ən\ *n* — **com-pres-sor** \-'pres-ər\ *n*
- com-press** \'kām-,pres\ *n* : a soft often wet or medicated pad used to press upon an injured bodily part
- compressed air** *n* : air under pressure greater than that of the atmosphere
- com-prise** \kām-'prīz\ *vb* **com-prise**; **com-pris-ing** 1 : INCLUDE, CONTAIN 2 : to be made up of 3 : COMPOSE, CONSTITUTE
- com-pro-mise** \'kām-prə-,mīz\ *n* : a settlement of differences reached by mutual concessions; *also* : the agreement thus made

2 **compromise** *vb* -mised; -mis-**ing** **1** : to settle by compromise **2** : to endanger the reputation of
comp-trol-ler \kən-ˈtrō-lər, ˈkämp-trō-**l** *n* : an official who audits and supervises expenditures and accounts
com-pul-sion \kəm-ˈpəl-shən *n* **1** : COERCION **2** : an irresistible impulse **syn** constraint, force, violence, duress — **com-pul-sive** \-siv *adj* — **com-pul-so-ry** \ˈpəls-(ə-)rē *adj*
com-punc-tion \kəm-ˈpəŋk-shən *n* : anxiety arising from guilt : REMORSE
com-pute \kəm-ˈpyüt *vb* **com-put-ed**; **com-put-ing** : CALCULATE, RECKON — **com-pu-ta-tion** \,käm-pyüt-ˈtä-shən *n* — **com-pu-ta-tion-al** *adj*
computed tomography *n* : radiography in which a three-dimensional image of a body structure is constructed by computer from a series of plane cross-sectional images made along an axis
com-put-er \kəm-ˈpyüt-ər *n* : a programmable electronic device that can store, retrieve, and process data
com-put-er-ize \kəm-ˈpyüt-ə-rīz *vb* -ized; -iz-**ing** **1** : to carry out, control, or produce by means of a computer **2** : to provide with computers **3** : to store in a computer; *also* : put into a form that a computer can use — **com-put-er-iza-tion** \,pyüt-ə-rē-ˈzä-shən *n*
computerized axial tomography *n* : COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY
com-rade \ˈkäm-,rad, -rəd *n* [MF *comarade* group sleeping in one room, roommate, companion, fr. Sp *comarada*, fr. *cámara* room, fr. LL *camera*] : COMPANION, ASSOCIATE — **com-rade-ly** *adj* — **com-rade-ship** *n*
1 **con** \ˈkän *vb* **con-ned**; **con-ning** **1** : MEMORIZE **2** : STUDY **con** *adv* : in opposition : AGAINST
3 **con** *n* : an opposing argument, person, or position
4 **con** *vb* **con-ned**; **con-ning** **1** : SWINDLE **2** : PERSUADE, CAJOLE
5 **con** *n* : CONVICT
con brio \kän-ˈbrē-ō, kön-*adv* : with spirit : VIGOROUSLY — used as a direction in music
conc *abbr* concentrated
con-cat-e-na-tion \ˌkän-,kat-ə-ˈnä-shən *n* : a series connected like links in a chain — **con-cat-e-nate** \kän-ˈkat-ə-,nät *vb*
con-cave \ˌkän-ˈkäv *adj* : curved or rounded inward like the inside of a bowl — **con-cav-i-ty** \kän-ˈkav-ət-ē *n*
con-ceal \kən-ˈsēl *vb* : to place out of sight : HIDE — **con-ceal-ment** *n*
con-cede \kən-ˈsēd *vb* **con-ced-ed**; **con-ced-ing** **1** : to admit to be true **2** : GRANT, YIELD **syn** allow, acknowledge, admit, avow, confess
con-ceit \kən-ˈsēt *n* **1** : excessively high opinion of oneself, one's appearance, or ability : VANITY **2** : an elaborate or strained metaphor — **con-ceit-ed** \-əd *adj*
con-ceive \kən-ˈsēv *vb* **con-ceived**; **con-ceiv-ing** **1** : to become pregnant **2** : to form an idea of : THINK, IMAGINE — **con-ceiv-able** \ˌsē-və-bəl *adj* — **con-ceiv-ably** \-blē *adv*
con-cel-e-brant \kən-ˈsəl-ə-brənt *n* : one of two or more members of the clergy celebrating the Eucharist or Mass together
1 **con-cen-trate** \ˈkän-sən-,trät *vb* -trat-ed; -trat-ing **1** : to gather into one body, mass, or force **2** : to make less dilute **3** : to fix one's powers, efforts, or attentions on one thing
2 **concentrate** *n* : something concentrated
con-cen-tra-tion \,kän-sən-ˈtrā-shən *n* **1** : the act or process of concentrating : the state of being concentrated; *esp* : direction of attention on a single object **2** : the relative content of a component : STRENGTH
concentration camp *n* : a camp where persons (as prisoners of war or political prisoners) are confined
con-cen-tric \kən-ˈsen-trik *adj* **1** : having a common center (~ circles) **2** : COAXIAL
con-cept \ˈkän-,sept *n* : THOUGHT, NOTION, IDEA — **con-cep-tu-al** \kən-ˈsep-chə-(wə) *adj*
con-cep-tion \kən-ˈsep-shən *n* **1** : the act of conceiving or

being conceived **2** : the power to form ideas or concepts
3 : IDEA, CONCEPT **4** : the originating of something
con-cep-tu-al-ize \ˌsep-chə-(wə)-līz *vb* -ized; -iz-**ing** : to form a conception of
1 **con-cern** \kən-ˈsərn *vb* **1** : to relate to **2** : to be the business of : INVOLVE **3** : ENGAGE, OCCUPY
2 **concern** *n* **1** : INTEREST, ANXIETY **2** : AFFAIR, MATTER **3** : a business organization **syn** care, worry, anxiety, disquiet, unease
con-cerned \ˈsərnd *adj* : ANXIOUS, TROUBLED
con-cern-ing \ˈsər-niŋ *prep* : relating to : REGARDING
con-cern-ment \kən-ˈsərn-mənt *n* **1** : something in which one is concerned **2** : IMPORTANCE, CONSEQUENCE
1 **con-cert** \ˈkän-(,)sərt *n* **1** : agreement in a plan or design **2** : a concerted action **3** : a public performance of several musical compositions
2 **con-cert** \kən-ˈsərt *vb* : to plan together
con-cert-ed \kən-ˈsərt-əd *adj* : mutually agreed on; *also* : performed in unison
con-cer-ti-na \,kän-sər-ˈtē-nə *n* : an instrument of the accordion family
con-cert-mas-ter \ˈkän-sərt-,mas-tər *or* **con-cert-meis-ter** \,mī-stər *n* : the leader of the first violins of an orchestra and assistant to the conductor
con-cer-to \kən-ˈchert-ō *n*, *pl* -ti -(,) *or* -tos [It] : a piece for one or more solo instruments and orchestra in three movements
con-ces-sion \kən-ˈsesh-ən *n* **1** : an act of conceding or yielding **2** : something yielded **3** : a grant by a government of land or of a right to use it **4** : a grant of a portion of premises for some specific purpose — **con-ces-sion-ary** \ˈsesh-ə-,ner-ē *adj*
con-ces-sion-aire \kən-,sesh-ə-ˈna(ə)r, -ˈne(ə)r *n* : one that owns or operates a concession
conch \ˈkänk, ˈkänch *n*, *pl* **conchs** \ˈkänks *or* **conch-es** \ˈkän-chəz *n* : a large spiral-shelled marine gastropod mollusk; *also* : its shell
con-cierge \kō-ˈsyerzh *n*, *pl* **con-cierges** \ˈsyerzh-(əz) [F, fr. L *conservus* fellow slave, fr. *com*-with + *servus* slave] **1** : a resident in an apartment building who performs services for the tenants **2** : a usu. multilingual hotel staff member
con-cil-i-ate \kən-ˈsil-ē-,ät *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing **1** : to bring into agreement : RECONCILE **2** : to gain the goodwill of — **con-cil-i-a-tion** \-sil-ē-ˈā-shən *n* — **con-cil-ia-to-ry** \ˈsil-yə-,tör-ē, -ˈsil-ē-ə-*adj*
con-cise \kən-ˈsīs *adj* : expressing much in few words : TERSE, SUCCINCT — **con-cise-ly** *adv* — **con-cise-ness** *n*
con-clave \ˈkän-,klāv *n* [ML, fr. L, room that can be locked, fr. *com*-together + *clavis* key] : a private gathering; *also* : CONVENTION
con-clude \kən-ˈklüd *vb* **con-clud-ed**; **con-clud-ing** **1** : to bring to a close : END **2** : DECIDE, JUDGE **3** : to bring about as a result **syn** close, finish, terminate, complete, halt, end
con-clu-sion \kən-ˈklü-zhən *n* **1** : the logical consequence of a reasoning process **2** : TERMINATION, END **3** : OUTCOME, RESULT — **con-clu-sive** \-siv *adj* — **con-clu-sive-ly** *adv*
con-coct \kən-ˈkäkt, kän-*vb* **1** : to prepare by combining diverse ingredients **2** : DEVISE (~ a scheme) — **con-coc-tion** \ˈkäk-shən *n*
con-com-i-tant \ˈkäm-ət-ənt *adj* : ACCOMPANYING, ATTENDING — **con-comitant** *n*
con-cord \ˈkän-,körd, ˈkän-*n* : AGREEMENT, HARMONY
con-cor-dance \kən-ˈkörd-ns *n* **1** : an alphabetical index of words in a book or in an author's works with the passages in which they occur **2** : AGREEMENT

\ə\abut \ˈkitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
\ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

con-cor-dant \kən-ˈnt/ *adj* : HARMONIOUS, AGREEING

con-cor-dat \kən-ˈkōr-, dat/ *n* : AGREEMENT, COVENANT

con-course \ˈkən-, kōrs/ *n* 1 : a flocking together of people : GATHERING 2 : an open space or hall (as in a bus terminal) where crowds gather

con-cres-cence \kən-ˈkres-ns/ *n* : a growing together — **con-cres-cent** \-nt/ *adj*

con-crete \kən-ˈkrēt, ˈkän-, krēt/ *adj* 1 : naming a real thing or class of things : not abstract 2 : not theoretical : ACTUAL 3 : made of or relating to concrete

con-crete \ˈkän-, krēt, kən-ˈkrēt/ *vb* **con-cret-ed**; **con-cret-ing** 1 : SOLIDIFY 2 : to cover with concrete

con-crete \ˈkän-, krēt, kən-ˈkrēt/ *n* : a hard building material made by mixing cement, sand, and gravel with water

con-cre-tion \kän-ˈkrē-shən/ *n* : a hard mass esp. when formed abnormally in the body

con-cu-bine \ˈkäg-kyü-, bin/ *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. L *con-cubina*, fr. *com-* with + *cubare* to lie] : a woman who is not legally a wife but lives with a man and has a recognized position in his household — **con-cu-bi-nage** \kän-ˈkyü-bə-nij/ *n*

con-cu-pis-cence \kän-ˈkyü-pə-səns/ *n* : ardent sexual desire : LUST

con-cur \kən-ˈkər/ *vb* **con-curred**; **con-cur-ring** 1 : to act together 2 : AGREE 3 : COINCIDE *syn* unite, combine, cooperate, band, join

con-cur-rence \-ˈkər-əns/ *n* 1 : agreement in action or opinion 2 : CONJUNCTION, COINCIDENCE

con-cur-rent \-ˈkər-ənt/ *adj* 1 : happening or operating at the same time 2 : joint and equal in authority

con-cus-sion \kən-ˈkəsh-ən/ *n* 1 : AGITATION, SHAKING 2 : a sharp sudden blow or collision; *also* : bodily injury (as to the brain) resulting from a sudden jar

con-demn \kən-ˈdem/ *vb* 1 : to declare to be wrong 2 : to convict of guilt 3 : to sentence judicially 4 : to pronounce unfit for use (~ a building) 5 : to declare forfeited or taken for public use *syn* denounce, censure, blame, criticize, reprehend — **con-dem-na-tion** \kän-, dem-ˈnā-shən/ *n* — **con-dem-na-to-ry** \kən-ˈdem-nə-, tōr-ē/ *adj*

con-den-sate \ˈkän-dən-, sät, kən-ˈden-/ *n* : a product of condensation

con-dense \kən-ˈdens/ *vb* **con-densed**; **con-dens-ing** 1 : to make or become more compact or dense : CONCENTRATE 2 : to change from vapor to liquid *syn* contract, shrink, compress, constrict — **con-den-sa-tion** \kän-, den-ˈsā-shən, -dən-/ *n*

con-dens-er \kən-ˈden-sər/ *n* 1 : one that condenses 2 : CAPACITOR

con-de-scend \kän-di-ˈsend/ *vb* : to assume an air of superiority *syn* stoop, deign — **con-de-scend-ing-ly** \-ˈsen-din-lē/ *adv* — **con-de-scen-sion** \ˈsen-chən/ *n*

con-dign \kən-ˈdīn, ˈkän-, dīn/ *adj* : DESERVED, APPROPRIATE (~ punishment)

con-di-ment \ˈkän-də-mənt/ *n* : something used to make food savory; *esp* : a pungent seasoning (as pepper)

con-di-tion \kən-ˈdīsh-ən/ *n* 1 : something essential to the occurrence of some other thing 2 : state of being 3 : station in life : social rank 4 : state in respect to fitness (as for action or use); *esp* : state of health 5 *pl* : state of affairs : CIRCUMSTANCES

condition *vb* **-di-tioned**; **-di-tion-ing** 1 : to put into proper condition for action or use 2 : to adapt, modify, or mold to respond in a particular way 3 : to modify so that an act or response previously associated with one stimulus becomes associated with another

con-di-tion-al \kən-ˈdīsh-(ə-)nəl/ *adj* : containing, implying, or depending on a condition — **con-di-tion-al-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

con-di-tioned *adj* : determined or established by conditioning

con-dole \kən-ˈdöl/ *vb* **con-doled**; **con-dol-ing** : to express

sympathetic sorrow — **con-do-lence** \kən-ˈdō-ləns, ˈkän-də-/ *n*

con-dom \ˈkän-dəm, ˈkən-/ *n* : a usu. membranous or rubber sheath worn over the penis to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted disease during sexual intercourse

con-do-min-i-um \kän-də-ˈmin-ē-əm/ *n*, *pl* **-ums** 1 : joint sovereignty (as by two or more nations) 2 : a politically dependent territory under condominium 3 : individual ownership of a unit (as an apartment) in a multiunit structure; *also* : a unit so owned

con-done \kən-ˈdōn/ *vb* **con-doned**; **con-don-ing** : to overlook or forgive (an offense) by treating the offender as if he had done nothing wrong *syn* excuse, pardon, forgive, remit — **con-do-na-tion** \kän-də-ˈnā-shən/ *n*

con-dor \ˈkän-dər, -ˈdōr/ *n* [Sp *cóndor*, fr. Quechua (a So. American Indian language) *kúntur*] : a very large American vulture of the high Andes; *also* : a related nearly extinct vulture of southern California now resident only in captivity

con-duce \kən-ˈd(y)ūs/ *vb* **con-duced**; **con-duc-ing** : to lead or contribute to a result — **con-du-cive** *adj*

con-duct \ˈkän-, (ə-)dækt/ *n* 1 : MANAGEMENT, DIRECTION 2 : BEHAVIOR

con-duct \kən-ˈdækt/ *vb* 1 : GUIDE, ESCORT 2 : MANAGE, DIRECT 3 : to act as a medium for conveying 4 : BEHAVE, BEAR — **con-duc-tion** \-ˈdæk-shən/ *n*

con-duc-tance \kən-ˈdæk-təns/ *n* : the readiness with which a conductor transmits an electric current

con-duc-tive \kən-ˈdæk-tiv/ *adj* : having the power to conduct (as heat or electricity) — **con-duc-tiv-i-ty** \kän-, dæk-tiv-ət-ē/ *n*

con-duc-tor \kən-ˈdæk-tər/ *n* 1 : one that conducts 2 : a collector of fares in a public conveyance 3 : the leader of a musical ensemble

con-duit \kän-ˈd(y)üt-, -d(w)ət/ *n* 1 : a channel for conveying fluid 2 : a tube or trough for protecting electric wires or cables 3 : a means of transmitting or distributing

con-dyle \ˈkän-, dil, -dē/ *n* : an articular prominence of a bone — **con-dyl-ar** \-də-lər/ *adj*

cone \ˈkōn/ *n* 1 : the scaly fruit of trees of the pine family 2 : a solid figure formed by rotating a right triangle about one of its legs 3 : a solid figure that slopes evenly to a point from a usu. circular base 4 : something shaped like a cone

Con-es-to-ga \kän-ə-ˈstō-gə/ *n* : a broad-wheeled covered wagon formerly used for transporting freight across the prairies

co-ney \ˈkō-nē/ *n*, *pl* **coney** 1 : a rabbit or its fur 2 : PIKA *conf abbr* conference

con-fab \ˈkän-, fab, kən-ˈfab/ *n* : CONFABULATION

con-fab-u-la-tion \kən-, fab-yə-ˈlā-shən/ *n* : CHAT; *also* : CONFERENCE

con-fec-tion \kən-ˈfek-shən/ *n* : a fancy dish or sweet; *also* : CANDY

con-fec-tion-er \-sh(ə-)nər/ *n* : a maker of or dealer in confections (as candies)

con-fec-tion-ery \-shə-, ner-ē/ *n*, *pl* **-er-ies** 1 : sweet foods 2 : a confectioner's place of business

Confed *abbr* Confederate

con-fed-er-a-cy \kən-ˈfed-(ə-)rə-sē/ *n*, *pl* **-cies** 1 : LEAGUE, ALLIANCE 2 *cap* : the 11 southern states that seceded from the U.S. in 1860 and 1861

con-fed-er-ate \kən-ˈfed-(ə-)rət/ *adj* 1 : united in a league : ALLIED 2 *cap* : of or relating to the Confederacy

confederate *n* 1 : ALLY, ACCOMPLICE 2 *cap* : an adherent of the Confederacy

con-fed-er-ate \-ˈfed-ə-, rāt/ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** : to unite in a confederacy or a conspiracy

con-fed-er-a-tion \kən-, fed-ə-ˈrā-shən/ *n* 1 : an act of confederating : ALLIANCE 2 : LEAGUE

con-fer \kən-ˈfər/ *vb* **con-ferred**; **con-fer-ring** 1 : GRANT,

BESTOW 2 : to exchange views : **CONSULT** — **con-fer-ee** \ˌkän-fə-ˈrē/ *n*

con-fer-ence \ˌkän-f(ə)-rəns/ *n* : an interchange of views; *also* : a meeting for this purpose

con-fess \kən-ˈfəs/ *vb* **1** : to acknowledge or disclose one's misdeed, fault, or sin **2** : to acknowledge one's sins to God or to a priest **3** : to receive the confession of (a penitent) **syn** admit, own, avow, concede, grant

con-fessed-ly \-ˈfəs-əd-lē/ *adv* : by confession : **ADMITTED-ly**

con-fes-sion \-ˈfesh-ən/ *n* **1** : an act of confessing (as in the sacrament of penance) **2** : an acknowledgment of guilt **3** : a formal statement of religious beliefs **4** : a religious body having a common creed — **con-fes-sion-al** *adj*

con-fes-sion-al \-ˈfesh-(ə)-nəl/ *n* : a place where a priest hears confessions

con-fes-sor \kən-ˈfes-ər, 2 *also* ˈkän-fes-/ *n* **1** : one that confesses **2** : a priest who hears confessions

con-fet-ti \kən-ˈfet-ē/ *n* [It. pl. of *confetto* sweetmeat, fr. ML *confectum*, fr. L *conficere* to prepare] : bits of colored paper or ribbon for throwing about in celebration

con-fi-dant \ˌkän-fə-ˈdant, -,dänt/ *n* : one to whom secrets are confided

con-fide \kən-ˈfid/ *vb* **con-fid-ed**; **con-fid-ing** **1** : to have or show faith : **TRUST** (˜ in a friend) **2** : to tell confidentially (˜ a secret) **3** : **ENTRUST**

con-fi-dence \ˌkän-fəd-əns/ *n* **1** : **TRUST**, **RELIANCE** **2** : **SELF-ASSURANCE**, **BOLDNESS** **3** : a state of trust or intimacy — **con-fi-dent** \-fəd-ənt/ *adj* — **con-fi-dent-ly** *adv*

confidence *adj* : of or relating to swindling by false promises

con-fi-den-tial \ˌkän-fə-ˈden-chəl/ *adj* **1** : **SECRET**, **PRIVATE** **2** : enjoying or treated with confidence (˜ clerk) — **con-fi-den-tial-ly** \-lē/ *adv*

con-fig-u-ra-tion \kən-ˈfig-yə-ˈrā-shən/ *n* : structural arrangement of parts : **SHAPE**

con-fine \kən-ˈfin/ *vb* **con-fined**; **con-fin-ing** **1** : to restrict to a particular place or situation **2** : **IMPRISON** **3** : to keep within limits : **RESTRAIN** — **con-fine-ment** *n* — **con-fin-er** *n*

con-fines \ˌkän-ˈfinz/ *n pl* : **BOUNDS**, **BORDERS**

con-firm \kən-ˈfərm/ *vb* **1** : to make firm or firmer **2** : **RATIFY** **3** : to administer the rite of confirmation to **4** : **VERIFY**, **CORROBORATE** — **con-fir-ma-to-ry** \-ˈfər-mə-,tör-ē/ *adj* — **con-firmed** *adj*

con-fir-ma-tion \ˌkän-fər-ˈmā-shən/ *n* **1** : a religious ceremony admitting a person to full membership in a church or synagogue **2** : an act of ratifying or corroborating; *also* : **PROOF**

con-fis-cate \ˌkän-fə-,skät/ *vb* -**cat-ed**; -**cat-ing** [L *confiscare*, fr. *com-* with + *fiscus* treasury] : to take possession of by or as if by public authority — **con-fis-ca-tion** \ˌkän-fə-ˈskä-shən/ *n* — **con-fis-ca-to-ry** \kən-ˈfis-kə-,tör-ē/ *adj*

con-fla-gra-tion \ˌkän-flə-ˈgrā-shən/ *n* : **FIRE**; *esp* : a large disastrous fire

con-flict \ˌkän-,flikt/ *n* **1** : **WAR** **2** : a clash between hostile or opposing elements or ideas

con-flict \kən-ˈflikt/ *vb* : to show antagonism or irreconcilability : **CLASH**

con-flu-ence \ˌkän-,flü-əns, kən-ˈflü-/ *n* **1** : a coming together at one point **2** : the meeting or place of meeting of two or more streams — **con-flu-ent** \-ənt/ *adj*

con-flux \ˌkän-,flöks/ *n* : **CONFLUENCE**

con-fo-cal \ˌkän-ˈfō-kəl/ *adj* : having the same foci — **con-fo-cal-ly** \-lē/ *adv*

con-form \kən-ˈförm/ *vb* **1** : to make or be like : **AGREE** **2** : to obey customs or standards — **con-form-able** *adj*

con-for-mance \kən-ˈförm-əns/ *n* : **CONFORMITY**

con-for-ma-tion \ˌkän-för-ˈmā-shən/ *n* : arrangement and congruity of parts

con-for-mi-ty \kən-ˈför-mät-ē/ *n, pl -ties* **1** : **HARMONY**, **AGREEMENT** **2** : **COMPLIANCE**, **OBEDIENCE**

con-found \kən-ˈfaund, kən-ˈ/ *vb* **1** : to throw into disorder or confusion : **DISMAY** **2** : to mix up : **CONFUSE** **syn** bewilder, puzzle, perplex, befog

con-fra-ter-ni-ty \ˌkän-frə-ˈtər-nät-ē/ *n* : a society devoted to a religious or charitable cause

con-frere \ˌkän-,frēr, ˈkō-/ *n* : **COLLEAGUE**, **COMRADE**

con-front \kən-ˈfrənt/ *vb* **1** : to face *esp.* in challenge : **OPPOSE** **2** : to cause to face or meet — **con-fron-ta-tion** \ˌkän-frən-ˈtā-shən/ *n*

Con-fu-cian-ism \kən-ˈfyü-shən-,iz-əm/ *n* : a religion growing out of the teachings of the Chinese philosopher Confucius — **Con-fu-cian** *n or adj*

con-fuse \kən-ˈfyüz/ *vb* **con-fused**; **con-fus-ing** **1** : to make mentally unclear or uncertain; *also* : to disturb the composure of **2** : to mix up : **JUMBLE** **syn** muddle, befuddle, addle, fluster — **con-fused-ly** \-ˈfyü-zəd-lē/ *adv*

con-fu-sion \-ˈfyü-zhən/ *n* **1** : **DISORDER**, **JUMBLE** **2** : turmoil or uncertainty of mind

con-fute \kən-ˈfyüt/ *vb* **con-futed**; **con-fut-ing** : to overwhelm by argument : **REFUTE** — **con-fu-ta-tion** \ˌkän-fyü-ˈtā-shən/ *n*

cong *abbr* congress; congressional

con-ga \ˌkän-gə/ *n* : a Cuban dance of African origin performed by a group usu. in single file

con-geal \kən-ˈjēl/ *vb* **1** : **FREEZE** **2** : to make or become hard or thick

con-ge-ner \ˌkän-jə-nər/ *n* : one related to another; *esp* : one of the same taxonomic genus as another plant or animal — **con-ge-ner-ic** \ˌkän-jə-ˈner-ik/ *adj*

con-ge-nial \kən-ˈjē-nyəl/ *adj* **1** : **KINDRED**, **SYMPATHETIC** **2** : suited to one's taste or nature : **AGREEABLE** — **con-ge-ni-al-i-ty** \-,jē-nē-ˈal-ət-ē/ *n* — **con-ge-nial-ly** \-jē-nyə-lē/ *adv*

con-gen-i-tal \kən-ˈjen-ət-əl/ *adj* : existing at or dating from birth but usu. not hereditary **syn** inborn, innate, natural

con-ger eel \ˌkän-gər-/ *n* : a large edible marine eel

con-ge-ries \ˌkän-jə-(i)rēz/ *n, pl congeries* \same/ : **AGGREGATION**, **COLLECTION**

con-gest \kən-ˈjest/ *vb* **1** : to cause excessive fullness of the blood vessels of (as a lung) **2** : to obstruct by overcrowding — **con-ges-tion** \-ˈjes-chən/ *n* — **con-ges-tive** \-ˈjes-tiv/ *adj*

con-glom-er-ate \kən-ˈgläm-(ə)rət/ *adj* [L *conglomerare* to roll together, fr. *com-* together + *glomerare* to wind into a ball, fr. *glomer-*, *glomus* ball] : made up of parts from various sources

con-glom-er-ate \-ə-,rät/ *vb* -**at-ed**; -**at-ing** : to form into a ball or mass — **con-glom-er-a-tion** \-,gläm-ə-ˈrā-shən/ *n*

con-glom-er-ate \-(ə)rət/ *n* **1** : a mass formed of fragments from various sources; *esp* : a rock composed of fragments varying from pebbles to boulders held together by a cementing material **2** : a widely diversified corporation

con-grat-u-late \kən-ˈgrach-ə-,lāt/ *vb* -**lat-ed**; -**lat-ing** : to express sympathetic pleasure to on account of success or good fortune : **FELICITATE** — **con-grat-u-la-tion** \-,grach-ə-ˈlā-shən/ *n* — **con-grat-u-la-to-ry** \-ˈgrach-ə-lə-,tör-ē/ *adj*

con-gre-gate \ˌkän-gri-,gāt/ *vb* -**gat-ed**; -**gat-ing** [ME *congregaten*, fr. L *congregare*, fr. *com-* together + *greg-*, *grex* flock] : **ASSEMBLE**

con-gre-ga-tion \ˌkän-gri-ˈgā-shən/ *n* **1** : an assembly of persons met esp. for worship; *also* : a group that habitually so meets **2** : a company or order of religious per-

\əˈabut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
 \əˈout \chˈchin \eˈbet \eˈeasy \gˈgo \iˈhit \iˈvice \jˈjob
 \ŋˈsing \oˈgo \oˈlaw \oˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \uˈloot
 \uˈfoot \vˈyet \zhˈvision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

sons under a common rule **3** : the act or an instance of congregating

con-gre-ga-tion-al \sh(ə)-nəl/ *adj* **1** : of or relating to a congregation **2 cap** : observing the faith and practice of certain Protestant churches which recognize the independence of each congregation in church matters — **con-gre-ga-tion-al-ism** \-,iz-əm/ *n*, *often cap* — **con-gre-ga-tion-al-ist** \-əst/ *n*, *often cap*

con-gress \ˈkŋgrəs/ *n* **1** : an assembly esp. of delegates for discussion and usu. action on some question **2** : the body of senators and representatives constituting a nation's legislature — **con-gres-sio-nal** \kən-ˈgrɛsh-(ə)-nəl/ *adj*

con-gress-man \ˈkŋgrəs-mən/ *n* : a member of a congress

con-gress-wom-an \-,wʊm-ən/ *n* : a female member of a congress

con-gru-ence \kən-ˈgrü-əns, ˈkŋgr-ə-wəns/ *n* : the quality of according or coinciding : CONGRUITY — **con-gru-ent** \kən-ˈgrü-ənt, ˈkŋgr-ə-wənt/ *adj*

con-gru-en-cy \-ən-sē, -wən-/ *n*, *pl* -cies : CONGRUENCE

con-gru-ity \kən-ˈgrü-ət-ē, kən-/ *n*, *pl* -ities : correspondence between things — **con-gru-ous** \ˈkŋgr-ə-wəs/ *adj*

con-ic \ˈkän-ik/ *adj* **1** : of or relating to a cone **2** : CONICAL **con-i-cal** \ˈkän-i-kəl/ *adj* : resembling a cone esp. in shape **co-ni-fer** \ˈkän-ə-fər, ˈkʰən-/ *n* : any of an order of shrubs or trees (as the pines) that usu. are evergreen and bear cones — **co-ni-fer-ous** \kō-ˈnif-(ə)-rəs/ *adj*

conj *abbr* conjunction

con-jec-ture \kən-ˈjek-chər/ *n* : GUESS, SURMISE — **con-jec-tur-al** \-chə-rəl/ *adj* — **con-jec-ture** *vb*

con-join \kən-ˈjɔɪn/ *vb* : to join together — **con-joint** \-ˈjɔɪnt/ *adj*

con-ju-gal \ˈkän-ji-gəl, kən-ˈjü-/ *adj* : of or relating to marriage : MATRIMONIAL

con-ju-gate \ˈkän-ji-gət, -jə-,gät/ *adj* **1** : united esp. in pairs : COUPLED **2** : of kindred origin and meaning (*sing* and *song* are ~)

con-ju-gate \-jə-,gät/ *vb* -**gat-ed**; -**gat-ing** **1** : INFLECT (~ a verb) **2** : to join together : COUPLE

con-ju-ga-tion \,kän-jə-ˈgä-shən/ *n* **1** : a schematic arrangement of the inflectional forms of a verb **2** : the act of conjugating : the state of being conjugated

con-junct \kən-ˈjŋkt, kən-/ *adj* : JOINED, UNITED

con-junc-tion \kən-ˈjŋk-shən/ *n* **1** : UNION, COMBINATION **2** : occurrence at the same time **3** : a word that joins together sentences, clauses, phrases, or words

con-junc-ti-va \,kän-jŋk-ˈti-və/ *n*, *pl* -vas or -vae \-(j)və/ : the mucous membrane lining the inner surface of the eyelids and continuing over the forepart of the eyeball

con-junc-tive \kən-ˈjŋk-tiv/ *adj* **1** : CONNECTIVE **2** : CONJUNCT **3** : being or functioning like a conjunction

con-junc-ti-vi-tis \kən-jŋk-ti-ˈvit-əs/ *n* : inflammation of the conjunctiva

con-junc-ture \kən-ˈjŋk-chər/ *n* **1** : CONJUNCTION, UNION **2** : a combination of circumstances or events esp. producing a crisis

con-jure \ˈkän-jər, ˈkən-for 1, 2; kən-ˈjür for 3/ *vb* -**con-jured**; -**con-jur-ing** \ˈkänj-(ə)rɪŋ, ˈkən-j; kən-ˈjü(ə)r-ɪŋ/ **1** : to implore earnestly or solemnly **2** : to practice magic; *esp* : to summon (as a devil) by sorcery **3** : to practice sleight of hand — **con-ju-ra-tion** \,kän-jü-ˈrā-shən, ˈkən-/ *n* — **con-jur-er** or **con-ju-ror** \ˈkän-jər-ər, ˈkən-/ *n* **conk** \ˈkŋk/ *vb* : BREAK DOWN; *esp* : STALL (the motor ~ed out)

Conn *abbr* Connecticut

con-nect \kə-ˈnekt/ *vb* **1** : JOIN, LINK **2** : to associate in one's mind — **con-nec-tor** *n*

con-sec-tion \kə-ˈnek-shən/ *n* **1** : JUNCTION, UNION **2** : logical relationship : COHERENCE; *esp* : relation of a word to other words in a sentence **3** : family relationship **4** : BOND, LINK **5** : a person related by blood or marriage **6**

: relationship in social affairs or in business **7** : an association of persons; *esp* : a religious denomination

con-nective \kə-ˈnek-tiv/ *adj* : connecting or functioning in connecting — **con-nec-tiv-i-ty** \,kə-,nek-ˈtiv-ət-ē/ *n* **connective** *n* : a word (as a conjunction) that connects words or word groups

con-nip-tion \kə-ˈnip-shən/ *n* : a fit of rage, hysteria, or alarm

con-nive \kə-ˈniv/ *vb* -**con-nived**; -**con-niv-ing** [F or L; F *conniver*, fr. L *convivere* to close the eyes, connive] **1** : to pretend ignorance of something one ought to oppose as wrong **2** : to cooperate secretly : give secret aid — **con-niv-ance** *n*

con-nois-seur \,kän-ə-ˈsər/ *n* : a critical judge in matters of art or taste

con-no-ta-tion \,kän-ə-ˈtä-shən/ *n* : a meaning in addition to or apart from the thing explicitly named or described by a word

con-no-ta-tive \ˈkän-ə-,tät-iv, kə-ˈnöt-ət-/ *adj* **1** : connoting or tending to connote **2** : relating to connotation

con-note \kə-ˈnöt/ *vb* -**con-not-ed**; -**con-not-ing** : to suggest or mean along with or in addition to the explicit meaning **con-nu-bi-al** \kə-ˈn(y)ü-bē-əl/ *adj* : of or relating to marriage : CONJUGAL

con-quer \ˈkŋgr-kər/ *vb* -**con-quer-ed**; -**con-quer-ing** \-k(ə)rɪŋ/ **1** : to gain by force of arms : WIN **2** : to get the better of : OVERCOME *syn* defeat, subjugate, subdue, overthrow, vanquish — **con-quer-or** \-kər-ər/ *n*

con-quest \ˈkän-,kwɛst, ˈkŋgr-/ *n* **1** : an act of conquering : VICTORY **2** : something conquered

con-quis-ta-dor \kŋ-ˈkɛs-tə-,dör, kən-ˈk(w)is-/ *n*, *pl* -**quis-ta-do-res** \-,kɛs-tə-dör-ɛz, -k(w)is-/ or **con-quis-ta-dors** : CONQUEROR; *esp* : a leader in the Spanish conquest of America and esp. of Mexico and Peru in the 16th century

cons *abbr* consonant

con-san-guin-i-ty \,kän-,san-ˈgwin-ət-ē, -səŋ-/ *n*, *pl* -ties : blood relationship — **con-san-guin-e-ous** \-ˈgwin-ē-əs/ *adj*

con-science \ˈkän-chəns/ *n* : consciousness of the moral right and wrong of one's own acts or motives — **con-science-less** *adj*

con-sci-en-tious \,kän-chē-ˈen-chəs/ *adj* : guided by one's own sense of right and wrong *syn* scrupulous, honorable, honest, upright, just — **con-sci-en-tious-ly** *adv*

conscientious objector *n* : one who refuses to serve in the armed forces or to bear arms on moral or religious grounds

con-scious \ˈkän-chəs/ *adj* **1** : AWARE **2** : known or felt by one's inner self **3** : mentally awake or alert : not asleep or unconscious **4** : INTENTIONAL — **con-scious-ly** *adv* — **con-scious-ness** *n*

con-script \ˈkän-ˈskript/ *vb* : to enroll by compulsion for military or naval service — **con-script** \ˈkän-,skript/ *n* — **con-scrip-tion** \ˈkän-ˈskrip-shən/ *n*

con-se-crate \ˈkän-sə-,krät/ *vb* -**crat-ed**; -**crat-ing** **1** : to induct (as a bishop) into an office with a religious rite **2** : to make or declare sacred (~ a church) **3** : to devote solemnly to a purpose — **con-se-cra-tion** \,kän-sə-ˈkrä-shən/ *n*

con-sec-u-tive \ˈkän-ˈsek-(y)ət-iv/ *adj* : following in regular order : SUCCESSIVE — **con-sec-u-tive-ly** *adv*

con-sen-su-al \ˈkän-ˈsɛnch-(ə-)wel, ˈsɛn-shəl/ *adj* : involving or based on mutual consent

con-sen-sus \ˈkän-ˈsɛn-səs/ *n* **1** : agreement in opinion, testimony, or belief **2** : collective opinion

con-sent \ˈkän-ˈsɛnt/ *vb* : to give assent or approval

consent *n* : approval or acceptance of something done or proposed by another

con-se-quence \ˈkän-sə-,kwɛns/ *n* **1** : RESULT **2** : IMPORTANCE *syn* effect, outcome, aftermath, upshot

con-se-quent \ˈk-wɛnt, -kwɛnt/ *adj* : following as a result or effect

con-se-quen-tial \kən-sə-'kwen-chəl/ *adj* 1 : having significant consequences 2 : showing self-importance
con-se-quent-ly \kən-sə-'kwent-lē, -kwənt-/ *adv* : as a result : ACCORDINGLY

con-ser-van-cy \kən-'sər-vən-sē/ *n, pl -cies* : an organization or area designated to conserve and protect natural resources

con-ser-va-tion \kən-sər-'vā-shən/ *n* : PRESERVATION; *esp* : planned management of natural resources

con-ser-va-tion-ist \-sh(ə)-nəst/ *n* : a person who advocates conservation *esp.* of natural resources

con-ser-va-tism \kən-'sər-və-'tiz-əm/ *n* : disposition to keep to established ways : opposition to change

con-ser-va-tive \kən-'sər-vət-iv/ *adj* 1 : PRESERVATIVE 2 : disposed to maintain existing views, conditions, or institutions 3 : MODERATE, CAUTIOUS — **con-ser-va-tive-ly** *adv*

conservative *n* : a person who is conservative *esp.* in politics

con-ser-va-tor \kən-'sər-vət-ər, 'kən-sər-,vāt-/ *n* 1 : PROTECTOR, GUARDIAN 2 : one named by a court to protect the interests of an incompetent (as a child)

con-ser-va-to-ry \kən-'sər-və-,tōr-ē/ *n, pl -ries* 1 : GREENHOUSE 2 : a place of instruction in one of the fine arts (as music)

con-serve \kən-'sərv/ *vb* **con-served**; **con-serv-ing** : to keep from losing or wasting : PRESERVE

con-serve \kən-'sərv/ *n* 1 : CONFECTION; *esp* : a candied fruit 2 : PRESERVE; *esp* : one prepared from a mixture of fruits

con-sid-er \kən-'sid-ər/ *vb -ered; -er-ing* \-(ə)-rɪŋ/ [ME *consideren*, fr. MF *considerer*, fr. L *considerare*, lit., to observe the stars, fr. *sider*, *sidus* star] 1 : THINK, PONDER 2 : HEED, REGARD 3 : JUDGE, BELIEVE — **con-sid-ered** *adj*

con-sid-er-able \-'sid-ər-(ə)-bəl, -'sid-rə-bəl/ *adj* 1 : IMPORTANT 2 : large in extent, amount, or degree — **con-sid-er-ably** \-blē/ *adv*

con-sid-er-ate \kən-'sid-(ə)-rət/ *adj* : observant of the rights and feelings of others *syn* thoughtful, attentive
con-sid-er-ation \kən-,sid-ə-'rā-shən/ *n* 1 : careful thought : DELIBERATION 2 : a matter taken into account 3 : thoughtful attention 4 : JUDGMENT, OPINION 5 : RECOMPENSE

con-sid-er-ing \-(ə)-rɪŋ/ *prep* : in view of : taking into account

con-sign \kən-'sɪn/ *vb* 1 : ENTRUST, COMMIT 2 : to deliver formally 3 : to send (goods) to an agent for sale — **con-sign-ee** \kən-sə-'nē, -'sɪ-/ *kən-,sɪ-/* *n* — **con-sign-or** \kən-sə-'nɔr, -'sɪ-/ *kən-,sɪ-/* *n*

con-sign-ment \kən-'sɪn-mənt/ *n* : something consigned *esp.* in a single shipment

con-sist \kən-'sɪst/ *vb* 1 : to be inherent : LIE — used with *in* 2 : to be composed or made up

con-sis-tence \kən-'sɪs-təns/ *n* : CONSISTENCY

con-sis-ten-cy \-tən-sē/ *n, pl -cies* 1 : COHESIVENESS, FIRMNESS 2 : agreement or harmony in parts or of different things 3 : UNIFORMITY (~ of behavior) — **con-sis-tent** \-tənt/ *adj* — **con-sis-ten-tly** *adv*

con-sis-to-ry \kən-'sɪs-t(ə)-rē/ *n, pl -ries* : a solemn assembly (as of Roman Catholic cardinals)

consol *abbr* consolidated

con-sole \kən-,sōl/ *n* 1 : the desk-like part of an organ at which the organist sits 2 : a panel or cabinet for the controls of an electronic or mechanical device 3 : a cabinet for a radio or television set resting directly on the floor 4 : a small storage cabinet between bucket seats in an automobile

con-sole \kən-'sōl/ *vb* **con-soled**; **con-sol-ing** : to soothe the grief of : COMFORT, SOLACE — **con-so-la-tion** \kən-sə-'lā-shən/ *n* — **con-so-la-to-ry** \kən-'sōl-ə-,tōr-ē, -'sāl-/ *adj*

con-sol-i-date \kən-'sāl-ə-,dāt/ *vb -dat-ed; -dat-ing* 1 : to

unite or become united into one whole : COMBINE 2 : to make firm or secure 3 : to form into a compact mass — **con-sol-i-da-tion** \-sāl-ə-'dā-shən/ *n*

con-som-mé \kən-sə-'mä/ *n* [F] : a clear soup made from well-seasoned meat broth

con-so-nance \kən-sə-(ə)-nəns/ *n* 1 : AGREEMENT, HARMONY 2 : repetition of consonants *esp.* as an alternative to rhyme in verse

con-so-nant \-s(ə)-nənt/ *adj* : having consonance, harmony, or agreement *syn* consistent, compatible, congruous, congenial, sympathetic, agreeable

consonant *n* 1 : a speech sound (as /p/, /g/, /n/, /l/, /s/, /r/) characterized by constriction or closure at one or more points in the breath channel 2 : a letter other than *a, e, i, o, and u* — **con-so-nan-tal** \kən-sə-'nənt-əl/ *adj*

con-sort \kən-,sɔrt/ *n* 1 : a ship accompanying another 2 : SPOUSE, MATE

con-sort \kən-'sɔrt/ *vb* 1 : to keep company 2 : ACCORD, HARMONIZE

con-sor-tium \kən-'sɔrt-ē-əm, -'sɔr-sh(ē)-əm/ *n, pl -sor-tia* \-'sɔrt-ē-ə, -'sɔr-sh(ē)-ə/ [L, fellowship] : an international business or banking agreement or combination
con-spec-tus \kən-'spek-təs/ *n* 1 : a brief survey or summary 2 : OUTLINE, SYNOPSIS

con-spic-u-ous \kən-'spɪk-yə-wəs/ *adj* : attracting attention : PROMINENT, STRIKING *syn* noticeable, remarkable, outstanding — **con-spic-u-ous-ly** *adv*

con-spir-a-cy \kən-'spɪr-ə-sē/ *n, pl -cies* : an agreement among conspirators : PLOT

con-spire \kən-'spɪ(ə)r/ *vb* **conspired**; **con-spir-ing** : to plan secretly an unlawful act : PLOT — **con-spir-a-tor** \-'spɪr-ət-ər/ *n*

const *abbr* 1 constant 2 constitution; constitutional
con-sta-ble \kən-stə-bəl, 'kən-/ *n* [ME *conestable*, fr. OF, fr. LL *comes stabuli*, lit., officer of the stable] : a public officer responsible for keeping the peace
con-stab-u-lary \kən-'stab-yə-, -ler-/ *n, pl -lar-ies* 1 : the police of a particular district or country 2 : a police force organized like the military
con-stan-cy \kən-stən-sē/ *n, pl -cies* 1 : firmness of mind 2 : STABILITY

con-stant \-stənt/ *adj* 1 : STEADFAST, FAITHFUL 2 : FIXED, UNCHANGING 3 : continually recurring : REGULAR — **con-stant-ly** *adv*

constant *n* : something unchanging

con-stel-la-tion \kən-stə-'lā-shən/ *n* : any of 88 groups of stars forming patterns

con-ster-na-tion \kən-stər-'nā-shən/ *n* : amazed dismay and confusion

con-sti-pa-tion \kən-stə-'pā-shən/ *n* : abnormally difficult or infrequent bowel movements — **con-sti-pate** \kən-stə-,pāt/ *vb*

con-stit-u-en-cy \kən-'stɪch-ə-wən-sē/ *n, pl -cies* : a body of constituents; *also* : an electoral district

con-stit-u-ent \-wənt/ *n* 1 : one entitled to vote for a representative for a district 2 : a component part

constituent *adj* 1 : COMPONENT 2 : having power to create a government or frame or revise a constitution
con-sti-tute \kən-stə-'t(y)ūt/ *vb -tut-ed; -tut-ing* 1 : to appoint to an office or duty 2 : SET UP, ESTABLISH (~ a law) 3 : MAKE UP, COMPOSE

con-sti-tu-tion \kən-stə-'t(y)ū-shən/ *n* 1 : an established law or custom 2 : the physical makeup of the individual 3 : the structure, composition, or makeup of something (~ of the sun) 4 : the basic law in a politically organized body; *also* : a document containing such law

con-sti-tu-tion-al \-sh(ə)-nəl/ *adj* 1 : of or relating to the constitution of body or mind 2 : of or relating to the

\ə'but \ə'kitten \ə'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
 \ə'out \ch'chin \e'bet \e'easy \e'go \i'hit \i'vice \i'job
 \g'sing \o'go \o'law \o'boy \th'thin \th'the \u'loot
 \u'foot \y'yet \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

constitution of a state or society — **con-sti-tu-tion-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

2constitutional *n* : an exercise (as a walk) taken for one's health

con-sti-tu-tion-al-ty \-t(y)ū-shə-'nal-ət-ē\ *n* : the condition of being in accordance with the constitution of a state or society

con-sti-tu-tive \kən-'stā-,t(y)üt-iv, kən-'stich-ət-iv\ *adj* : CONSTITUENT, ESSENTIAL

constr *abbr* construction

con-strain \kən-'strān\ *vb* **1** : COMPEL, FORCE **2** : CONFINED **3** : RESTRAIN

con-straint \-'strānt\ *n* **1** : COMPULSION; *also* : RESTRAINT **2** : unnaturalness of manner produced by a repression of one's natural feelings

con-strict \kən-'strikt\ *vb* : to draw together : SQUEEZE — **con-stric-tion** \-'strik-shən\ *n* — **con-stric-tive** \-'strik-tiv\ *adj*

con-stric-tor \kən-'strikt-ər\ *n* : a snake that suffocates its prey by crushing in its coils

con-struct \kən-'strəkt\ *vb* : BUILD, MAKE — **con-struc-tor** \-'strək-tər\ *n*

con-struc-tion \kən-'strək-shən\ *n* **1** : INTERPRETATION **2** : the art, process, or manner of building; *also* : something built : STRUCTURE **3** : syntactical arrangement of words in a sentence — **con-struc-tive** \-tiv\ *adj*

con-struc-tion-ist \-sh(ə)-nəst\ *n* : one who construes a legal document (as the U.S. Constitution) in a specific way (a strict ~)

con-strue \kən-'strü\ *vb* **con-strued**; **con-stru-ing** **1** : to explain the mutual relations of words in a sentence; *also* : TRANSLATE **2** : EXPLAIN, INTERPRET — **con-stru-able** *adj*

con-sub-stan-ti-a-tion \,kän-səb-,stan-chē-'ā-shən\ *n* : the actual substantial presence and combination of the body of Christ with the eucharistic bread and wine

con-sul \kän-səl\ *n* **1** : a chief magistrate of the Roman republic **2** : an official appointed by a government to reside in a foreign country to care for the commercial interests of that government's citizens — **con-sul-ar** \-sə-lər\ *adj* — **con-sul-ate** \-lət\ *n* — **con-sul-ship** *n*

con-sult \kən-'səlt\ *vb* **1** : to ask the advice or opinion of **2** : CONFER — **con-sul-tant** \-'nt\ *n* — **con-sul-tation** \,kän-səl-'tā-shən\ *n*

con-sume \kən-'süm\ *vb* **con-sumed**; **con-sum-ing** **1** : DESTROY (*consumed* by fire) **2** : to spend wastefully **3** : to eat up : DEVOUR **4** : to absorb the attention of : ENGROSS — **con-sum-able** *adj* — **con-sum-er** *n*

con-sum-er-ism \kən-'sü-mə-,riz-əm\ *n* : the promotion of consumers' interests (as against false advertising)

1con-sum-mate \kən-'səm-ət\ *adj* : COMPLETE, PERFECT *syn* finished, accomplished

2con-sum-mate \kän-sə-,mät\ *vb* **-mat-ed**; **-mat-ing** : to make complete : FINISH, ACHIEVE — **con-sum-mation** \,kän-sə-'mā-shən\ *n*

con-sump-tion \kən-'səmp-shən\ *n* **1** : progressive bodily wasting away; *also* : TUBERCULOSIS **2** : the act of consuming or using up **3** : the use of economic goods

1con-sump-tive \-'səmp-tiv\ *adj* **1** : tending to consume **2** : relating to or affected with consumption

2consumptive *n* : a person who has consumption

cont *abbr* **1** containing **2** contents **3** continent; **continental** **4** continued **5** control

1con-tact \kän-,takt\ *n* **1** : a touching or meeting of bodies **2** : ASSOCIATION, RELATIONSHIP; *also* : CONNECTION, COMMUNICATION **3** : CONTACT LENS

2contact *vb* **1** : to come or bring into contact : TOUCH **2** : to get in communication with

contact lens *n* : a thin lens fitting over the cornea

con-ta-gion \kən-'tä-jən\ *n* **1** : the passing of disease by contact **2** : a contagious disease; *also* : its causative agent **3** : transmission of an influence on the mind or emotions

con-ta-gious \-jəs\ *adj* **1** : communicable by contact; *also*

: relating to contagion or to contagious diseases **2** : exciting similar emotion or conduct in others

con-tain \kən-'tān\ *vb* **1** : RESTRAIN **2** : to have within : HOLD **3** : COMPRISE, INCLUDE — **con-tain-ment** *n*

con-tain-er \kən-'tā-nər\ *n* : RECEPTACLE; *esp* : one for shipment of goods

con-tain-er-ship \-nər-,ship\ *n* : a ship esp. designed or equipped for carrying very large containers of cargo

con-tam-i-nant \kən-'tam-ə-nənt\ *n* : something that contaminates

con-tam-i-nate \kən-'tam-ə-,nāt\ *vb* **-nat-ed**; **-nat-ing** : to soil, stain, or infect by contact or association — **con-tam-i-na-tion** \-,tam-ə-'nā-shən\ *n*

contd *abbr* continued

con-temn \kən-'tem\ *vb* : to view or treat with contempt

con-tem-plare \kənt-əm-,plāt\ *vb* **-plat-ed**; **-plat-ing** [L *contemplari*, fr. *templum* space marked out for observation of auguries] **1** : to view or consider with continued attention **2** : INTEND — **con-tem-pla-tion** \,kənt-əm-'plā-shən\ *n* — **con-tem-pla-tive** \kən-'tem-plət-iv; 'kənt-əm-,plāt-\ *adj*

con-tem-po-ra-ne-ous \kən-,tem-pə-'rā-nē-əs\ *adj* : CONTEMPORARY

con-tem-po-rary \kən-'tem-pə-,rer-ē\ *adj* **1** : occurring or existing at the same time **2** : marked by characteristics of the present period — **contemporary** *n*

con-tempt \kən-'tempt\ *n* **1** : the act of despising : the state of mind of one who despises : DISDAIN **2** : the state of being despised **3** : disobedience to or open disrespect of a court or legislature

con-tempt-ible \kən-'temp-tə-bəl\ *adj* : deserving contempt : DESPICABLE — **con-tempt-ibly** \-blē\ *adv*

con-temp-tu-ous \-'temp-chə-(wə)s\ *adj* : feeling or expressing contempt — **con-temp-tu-ous-ly** *adv*

con-tend \kən-'tend\ *vb* **1** : to strive against rivals or difficulties; *also* : ARGUE, DEBATE **2** : MAINTAIN, ASSERT — **con-tend-er** *n*

1con-tent \kən-'tent\ *adj* : SATISFIED

2content *vb* : SATISFY; *esp* : to limit (oneself) in requirements or actions

3content *n* : CONTENTMENT

4con-tent \kän-,tent\ *n* **1** : something contained (<~s of a room> (<~s of a bottle>) **2** : subject matter or topics treated (as in a book) **3** : MEANING, SIGNIFICANCE **4** : the amount of material contained

con-tent-ed \kən-'tent-əd\ *adj* : SATISFIED — **con-tent-ed-ly** *adv* — **con-tent-ed-ness** *n*

con-ten-tion \kən-'ten-chən\ *n* **1** : CONTEST, STRIFE **2** : an idea or point for which a person argues — **con-ten-tious** \-chəs\ *adj*

con-tent-ment \kən-'tent-mənt\ *n* : ease of mind : SATISFACTION

con-ter-mi-nous \kən-'tər-mə-nəs, kən-\ *adj* : having the same or a common boundary — **con-ter-mi-nous-ly** *adv*

1con-test \kən-'test\ *vb* **1** : to engage in strife : FIGHT **2** : CHALLENGE, DISPUTE — **con-tes-tant** \-'tes-tənt\ *n*

2con-test \kän-,test\ *n* : STRUGGLE, COMPETITION

con-text \kän-,tekst\ *n* [ME, weaving together of words, fr. L *contextus* coherence, fr. *contexere* to weave together] : the part of a discourse surrounding a word or group of words that helps to explain the meaning of the word or word group; *also* : the circumstances surrounding an act or event

con-tig-u-ous \kən-'tig-yə-wəs\ *adj* : being in contact : TOUCHING; *also* : NEXT, ADJOINING — **con-ti-gu-i-ty** \,kənt-ə-'gyü-ət-ē\ *n*

con-ti-nence \kənt-'n-əns\ *n* **1** : SELF-RESTRAINT; *esp* : voluntary refraining from sexual intercourse **2** : the ability to retain urine or feces voluntarily within the body — **con-ti-nent** \-'n-ənt\ *adj*

con-ti-nent \kənt-'(ə)-nənt\ *n* **1** : one of the great divisions of land on the globe **2** *cap* : the continent of Europe

1con-ti-nen-tal \,kənt-'n-ent-əl\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to a

continent; *esp.* often *cap* : of or relating to the continent of Europe 2 often *cap* : of or relating to the colonies later forming the U.S.

²**continental** *n* 1 often *cap* : a soldier in the Continental army 2 : EUROPEAN

continental shelf *n* : a shallow submarine plain forming a border to a continent

continental slope *n* : a usu. steep slope from a continental shelf to the ocean floor

con-tin-gen-cy \kən-'tin-jən-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies : a chance or possible event

¹**con-tin-gent** \-jənt\ *adj* 1 : liable but not certain to happen : POSSIBLE 2 : happening by chance : not planned 3 : dependent on something that may or may not occur 4 : CONDITIONAL **syn** accidental, casual, incidental, odd

²**contingent** *n* : a quota (as of troops) supplied from an area or group

con-tin-u-al \kən-'tin-yə-(wə)\ *adj* 1 : CONTINUOUS, UNBROKEN 2 : steadily recurring — **con-tin-u-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

con-tin-u-ance \-yə-wəns\ *n* 1 : unbroken succession 2 : a continuing in a state or course of action : DURATION 3 : adjournment of legal proceedings

con-tin-u-a-tion \kən-,tin-yə-'wā-shən\ *n* 1 : extension or prolongation of a state or activity 2 : resumption after an interruption; *also* : something that carries on after a pause or break

con-tin-ue \kən-'tin-yū\ *vb* -tin-ued; -tinu-ing 1 : PERSEVERE 2 : ENDURE, LAST 3 : to remain in a place or condition : ABIDE, STAY 4 : to resume (as a story) after an intermission 5 : EXTEND; *also* : to persist in 6 : to allow to remain 7 : to keep (a legal case) on the calendar or undecided

con-ti-nu-ity \,kənt-'n-(y)ü-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ities 1 : the condition of being continuous 2 : something that has or provides continuity

con-tin-u-ous \kən-'tin-yə-wəs\ *adj* : continuing without interruption : UNBROKEN — **con-tin-u-ous-ly** *adv*

con-tin-u-um \-yə-wəm\ *n*, *pl* -ua \-yə-wə\ *also* -u-ums : something that is the same throughout or consists of a series of variations or of a sequence of things in regular order

con-tort \kən-'tört\ *vb* : to twist out of shape — **con-tor-tion** \-'tör-shən\ *n*

con-tor-tion-ist \-'tör-sh(ə)-nəst\ *n* : an acrobat able to twist the body into unusual postures

con-tour \kən-,tūr\ *n* [F, fr. It *contorno* fr. *contornare* to round off, sketch in outline, fr. L *com-* together + *tornare* to turn in a lathe, fr. *tornus* lathe] 1 : OUTLINE 2 : SHAPE, FORM — often used in pl. (the ~s of a statue)

contr *abbr* contract; contraction

con-tra-band \kən-trə-'bænd\ *n* : goods legally prohibited in trade; *also* : smuggled goods

con-tra-cep-tion \,kən-trə-'sep-shən\ *n* : intentional prevention of conception and pregnancy — **con-tra-cep-tive** \-'sep-tivē\ *adj* or *n*

¹**con-tract** \kən-'trakt\ *n* 1 : a binding agreement : COVENANT 2 : an undertaking to win a specified number of tricks in contract bridge — **con-trac-tu-al** \kən-'trak-chə-(wə)\ *adj* — **con-trac-tu-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

²**con-tract** \kən-'trakt, / *usu* 'kən-'trakt\ *vb* 1 : to become affected with (~ a disease) 2 : to establish or undertake by contract 3 : SHRINK, LESSEN; *esp* : to draw together *esp.* so as to shorten (~ a muscle) 4 : to shorten (a word) by omitting letters or sounds in the middle — **con-trac-tion** \kən-'trak-shən\ *n* — **con-trac-tor** \kən-'trak-tər, kən-'trak-\ *n*

con-trac-tile \kən-'trak-tl\ *adj* : able to contract — **con-trac-til-i-ty** \,kən-,trak-'til-ət-ē\ *n*

con-tra-dict \,kən-trə-'dikt\ *vb* : to state the contrary of : deny the truth of — **con-tra-dic-tion** \-'dik-shən\ *n* — **con-tra-dic-to-ry** \-'dik-t(ə)rē\ *adj*

con-tra-dis-tinc-tion \,kən-trə-dis-'tɪŋk-shən\ *n* : distinction by contrast

con-trail \kən-'trāl\ *n* : streaks of condensed water vapor created in the air by an airplane or rocket at high altitudes

con-tral-to \kən-'tral-tō\ *n*, *pl* -tos : the lowest female voice; *also* : a singer having such a voice

con-trap-tion \kən-'trap-shən\ *n* : CONTRIVANCE, DEVICE

con-tra-pun-tal \,kən-trə-'pənt-əl\ *adj* : of or relating to counterpoint

con-tra-ri-ety \,kən-trə-'rī-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -eties : the state of being contrary : DISAGREEMENT, INCONSISTENCY

con-trari-wise \kən-'trēr-ē-,wīz, kən-'trēr-\ *adv* 1 : on the contrary 2 : VICE VERSA

con-trary \kən-'trēr-ē; 4 often kən-'trē(ə)r-ē\ *adj* 1 : opposite in nature or position 2 : COUNTER, OPPOSED 3 : UNFAVORABLE 4 : unwilling to accept control or advice — **con-trari-ly** \-,trēr-ē-lē, -'trēr-\ *adv* — **con-trary** \n 'kən-,trēr-ē, *adv* like *adj* *n* or *adv*

¹**con-contrast** \kən-'trast\ *vb* [F *contraster*, fr. MF, to oppose, resist, fr. (assumed) VL *contrastare*, fr. L *contra-* against + *stare* to stand] 1 : to show differences when compared 2 : to compare in such a way as to show differences

²**con-contrast** \kən-'trast\ *n* 1 : diversity of adjacent parts in color, emotion, tone, or brightness (the ~ of a photograph) 2 : unlikeness as shown when things are compared : DIFFERENCE

con-tra-vene \,kən-trə-'vən\ *vb* -vened; -ven-ing 1 : to go or act contrary to (~ a law) 2 : CONTRADICT

con-tre-temps \kən-'trə-tā-, kō-'trə-tā\ *n*, *pl* **con-tre-temps** \-,tā-(z)\ : an inopportune embarrassing occurrence

contrib *abbr* contribution; contributor

con-trib-ute \kən-'trib-yət\ *vb* -ut-ed; -ut-ing : to give along with others (as to a fund) : supply or furnish a share to : HELP, ASSIST — **con-tri-bu-tion** \,kən-trə-'byū-shən\ *n* — **con-trib-u-tor** \kən-'trib-yət-ər\ *n* — **con-trib-u-to-ry** \-yə-,tör-ē\ *adj*

con-trite \kən-,trīt, kən-'trīt\ *adj* : PENITENT, REPENTANT — **con-tri-tion** \kən-'trīsh-ən\ *n*

con-triv-ance \kən-'trī-vəns\ *n* 1 : a mechanical device : APPLIANCE 2 : SCHEME, PLAN

con-trive \kən-'trīv\ *vb* **con-trived**; **con-triv-ing** 1 : PLAN, DEVISE 2 : FRAME, MAKE 3 : to bring about with difficulty — **con-triv-er** *n*

¹**con-trol** \kən-'trōl\ *vb* **con-trolled**; **con-trol-ling** 1 : to exercise restraining or directing influence over : REGULATE 2 : DOMINATE, RULE

²**control** *n* 1 : power to direct or regulate 2 : RESERVE, RESTRAINT 3 : a device for regulating a mechanism

con-trol-ler \kən-'trō-lər, 'kən-,trō-lər\ *n* 1 : COMPTROLLER 2 : one that controls

con-tro-ver-sy \kən-'trə-vər-sē\ *n*, *pl* -sies : a clash of opposing views : DISPUTE — **con-tro-ver-sial** \,kən-trə-,vər-shəl, -sē-əl\ *adj*

con-tro-vert \kən-'trə-vərt, 'kən-trə-'vərt\ *vb* : DENY, CONTRADICT — **con-tro-vert-ible** *adj*

con-tu-ma-cious \,kən-t(y)ə-'mā-shəs\ *adj* : stubbornly resisting or disobeying authority **syn** rebellious, insubordinate, seditious — **con-tu-ma-cy** \kən-'t(y)ü-mə-sē, 'kən-t(y)ə-\ *n* — **con-tu-ma-cious-ly** *adv*

con-tu-me-ly \kən-'t(y)ü-mə-lē, 'kən-t(y)ə-,mē-lē\ *n*, *pl* -lies : contemptuous treatment : INSULT

con-tu-sion \kən-'t(y)ü-zhən\ *n* : BRUISE — **con-tuse** \-'t(y)üz\ *vb*

co-nun-drum \kə-'nən-drəm\ *n* : RIDDLE

con-ur-ba-tion \,kən-(ɪ)ər-'bā-shən\ *n* : a continuous network of urban communities

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\vice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ō\go \ō\law \ō\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot
 \ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

conv *abbr* 1 convention 2 convertible

con-va-lesce \kən-və-'les\ *vb* -lesced; -lescing : to recover health gradually — **con-va-les-cence** \-'les-'ns\ *n* — **con-va-les-cent** \-'nt\ *adj* or *n*

con-vec-tion \kən-'vek-shən\ *n* : circulatory motion in a fluid due to warmer portions rising and cooler denser portions sinking; *also* : the transfer of heat by such motion — **con-vec-tion-al** \-'vek-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj* — **con-vec-tive** \-'vek-tiv\ *adj*

convection oven *n* : an oven with a fan that circulates hot air uniformly and continuously around the food

con-vene \kən-'vən\ *vb* **con-vened**; **con-ven-ing** : ASSEMBLE, MEET

con-ve-nience \kən-'vē-nyəns\ *n* 1 : SUITABLENESS 2 : a labor-saving device 3 : a suitable time 4 : personal comfort : EASE

con-ve-nient \-nyənt\ *adj* 1 : suited to one's comfort or ease 2 : placed near at hand — **con-ve-nient-ly** *adv*

con-vent \kən-vənt, -vent\ *n* [ME *covent*, fr. OF, fr. ML *conventus*, fr. L, assembly, fr. *convenire* come together] : a local community or house of a religious order esp. of nuns — **con-ven-tu-al** \kən-'ven-chə-wəl, kən-\ *adj*

con-ven-ticle \kən-'vent-i-kəl\ *n* : MEETING; *esp* : a secret meeting for worship

con-ven-tion \kən-'ven-chən\ *n* 1 : an agreement esp. between states on a matter of common concern 2 : MEETING, ASSEMBLY 3 : an assembly of delegates convened for some purpose 4 : generally accepted custom, practice, or belief

con-ven-tion-al \-'vench-(ə)-nəl\ *adj* 1 : sanctioned by general custom 2 : COMMONPLACE, ORDINARY *syn* formal, ceremonial, solemn — **con-ven-tion-al-i-ty** \-,ven-chə-'nal-ət-ē\ *n* — **con-ven-tion-al-ize** \-'vench-(ə)-nə-'līz\ *vb* — **con-ven-tion-al-ly** \-'vench-(ə)-nəl-ē\ *adv*

con-verge \kən-'vərj\ *vb* **con-verged**; **con-verg-ing** : to approach one common center or single point — **con-ver-gence** \kən-'vər-jəns\ or **con-ver-gen-cy** \-jən-sē\ *n* — **con-ver-gent** \-jənt\ *adj*

con-ver-sant \kən-'vərs-ənt\ *adj* : having knowledge and experience

con-ver-sa-tion \kən-vər-'sā-shən\ *n* : an informal talking together — **con-ver-sa-tion-al** \-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj*

con-verse \kən-'vərs\ *n* : CONVERSATION

con-verse \kən-'vərs\ *vb* **con-versed**; **con-vers-ing** : to engage in conversation

con-verse \kən-'vərs\ *n* : a statement related to another statement by having its hypothesis and conclusion or its subject and predicate reversed or interchanged

con-verse \kən-'vərs, 'kən-'vers\ *adj* : reversed in order or relation — **con-verse-ly** *adv*

con-ver-sion \kən-'vər-zhən\ *n* 1 : a change in nature or form 2 : an experience associated with a decisive adoption of religion

con-vert \kən-'vərt\ *vb* 1 : to turn from one belief or party to another 2 : TRANSFORM, CHANGE 3 : MISAPPROPRIATE 4 : EXCHANGE — **con-vert-er** or **con-ver-tor** \-ər\ *n* — **con-vert-ible** *adj*

con-vert \kən-'vərt\ *n* : one who has undergone religious conversion

con-vert-ible \kən-'vərt-ə-bəl\ *n* : an automobile with a top that may be lowered or removed

con-vex \kən-'veks, 'kən-'veks\ *adj* : curved or rounded like the exterior of a sphere or circle — **con-vex-i-ty** \kən-'vek-sət-ē, kən-\ *n*

con-vey \kən-'vā\ *vb* 1 : CARRY, TRANSPORT 2 : TRANSMIT, TRANSFER — **con-vey-er** or **con-vey-or** \-ər\ *n*

con-vey-ance \-'vā-əns\ *n* 1 : the act of conveying 2 : a legal paper transferring ownership of property 3 : VEHICLE

con-vict \kən-'vikt\ *vb* : to prove or find guilty

con-vict \kən-'vikt\ *n* : a person serving a prison sentence

con-vic-tion \kən-'vik-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of convicting esp. in a court 2 : the state of being convinced : strong belief

con-vince \kən-'vins\ *vb* **con-vinced**; **con-vinc-ing** : to bring by demonstration or argument to a sure belief — **con-vinc-ing** *adj* — **con-vinc-ing-ly** *adv*

con-viv-ial \kən-'viv-yəl, -'viv-ē-əl\ *adj* [LL *convivialis*, fr. L *convivium* banquet, fr. *com-* together + *vivere* to live] : enjoying companionship and the pleasures of feasting and drinking : JOVIAL, FESTIVE — **con-viv-i-al-i-ty** \-,viv-ē-'al-ət-ē\ *n* — **con-viv-ial-ly** \-'viv-yə-lē, -'viv-ē-əl\ *adv*

con-vo-ca-tion \kən-və-'kā-shən\ *n* 1 : a ceremonial assembly (as of clergymen) 2 : the act of convoking

con-voke \kən-'vøk\ *vb* **con-voked**; **con-vok-ing** : to call together to a meeting

con-vo-lut-ed \kən-və-'lüt-əd\ *adj* 1 : folded in curved or tortuous windings 2 : INVOLVED, INTRICATE

con-vo-lu-tion \kən-və-'lū-shən\ *n* : a tortuous or sinuous structure; *esp* : one of the ridges of the brain

con-voy \kən-'vôi, kən-'vôi\ *vb* : to accompany for protection

con-voy \kən-'vôi, kən-'vôi\ *n* 1 : one that conveys; *esp* : a protective escort for ships, persons, or goods 2 : the act of conveying 3 : a group of moving vehicles

con-vulse \kən-'vəls\ *vb* **con-vulsed**; **con-vuls-ing** : to agitate violently

con-vul-sion \kən-'vəl-shən\ *n* 1 : an abnormal and violent involuntary contraction or series of contractions of muscle 2 : a violent disturbance — **con-vul-sive** \-'vəl-siv\ *adj* — **con-vul-sive-ly** *adv*

cony *var* of CONEY

coo \kū\ *n* : a soft low sound made by doves or pigeons; *also* : a sound like this — **coo** *vb*

cook \kük\ *n* : one who prepares food for eating

cook *vb* 1 : to prepare food for eating 2 : to subject to heat or fire — **cook-er** *n* — **cook-ware** \-,waər\ *n*

cook-book \-,bük\ *n* : a book of cooking directions and recipes

cook-ery \kük-(ə)-rē\ *n*, *pl* -er-ies : the art or practice of cooking

cook-ie or **cooky** \kük-ē\ *n*, *pl* **cook-ies** : a small sweet flat cake

cook-out \kük-,aüt\ *n* : an outing at which a meal is cooked and served in the open

cool \kü\ *adj* 1 : moderately cold 2 : not excited : CALM 3 : not ardent 4 : IMPUDENT 5 : protecting from heat 6 *slang* : very good 7 : employing understatement *syn* unflappable, composed, collected, unruffled, nonchalant — **cool-ly** \kü-(l)ē\ *adv* — **cool-ness** *n*

cool *vb* : to make or become cool

cool *n* 1 : a cool time or place 2 : INDIFFERENCE; *also* : SELF-ASSURANCE, COMPOSURE (kept his ~)

cool-ant \kü-lənt\ *n* : a usu. fluid cooling agent

cool-er \kü-lər\ *n* 1 : a container for keeping food or drink cool 2 : JAIL, PRISON 3 : a tall iced drink

cool-ie \kü-lē\ *n* [Hindi *kulī*] : an unskilled laborer usu. in or from the Far East

coon \kü\ *n* : RACCOON

coon-hound \-,haünd\ *n* : a sporting dog trained to hunt raccoons

coon-skin \-,skin\ *n* : the pelt of a raccoon; *also* : something (as a cap) made of this

coop \küp, 'küp\ *n* : a small enclosure or building usu. for poultry

coop *vb* : to confine in or as if in a coop

co-op \kō-,äp\ *n* : COOPERATIVE

coo-per \kü-pər, 'küp-ər\ *n* : one who makes or repairs barrels or casks — **cooper** *vb* — **coo-per-age** \kü-p(ə)-rij, 'küp-(ə)-\ *n*

co-op-er-ate \kō-'äp-ə-,rät\ *vb* : to act jointly with another or others — **co-op-er-a-tion** \-,äp-ə-'rā-shən\ *n* — **co-op-er-a-tor** \-'äp-ə-,rät-ər\ *n*

1co-op-er-a-tive \kō-'āp-(ə-)rət-iv, -'āp-ə-,rāt-\ *adj* **1** : willing to work with others **2** : of or relating to an association formed to enable its members to buy or sell to better advantage by eliminating middlemen's profits

2cooperative *n* : a cooperative association

co-opt \kō-'āpt\ *vb* **1** : to choose or elect as a colleague **2** : ABSORB, ASSIMILATE; *also* : TAKE OVER

1co-or-di-nate \kō-'ōrd-(ə-)nət\ *adj* **1** : equal in rank or order **2** : of equal rank in a compound sentence (~ clause) **3** : joining words or word groups of the same rank

2coordinate *n* **1** : one of a set of numbers used in specifying the location of a point on a surface or in space **2 pl** : articles (as of clothing) designed to be used together and to attain their effect through pleasing contrast

3co-or-di-nate \kō-'ōrd-n-,āt\ *vb* -nat-ed; -nat-ing **1** : to make or become coordinate **2** : to work or act together harmoniously — **co-or-di-na-tion** \-,ōrd-n-'ā-shən\ *n* — **co-or-di-na-tor** \-,ōrd-n-,āt-ər\ *n*

coot \kūt\ *n* **1** : a dark-colored ducklike bird related to the rails **2** : any of several No. American sea ducks **3** : a harmless simple person

coo-tie \kūt-ē\ *n* : a body louse

cop \kāp\ *n* : POLICEMAN

co-part-ner \kō-'pärt-nər\ *n* : PARTNER

1cope \kōp\ *n* : a long cloaklike ecclesiastical vestment

2cope *vb* *coped*; **cop-ing** : to struggle to overcome problems or difficulties

copi-er \kāp-ē-ər\ *n* : one that copies; *esp* : a machine for making copies

co-pi-lot \kō-,pī-lət\ *n* : an assistant pilot of an aircraft or spacecraft

cop-ing \kō-pīŋ\ *n* : the top layer of a wall

co-pi-ous \kō-pē-əs\ *adj* : LAVISH, ABUNDANT — **co-pi-ously** *adv* — **co-pi-ous-ness** *n*

cop-out \kāp-,aūt\ *n* : an excuse for copping out; *also* : an act of copping out

cop out \('kāp-'aūt\ *vb* : to back out (as of an unwanted responsibility)

cop-per \kāp-ər\ *n* **1** : a malleable reddish metallic chemical element that is one of the best conductors of heat and electricity—see ELEMENT table **2** : a coin or token made of copper — **cop-pery** *adj*

cop-per-head \kāp-ər-,hed\ *n* : a largely coppery brown venomous snake *esp.* of the eastern and central U.S.

cop-pice \kāp-əs\ *n* : THICKET

cop-pra \kō-prə\ *n* : dried coconut meat yielding coconut oil

copse \kāps\ *n* : THICKET

cop-ter \kāp-tər\ *n* : HELICOPTER

cop-u-la \kāp-yə-lə\ *n* : LINKING VERB — **cop-u-la-tive** \-,lāt-iv\ *adj*

cop-u-late \kāp-yə-,lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing : to engage in sexual intercourse — **cop-u-la-tion** \kāp-yə-'lā-shən\ *n* — **cop-u-la-to-ry** \kāp-yə-lə-,tōr-ē\ *adj*

1copy \kāp-ē\ *n*, *pl* **copies** **1** : an imitation or reproduction of an original work **2** : material to be set in type *syn* duplicate, reproduction, facsimile, replica

2copy *vb* *cop-ied*; **cop-ing** **1** : to make a copy of **2** : IMITATE — **copy-ist** *n*

copy-book \kāp-ē-,bük\ *n* : a book containing copies *esp.* of penmanship for learners to imitate

copy-boy \-,bōi\ *n* : one who carries copy and runs errands (as in a newspaper office)

copy-cat \-,kat\ *n* : a slavish imitator

copy-desk \-,desk\ *n* : the desk at which newspaper copy is edited

copy editor *n* : one who edits newspaper copy and writes headlines; *also* : one who reads and corrects manuscript copy in a publishing house

copy-read-er \-,rēd-ər\ *n* : COPY EDITOR

1copy-right \-,rīt\ *n* : the sole right to reproduce, publish, and sell a literary or artistic work

2copyright *vb* : to secure a copyright on

copy-writ-er \kāp-ē-,rīt-ər\ *n* : a writer of advertising copy

co-quet or **co-quette** \kō-'ket\ *vb* **co-quet-ted**; **co-quet-ting** : FLIRT — **co-quet-ry** \kō-kə-trē, kō-'ke-trē\ *n*

co-quette \kō-'ket\ *n* [F, fem. of *coquet*, dim. of *coq* cock] : FLIRT — **co-quett-ish** *adj*

cor *abbr* corner

Cor *abbr* Corinthians

cor-a-cle \kōr-ə-kəl\ *n* [W *corwgl*] : a boat made of hoops covered with horsehide or canvas

cor-al \kōr-əl\ *n* **1** : a stony or horny material that forms the skeleton of colonies of tiny sea polyps and includes a red form used in jewelry; *also* : a coral-forming polyp or polyp colony **2** : a deep pink color — **coral** *adj*

coral snake *n* : any of several venomous chiefly tropical New World snakes brilliantly banded in red, black, and yellow or white

cor-bel \kōr-bəl\ *n* : a bracket-shaped architectural member that projects from a wall and supports a weight

1cord \kōrd\ *n* **1** : a usu. heavy string consisting of several strands woven or twisted together **2** : a long slender anatomical structure (as a tendon or nerve) **3** : a small flexible insulated electrical cable used to connect an appliance with a receptacle **4** : a cubic measure used *esp.* for firewood and equal to a stack 4×4×8 feet (about 3.6 cubic meters) **5** : a rib or ridge on cloth

2cord *vb* **1** : to tie or furnish with a cord **2** : to pile (wood) in cords

cord-age \kōrd-ij\ *n* : ROPES, CORDS; *esp* : ropes in the rigging of a ship

1cor-dial \kōr-jəl\ *n* **1** : a stimulating medicine or drink **2** : LIQUEUR

2cordial *adj* [ME, fr. ML *cordialis*, fr. L *cord-*, *cor* heart] : warmly receptive or welcoming : HEARTFELT, HEARTY — **cor-di-al-ity** \kōr-jē-'al-ət-ē, kōr-'jal-, kōrd-'yal-\ *n* — **cor-dial-ly** \kōr-jə-lē\ *adv*

cor-dil-le-ra \kōrd-l-'(y)er-ə\ *n* [Sp] : a group of mountain ranges — **cor-dil-le-ran** *adj*

cord-less \kōrd-ləs\ *adj* : having no cord; *esp* : powered by a battery (~ tools)

cor-do-ba \kōrd-ə-bə, -ə-və\ *n* — see MONEY table

cor-don \kōrd-n\ *n* **1** : an ornamental cord or ribbon **2** : an encircling line composed of individual units — **cord-on** *vb*

cor-do-van \kōrd-ə-vən\ *n* : a soft fine-grained leather

cor-du-roy \kōrd-ə-,rōi\ *n*, *pl* -roys : a heavy ribbed fabric; *also*, *pl* : trousers of this material

cord-wain-er \kōrd-,wā-nər\ *n* : SHOEMAKER

1core \kōr\ *n* **1** : the central usu. inedible part of some fruits (as the apple); *also* : an inmost part of something **2** : GIST, ESSENCE

2core *vb* *cored*; **cor-ing** : to take out the core of — **cor-er** *n*

CORE \kōr\ *abbr* Congress of Racial Equality

co-re-spon-dent \kō-ri-'spān-dənt\ *n* : a person named as guilty of adultery with the defendant in a divorce suit

co-ri-an-der \kōr-ē-,an-dər\ *n* : an herb related to the carrot; *also* : its aromatic dried fruit used as a flavoring

Cor-in-thi-ans \kə-'rin-thē-ənz\ *n* — see BIBLE table

1cork \kōrk\ *n* **1** : the tough elastic bark of a European oak (**cork oak**) used *esp.* for stoppers and insulation; *also* : a stopper of this **2** : a tissue of a woody plant making up most of the bark — **corky** *adj*

2cork *vb* : to furnish with or stop up with cork or a cork

cork-screw \kōrk-,skrū\ *n* : a device for drawing corks from bottles

corm \kōrm\ *n* : a solid bulblake underground part of a stem (as of the crocus or gladiolus)

cor-mo-rant \kōrm-(ə-)rənt, 'kōr-mə-,rant\ *n* [ME *cor-*

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\vice \i\job \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \o\boay \th\thin \th\the \u\loot \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

meraunt, fr. MF *cormorant*, fr. OF *cormareng*, fr. *corp* raven + *marenc* of the sea, fr. L *marinus*] : a dark seabird used in the Orient to catch fish

¹**corn** \ˈkɔrn\ *n* 1 : the seeds of a cereal grass and esp. of the chief cereal crop of a region (as wheat in Britain and Indian corn in the U.S.); *also* : a cereal grass 2 : sweet corn served as a vegetable

²**corn** *vb* : to salt (as beef) in brine and preservatives

³**corn** *n* : a local hardening and thickening of skin (as on a toe)

corn bread *n* : bread made with cornmeal

corn-cob \-,kəb\ *n* : the woody core on which the kernels of Indian corn are arranged

corn-crib \-,krib\ *n* : a crib for storing ears of Indian corn

cor-nea \ˈkɔr-nē-ə\ *n* : the transparent part of the coat of the eyeball covering the iris and the pupil — **cor-neal** *adj*

corn earworm *n* : a moth whose larva is esp. destructive to Indian corn

¹**cor-ner** \ˈkɔ-nər\ *n* [ME, fr. OF *cornere*, fr. *corne* horn, corner, fr. L *cornu* horn, point] 1 : the point or angle formed by the meeting of lines, edges, or sides 2 : the place where two streets come together 3 : a quiet secluded place 4 : a position from which retreat or escape is impossible 5 : control of enough of the available supply (as of a commodity) to permit manipulation of the price

²**cor-ner** *vb* **cor-nered**; **cor-ner-ing** \ˈkɔrn-(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to drive into a corner 2 : to get a corner on (∼ the wheat market) 3 : to turn a corner

cor-ner-stone \ˈkɔr-nər-,stɒn\ *n* 1 : a stone forming part of a corner in a wall; *esp* : such a stone laid with special ceremonies 2 : something of basic importance

cor-net \ˈkɔr-ˈnet\ *n* : a brass band instrument resembling the trumpet

corn flower, *Brit* : CORNSTARCH

corn-flow-er \ˈkɔrn-,flaʊ-(ə)r\ *n* : BACHELOR'S BUTTON

cor-nice \ˈkɔr-nəs\ *n* : the horizontal projecting part crowning the wall of a building

corn-meal \ˈkɔrn-ˈmēl-, -mēl\ *n* : meal ground from corn

corn-row \ˈkɔrn-,rɔ\ *vb* : to braid (sections of hair) flat to the scalp in rows — **cornrow** *n*

corn-stalk \ˈkɔrn-,stɒk\ *n* : a stalk of Indian corn

corn-starch \-,stɑrch\ *n* : a starch made from corn and used in cookery as a thickening agent

corn syrup *n* : a syrup obtained by partial hydrolysis of cornstarch

cor-nu-co-pia \ˈkɔr-n(y)ə-ˈkɔ-pē-ə\ *n* [LL, fr. L *cornu copiae* horn of plenty] : a horn-shaped container filled with fruits and grain emblematic of abundance

corny \ˈkɔr-nē\ *adj* **corn-i-er**; **-est** : tiresomely simple or sentimental

cor-ol-la \kə-ˈrāl-ə-, ˈrɒl-ə\ *n* : the petals of a flower

cor-ol-lary \ˈkɔr-ə-,ler-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-lar-ies** 1 : a deduction from a proposition already proved true 2 : CONSEQUENCE, RESULT

co-ro-na \kə-ˈrō-nə\ *n* 1 : a colored ring surrounding the sun or moon; *esp* : a shining ring around the sun seen during eclipses 2 : a faint glow adjacent to the surface of a conductor at high voltage — **co-ro-nal** \ˈkɔr-ən-əl-, kə-ˈrɒn-əl\ *adj*

cor-o-nal \ˈkɔr-ən-əl\ *n* : a circlet for the head

¹**cor-o-nary** \ˈkɔr-ə-,ner-ē\ *adj* : of or relating to the heart or its blood vessels

²**coronary** *n*, *pl* **-nar-ies** 1 : a coronary blood vessel 2 : CORONARY THROMBOSIS

coronary thrombosis *n* : the blocking by a thrombus of one of the arteries supplying the heart tissues

cor-o-na-tion \ˈkɔr-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n* : the act or ceremony of crowning a monarch

cor-o-ner \ˈkɔr-ə-nər\ *n* : a public official whose chief duty is to investigate the causes of deaths possibly not due to natural causes

cor-o-net \ˈkɔr-ə-ˈnet\ *n* 1 : a small crown indicating rank lower than sovereignty 2 : an ornamental band worn around the temples

corp *abbr* 1 corporal 2 corporation

¹**cor-po-ral** \ˈkɔr-p(ə-)rəl\ *adj* : of or relating to the body (∼ punishment)

²**corporal** *n* : a noncommissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a sergeant

cor-po-rate \ˈkɔr-p(ə-)rət\ *adj* 1 : INCORPORATED; *also* : belonging to an incorporated body 2 : combined into one body

cor-po-ra-tion \ˈkɔr-pə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* 1 : the municipal authorities of a town or city 2 : a legal creation authorized to act with the rights and liabilities of a person (a business ∼)

cor-po-re-al \ˈkɔr-ˈpɔr-ē-əl\ *adj* 1 : PHYSICAL, MATERIAL 2 *archaic* : BODILY — **cor-po-re-al-i-ty** \ˈkɔr-,pɔr-ē-ˈal-ət-ē\ *n* — **cor-po-re-al-ly** \-ē-ə-lē\ *adv*

corps \ˈkɔr\ *n*, *pl* **corps** \ˈkɔrz\ [F, fr. L *corpus* body] 1 : an organized subdivision of a country's military forces 2 : a group acting under common direction

corpse \ˈkɔrps\ *n* : a dead body

corps-man \ˈkɔr(z)-mən\ *n* : an enlisted man trained to give first aid

cor-pu-lence \ˈkɔr-pyə-ləns\ *or* **cor-pu-len-cy** \-lən-sē\ *n* : excessive fatness — **cor-pu-lent** \-lənt\ *adj*

cor-pus \ˈkɔr-pəs\ *n*, *pl* **cor-po-ra** \-pə-rə\ [ME, fr. L] 1 : BODY; *esp* : CORPSE 2 : a body of writings or works

cor-pus-cle \ˈkɔr-(ɪ)pəs-əl\ *n* 1 : a minute particle 2 : a living cell (as in blood or cartilage) not aggregated into continuous tissues — **cor-pus-cu-lar** \ˈkɔr-ˈpəs-kyə-lər\ *adj*

cor-pus de-lic-ti \ˈkɔr-pəs-di-ˈlik-,tī, -tē\ *n*, *pl* **corpora delicti** [NL, lit., body of the crime] : the substantial fact establishing that a crime has been committed; *also* : the body of a victim of murder

corr *abbr* 1 correct; corrected; correction 2 correspondence; correspondent; corresponding

cor-ral \kə-ˈrəl\ *n* [Sp] : an enclosure for confining or capturing animals; *also* : an enclosure for defense — **corral** *vb*

¹**cor-rect** \kə-ˈrekt\ *vb* 1 : to make right 2 : REPROVE, CHASTISE — **cor-rect-able** \-ˈrek-tə-bəl\ *adj* — **cor-rec-tion** \-ˈrek-shən\ *n* — **cor-rec-tion-al** \-ˈrek-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj* — **cor-rec-tive** \-ˈrek-tiv\ *adj*

²**correct** *adj* 1 : conforming to a conventional standard 2 : agreeing with fact or truth — **cor-rect-ly** \kə-ˈrek-(t)lē\ *adv* — **cor-rect-ness** \-ˈrek-(t)-nəs\ *n*

cor-re-late \ˈkɔr-ə-,lāt\ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** : to connect in a systematic way : establish the mutual relations of — **cor-re-late** \-lāt-, -lāt\ *n* — **cor-re-la-tion** \ˈkɔr-ə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*

cor-rel-a-tive \kə-ˈrel-ət-iv\ *adj* 1 : reciprocally related 2 : regularly used together (as *either* and *or*) — **correlative** *n*

cor-re-spond \ˈkɔr-ə-ˈspænd\ *vb* 1 : to be in agreement : SUIT, MATCH 2 : to communicate by letter — **cor-re-spond-ing-ly** \-ˈspän-dɪŋ-lē\ *adv*

cor-re-spon-dence \-ˈspän-dəns\ *n* 1 : agreement between particular things 2 : communication by letters; *also* : the letters exchanged

¹**cor-re-spon-dent** \-ˈspän-dənt\ *adj* 1 : SIMILAR 2 : FITTING, CONFORMING

²**correspondent** *n* 1 : something that corresponds 2 : a person with whom one communicates by letter 3 : a person employed to contribute news regularly from a place

cor-ri-dor \ˈkɔr-əd-ər-, -ə-,dɔr\ *n* 1 : a passageway into which compartments or rooms open (as in a hotel or school) 2 : a narrow strip of land esp. through foreign-held territory 3 : a densely populated strip of land including two or more major cities

cor-ri-gen-dum \ˈkɔr-ə-ˈjen-dəm\ *n*, *pl* **-da** \-də\ [L] : an

error in a printed work discovered after printing and shown with its correction on a separate sheet

cor-ri-gi-ble \kôr-ə-jə-bəl/ *adj* : CORRECTABLE

cor-rob-o-rate \kôr-ə-rāb-ə-,rāt/ *vb* -rat-ed; -rat-ing [L *corroborare*, fr. *robūr* strength] : to support with evidence : CONFIRM — **cor-rob-o-ra-tion** \-rāb-ə-rā-shən/ *n* — **cor-rob-o-ra-tive** \-rāb-ə-rāt-iv, -rāb-(ə-)rēt-/ *adj* — **cor-rob-o-ra-to-ry** \-rāb-(ə-)rā-,tôr-ē/ *adj*

cor-rode \kôr-ə-rōd/ *vb* cor-rod-ed; cor-rod-ing : to eat or be eaten away gradually (as by chemical action) — **cor-ro-sion** \-rō-zhən/ *n* — **cor-ro-sive** \-rō-siv/ *adj* or *n*

cor-ru-gate \kôr-ə-,gāt/ *vb* -gat-ed; -gat-ing : to form into wrinkles or ridges and grooves — **cor-ru-gat-ed** *adj* — **cor-ru-ga-tion** \kôr-ə-gā-shən/ *n*

cor-rupt \kôr-ə-rəpt/ *vb* 1 : to make evil : DEPRAVE; *esp* : BRIBE 2 : ROT, SPOIL — **cor-rupt-ible** *adj* — **cor-rup-tion** \-rəp-shən/ *n*

corrupt *adj* : DEPRAVED, DEBASED

corruption of blood : a bar on a person from inheriting, retaining, or transmitting any estate, rank, or title

cor-sage \kôr-ə-sāzh, -sāj/ *n* [F, bust, bodice, fr. OF, bust, fr. *cors* body, fr. L *corpus*] 1 : the waist or bodice of a dress 2 : a bouquet to be worn or carried

cor-sair \kôr-ə-saər/ *n* : PIRATE

cor-set \kôr-sət/ *n* : a stiffened undergarment worn for support or to give shape to the waist and hips

cor-tege *also* **cor-tège** \kôr-ṭezh, 'kôr-ṭezh/ *n* [F] : PROCESSION; *esp* : a funeral procession

cor-tex \kôr-,teks/ *n*, *pl* **cor-ti-ces** \kört-ə-,sēz/ or **cor-tex-es** : an outer or covering layer of an organism or one of its parts (the adrenal ~) (~ of a plant stem); *esp* : the outer layer of gray matter of the brain — **cor-ti-cal** \kört-i-kəl/ *adj*

cor-ti-sone \kört-ə-,sōn, -zōn/ *n* : an adrenal hormone used in treating rheumatoid arthritis

co-run-dum \kôr-ə-rən-dəm/ *n* : a very hard aluminum-containing mineral used as an abrasive or in some crystalline forms as a gem

cor-us-cate \kôr-ə-,skāt/ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing : FLASH, SPARKLE — **cor-us-ca-tion** \kôr-ə-skā-shən/ *n*

cor-vette \kôr-vet/ *n* 1 : a naval sailing ship smaller than a frigate 2 : an armed escort ship smaller than a destroyer

co-ry-za \kôr-ə-rī-zə/ *n* : an inflammatory disorder of the upper respiratory tract; *esp* : COMMON COLD

COS abbr 1 cash on shipment 2 chief of staff

co-sig-na-to-ry \kô-sig-nə-,tôr-ē/ *n* : a joint signer

co-sign-er \kô-,sī-nər/ *n* : COSIGNATORY; *esp* : a joint signer of a promissory note

cos-met-ic \kăz-ṣ-met-ik/ *n* : a cosmetic preparation

cosmetic *adj* [Gk *kosmētikos* skilled in adornment, fr. *kosmein* to arrange, adorn, fr. *kosmos* order, ornament, universe] 1 : intended to beautify the hair or complexion 2 : SUPERFICIAL

cos-me-tol-o-gist \kăz-mə-ṣ-tāl-ə-jəst/ *n* : one who gives beauty treatments — **cos-me-tol-o-gy** \-jē/ *n*

cos-mic \kăz-mik/ *also* **cos-mi-cal** \-mi-kəl/ *adj* 1 : of or relating to the cosmos 2 : VAST, GRAND — **cos-mi-cal-ly** \-mi-k(ə)-lē/ *adv*

cosmic ray : a stream of very penetrating atomic nuclei that enter the earth's atmosphere from outer space

cos-mog-o-ny \kăz-ṣ-măg-ə-nē/ *n*, *pl* -nies : the origin or creation of the world or universe

cos-mol-o-gy \kăz-ṣ-māl-ə-jē/ *n*, *pl* -gies : a branch of astronomy dealing with the origin and structure of the universe — **cos-mo-log-i-cal** \kăz-mə-ṣ-lāj-i-kəl/ *adj* — **cos-mol-o-gist** \kăz-ṣ-māl-ə-jəst/ *n*

cos-mo-naut \kăz-mə-ṣ-nōt/ *n* : a Soviet astronaut

cos-mo-pol-i-tan \kăz-mə-ṣ-pāl-ət-ən/ *adj* : belonging to all the world : not local *syn* universal, global, catholic — **cosmopolitan** *n*

cos-mos \kăz-məs, 1 *also* -ṣ-mös, -ṣ-mäs/ *n* 1 : UNIVERSE 2 : a tall garden herb related to the daisies

co-spon-sor \kô-,spän-sər, -ṣpän-/ *n* : a joint sponsor — **cosponsor** *vb*

cos-sack \käs-ək, -ək/ *n* [Russ *kazak* & Ukrainian *kozak*, fr. Turk *kazak* free person] : a member of a group of frontiersmen of southern Russia organized as cavalry in the czarist army

cost \kôst/ *n* 1 : the amount paid or charged for something : PRICE 2 : the loss or penalty incurred in gaining something 3 *pl* : expenses incurred in a law suit

cost *vb* *cost*; **cost-ing** 1 : to require a specified amount in payment 2 : to cause to pay, suffer, or lose

co-star \kô-,stär/ *n* : one of two leading players in a motion picture or play — **co-star** *vb*

cos-tive \käs-tiv/ *adj* : affected with or causing constipation

cost-ly \kôst-lē/ *adj* **cost-li-er**; -est : of great cost or value : not cheap *syn* dear, valuable, expensive — **cost-li-ness** *n*

cos-tume \käs-(t(y)üm/ *n* 1 : CLOTHES, ATTIRE; *also* : a suit or dress characteristic of a period or country 2 : special or fancy dress (as for wearing on the stage) — **cos-tum-er** \käs-(t(y)ü-mər/ *n* — **cos-tu-mi-er** \käs-(t(y)ü-mē-ər/ *n*, *chiefly* Brit

costume jewelry : inexpensive jewelry

co-sy \kô-zē/ *var* of **cozy**

cot \kät/ *n* : a small house : COTTAGE

cot *n* : a small often collapsible bed

cote \kôt, 'kät/ *n* : a small shed or coop (as for sheep or doves)

co-te-rie \kôt-ə-,rē, 'kôt-ə-rē/ *n* [F] : an intimate often exclusive group of persons with a common interest

co-ter-mi-nous \-mə-nəs/ *adj* : having the same scope or duration

co-til-lion \kô-ṣ-til-yən, kə-/ *n* 1 : a complicated formal dance with frequent changing of partners 2 : a formal ball

cot-tage \kät-ij/ *n* : a small house — **cot-tag-er** *n*

cottage cheese *n* : a soft uncured cheese made from soured skim milk

cot-ter or **cot-tar** \kät-ər/ *n* : a farm laborer occupying a cottage and often a small holding

cotter pin *n* : a metal strip bent into a pin whose ends can be spread apart after insertion through a hole or slot

cot-ton \kät-ən/ *n* [ME *coton*, fr. MF, fr. Ar *qutn*] 1 : a soft fibrous usu. white substance composed of hairs attached to the seeds of a plant related to the mallow; *also* : this plant 2 : thread or cloth made of cotton — **cot-tony** *adj*

cotton candy *n* : a candy made of spun sugar

cot-ton-mouth \kät-ən-,mauth/ *n* : WATER MOCCASIN

cot-ton-seed \-sēd/ *n* : the seed of the cotton plant yielding a protein-rich meal and a fixed oil (cottonseed oil) used *esp*. in cooking

cot-ton-tail \-,tāl/ *n* : an American rabbit with a white-tufted tail

cot-ton-wood \-,wüd/ *n* : a poplar with cottony hair on its seed

cot-y-le-don \kät-ṣ-lēd-ən/ *n* : the first leaf or one of the first pair or whorl of leaves developed by a seed plant

couch \kəuch/ *vb* 1 : to lie or place on a couch 2 : to phrase in a certain manner

couch *n* : a piece of furniture (as a bed or sofa) that one can sit or lie on

couch-ant \kəu-čənt/ *adj* : lying down with the head raised (coat of arms with lion ~)

cou-gar \kü-gər, -gär/ *n*, *pl* **cougars** *also* **cougar** [F *cougar*, fr. NL *cuguacuarana*, modif. of Tupi (a Brazilian Indian language) *suasuarana*, lit., false deer, fr. *suasú*

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ə'r'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
 \ə'u'out \ch'chin \et'bet \e'easy \g'go \i'hit \i'vice \j'job
 \ŋ'sing \o'go \o'law \o'boy \th'thin \th'the \u'loot
 \u'foot \y'yet \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

deer + *rana* false] : a large tawny wild American cat



cougar

cough \ˈkɒf\ *vb* : to force air from the lungs with short sharp noises; *also* : to expel by coughing — **cough** *n* **could** \kəd, (ˈ)kʊd\ *past of CAN* — used as an auxiliary in the past or as a polite or less forceful alternative to *can* in the present

cou-lee \ˈkū-lē\ *n* **1** : a small stream **2** : a dry streambed **3** : GULLY

cou-lomb \ˈkū-lām, -lōm\ *n* : a unit of electric charge equal to the electricity transferred by a current of one ampere in one second

coun-cil \ˈkaʊn-səl\ *n* **1** : ASSEMBLY, MEETING **2** : an official body of lawmakers (a city ~) — **coun-cil-lor** or **coun-cil-or** \-s(ə-)lər\ *n* — **coun-cil-man** \-səl-mən\ *n* — **coun-cil-wom-an** \-,wʊm-ən\ *n*

coun-sel \ˈkaʊn-səl\ *n* **1** : ADVICE **2** : a plan of action **3** : deliberation together **4 pl** **counsel** : LAWYER

²counsel *vb* -seled or -selled; -sel-ing or -sel-ling \-s(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : ADVISE, RECOMMEND **2** : CONSULT

coun-sel-or or **coun-sel-lor** \ˈkaʊn-s(ə-)lər\ *n* **1** : ADVISER **2** : LAWYER

¹count \ˈkaʊnt\ *vb* [ME *counten*, fr. MF *compter*, fr. L *computare*, fr. *com-* with + *putare* to consider] **1** : to name or indicate one by one in order to find the total number **2** : to recite numbers in order **3** : CONSIDER, ACCOUNT **4** : RELY (you can ~ on him) **5** : to be of value or account — **count-able** *adj*

²count *n* **1** : the act of counting; *also* : the total obtained by counting **2** : a particular charge in an indictment or legal declaration

³count *n* [MF *comte*, fr. LL *comes*, fr. L, companion, one of the imperial court, fr. *com-* with + *ire* to go] : a European nobleman whose rank corresponds to that of a British earl

count-down \ˈkaʊnt-,daʊn\ *n* : a backward counting in fixed units (as seconds) to indicate the time remaining before an event (as the launching of a rocket) — **count down** \-ˈdaʊn\ *vb*

¹coun-te-nance \ˈkaʊnt-(ə-)nəns\ *n* **1** : the human face esp. as an indicator of mood or character **2** : FAVOR, APPROVAL

²countenance *vb* -nanced; -nanc-ing : SANCTION, TOLERATE

¹count-er \ˈkaʊnt-ər\ *n* **1** : a piece (as of metal or ivory) used in reckoning or in games **2** : a level surface over which business is transacted, food is served, or work is conducted

²count-er *vb* : to act in opposition to

³count-er *n* : a device for recording a number or amount

⁴count-er *adv* : in an opposite direction : CONTRARY

⁵count-er *n* **1** : OPPOSITE, CONTRARY **2** : an answering or offsetting force or blow

⁶count-er *adj* : CONTRARY, OPPOSITE

coun-ter-act \ˈkaʊnt-ər-ˈakt\ *vb* : to lessen the force of : OFFSET — **coun-ter-ac-tive** \-ˈak-tiv\ *adj*

coun-ter-at-tack \ˈkaʊnt-ər-ə-,tak\ *n* : an attack made to oppose an enemy's attack — **counterattack** *vb*

¹coun-ter-bal-ance \ˈkaʊnt-ər-,bal-əns\ *n* : a weight or influence that balances another

²counterbalance \ˈkaʊnt-ər-bal-əns\ *vb* : to oppose with equal weight or influence

coun-ter-claim \ˈkaʊnt-ər-,klām\ *n* : an opposing claim esp. in law

coun-ter-clock-wise \ˈkaʊnt-ər-ˈklāk-,wīz\ *adv* : in a direction opposite to that in which the hands of a clock rotate — **counterclockwise** *adj*

coun-ter-cul-ture \ˈkaʊnt-ər-,kəl-čər\ *n* : a culture esp. of the young with values and mores that run counter to those of established society

coun-ter-es-pi-o-nage \ˈkaʊnt-ər-ˈes-pē-ə-,nāzh, -nij\ *n* : activities intended to discover and defeat enemy espionage

¹coun-ter-feit \ˈkaʊnt-ər-,fit\ *vb* **1** : to copy or imitate in order to deceive **2** : PRETEND, FEIGN — **coun-ter-feit-er** *n*

²counterfeit *adj* : SHAM, SPURIOUS; *also* : FORGED

³counterfeit *n* : something counterfeit : FORGERY syn fraud, sham, fake, imposture, deceit, deception

coun-ter-in-sur-gen-cy \ˈkaʊnt-ər-in-ˈsər-jən-sē\ *n* : military activity designed to deal with insurgents

coun-ter-in-tel-li-gence \ˈkaʊnt-ər-in-ˈtel-ə-jəns\ *n* : organized activities of an intelligence service designed to counter the activities of an enemy's intelligence service

count-er-man \ˈkaʊnt-ər-,man, -mən\ *n* : one who tends a counter

coun-ter-mand \ˈkaʊnt-ər-,mand\ *vb* : to withdraw (an order already given) by a contrary order

coun-ter-meas-ure \-,mezʒ-ər\ *n* : an action undertaken to counter another

coun-ter-of-fen-sive \-ə-,fen-siv\ *n* : a large-scale counterattack

coun-ter-pane \ˈkaʊnt-ər-,pān\ *n* : BEDSPREAD

coun-ter-part \-,pärt\ *n* : a person or thing very closely like or corresponding to another person or thing

coun-ter-point \-,pɔɪnt\ *n* : music in which one melody is accompanied by one or more other melodies all woven into a harmonious whole

coun-ter-poise \-,pɔɪz\ *n* : COUNTERBALANCE

coun-ter-rev-o-lu-tion \ˈkaʊnt-ər(r)-rev-ə-ˈlū-shən\ *n* : a revolution opposed to a current or earlier one — **coun-ter-rev-o-lu-tion-ary** \-shə-,ner-ē\ *adj* or *n*

coun-ter-sign \ˈkaʊnt-ər-,sɪn\ *n* **1** : a confirmatory signature added to a writing already signed by another person **2** : a secret signal that must be given by a person who wishes to pass a guard — **countersign** *vb*

coun-ter-sink \ˈkaʊnt-ər-,sɪŋk\ *vb* -sunk \-,səŋk\; -sink-ing **1** : to form a funnel-shaped enlargement at the outer end of a drilled hole **2** : to set the head of (as a screw) at or below the surface — **countersink** *n*

coun-ter-spy \-,spɪ\ *n* : a spy engaged in counterespionage

coun-ter-ten-or \-,ten-ər\ *n* : a tenor with an unusually high range

coun-ter-vail \ˈkaʊnt-ər-ˈvāl\ *vb* : COUNTERACT

coun-ter-weight \ˈkaʊnt-ər-,wəʔ\ *n* : COUNTERBALANCE

count-ess \ˈkaʊnt-əs\ *n* **1** : the wife or widow of a count or an earl **2** : a woman holding the rank of a count or an earl in her own right

count-ing-house \ˈkaʊnt-ɪŋ-,haʊs\ *n* : a building or office for keeping books and conducting business

count-less \ˈkaʊnt-ləs\ *adj* : INNUMERABLE

coun-tri-fied *also* **coun-try-fied** \kən-tri-,fid\ *adj* **1** : RURAL, RUSTIC **2** : UNSOPHISTICATED **3** : played or sung in the manner of country music

¹coun-try \kən-trē\ *n, pl* **countries** [ME *contree*, fr. OF *contrée*, fr. ML *contrata*, fr. L *contra* against, on the opposite side] **1** : REGION, DISTRICT **2** : FATHERLAND **3** : a nation or its territory **4** : rural regions as opposed to towns and cities

²country *adj* **1** : RURAL **2** : of or relating to country music (a ~ singer)

country and western *n* : COUNTRY MUSIC

country club *n* : a suburban club for social life and recreation; *esp* : one having a golf course

coun-try-dance \ˈkən-trē-,dɑns\ *n* : an English dance in which partners face each other esp. in rows
coun-try-man \ˈkən-trē-mən, 2 often -,mən\ *n* 1 : an inhabitant of a certain country 2 : COMPATRIOT 3 : one raised in the country : RUSTIC
country music *n* : music derived from or imitating the folk style of the southern U.S. or of the Western cowboy
coun-try-side \ˈkən-trē-,sīd\ *n* : a rural area or its people
coun-ty \ˈkaunt-ē\ *n*, *pl* **counties** 1 : the domain of a count 2 : a territorial division of a country or state for purposes of local government
coup \kū\ *n*, *pl* **coups** \küz\ [F, blow, stroke] 1 : a brilliant sudden stroke or stratagem 2 : COUP D'ÉTAT
coup de grace \kü-də-ˈgrās\ *n*, *pl* **coups de grace** \kü-də-\ [F *coup de grâce*, lit., stroke of mercy] : a deathblow or final decisive stroke or event
coup d'état \kü-də-ˈtā\ *n*, *pl* **coups d'état** \kü-də-ˈtā(z)\ [F, lit., stroke of state] : a sudden violent overthrow of a government by a small group
cou-pé or **coupe** \kü-ˈpā, 2 often ˈküp\ *n* [F *coupé*, fr. *couper* to cut] 1 : a closed carriage for two persons inside with an outside seat for the driver in front 2 *usu* **coupe** : a 2-door automobile with an enclosed body
cou-ple \ˈkəp-əl\ *vb* **cou-pled**; **cou-pling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to link together
couple *n* 1 : two persons closely associated; *esp* : a man and a woman married or otherwise paired 2 : PAIR 3 : BOND, TIE 4 : an indefinite small number : FEW (a ~ of days ago)
cou-plet \ˈkəp-lət\ *n* : two successive rhyming lines of verse
cou-pling \ˈkəp-lɪŋ (usual for 2), -(ə-)lɪŋ\ *n* 1 : CONNECTION 2 : a device for connecting two parts or things
cou-pon \ˈk(y)ü-,pän\ *n* 1 : a statement attached to a bond showing interest due and designed to be cut off and presented for payment 2 : a certificate given to a purchaser of goods and redeemable in merchandise, cash, or services; *also* : a similar ticket or form surrendered for other purposes (a ration ~) 3 : a part of an advertisement to be cut off to use as an order blank or inquiry form or to obtain a discount on merchandise
cour-age \ˈkər-ij\ *n* : ability to conquer fear or despair : BRAVERY, VALOR — **cou-ra-geous** \kə-ˈrā-jəs\ *adj* — **cou-ra-geously** *adv*
cou-ri-er \ˈkür-ē-ər, ˈkər-ē-\ *n* : one who bears messages or information esp. for the diplomatic or military services
course \ˈkōrs\ *n* 1 : PROGRESS, PASSAGE; *also* : direction of progress 2 : the ground or path over which something moves 3 : method of procedure : CONDUCT, BEHAVIOR 4 : an ordered series of acts or proceedings : sequence of events 5 : a series of instruction periods dealing with a subject 6 : the series of studies leading to graduation from a school or college 7 : the part of a meal served at one time — *of course* : as might be expected
course *vb* **coursed**; **coursing** 1 : to hunt with dogs (~ a rabbit) 2 : to run or go speedily
cours-er \ˈkōr-sər\ *n* : a swift or spirited horse
court \ˈkört\ *n* 1 : the residence of a sovereign or similar dignitary 2 : a sovereign and his officials and advisers as a governing power 3 : an assembly of the retinue of a sovereign 4 : an open space enclosed by a building or buildings 5 : a space walled or marked off for playing a game (as tennis or basketball) 6 : the place where justice is administered; *also* : a judicial body or a meeting of a judicial body 7 : HOMAGE, COURTSHIP
court *vb* 1 : to try to gain the favor of 2 : woo 3 : ATTRACT, TEMPT
cour-te-ous \ˈkört-ē-əs\ *adj* : marked by respect for others : CIVIL, POLITE — **cour-te-ously** *adv*
cour-te-san \ˈkört-ə-zən, ˈkört-\ *n* : PROSTITUTE
cour-te-sy \ˈkört-ə-sē\ *n*, *pl* **-sies** 1 : courteous behavior : POLITENESS 2 : a favor courteously performed

court-house \ˈkört-,haüs\ *n* : a building in which courts of law are held or court offices are located
court-ier \ˈkört-ē-ər, ˈkört-yər\ *n* : a person in attendance at a royal court
court-ly \ˈkört-lē\ *adj* **court-li-er**; **-est** : REFINED, ELEGANT, POLITE *syn* gallant, gracious — **court-li-ness** *n*
court-mar-tial \ˈkört-mär-shəl\ *n*, *pl* **courts-martial** : a military or naval court for trial of offenses against military or naval law; *also* : a trial by this court — **court-martial** *vb*
court-room \-,rüm, -,rüm\ *n* : a room in which a court of law is held
court-ship \-,ship\ *n* : the act of courting : wooing
court-yard \-,yārd\ *n* : an enclosure next to a building
cous-in \ˈkəz-ən\ *n* [ME *cosin*, fr. OF, fr. L *consobrinus*, fr. *com-* with + *sobrinus* cousin on the mother's side, fr. *soror* sister] : a child of one's uncle or aunt
cou-ture \kü-ˈtür, -ˈtūr\ *n* [F] : the business of designing fashionable custom-made women's clothing; *also* : the designers and establishments engaged in this business
cou-tu-ri-er \kü-ˈtür-ē-ər, -ē-,ä\ *n* [F, dressmaker] : the owner of an establishment engaged in couture
cove \ˈkōv\ *n* 1 : a trough for lights at the upper part of a wall 2 : a small sheltered inlet or bay
co-ven \ˈkəv-ən\ *n* : an assembly or band of witches
cov-e-nant \ˈkəv-(ə-)nənt\ *n* : a formal binding agreement : COMPACT — **cov-e-nant** \ˈkəv-(ə-)nənt, -ə-,nənt\ *vb*
cover \ˈkəv-ər\ *vb* **cover-ed**; **cover-ing** \ˈkəv-(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to bring or hold within range of a firearm 2 : PROTECT, SHIELD 3 : HIDE, CONCEAL 4 : to place something over or upon 5 : INCLUDE, COMPRISE 6 : to have as one's field of activity (one salesman ~s the state) 7 : to buy (stocks) in order to have them for delivery on a previous short sale
cover *n* 1 : something that protects or shelters 2 : LID, TOP 3 : CASE, BINDING 4 : TABLECLOTH 5 : a cloth used on a bed 6 : SCREEN, DISGUISE 7 : an envelope or wrapper for mail
cover-age \ˈkəv-(ə-)rɪj\ *n* 1 : the act or fact of covering 2 : the total ground covered : SCOPE
cover-all \ˈkəv-ər-,əl\ *n* : a one-piece outer garment worn to protect one's clothes — *usu.* used in pl.
cover charge *n* : a charge made by a restaurant or nightclub in addition to the charge for food and drink
cover crop *n* : a crop planted to prevent soil erosion and to provide humus
cover-let \ˈkəv-ər-lət\ *n* : BEDSPREAD
co-vert \ˈkō-(j)vərt, ˈkəv-ərt\ *adj* 1 : HIDDEN, SECRET 2 : SHELTERED — **co-vert-ly** *adv*
co-vert \ˈkəv-ərt, ˈkō-vərt\ *n* 1 : a secret or sheltered place; *esp* : a thicket sheltering game 2 : a feather covering the bases of the quills of the wings and tail of a bird 3 : a firm durable twilled cloth *usu.* of mixed-color yarns
cover-up \ˈkəv-ər-,əp\ *n* 1 : a device for masking or concealing 2 : a *usu.* concerted effort to keep an illegal or unethical act or situation from being made public
cov-et \ˈkəv-ət\ *vb* : to desire enviously (what belongs to another) — **cov-et-ous** *adj* — **cov-et-ous-ness** *n*
cov-ey \ˈkəv-ē\ *n*, *pl* **coveys** [ME, fr. MF *covee*, fr. OF, fr. *cover* to sit on, brood over, fr. L *cupare* to lie] 1 : a bird with her brood of young 2 : a small flock (as of quail)
cow \ˈkau\ *n* 1 : the mature female of cattle or of an animal (as the moose) of which the male is called **bull** 2 : any domestic bovine animal irrespective of sex or age
cow *vb* : INTIMIDATE, DAUNT, OVERAWE
cow-ard \ˈkau-(ə)rəd\ *n* [ME, fr. OF *coart*, fr. *coe* tail, fr. L *cauda*] : one who lacks courage or shows shameful

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \au\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

fear or timidity — **coward** *adj* — **cow-ard-ice** \-əs\ *n* — **cow-ard-ly** *adv* or *adj*

cow-bird \ˈkaʊ-,bɜrd\ *n* : a small No. American bird that lays its eggs in the nests of other birds

cow-boy \-,bɔɪ\ *n* : one (as a mounted ranch hand) who tends cattle or horses

cow-er \ˈkaʊ-(ə)r\ *vb* : to shrink or crouch down from fear or cold : QUAIL

cow-girl \ˈkaʊ-,gɜrl\ *n* : a girl or woman who tends cattle or horses

cow-hand \ˈkaʊ-,hand\ *n* : COWBOY

cow-hide \-,hid\ *n* 1 : the hide of a cow; *also* : leather made from it 2 : a coarse whip of braided rawhide

cowl \ˈkaʊl\ *n* 1 : a monk's hood 2 : the top part of the front of the body of an automobile to which the windshield is attached

cow-lick \ˈkaʊ-,lik\ *n* : a turned-up tuft of hair that resists control

cowl-ing \ˈkaʊ-liŋ\ *n* : a usu. metal covering for the engine or another part of an airplane

cow-man \ˈkaʊ-mən-,man\ *n* : COWBOY; *also* : a cattle owner or rancher

co-work-er \ˈkō-,wɜr-kər\ *n* : a fellow worker

cow-poke \ˈkaʊ-,pōk\ *n* : COWBOY

cow pony *n* : a strong and agile horse trained for herding cattle

cow-pox \ˈkaʊ-,pāks\ *n* : a mild disease of the cow that when communicated to man protects against smallpox

cow-punch-er \-,pən-çər\ *n* : COWBOY

cow-slip \ˈkaʊ-,slip\ *n* 1 : a yellow-flowered European primrose 2 : MARSH MARIGOLD

cox-comb \ˈkaks-,kōm\ *n* : a conceited foolish person : FOP

cox-swain \ˈkāk-sən-,swān\ *n* : the steersman of a ship's boat or a racing shell

coy \ˈkɔɪ\ *adj* [ME, quiet, shy, fr. MF *coi* calm, fr. L *quietus* quiet] : BASHFUL, SHY; *esp* : pretending shyness — **coy-ly** *adv* — **coy-ness** *n*

coy-ote \ˈki-,ōt, ki-ˈōt-ē\ *n, pl coyotes or coyote* : a mammal of No. America related to the domestic dog and the wolves

coy-pu \ˈkɔɪ-pū\ *n* : NUTRIA 2

coz-en \ˈkəz-,n\ *vb* [obs. It *cozzonare*, fr. It *cozzone* horse trader, fr. L *cocio* trader] : CHEAT, DEFRAUD — **coz-en-age** \-ij\ *n*

co-zy \ˈkō-zē\ *adj* **co-zi-er**; **-est** : SNUG, COMFORTABLE — **co-zi-ly** \ˈkō-zē-lē\ *adv* — **co-zi-ness** \-zē-nəs\ *n*

cozy *n, pl cozies* : a padded covering for a vessel (as a teapot) to keep the contents hot

cp *abbr* 1 compare 2 coupon

CP *abbr* 1 chemically pure 2 command post 3 communist party

CPA *abbr* certified public accountant

cpd *abbr* compound

CPI *abbr* consumer price index

Cpl *abbr* corporal

CPO *abbr* chief petty officer

CPOM *abbr* master chief petty officer

CPOS *abbr* senior chief petty officer

CPR *abbr* cardiopulmonary resuscitation

CPT *abbr* captain

CQ *abbr* charge of quarters

cr *abbr* credit; creditor

Cr *symbol* chromium

crab \ˈkrab\ *n* : any of various crustaceans with a short broad shell and small abdomen

crab *n* : an ill-natured person

crab apple *n* : a small often highly colored sour apple; *also* : a tree that produces crab apples

crab-bed \ˈkrab-əd\ *adj* 1 : MOROSE, PEEVISH 2 : CRAMPED, IRREGULAR

crab-by \ˈkrab-ē\ *adj* **crab-bi-er**; **-est** : CROSS, ILL-NATURED

crab-grass \ˈkrab-,gras\ *n* : a weedy grass with creeping or sprawling stems that root freely at the nodes

crab louse *n* : a louse infesting the pubic region in man

crack \ˈkrak\ *vb* 1 : to break with a sharp sudden sound 2 : to break with or without completely separating into parts 3 : to fail in tone or become harsh (her voice ~ed) 4 : to subject (as a petroleum oil) to heat for breaking down into lighter products (as gasoline)

crack *n* 1 : a sudden sharp noise 2 : a witty or sharp remark 3 : a narrow break or opening : FISSURE 4 : a sharp blow 5 : ATTEMPT, TRY 6 : highly purified cocaine in the form of small chips used for smoking

crack *adj* : extremely proficient

crack-down \ˈkrak-,daʊn\ *n* : an act or instance of taking positive disciplinary action (a ~ on gambling) — **crack down** \-daʊn\ *vb*

crack-er \ˈkrak-ər\ *n* 1 : FIRECRACKER 2 : a dry thin crispy baked bread product made of flour and water

crack-er-jack \-,jak\ *n* : something very excellent — **crackerjack** *adj*

crack-le \ˈkrak-əl\ *vb* **crack-led**; **crack-ling** \-(ə-)liŋ\ 1 : to make small sharp snapping noises 2 : to develop fine cracks in a surface — **crackle** *n* — **crack-ly** \-(ə-)lē\ *adj*

crack-pot \ˈkrak-,pät\ *n* : an eccentric person

crack-up \ˈkrak-,əp\ *n* : CRASH, WRECK; *also* : BREAK-DOWN

cradle \ˈkrād-əl\ *n* 1 : a baby's bed or cot 2 : INFANCY (from ~ to the grave) 3 : a place of origin 4 : a framework or support (as for a telephone receiver)

cradle *vb* **cradled**; **crad-ling** \ˈkrād-(ə-)liŋ\ 1 : to place in or as if in a cradle 2 : NURSE, REAR

cradle-song \ˈkrād-əl-,sɒŋ\ *n* : LULLABY

craft \ˈkraft\ *n* 1 : ART, SKILL; *also* : an occupation requiring special skill 2 : CUNNING, GUILE 3 *pl usu* **craft** : a boat esp. of small size; *also* : AIRCRAFT, SPACECRAFT

crafts-man \ˈkrafts-mən\ *n* : a skilled artisan — **crafts-man-ship** *n*

crafty \ˈkraf-tē\ *adj* **craft-i-er**; **-est** : CUNNING, DECEITFUL, SUBTLE — **craft-i-ly** \ˈkraf-tē-lē\ *adv* — **craft-i-ness** \-tē-nəs\ *n*

crag \ˈkrag\ *n* : a steep rugged cliff or rock — **crag-gy** \-ē\ *adj*

cram \ˈkram\ *vb* **crammed**; **cram-ming** 1 : to pack in tight : JAM 2 : to eat greedily 3 : to study rapidly under pressure for an examination

cramp \ˈkramp\ *n* 1 : a sudden painful contraction of muscle 2 : sharp abdominal pain — *usu.* used in *pl.*

cramp *vb* 1 : to affect with a cramp or cramps 2 : to restrain from free action : HAMPER 3 : to turn (the front wheels) sharply to the side

cran-ber-ry \ˈkran-,ber-ē-,b-(ə-)rē\ *n* : the red acid berry of any of several trailing plants related to the heaths; *also* : one of these plants

crane \ˈkræn\ *n* 1 : any of a family of tall wading birds related to the rails; *also* : any of several herons 2 : a machine for lifting and carrying heavy objects

crane *vb* **craned**; **cran-ing** : to stretch one's neck to see better

crane fly *n* : any of numerous long-legged slender two-winged flies that resemble large mosquitoes but do not bite

cranial nerve *n* : any of the nerves that arise in pairs from the lower surface of the brain and pass through openings in the skull to the periphery of the body

cran-i-um \ˈkrā-nē-əm\ *n, pl -ni-ums or -nia* \-nē-ə\ : SKULL; *esp* : the part enclosing the brain — **cran-i-al** \-əl\ *adj*

crank \ˈkraŋk\ *n* 1 : a bent part of an axle or shaft or an arm at right angles to the end of a shaft by which circular motion is imparted to or received from it 2 : an eccentric person 3 : a bad-tempered person : GROUCH

crank *vb* : to start or operate by turning a crank

crank-case \ˈkraŋk-,kās\ *n* : the housing of a crankshaft

crank out *vb* : to produce in a mechanical manner

crank-shaft ˈkræŋk-ˌʃaft *n* : a shaft turning or driven by a crank

cranky ˈkræŋ-kē *adj* **crank-i-er**; **-est** 1 : IRRITABLE 2 : operating uncertainly or imperfectly

cran-ny ˈkræn-ē *n, pl* **crannies** : CREVICE, CHINK

crape ˈkrāp *n* : CREPE; *esp* : black crepe used in mourning

craps ˈkraps *n* : a gambling game played with two dice
crap-shoot-er ˈkrap-ˌʃūt-ər *n* : a person who plays craps

crash ˈkrash *vb* 1 : to break noisily : SMASH 2 : to damage an airplane in landing 3 : to enter or attend without invitation or without paying (ˌ~ a party)

crash *n* 1 : a loud sound (as of things smashing) 2 : an instance of crashing (a plane ~); *also* : COLLISION 3 : a sudden failure (as of a business)

crash *adj* : marked by concerted effort over the shortest possible time

crash *n* : coarse linen fabric used for towels and draperies

crash-land ˈkrash-ˈland *vb* : to land an aircraft or spacecraft under emergency conditions usu. with damage to the craft — **crash landing** *n*

crass ˈkras *adj* : STUPID, GROSS — **crass-ly** *adv*

crate ˈkrāt *n* : a container often of wooden slats — **crate** *vb*

crater ˈkrāt-ər *n* [L, mixing bowl, crater, fr. Gk *kratēr*, fr. *kerannynai* to mix] 1 : the depression around the opening of a volcano 2 : a depression formed by the impact of a meteorite or by the explosion of a bomb or shell

cravat ˈkrə-ˈvat *n* : NECKTIE

crave ˈkrāv *vb* **craved**; **crav-ing** 1 : to ask for earnestly : BEG 2 : to long for : DESIRE

craven ˈkrā-vən *adj* : COWARDLY — **craven** *n*

crav-ing ˈkrā-viŋ *n* : an urgent or abnormal desire

craw-fish ˈkrō-ˈfɪʃ *n* 1 : CRAYFISH 1 2 : SPINY LOBSTER

crawl ˈkrōl *vb* 1 : to move slowly by drawing the body along the ground 2 : to advance feebly, cautiously, or slowly 3 : to be swarming with or feel as if swarming with creeping things (a place ~ing with ants) (her flesh ~ed)

crawl *n* 1 : a very slow pace 2 : a prone speed swimming stroke

cray-fish ˈkrā-ˈfɪʃ *n* 1 : any of numerous freshwater crustaceans usu. much smaller than the related lobsters 2 : SPINY LOBSTER

cray-on ˈkrā-ˌjən, -ən *n* : a stick of chalk or wax used for writing, drawing, or coloring; *also* : a drawing made with such material — **crayon** *vb*

craze ˈkrāz *vb* **crazed**; **craz-ing** [ME *crasen* to crush, craze] : to make or become insane

craze *n* : FAD, MANIA

cra-zy ˈkrā-zē *adj* **cra-zi-er**; **-est** 1 : mentally disordered : INSANE 2 : wildly impractical; *also* : ERRATIC — **cra-zi-ly** ˈkrā-zə-lē *adv* — **cra-zi-ness** ˈzē-nəs *n*

CRC *abbr* Civil Rights Commission

creak ˈkrēk *vb* : to make a prolonged squeaking or grating sound — **creak** *n* — **creaky** *adj*

cream ˈkrēm *n* 1 : the yellowish fat-rich part of milk 2 : a thick smooth sauce, confection, or cosmetic 3 : the choicest part 4 : a pale yellow color — **creamy** *adj*

cream *vb* 1 : to prepare with a cream sauce 2 : to beat or blend into creamy consistency 3 : to defeat decisively
cream cheese *n* : a cheese made from whole milk enriched with cream

cream-ery ˈkrēm-(ə)rē *n, pl* **-er-ies** : an establishment where butter and cheese are made or milk and cream are prepared for sale

crease ˈkrēs *n* : a mark or line made by or as if by folding — **crease** *vb*

cre-ate ˈkrē-āt *vb* **cre-at-ed**; **cre-at-ing** : to bring into be-

ing : cause to exist : MAKE, PRODUCE — **cre-ative** ˈkrē-āt-iv *adj* — **cre-ativ-ity** ˌkrē-(ə)-ˈtɪv-ə-tē, ˌkrē-ə-ˈn

cre-ation ˈkrē-ˈā-shən *n* 1 : the act of creating or producing (ˌ~ of the world) 2 : something that is created 3 : all created things : WORLD

cre-ation-ism ˈkrē-ˈā-shə-niz-əm *n* : a doctrine or theory holding that matter, the various forms of life, and the world were created by God out of nothing — **cre-ation-ist** ˈshə-nəst *n* or *adj*

cre-ator ˈkrē-āt-ər *n* 1 : one that creates : MAKER, AUTHOR 2 *cap* : GOD 1

crea-ture ˈkrē-chər *n* : a lower animal; *also* : a human being

crèche ˈkrēʃ *n* [F, manger, crib] : a representation of the Nativity scene

cre-dence ˈkrēd-ns *n* : BELIEF

cre-den-tial ˈkri-ˈden-ʃəl *n* : something that gives a basis for credit or confidence

cre-den-za ˈkri-ˈden-zə *n* [It, lit., belief, confidence] : a sideboard, buffet, or bookcase usu. without legs

cred-i-ble ˈkrəd-ə-bəl *adj* : TRUSTWORTHY, BELIEVABLE — **cred-i-bil-i-ty** ˌkrəd-ə-ˈbɪl-ə-tē *n*

cred-it ˈkrəd-ət *vb* 1 : BELIEVE 2 : to give credit to

credit *n* [MF, fr. It *credito*, fr. L *credium* something entrusted to another, loan, fr. *credere* to believe, entrust] 1 : the balance (as in a bank) in a person's favor 2 : time given for payment for goods sold on trust 3 : an accounting entry of payment received 4 : BELIEF, FAITH 5 : financial trustworthiness 6 : ESTEEM 7 : a source of honor or distinction 8 : a unit of academic work

cred-it-able ˈkrəd-ət-ə-bəl *adj* : worthy of esteem or praise — **cred-it-ably** ˈblē *adv*

credit card *n* : a card authorizing purchases on credit
cred-i-tor ˈkrəd-ət-ər *n* : a person to whom money is owed

cre-do ˈkrēd-ō, ˈkrād-ə *n, pl* **credos** [ME, fr. L, I believe] : CREED

cre-d-u-lous ˈkrej-ə-ləs *adj* : inclined to believe esp. on slight evidence — **cre-du-li-ty** ˌkri-ˈd(y)ū-lə-tē *n*

Cree ˈkrē *n, pl* **Cree** or **Crees** : a member of an American Indian people of Manitoba and Saskatchewan

creed ˈkrēd *n* [ME *crede*, fr. OE *crēda*, fr. L *credo* I believe, first word of the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds] : a statement of the essential beliefs of a religious faith

creek ˈkrēk, ˈkrik *n* 1 chiefly Brit : a small inlet 2 : a stream smaller than a river and larger than a brook
Creek ˈkrēk *n* : a member of an American Indian people of Alabama, Georgia, and Florida

creel ˈkrēl *n* : a wicker basket esp. for carrying fish

creep ˈkrēp *vb* **crept** ˈkrept; **creep-ing** 1 : CRAWL 2 : to grow over a surface like ivy 3 : to feel as though insects were crawling on the skin — **creep** *n* — **creep-er** *n*

creep-ing ˈkrē-piŋ *adj* : developing or advancing by imperceptible degrees

creepy ˈkrē-pē *adj* **creep-i-er**; **-est** : having or producing a nervous shivery fear

cre-mate ˈkrē-māt *vb* **cre-mat-ed**; **cre-mat-ing** : to reduce (a dead body) to ashes with fire — **cre-ma-tion** ˈkri-mā-shən *n*

cre-ma-to-ry ˈkrē-mə-, ˈtōr-ē, ˈkrem-ə *n, pl* **-ries** : a furnace for cremating; *also* : a structure containing such a furnace

crème ˈkrem, ˈkrēm *n, pl* **crèmes** ˈkrem(z), ˈkrēmz [F, lit., cream] : a sweet liqueur

cren-el-lat-ed or **cren-el-at-ed** ˈkren-əl-, ˈāt-əd *adj* : having battlements (a ~ tower) — **cren-el-la-tion** ˌkren-əl-ˈā-shən *n*

Cre-ole ˈkrē-ōl *n* : a descendant of early French or

ˌəˈbʊt ˌkɪtən ˌəˈfɜːr ˌəˈʃ ˌəˈvæ ˌəˈkɒt, kɑːt
ˌaʊt ˌtʃɪn ˌeɪbət ˌeɪzi ˌgɔː ˌhɪt ˌvɪs ˌjɒb
ˌsɪŋ ˌdɔː ˌlɔː ˌbɔɪ ˌθɪn ˌtʃe ˌlʊt
ˌfʊt ˌjɪt ˌzɪʃən see also Pronunciation Symbols page

Spanish settlers of the U.S. Gulf states preserving their speech and culture; *also* : a person of mixed French or Spanish and Negro descent speaking a dialect of French or Spanish

cre-o-sote \ˈkrē-ə-,sōt\ *n* : an oily liquid obtained by distillation of coal tar and used in preserving wood

crepe or **crêpe** \ˈkrāp\ *n* : a light crinkled fabric of any of various fibers

crepe su-zette \ˈkrāp-sū-ˈzɛt\ *n*, *pl* **crepes suzette** \ˈkrāp(s)-sū-ˈzɛt\ or **crepe suzettes** \ˈkrāp-sū-ˈzɛts\ : a thin folded or rolled pancake in a hot orange-butter sauce that is sprinkled with a liqueur and set ablaze for serving

crepus-cu-lar \kri-ˈpəs-kyə-lər\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or resembling twilight **2** : active in the twilight (~ insects)

cre-scen-do \krə-ˈshen-dō\ *adv* or *adj* [It] : increasing in loudness — used as a direction in music — **cre-scen-do** *n*

cre-scent \ˈkres-nt\ *n* [ME *creissant*, fr. MF *creissant*, fr. *creistre* to grow, increase, fr. L *crecere*] : the moon at any stage between new moon and first quarter and between last quarter and new moon; *also* : something shaped like the figure of the crescent moon with a convex and a concave edge — **cre-scent-tic** \kre-ˈsent-ik, krə-ˈ\ *adj*

cress \ˈkres\ *n* : any of several salad plants related to the mustards

crest \ˈkrest\ *n* **1** : a tuft or process on the head of an animal (as a bird) **2** : a heraldic device **3** : an upper part, edge, or limit (the ~ of a hill) — **crest-ed** \ˈkres-təd\ *adj* — **crest-less** *adj*

crest *vb* **1** : CROWN **2** : to reach the crest of **3** : to rise to a crest

crest-fall-en \ˈkrest-,fō-lən\ *adj* : DISPIRITED, DEJECTED

Cret-a-ceous \kri-ˈtā-shəs\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the latest period of the Mesozoic era — **Cretaceous** *n*

cre-tin \ˈkrēt-ən\ *n* [F *crétin*, fr. F dial. *cretin* Christian, human being, kind of idiot found in the Alps, fr. L *christianus* Christian] **1** : one affected with cretinism **2** : a stupid person

cre-tin-ism \-iz-əm\ *n* : a usu. congenital abnormal condition characterized by physical stunting and mental deficiency

cre-tonne \ˈkrē-,tān\ *n* : a strong unglazed cotton cloth for curtains and upholstery

cre-vasse \kri-ˈvas\ *n* : a deep fissure esp. in a glacier

cre-vice \ˈkrev-əs\ *n* : a narrow fissure

crew \ˈkrü\ *chiefly Brit past of* *crow*

crew \ˈkrü\ *n* [ME *crue*, lit., reinforcement, fr. MF *creue* increase, fr. *creistre* to grow, fr. L *crecere*] **1** : a body of people trained to work together for certain purposes **2** : a group of people who operate a ship, train, aircraft, or spacecraft **3** : the rowers and coxswain of a racing shell; *also* : the sport of rowing engaged in by a crew — **crew-man** \-mən\ *n*

crew cut *n* : a very short bristly haircut

crew-el \ˈkrü-əl\ *n* : slackly twisted worsted yarn used for embroidery — **crew-el-work** \-wɜrk\ *n*

crib \ˈkrib\ *n* **1** : a manger for feeding animals **2** : a small bedstead for a child **3** : a building or bin for storage (as of grain) **4** : a translation prepared to aid a student in preparing a lesson

crib *vb* **cribbed**; **crib-bing** **1** : to put in a crib **2** : STEAL, PLAGIARIZE — **crib-ber** *n*

crib-bage \ˈkrib-ij\ *n* : a card game usu. played by two players and scored on a board (**cribbage board**)

crib death *n* : SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME

crick \ˈkrik\ *n* : a painful spasm of muscles (as of the neck)

crick-et \ˈkrik-ət\ *n* : any of various leaping insects related to the grasshoppers and noted for the chirping noises of the male

cricket *n* : a game played with a bat and ball by two teams

on a field centering upon two wickets each defended by a batsman

cri-er \ˈkri-(ə)r\ *n* : one who calls out proclamations and announcements

crime \ˈkrīm\ *n* : a serious offense against the public law

crim-i-nal \ˈkrim-ən-əl\ *adj* **1** : involving or being a crime **2** : relating to crime or its punishment — **crim-i-nal-i-ty** \ˈkrim-ən-əl-ə-ti\ *n* — **crim-i-nal-ly** \ˈkrim-ən-əl-ē\ *adv*

criminal *n* : one who has committed a crime

crim-i-nol-o-gy \ˈkrim-ən-əl-ə-jē\ *n* : the scientific study of crime and criminals — **crim-i-nol-o-gist** \ˈkrim-ən-əl-ə-jəst\ *n*

crimp \ˈkrɪmp\ *vb* : to cause to become crinkled, wavy, or bent

crimp *n* : something (as a curl in hair) produced by or as if by crimping

crim-son \ˈkrim-zən\ *n* : a deep purplish red — **crimson** *adj*

crimson *vb* : to make or become crimson

cringe \ˈkrɪŋ\ *vb* **cringed**; **cring-ing** : to shrink in fear : WINCE, COWER

crin-kle \ˈkrɪŋ-kəl\ *vb* **crin-kled**; **crin-kling** \-k(ə-)liŋ\ : to turn or wind in many short bends or curves; *also* : WRINKLE, RIPPLE — **crinkle** *n* — **crin-kly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adj*

crin-o-line \ˈkrɪn-əl-ən\ *n* **1** : an open-weave cloth used for stiffening and lining **2** : a full stiff skirt or underskirt made of crinoline

crip-ple \ˈkrip-əl\ *n* : a lame or disabled person

cripple *vb* **crippled**; **crip-pling** \-(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : to make lame **2** : to make useless or imperfect

cri-sis \ˈkri-səs\ *n*, *pl* **crises** \ˈkri-,sēz\ [L, fr. Gk *krisis*, lit., decision, fr. *krinein* to decide] **1** : the turning point for better or worse in an acute disease or fever **2** : a decisive or critical moment

crisp \ˈkrisp\ *adj* **1** : CURLY, WAVY **2** : BRITTLE **3** : FIRM, FRESH (~ lettuce) **4** : being sharp and clear **5** : LIVELY, SPARKLING **6** : FROSTY, SNAPPY; *also* : BRACING — **crisp** *vb* — **crisp-ly** *adv* — **crisp-ness** *n* — **crispy** *adj*

criss-cross \ˈkris-,krɒs\ *vb* **1** : to mark with crossed lines **2** : to go or pass back and forth

crisscross *adj* : marked or characterized by crisscrossing — **crisscross** *adv*

crisscross *n* : a pattern formed by crossed lines

crit *abbr* critical; criticism

cri-te-ri-on \ˈkri-ˈtir-ē-ən\ *n*, *pl* **-ria** \-ē-ə\ : a standard on which a judgment may be based

crit-ic \ˈkrit-ik\ *n* **1** : a person who judges literary or artistic works **2** : one inclined to find fault

crit-i-cal \ˈkrit-i-kəl\ *adj* **1** : inclined to criticize **2** : relating to criticism or critics **3** : requiring careful judgment **4** : being or relating to a condition or disease involving danger of death **5** : being a crisis **6** : UNCERTAIN — **crit-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

crit-i-cism \ˈkrit-ə-,siz-əm\ *n* **1** : the act of criticizing; *esp* : CENSURE **2** : a judgment or review **3** : the art of judging works of literature or art

crit-i-cize \ˈkrit-ə-,siz\ *vb* **-cized**; **-ciz-ing** **1** : to judge as a critic : EVALUATE **2** : to find fault : express criticism syn blame, censure, condemn

cri-tique \ˈkrə-ˈtēk\ *n* : a critical estimate or discussion

crit-ter \ˈkrit-ər\ *n* : CREATURE

croak \ˈkrɒk\ *n* : a hoarse harsh cry (as of a frog) — **croak** *vb*

cro-chet \krō-ˈshā\ *n* [F, hook, crochet, fr. MF, dim. of *croche* hook] : needlework done with a single thread and hooked needle — **crochet** *vb*

crock \ˈkrāk\ *n* : a thick earthenware pot or jar

crock-ery \ˈkrāk-(ə-)rē\ *n* : EARTHENWARE

croc-o-dile \ˈkrāk-ə-dīl\ *n* [ME & L; ME *cocodrille*, fr. OF, fr. ML *cocodrillus*, alter. of L *crocodilus*, fr. Gk *krokodilos* lizard, crocodile, fr. *krokē* pebble + *drillos* worm] : any of several thick-skinned long-bodied reptiles of tropical and subtropical waters

cro-cus \ˈkrō-kəs\ *n*, *pl* **cro-cus-es** *also* **crocus** or **cro-i** \-,kɪ\ : any of a large genus of low herbs related to the irises and having brightly colored flowers borne singly in early spring

crois-sant \k(ɹə-,)wä-ˈsä\ *n*, *pl* **croissants** \-ˈsä(z)\ : a rich crescent-shaped roll

crone \ˈkrɒn\ *n* : WITCH 2

cro-ny \ˈkrō-nē\ *n*, *pl* **cronies** : a close friend esp. of long standing

crook \ˈkrūk\ *vb* : to curve or bend sharply

crook *n* 1 : a bent or curved implement 2 : SWINDLER, THIEF 3 : a bent or curved part; *also* : BEND, CURVE
crook-ed \ˈkrūk-əd\ *adj* 1 : having a crook : BENT, CURVED 2 : DISHONEST — **crook-ed-ly** *adv* — **crook-ed-ness** *n*

croon \ˈkrūn\ *vb* : to sing or hum in a gentle murmuring voice — **croon-er** *n*

crop \ˈkräp\ *n* 1 : the handle of a whip; *also* : a short riding whip 2 : a pouch in the throat of many birds and insects where food is received 3 : something that can be harvested; *also* : the yield at harvest

crop *vb* **cropped**; **crop-ping** 1 : to remove the tips of : cut off short; *also* : TRIM 2 : to feed on by cropping 3 : to devote (land) to crops 4 : to appear unexpectedly

crop-land \-,land\ *n* : land devoted to the production of plant crops

crop-per \ˈkräp-ər\ *n* : a raiser of crops; *esp* : SHARECROPPER

cro-quet \krō-ˈkā\ *n* : a game in which mallets are used to drive wooden balls through a series of wickets set out on a lawn

cro-quette \krō-ˈket\ *n* [F] : a small often rounded mass of minced meat, fish, or vegetables fried in deep fat

cro-sier \ˈkrō-zhər\ *n* : a staff carried by bishops and abbots

cross \ˈkrɒs\ *n* 1 : a structure consisting of an upright beam and a crossbar used esp. by the ancient Romans for execution 2 : a figure of the cross on which Christ was crucified used as a Christian symbol 3 : a hybridizing of unlike individuals or strains; *also* : a product of this 4 : a punch delivered with a circular motion over an opponent's lead

cross *vb* 1 : to lie or place across; *also* : INTERSECT 2 : to cancel by marking a cross on or by lining through 3 : THWART, OBSTRUCT 4 : to go or extend across : TRAVERSE 5 : HYBRIDIZE 6 : to meet and pass on the way

cross *adj* 1 : lying across 2 : CONTRARY, OPPOSED 3 : marked by bad temper 4 : HYBRID — **cross-ly** *adv*

cross-bar \ˈkrɒs-,bär\ *n* : a transverse bar or piece

cross-bones \-,bɒnz\ *n pl* : two leg or arm bones placed or depicted crosswise

cross-bow \-,bō\ *n* : a short bow mounted crosswise at the end of a wooden stock that shoots short arrows



crossbow

cross-breed \ˈkrɒs-,brēd, -ˈbrēd\ *vb* -bred \-ˈbred\; -breed-ing : HYBRIDIZE

cross-coun-try \-ˈkən-trē\ *adj* 1 : extending or moving across a country 2 : proceeding over the countryside (as fields and woods) rather than by roads 3 : of or relating to racing or skiing over the countryside instead of over a track or run — **cross-country** *adv*

cross-cur-rent \-ˈkər-ənt\ *n* 1 : a current running counter

to another 2 : a conflicting tendency — *usu.* used in *pl.*
cross-cut \-,kət\ *vb* : to cut or saw crosswise esp. of the grain of wood

crosscut *adj* 1 : made or used for crosscutting (a ~ saw) 2 : cut across the grain

crosscut *n* : something that cuts through transversely
cross-ex-am-ine \,krɒs-ig-ˈzəm-ən\ *vb* : to examine with questions to check the answers to previous questions — **cross-ex-am-i-na-tion** \-,zəm-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n*

cross-eyed \ˈkrɒs-,id\ *adj* : having one or both eyes turned inward toward the nose

cross-fer-til-iza-tion \-,fərt-ɪ-ə-ˈzā-shən\ *n* 1 : fertilization between sex cells produced by separate individuals or sometimes by individuals of different kinds; *also* : CROSS-POLLINATION 2 : a broadening or productive interchange (as between cultures) — **cross-fer-til-ize** \-,fərt-ɪ-,iz\ *vb*

cross fire *n* 1 : crossing lines of fire in combat 2 : rapid or angry interchange

cross hair *n* : one of the fine wires or threads in the eyepiece of an optical instrument used as a reference line

cross-hatch \ˈkrɒs-,hach\ *vb* : to mark with a series of parallel lines that cross esp. obliquely — **cross-hatch-ing** *n*

cross-ing \ˈkrɒs-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : a place or structure for crossing something (as a street or river) 2 : a point of intersection (as of a street and a railroad track)

cross-over \ˈkrɒs-,ə-vər\ *n* 1 : CROSSING 2 : a member of one political party who votes in the primary of the other party

cross-piece \ˈkrɒs-,pēs\ *n* : a crosswise member

cross-pol-li-na-tion \,krɒs-,pāl-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n* : transfer of pollen from one flower to the stigma of another — **cross-pol-li-nate** \ˈkrɒs-,pāl-ə-,nāt\ *vb*

cross-pur-pose \ˈkrɒs-ˈpər-pəz\ *n* : a purpose contrary to another purpose (working at ~s)

cross-ques-tion \-ˈkwes-chən\ *vb* : CROSS-EXAMINE

cross-re-fer \,krɒs-ri-ˈfər\ *vb* : to refer by a notation or direction from one place to another (as in a book or list) — **cross-refer-ence** \ˈkrɒs-ˈref-(ə-)rəns\ *n*

cross-road \ˈkrɒs-,rɒd\ *n* 1 : a road that crosses a main road or runs between main roads 2 : a place where roads meet — *usu.* used in *pl.* 3 : a crucial point where a decision must be made

cross section *n* 1 : a section cut across something; *also* : a representation made by or as if by such cutting 2 : a number of persons or things selected from a group that show the general nature of the whole group — **cross-section-al** *adj*

cross-walk \ˈkrɒs-,wɒk\ *n* : a specially marked path for pedestrians crossing a street

cross-ways \-,wāz\ *adv* : CROSSWISE

cross-wise \-,wīz\ *adv* : SO AS TO CROSS something : ACROSS — **crosswise** *adj*

cross-word \,krɒs-,wɜrd\ *n* : a puzzle in which words are fitted into a pattern of numbered squares in answer to clues

crotch \ˈkräch\ *n* : an angle formed by the parting of two legs, branches, or members

crotch-et \ˈkräch-ət\ *n* : an odd notion : WHIM — **crotch-ety** *adj*

crouch \ˈkrauç\ *vb* 1 : to stoop or bend low 2 : CRINGE, COWER — **crouch** *n*

croup \ˈkrüp\ *n* : laryngitis esp. of infants marked by a hoarse ringing cough and difficult breathing — **croupy** *adj*

crou-pi-er \ˈkrü-pē-ər, -pē-,ä\ *n* [F, lit., rider on the rump

\ə\abut \ˈp\kitten \ə\rfurther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ä\cot, cart
ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ce \j\job
ŋ\sing \d\go \d\law \d\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

of a horse, fr. *croupe* rump] : an employee of a gambling casino who collects and pays bets at a gaming table
croû-ton \ˈkrü-,tän\ *n* [F *croûton*, dim. of *croûte* crust] : a small cube of bread toasted or fried crisp

crow \ˈkrō\ *n* 1 : any of various large glossy black birds related to the jays 2 *cap* : a member of an American Indian people of the region between the Platte and Yellowstone rivers; *also* : the language of the Crow people

crow *vb* 1 : to make the loud shrill sound characteristic of the cock 2 : to utter a sound expressive of pleasure 3 : EXULT, GLOAT; *also* : BRAG, BOAST

crow *n* : the cry of the cock

crow-bar \ˈkrō-,bär\ *n* : a metal bar usu. wedge-shaped at the end for use as a pry or lever

crowd \ˈkraʊd\ *vb* 1 : to press close 2 : to collect in numbers 3 : THROG 3 : CRAM, STUFF

crowd *n* : a large number of people gathered together at random : THROG

crown \ˈkraʊn\ *n* 1 : a mark of victory or honor; *esp* : the title of a champion in a sport 2 : a royal headdress 3 : the top of the head 4 : the highest part (as of a tree or tooth) 5 *often cap* : sovereign power; *also* : MONARCH 6 : a formerly used British silver coin — **crowned** \ˈkraʊnd\ *adj*

crown *vb* 1 : to place a crown on 2 : HONOR 3 : TOP, SURMOUNT 4 : to fit (a tooth) with an artificial crown
crown vetch *n* : a European leguminous herb with umbels of pink-and-white flowers and sharp-angled pods

crow's-foot \ˈkrōz-,füt\ *n*, *pl* **crow's-feet** \-,fēt\ : any of the wrinkles around the outer corners of the eyes — *usu.* used in *pl.*

crow's nest *n* : a partly enclosed platform high on a ship's mast for use as a lookout

CRT *abbr* cathode-ray tube

crucial \ˈkrü-shəl\ *adj* : DECISIVE; *also* : IMPORTANT, SIGNIFICANT

crucible \ˈkrü-sə-bəl\ *n* : a heat-resistant container in which material can be subjected to great heat

crucifix \ˈkrü-sə-,fiks\ *n* : a representation of Christ on the cross

crucifixion \ˈkrü-sə-'fik-shən\ *n* : the act of crucifying; *esp*, *cap* : the crucifying of Christ

cruciform \ˈkrü-sə-,fɔrm\ *adj* : cross-shaped

crucify \ˈkrü-sə-,fi\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fying** 1 : to put to death by nailing or binding the hands and feet to a cross 2 : MORTIFY 1 3 : TORTURE, PERSECUTE

crude \ˈkrüd\ *adj* **cruder**; **crudest** 1 : not refined : RAW (~ oil) (~ statistics) 2 : lacking grace, taste, tact, or polish : RUDE — **crudely** *adv* — **crud-ily** \ˈkrüd-ət-ē\ *n*

crude *n* : unrefined petroleum

cru-el \ˈkrü-əl\ *adj* **cru-el-er** or **cru-el-ler**; **cru-el-est** or **cru-el-est** : causing pain and suffering to others : MERCILESS — **cru-el-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **cru-el-ty** \-tē\ *n*

cru-et \ˈkrü-ət\ *n* : a small usu. glass bottle for vinegar, oil, or sauce

cruise \ˈkrüz\ *vb* **cruised**; **cruising** [D *kruisen* to make a cross, cruise, fr. L *crux* cross] 1 : to sail about touching at a series of ports 2 : to travel for enjoyment 3 : to travel about the streets at random 4 : to travel at the most efficient operating speed (the *cruising* speed of an airplane) — **cruise** *n*

cruiser \ˈkrü-zər\ *n* 1 : SQUAD CAR 2 : a large fast moderately armored and gunned warship 3 : a motorboat equipped for living aboard

crul-ler \ˈkrəl-ər\ *n* 1 : a small sweet cake in the form of a twisted strip fried in deep fat 2 *North & Midland* : an unraised doughnut

crumb \ˈkrəm\ *n* : a small fragment

crumb *vb* 1 : to break into crumbs 2 : to cover with crumbs

crum-ble \ˈkrəm-bəl\ *vb* **crum-bled**; **crum-bling** \-b(ə-)liŋ\ : to break into small pieces : DISINTEGRATE — **crum-bly** \-b(ə-)lē\ *adj*

crum-my or **crumby** \ˈkrəm-ē\ *adj* **crum-mi-er** or **crumb-i-er**; **-est** 1 : MISERABLE, FILTHY 2 : CHEAP, WORTHLESS
crum-pet \ˈkrəm-pət\ *n* : a small round unsweetened bread cooked on a griddle

crum-ple \ˈkrəm-pəl\ *vb* **crum-pled**; **crum-pling** \-p(ə-)liŋ\ 1 : to crush together : RUMPLE 2 : COLLAPSE

crunch \ˈkrənç\ *vb* : to chew with a grinding noise; *also* : to grind or press with a crushing noise

crunch *n* 1 : an act of or a sound made by crunching 2 : a tight or critical situation — **crunchy** *adj*

cru-sade \ˈkrü-'sād\ *n* 1 *cap* : any of the expeditions in the 11th, 12th, and 13th centuries undertaken by Christian countries to take the Holy Land from the Muslims 2 : a reforming enterprise undertaken with zeal — **crusade** *vb* — **cru-sad-er** *n*

cruse \ˈkrüz, 'krüs\ *n* : a jar for water or oil

crush \ˈkrəʃ\ *vb* 1 : to squeeze out of shape 2 : HUG, EMBRACE 3 : to grind or pound to small bits 4 : OVERWHELM, SUPPRESS

crush *n* 1 : an act of crushing 2 : a violent crowding 3 : INFATUATION

crust \ˈkrəst\ *n* 1 : the outside part of bread; *also* : a piece of old dry bread 2 : the cover of a pie 3 : a hard surface layer — **crust-al** *adj*

crus-ta-cean \ˈkrəs-'tə-shən\ *n* : any of a large class of mostly aquatic arthropods (as lobsters or crabs) having a firm crustlike shell

crusty *adj* **crust-i-er**; **-est** 1 : having or being a crust 2 : CROSS, GRUMPY

crutch \ˈkrəç\ *n* : a supporting device; *esp* : a support fitting under the armpit for use by the disabled in walking

crux \ˈkrəks, 'krüks\ *n*, *pl* **crux-es** 1 : a puzzling or difficult problem 2 : a crucial point

cruz-a-do \ˈkrü-'zād-ō\ *n* — *see* MONEY table

cry \ˈkri\ *vb* **cried**; **cry-ing** 1 : to call out : SHOUT 2 : WEEP 3 : to proclaim publicly; *also* : to advertise wares by calling out

cry *n*, *pl* **cries** 1 : a loud outcry 2 : APPEAL, ENTREATY 3 : a fit of weeping 4 : the characteristic sound uttered by an animal

cry-ba-by \ˈkri-,bā-bē\ *n* : one who cries easily or often
cryo-gen-ic \ˈkri-ə-'jen-ik\ *adj* : of or relating to the production of very low temperatures; *also* : involving the use of a very low temperature — **cryo-gen-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

cryo-gen-ics \-iks\ *n* : a branch of physics that relates to the production and effects of very low temperatures
cryo-lite \ˈkri-ə-,lit\ *n* : a usu. white mineral used in making aluminum

crypt \ˈkript\ *n* : a chamber wholly or partly underground
crypt-ic \ˈkrip-tik\ *adj* : meant to be puzzling or mysterious

crypt-to-gram \ˈkrip-tə-,gram\ *n* : a communication in cipher or code

crypt-tog-ra-phy \ˈkrip-'täg-rə-fē\ *n* : the coding and decoding of secret messages — **crypt-tog-ra-pher** \-fər\ *n*

crys-tal \ˈkris-təl\ *n* [ME *crystal*, fr. OF, fr. L *crystallum*, fr. Gk *krystallos* ice, crystal] 1 : transparent quartz 2 : something resembling crystal (as in transparency); *esp* : a clear glass used for table articles 3 : a body that is formed by solidification of a substance and has a regular repeating arrangement of atoms and often of external plane faces (a snow ~) (a salt ~) 4 : the transparent cover of a watch dial — **crys-tal-line** \-tə-lən\ *adj*

crys-tal-lize \ˈkris-tə-,liz\ *vb* **-lized**; **-liz-ing** 1 : to assume or cause to assume a crystalline form 2 : to take or cause to take a fixed and definite form — **crys-tal-li-za-tion** \ˈkris-tə-lə-'zā-shən\ *n*

crys-tal-log-ra-phy \ˈkris-tə-'lāg-rə-fē\ *n* : the science dealing with the forms and structures of crystals — **crys-tal-log-ra-pher** \-fər\ *n*

cs *abbr* case; cases

Cs *symbol* cesium

CS *abbr* 1 civil service 2 county seat

C/S *abbr* cycles per second

CSA *abbr* Confederate States of America

CSM *abbr* command sergeant major

CST *abbr* central standard time

ct *abbr* 1 carat 2 cent 3 count 4 county 5 court

CT *abbr* 1 central time 2 Connecticut

ctg or **ctge** *abbr* cartage

ctn *abbr* carton

ctr *abbr* 1 center 2 counter

cu *abbr* cubic

Cu *symbol* [L *cuprum*] copper

cub \ˈkəb\ *n* : a young individual of some animals (as a fox, bear, or lion)

Cu-ban \ˈkyū-bən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Cuba — **Cuban** *adj*

cub-by-hole \ˈkəb-ē-, hōl\ *n* : a snug place (as for storing things)

¹**cube** \ˈkyüb\ *n* 1 : a solid having 6 equal square sides 2 : the product obtained by taking a number 3 times as a factor (27 is the ~ of 3)

²**cube** *vb* **cubed**; **cub-ing** 1 : to raise to the third power 2 : to form into a cube 3 : to cut into cubes

cube root *n* : a number whose cube is a given number
cu-bic \ˈkyū-bik\ *also* **cu-bi-cal** *adj* 1 : having the form of a cube 2 : having length, width, and height 3 : being the volume of a cube whose edge is a specified unit

cu-bi-cle \ˈkyū-bi-kəl\ *n* : a small separate space (as for sleeping or studying)

cubic measure *n* : a unit (as cubic inch) for measuring volume — *see* **METRIC SYSTEM** table, **WEIGHT** table

cub-ism \ˈkyū-, biz-əm\ *n* : a style of art characterized by the abstraction of natural forms into fragmented geometric shapes

cu-bit \ˈkyū-bət\ *n* : an ancient unit of length equal to about 18 inches (46 centimeters)

Cub Scout *n* : a member of the program of the Boy Scouts of America for boys 8–10 years of age

cuck-old \ˈkək-əld-, ˈkūk-\ *n* : a man whose wife is unfaithful

¹**cuck-oo** \ˈkūk-ü-, ˈkūk-\ *n*, *pl* **cuckoos** : a largely grayish brown European bird that lays its eggs in the nests of other birds for them to hatch

²**cuckoo** *adj* : SILLY, FOOLISH

cu-cum-ber \ˈkyū-(r)kəm-bər\ *n* : the long fleshy many-seeded fruit of a vine of the gourd family that is grown as a garden vegetable; *also* : this vine

cud \ˈkəd\ *n* : food brought up into the mouth by ruminating animals (as cows) from the first stomach to be chewed again

cud-dle \ˈkəd-əl\ *vb* **cud-dled**; **cud-dling** \ˈkəd-(ə-)liŋ\ : to lie close

cud-gel \ˈkəj-əl\ *n* : a short heavy club — **cudgel** *vb*

¹**cue** \ˈkyū\ *n* 1 : a word, phrase, or action in a play serving as a signal for the next actor to speak or act 2 : **HINT** — **cue** *vb*

²**cue** *n* : a tapered rod for striking the balls in billiards or pool

cue ball *n* : the ball a player strikes with a cue in billiards or pool

¹**cuff** \ˈkəf\ *n* 1 : a part (as of a sleeve or glove) encircling the wrist 2 : the folded hem of a trouser leg

²**cuff** *vb* : to strike esp. with the open hand : **SLAP**

³**cuff** *n* : a blow with the hand esp. when open
cui-sine \kwi-ˈzēn\ *n* : manner of cooking; *also* : the food so prepared

cuke \ˈkyūk\ *n* : **CUCUMBER**

cul-de-sac \ˈkəl-di-ˈsək-, ˈkūl-\ *n*, *pl* **culs-de-sac** \ˈkəl(z)-, ˈkūl(z)-\ *also* **cul-de-sacs** \ˈkəl-də-ˈsaks-, ˈkūl-\ [F, lit., bottom of the bag] : a street or passage closed at one end

culi-nary \ˈkəl-ə-, ner-ē-, ˈkyū-lə-\ *adj* : of or relating to cookery

¹**cull** \ˈkəl\ *vb* : to pick out from a group : **CHOOSE**

²**cull** *n* : something rejected from a group or lot as worthless or inferior

cul-mi-nate \ˈkəl-mə-, nāt\ *vb* **-nat-ed**; **-nat-ing** : to reach the highest point — **cul-mi-na-tion** \ˈkəl-mə-ˈnā-shən\ *n*
cu-lotte \ˈk(y)ù-, lät-, k(y)ù-ˈlät\ *n* [F, breeches, fr. dim. of *cul* backside] : a divided skirt; *also* : a garment having a divided skirt — often used in pl.

cul-pa-ble \ˈkəl-pə-bəl\ *adj* : deserving blame — **cul-pa-bil-i-ty** \ˈkəl-pə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n*

cul-prit \ˈkəl-prət\ *n* [Anglo-French (the French of medieval England) *cul*. (abbr. of *culpable* guilty) + *prest*, *prit* ready (i.e. to prove it), fr. L *praestus*] : one accused or guilty of a crime

cult \ˈkəlt\ *n* 1 : formal religious veneration 2 : a religious system; *also* : its adherents 3 : faddish devotion; *also* : a group of persons showing such devotion — **cult-ist** *n*

cul-ti-vate \ˈkəl-tə-, vāt\ *vb* **-vat-ed**; **-vat-ing** 1 : to prepare for the raising of crops 2 : to foster the growth of (~ vegetables) 3 : **REFINE**, **IMPROVE** 4 : **ENCOURAGE**, **FURTHER** — **cul-ti-va-ble** \-və-bəl\ *adj* — **cul-ti-vat-able** \-, vāt-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **cul-ti-va-tion** \ˈkəl-tə-ˈvā-shən\ *n* — **cul-ti-va-tor** \ˈkəl-tə-, vāt-ər\ *n*

culture \ˈkəl-chər\ *n* 1 : **TILLAGE**, **CULTIVATION**; *also* : the growing of a particular crop (grape ~) 2 : the act of developing by education and training 3 : refinement of intellectual and artistic taste 4 : a particular form or stage of civilization; *also* : a society characterized by such a culture — **cul-tur-al** \ˈkəlch-(ə-)rəl\ *adj* — **cul-tur-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **cultured** \ˈkəl-chərd\ *adj*

cul-vert \ˈkəl-vərt\ *n* : a drain crossing under a road or railroad

cum *abbr* cumulative

cum-ber \ˈkəm-bər\ *vb* **cum-bered**; **cum-ber-ing** \-b(ə-)riŋ\ : to weigh down : **BURDEN**

cum-ber-some \ˈkəm-bər-səm\ *adj* : hard to handle or manage because of size or weight

cum-brous \ˈkəm-brəs\ *adj* : **CUMBERSOME**

cum-mer-bund \ˈkəm-ər-, bənd\ *n* [Hindi *kamarband*, fr. Per, fr. *kamar* waist + *band*] : a broad sash worn as a waistband

cu-mu-la-tive \ˈkyū-myə-lət-iv-, -lāt-\ *adj* : increasing in force or value by successive additions

cu-mu-lo-nim-bus \ˈkyū-myə-lə-ˈnim-bəs\ *n* : an anvil-shaped cumulus cloud extending to great heights

cu-mu-lus \ˈkyū-myə-ləs\ *n*, *pl* **-li** \-lī-, -lē\ : a massive cloud having a flat base and rounded outlines

cu-ne-i-form \ˈkyū-ˈnē-ə-ˈfōrm\ *adj* 1 : wedge-shaped 2 : composed of wedge-shaped characters (~ alphabet)

cun-ner \ˈkən-ər\ *n* : a small American food fish of the New England coast

cun-ni-lin-gus \ˈkən-i-ˈliŋ-gəs\ *also* **cun-ni-lin-cus** \ˈliŋk-təs\ *n* : oral stimulation of the vulva or clitoris

¹**cun-ning** \ˈkən-iŋ\ *adj* 1 : **SKILLFUL**, **DEXTEROUS** 2 : marked by wiliness and trickery 3 : **CUTE** — **cun-ning-ly** *adv*

²**cunning** *n* 1 : **SKILL** 2 : **CRAFTINESS**, **SLYNESS**

¹**cup** \ˈkəp\ *n* 1 : a small bowl-shaped drinking vessel 2 : the contents of a cup 3 : communion wine 4 : something resembling a cup : a small bowl or hollow — **cup-ful** *n*

²**cup** *vb* **cupped**; **cup-ping** : to curve into the shape of a cup
cup-bear-er \ˈkəp-, bar-ər\ *n* : one who has the duty of filling and serving cups of wine

cup-board \ˈkəb-ərd\ *n* : a small storage closet

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\kitchen \el\bet \e\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\vice \i\job
\ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
\ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

cup-cake \ˈkəp-,kāk\ *n* : a small cake baked in a cuplike mold

Cu-pid \ˈkyū-pəd\ *n* : a winged naked figure of an infant often with a bow and arrow that represents the god Cupid

cu-pid-i-ty \kyū-ˈpid-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties : excessive desire for money : *AVARICE*

cu-po-la \ˈkyū-pə-lə-, -lə\ *n* : a small structure on top of a roof or building

cu-prite \ˈk(y)ü-,prīt\ *n* : a mineral that is an ore of copper

cur \ˈkər\ *n* : a mongrel dog

cur *abbr* 1 *currency* 2 *current*

cu-rate \ˈkyūr-ət\ *n* 1 : a clergyman in charge of a parish 2 : a clergyman who assists a rector or vicar — **cu-ra-cy** \-ə-sē\ *n*

cu-ra-tive \ˈkyūr-ət-iv\ *adj* : relating to or used in the cure of diseases — **curative** *n*

cu-ra-tor \kyū-ˈrāt-ər\ *n* : CUSTODIAN; *esp* : one in charge of a place of exhibit (as a museum or zoo)

curb \kərb\ *n* 1 : a bit that exerts pressure on a horse's jaws 2 : CHECK, RESTRAINT 3 : a raised edging (as of stone or concrete) along a paved street

curb *vb* : to hold in or back : RESTRAIN

curb-ing \ˈkər-biŋ\ *n* 1 : the material for a curb 2 : CURB

curd \ˈkərd\ *n* : the thick protein-rich part of coagulated milk

cur-dle \ˈkərd-əl\ *vb* **cur-dled**; **cur-dling** \ˈkərd-(ə)liŋ\ : to form curds; *also* : SPOIL, SOUR

cure \ˈkyūr\ *n* 1 : spiritual care 2 : recovery or relief from disease 3 : a curative agent : REMEDY 4 : a course or period of treatment

cure *vb* **cured**; **cur-ing** 1 : to restore to health : HEAL, REMEDY 2 : to process for storage or use (~bacon); *also* : to become cured — **cur-able** *adj*

cu-ré \kyū-ˈrā\ *n* [F] : a parish priest

cure-all \ˈkyūr-,ōl\ *n* : a remedy for all ills : PANACEA

cu-ret-tage \ˈkyūr-ə-ˈtəʒh\ *n* : a surgical scraping and cleaning by means of a scoop, loop, or ring

cur-few \ˈkər-,fyū\ *n* [ME, fr. MF *covrefeu*, signal given to bank the hearth fire, curfew, fr. *covrir* to cover + *feu* fire, fr. *L. focus* hearth] : a regulation that specified persons (as children) be off the streets at a set hour of the evening; *also* : the sounding of a signal (as a bell) at this hour

cu-ria \k(y)ūr-ē-ə\ *n*, *pl* **cu-ri-ae** \ˈkyūr-ē-,ē\ \ˈkūr-ē-,l\ *often cap* : the body of congregations, tribunals, and offices through which the pope governs the Roman Catholic Church

cu-rie \ˈkyūr-ē\ *n* : a unit of radioactivity equal to 37 billion disintegrations per second

cu-rio \ˈkyūr-ē-,ō\ *n*, *pl* **cu-ri-os** : an object or article valued because it is strange or rare

cu-rious \ˈkyūr-ē-əs\ *adj* 1 : having a desire to investigate and learn 2 : STRANGE, UNUSUAL, ODD — **cu-ri-os-i-ty** \ˈkyūr-ē-əs-ət-ē\ *n* — **cu-ri-ously** *adv*

cu-ri-um \ˈkyūr-ē-əm\ *n* : a metallic radioactive element produced artificially — *see* ELEMENT table

curl \ˈkərl\ *vb* 1 : to form into ringlets 2 : CURVE, COIL — **curl-er** *n*

curl *n* 1 : a lock of hair that coils : RINGLET 2 : something having a spiral or twisted form — **curly** *adj*

cur-lew \ˈkərl-(y)ū\ *n*, *pl* **curlews** or **curlew** : any of various long-legged brownish birds that have a down-curved bill and are related to the woodcocks

curli-cue \ˈkər-li-,kyū\ *n* : a fancifully curved or spiral figure

cur-rant \ˈkər-ənt\ *n* 1 : a small seedless raisin 2 : the acid berry of a shrub related to the gooseberry; *also* : this plant

cur-ren-cy \ˈkər-ən-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies 1 : general use or acceptance 2 : something that is in circulation as a medium of exchange : MONEY

cur-rent \ˈkər-ənt\ *adj* 1 : occurring in or belonging to the present 2 : used as a medium of exchange 3 : generally accepted or practiced

current *n* 1 : the part of a body of fluid moving continuously in a certain direction; *also* : the swiftest part of a stream 2 : a flow of electric charge; *also* : the rate of such flow

cur-ric-u-lum \kə-ˈrik-yə-ləm\ *n*, *pl* -la \-lə\ *also* -lums [L, *racecourse*, fr. *currere* to run] : a course of study offered by a school or one of its divisions

cur-ry \ˈkər-ē\ *vb* **cur-ried**; **cur-ry-ing** 1 : to clean the coat of (a horse) with a currycomb 2 : to treat (tanned leather) *esp.* by incorporating oil or grease — **curry fa-vor** \-ˈfā-vər\ : to seek to gain favor by flattery or attention

cur-ry \ˈkər-ē\ *n*, *pl* **curries** : a powder of blended spices used in cooking; *also* : a food seasoned with curry

cur-ry-comb \-ˌkōm\ *n* : a comb used *esp.* to curry horses — **currycomb** *vb*

curse \ˈkərs\ *n* 1 : a prayer for harm to come upon one 2 : something that is cursed 3 : something that comes as if in response to a curse : SCOURGE

curse *vb* **cursed**; **cur-sing** 1 : to call on divine power to send injury upon 2 : BLASPHEME 3 : AFFLICT *syn* ex-crate, damn, anathematize, objugate

cur-sive \ˈkər-siv\ *adj* : written or formed with the strokes of the letters joined together and the angles rounded

cur-sor \ˈkər-sər\ *n* : a bright figure (as a pointer) on a computer screen to indicate a character to be revised or a position where data is to be entered

cur-so-ry \ˈkərs-(ə)-rē\ *adj* : hastily and often superficially done : HASTY — **cur-so-ri-ly** \-rə-lē\ *adv*

curt \ˈkərt\ *adj* : rudely short or abrupt — **curt-ly** *adv*

cur-tail \ˌkər-ˈtāl\ *vb* : to cut off the end of : SHORTEN — **cur-tail-ment** *n*

cur-tain \ˈkərt-ən\ *n* 1 : a hanging screen that can be drawn back *esp.* at a window 2 : the screen between the stage and auditorium of a theater — **curtain** *vb*

curt-sy or **curt-sey** \ˈkərt-sē\ *n*, *pl* **curtsies** or **curtseys** : a courteous bow made by women chiefly by bending the knees — **curtsy** or **curtsey** *vb*

cur-va-ceous *also* **cur-va-cious** \ˌkər-ˈvā-shəs\ *adj* : having a well-proportioned feminine figure marked by pronounced curves

cur-va-ture \ˈkər-və-,chūr\ *n* : a measure or amount of curving : BEND

curve \ˈkərv\ *vb* **curved**; **curv-ing** : to bend from a straight line or course

curve *n* 1 : a line *esp.* when curved 2 : something that bends or curves without angles (a ~ in the road) 3 : a ball thrown so that it swerves from a normal course

cur-vet \ˌkər-ˈvet\ *n* : a prancing leap of a horse — **curvet** *vb*

cush-ion \ˈkush-ən\ *n* 1 : a soft pillow or pad to rest on or against 2 : the springy pad inside the rim of a billiard table 3 : something soft that prevents discomfort or protects against injury

cush-ion *vb* **cush-ioned**; **cush-ion-ing** \-(ə-)niŋ\ 1 : to provide (as a seat) with a cushion 2 : to soften or lessen the force or shock of

cusp \ˈkəsp\ *n* : a pointed end or part (as of a tooth)

cus-pid \ˈkəs-pəd\ *n* : a canine tooth

cus-pi-dor \ˈkəs-pə-,dōr\ *n* : SPITTOON

cus-tard \ˈkəs-tərd\ *n* : a sweetened mixture of milk and eggs baked, boiled, or frozen

cus-to-di-al \ˈkəs-ˈtōd-ē-əl\ *adj* : marked by watching and protecting rather than seeking to cure (~care)

cus-to-di-an \ˈkəs-ˈtōd-ē-ən\ *n* : one who has custody (as of a building)

cus-to-dy \ˈkəs-təd-ē\ *n*, *pl* -dies : immediate care or charge

cus-tom \ˈkəs-təm\ *n* 1 : habitual course of action : recog-

nized usage **2 pl** : taxes levied on imports **3** : business patronage
custom *adj* **1** : made to personal order **2** : doing work only on order
cus-tom-ary \ˈkəs-tə-,mer-ē\ *adj* **1** : based on or established by custom (~rent) **2** : commonly practiced or observed : HABITUAL — **cus-tom-ar-i-ly** \,kəs-tə-ˈmer-ē-lē\ *adv*
cus-tom-built \,kəs-təm-ˈbilt\ *adj* : built to individual order
cus-tom-er \ˈkəs-tə-mər\ *n* : BUYER, PURCHASER; *esp* : a regular or frequent buyer
cus-tom-house \ˈkəs-təm-ˈhaʊs\ *n* : the building where customs are paid
cus-tom-ize \ˈkəs-tə-,mīz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to build, fit, or alter according to individual specifications
cus-tom-made \,kəs-təm-ˈ(m)ād\ *adj* : made to individual order
cut \kət\ *vb* cut; **cut-ting** **1** : to penetrate or divide with a sharp edge : CLEAVE, GASH; *also* : to experience the growth of (a tooth) through the gum **2** : to hurt the feelings of **3** : to strike sharply **4** : SHORTEN, REDUCE **5** : to remove by severing or paring **6** : INTERSECT, CROSS **7** : to divide into parts **8** : to go quickly or change direction abruptly **9** : to cause to stop
cut *n* **1** : a customary segment of a meat carcass **2** : SHARE **3** : something made by cutting : GASH, CLEFT **4** : an excavated channel or roadway **5** : BAND **4 6** : a sharp stroke or blow **7** : REDUCTION (~in wages) **8** : the shape or manner in which a thing is cut
cut-and-dried \,kət-ˈn-ˈdrid\ *also* **cut-and-dry** \-ˈdrɪ\ *adj* : according to a plan, set procedure, or formula
cu-ta-ne-ous \kyū-ˈtā-nē-əs\ *adj* : of, relating to, or affecting the skin
cut-back \kət-ˈbak\ *n* **1** : something cut back **2** : REDUCTION
cute \ˈkyūt\ *adj* **cut-er**; **cut-est** [short for *acute*] **1** : CLEVER, SHREWD **2** : daintily attractive : PRETTY
cu-ti-cle \ˈkyūt-i-kəl\ *n* **1** : an outer layer (as of skin) **2** : dead or horny epidermis *esp.* around a fingernail — **cu-tic-u-lar** \kyū-ˈtik-yə-lər\ *adj*
cut in \,kət-ˈin\ *vb* **1** : to thrust oneself between others **2** : to interrupt a dancing couple and take one as one's partner
cut-lass \ˈkət-ləs\ *n* : a short heavy curved sword
cut-ler \ˈkət-lər\ *n* : one who makes, deals in, or repairs cutlery
cut-lery \ˈkət-lə-rē\ *n* : edged or cutting tools; *esp* : implements for cutting and eating food
cut-let \ˈkət-lət\ *n* : a slice of meat (as veal) for broiling or frying
cut-off \ˈkət-ˈɒf\ *n* **1** : the channel formed when a stream cuts through the neck of an oxbow; *also* : SHORTCUT **2** : a device for cutting off **3 pl** : shorts orig. made from jeans with the legs cut off at the knees or higher
cut-out \ˈkət-ˈaʊt\ *n* : something cut out or prepared for cutting out from something else (a page of animal ~s)
cut out \,kət-ˈaʊt\ *vb* **1** : to be all that one can handle (had her work *cut out* for her) **2** : DISCONNECT **3** : to cease operating (the engine *cut out*) **4** : ELIMINATE (*cut out* unnecessary expense)
cut-rate \ˈkət-ˈrāt\ *adj* : relating to or dealing in goods sold at reduced rates
cut-ter \ˈkət-ər\ *n* **1** : a tool or a machine for cutting **2** : a ship's boat for carrying stores and passengers **3** : a small armed boat in government service **4** : a light sleigh
cut-throat \ˈkət-ˈθrɒt\ *n* : MURDERER
cutthroat *adj* **1** : MURDEROUS, CRUEL **2** : MERCILESS, RUTHLESS (~ competition)
cutthroat trout *n* : a large American trout with a red mark under the jaw

cut-ting \ˈkət-ɪŋ\ *n* : a piece of a plant able to grow into a new plant
cutting *adj* **1** : SHARP, EDGED **2** : marked by piercing cold **3** : likely to hurt the feelings : SARCASTIC
cut-tle-fish \ˈkət-ˌl-,fɪʃ\ *n* : a 10-armed mollusk related to the squid with an internal shell (**cut-tle-bone** \-,bɒn\) composed of calcium compounds
cut-up \ˈkət-ˌʌp\ *n* : one that clowns or acts boisterously — **cut up** \,kət-ˌʌp\ *vb*
cut-worm \-,wɜrm\ *n* : any of various smooth-bodied moth larvae that feed on plants at night
cw *abbr* clockwise
CWO *abbr* **1** cash with order **2** chief warrant officer
cwt *abbr* hundredweight
-cy \sē\ *n* suffix **1** : action : practice (mendicancy) **2** : rank : office (chaplaincy) **3** : body : class (magistracy) **4** : state : quality (accuracy)
cy-an \ˈsi-,an, -ən\ *n* : a greenish blue color
cy-a-nide \ˈsi-,ə-,nɪd-,nəd\ *n* : a poisonous compound of carbon and nitrogen with either sodium or potassium
cy-ber-net-ics \,si-bər-ˈnet-iks\ *n* : the science of communication and control theory that is concerned *esp.* with the comparative study of automatic control systems — **cy-ber-net-ic** *adj*
cyc or **cycl** *abbr* cyclopedia
cy-cla-men \ˈsi-klə-mən\ *n* : any of a genus of plants related to the primroses and grown for their showy nodding flowers
cy-cle \ˈsi-kəl\ *n* **1** : a period of time occupied by a series of events that repeat themselves regularly and in the same order **2** : a recurring round of operations or events **3** : one complete occurrence of a periodic process (as a vibration or current alternation) **4** : a circular or spiral arrangement **5** : a long period of time : AGE **6** : BICYCLE **7** : MOTORCYCLE — **cy-clic** \ˈsi-klɪk, ˈsɪk-lik\ or **cy-cli-cal** \ˈsi-klɪ-kəl, ˈsɪk-li-\ *adj* — **cy-cli-cal-ly** \-k(ə)-lē\ *also* **cy-clic-ly** \ˈsi-klɪ-klē, ˈsɪk-li-\ *adv*
cy-cle \ˈsi-kəl\ *vb* **cy-cled**; **cy-cling** \ˈsi-k(ə)-lɪŋ, ˈsɪk(-ə)-\ : to ride a cycle
cy-clist \ˈsi-klɪ-ə-ləst\ *n* : one who rides a cycle
cy-clone \ˈsi-,klɒn\ *n* **1** : a storm or system of winds that rotates about a center of low atmospheric pressure and advances at 20 to 30 miles an hour (about 30 to 50 kilometers per hour) **2** : TORNADO — **cy-clon-ic** \ˈsi-ˈklān-ɪk\ *adj*
cy-clo-pe-dia or **cy-clo-pae-dia** \,si-klə-ˈpēd-ē-ə\ *n* : ENCYCLOPEDIA
cy-clo-tron \ˈsi-klə-ˈtrən\ *n* : a device for giving high speed to charged particles by magnetic and electric fields
cyg-net \ˈsig-nət\ *n* : a young swan
cyl *abbr* cylinder
cyl-in-der \ˈsil-ən-dər\ *n* : the solid figure formed by turning a rectangle about one side as an axis; *also* : a body or space of this form (an engine ~) (a bullet in the ~ of a revolver) — **cyl-in-dri-cal** \sə-ˈlɪn-dri-kəl\ *adj*
cym-bal \ˈsɪm-bəl\ *n* : one of a pair of concave brass plates clashed together
cyme \ˈsɪm\ *n* : an inflorescence of several flowers each on a stem with the first-opening central flower on the main stem and later-opening flowers developing from lateral buds
cyn-ic \ˈsɪn-ɪk\ *n* [MF or L, MF *cynique*, fr. L *cynicus*, fr. Gk *kynikos*, lit., like a dog, fr. *kyōn* dog] : one who attributes all actions to selfish motives — **cyn-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **cyn-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **cyn-i-cism** \ˈsɪn-ə-,sɪz-əm\ *n*
cy-no-sure \ˈsi-nə-,shūr, ˈsɪn-ə-\ *n* [MF & L; MF, *Ursa*

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ə\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ə\chēin \ə\bet \ə\easy \ə\go \ə\hit \ə\ice \ə\job
\ə\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \ə\thin \ə\the \ə\loot
\ə\foot \ə\yet \ə\zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

Minor, guide, fr. *L cynosura* Ursa Minor, fr. *Gk kynosoura*, fr. *kynos oura* dog's tail] : a center of attraction

CYO *abbr* Catholic Youth Organization

cy-press \ˈsī-prəs\ *n* **1** : any of a genus of scaly-leaved evergreen trees related to the pines **2** : either of two large swamp trees of the southern U.S. with hard red wood **3** : the wood of a cypress

cyst \ˈsɪst\ *n* : an abnormal closed bodily sac usu. containing liquid — **cys-tic** \ˈsɪs-tɪk\ *adj*

cystic fibrosis *n* : a common hereditary disease marked esp. by deficiency of pancreatic enzymes and by respiratory symptoms

cy-to-lo-gy \sī-ˈtāl-ə-jē\ *n* : a branch of biology dealing with cells — **cy-to-log-i-cal** \sɪt-l-ˈāj-i-kəl\ or **cy-to-log-ic** \-ˈāj-ɪk\ *adj* — **cy-to-lo-gist** \sī-ˈtāl-ə-jəst\ *n*

cy-to-plasm \ˈsɪt-ə-,plaz-əm\ *n* : the protoplasm of a cell that lies external to the nucleus — **cy-to-plas-mic** \sɪt-ə-plaz-mɪk\ *adj*

cy-to-sine \ˈsɪt-ə-,sēn\ *n* : a chemical base that is a pyrimidine coding genetic information in DNA and RNA

CZ *abbr* Canal Zone

czar \ˈzār\ *n* : the ruler of Russia until 1917; *also* : one having great authority — **czar-ist** *n* or *adj*

cza-ri-na \zā-ˈrē-nə\ *n* : the wife of a czar

Czech \ˈtʃek\ *n* **1** : a native or inhabitant of Czechoslovakia **2** : the language of the Czechs — **Czech** *adj*

Czecho-slo-vak \ˌtʃek-ə-ˈslō-,vāk-, -ˌvāk\ or **Czecho-slo-va-ki-an** \-slō-ˈvāk-ē-ən-, -ˈvāk-\ *adj* : of, relating to, or characteristic of Czechoslovakia or its people — **Czechoslovak** or **Czechoslovakian** *n*

D

d \ˈdē\ *n*, *pl* **d's** or **ds** \ˈdēz\ *often cap* **1** : the 4th letter of the English alphabet **2** : a grade rating a student's work as poor

d *abbr*, *often cap* **1** date **2** daughter **3** day **4** dead **5** deceased **6** degree **7** [*L denarius*] penny; pence **8** depart; departure **9** diameter

D *symbol* deuterium

DA *abbr* **1** deposit account **2** district attorney **3** don't answer

dab \ˈdab\ *n* **1** : a sudden blow or thrust : POKE; *also* : PECK **2** : a gentle touch or stroke : PAT

dab *vb* **dabbed**; **dab-bing** **1** : to strike or touch gently : PAT **2** : to apply lightly or irregularly : DAUB

dab *n* **1** : DAUB **2** : a small amount

dab-ble \ˈdab-əl\ *vb* **dab-bled**; **dab-bling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to wet by splashing : SPATTER **2** : to paddle or play in or as if in water **3** : to work or concern oneself without serious effort

dace \ˈdās\ *n*, *pl* **dace** : any of various small No. American freshwater fishes related to the carp

da-cha \ˈdäch-ə\ *n* [*Russ*, lit., gift; fr. its frequently being the gift of a ruler] : a Russian country house

dachs-hund \ˈdäks-,hʊnt\ *n*, *pl* **dachshunds** [*G*, fr. *dachs* badger + *hund* dog] : a small dog of a breed of German origin with a long body, short legs, and long drooping ears

dac-tyl \ˈdak-təl\ *n* [*ME* *dactile*, fr. *L* *dactylus*, fr. *Gk* *daktylos*, lit., finger; fr. the fact that the three syllables have the first one longest like the joints of the finger] : a metrical foot of one accented syllable followed by two unaccented syllables — **dac-tyl-ic** \ˈdak-ˈtɪl-ɪk\ *adj* or *n*

dad \ˈdad\ *n* : FATHER

Da-da \ˈdād-(j)ä\ *n* : a movement in art and literature based on deliberate irrationality and negation of traditional artistic values — **da-da-ism** \-,ˈɪz-əm\ *n*, *often cap* — **da-da-ist** \-,ɪst\ *n* or *adj*, *often cap*

dad-dy \ˈdad-ē\ *n*, *pl* **daddies** : FATHER

dad-dy long-legs \ˌdād-ē-ˈlɒŋ-,ˈlegz\ *n*, *pl* **daddy longlegs** : any of various arachnids resembling the true spiders but having small rounded bodies and long slender legs

dæ-mon *var* of **DEMON**

daf-fo-dil \ˈdaf-ə-,dɪl\ *n* : any of a genus of bulbous herbs with usu. large flowers having a trumpetlike center

daf-fy \ˈdaf-ē\ *adj* **daf-fi-er**; **-est** : DAFT

daft \ˈdaft\ *adj* : FOOLISH; *also* : INSANE — **daft-ness** *n*

dag *abbr* dekagram

dag-ger \ˈdag-ər\ *n* **1** : a sharp pointed knife for stabbing

2 : a character † used as a reference mark or to indicate a death date

da-guer-re-o-type \də-ˈger-(ē)-ə-,tɪp\ *n* : an early photograph produced on a silver or a silver-covered copper plate

dahl-ia \ˈdal-yə-, ˈdāl-\ *n* : any of a genus of tuberous herbs related to the daisies and having showy flowers

dai-ly \ˈdā-lē\ *adj* **1** : occurring, done, or used every day or every weekday **2** : of or relating to every day (~ visitors) **3** : computed in terms of one day (~ wages) — **daily** *adv*

daily *n*, *pl* **dailies** : a newspaper published every weekday **daily double** *n* : a system of betting on races in which the bettor must pick the winners of two stipulated races in order to win

dai-ty \ˈdānt-ē\ *n*, *pl* **dainties** [*ME* *deinte*, fr. *OF* *deintie*, fr. *L dignitas* dignity, worth] : something delicious or pleasing to the taste : DELICACY

dainty *adj* **dain-ti-er**; **-est** **1** : pleasing to the taste **2** : delicately pretty **3** : having or showing delicate taste; *also* : FASTIDIOUS — **dain-ti-ly** \ˈdānt-l-ē\ *adv* — **dain-ti-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*

dai-qui-ri \ˈdi-kə-rē-, ˈdak-ə-rē\ *n* [*Daiquiri*, Cuba] : a cocktail made of rum, lime juice, and sugar

dairy \ˈde(ə)r-ē\ *n*, *pl* **dair-ies** [*ME* *deyerie*, fr. *deye* dairymaid, fr. *OE* *dæge* kneader of bread] **1** : CREAMERY **2** : a farm specializing in milk production

dairy-ing \ˈder-ē-ɪŋ\ *n* : the business of operating a dairy **dairy-maid** \-,mād\ *n* : a woman employed in a dairy **dairy-man** \-mən-, -ˌman\ *n* : a person who operates a dairy farm or works in a dairy

da-is \ˈdā-əs\ *n* : a raised platform usu. above the floor of a hall or large room

dai-sy \ˈdā-zē\ *n*, *pl* **daisies** [*ME* *dayeseye*, fr. *OE* *dægesēage*, fr. *dæg* day + *ēage* eye] : any of numerous composite plants having flower heads in which the marginal flowers resemble petals

daisy wheel *n* : a printing element for an electric typewriter or computer printer that consists of a disk having spokes with type on the end

Da-ko-ta \də-ˈkōt-ə\ *n*, *pl* **Dakotas** *also* **Dakota** : a member of an American Indian people of the northern Mississippi valley; *also* : their language

dal *abbr* dekaliter

da-la-si \də-ˈlās-ē\ *n*, *pl* **dalasi** or **dalasis** — see **MONEY** table

dale \ˈdāl\ *n* : VALLEY

dal-ly \ˈdal-ē\ *vb* **dal-lied**; **dal-ly-ing** **1** : to act playfully;

esp : to play amorously **2** : to waste time **3** : LINGER, DAWDLE — **dal-li-ance** \-əns/ *n*

dal-ma-tian \dal-'mā-shən/ *n*, often *cap* : any of a breed of medium-sized dogs having a white short-haired coat with black or brown spots

¹**dam** \dām/ *n* : a female parent — used esp. of a domestic animal

²**dam** *n* : a barrier (as across a stream) to prevent the flow of water — **dam** *vb*

³**dam** *abbr* dekameter

¹**dam-age** \dām-ij/ *n* **1** : loss or harm due to injury to persons, property, or reputation **2** *pl* : compensation in money imposed by law for loss or injury (bring a suit for ~s)

²**damage** *vb* **dam-aged**; **dam-ag-ing** : to cause damage to **dam-a-scene** \dām-ə-,sēn/ *vb* **-scened**; **-scen-ing** : to ornament (as iron or steel) with wavy patterns or with inlaid work of precious metals

dam-ask \dām-əsk/ *n* **1** : a firm lustrous reversible figured fabric used for household linen **2** : a tough steel having decorative wavy lines

dame \dām/ *n* **1** : a woman of rank, station, or authority **2** : an elderly woman **3** : WOMAN

damn \dām/ *vb* **damned**; **damn-ing** \dām-ɪŋ/ [ME *dampnen*, fr. OF *dampner*, fr. L *damnare*, fr. *damnum* damage, loss, fine] **1** : to condemn esp. to hell **2** : CURSE — **damned** *adj*

dam-na-ble \dām-nə-bəl/ *adj* **1** : liable to or deserving punishment **2** : DETESTABLE (~ weather) — **dam-na-bly** \-blē/ *adv*

dam-na-tion \dām-'nā-shən/ *n* **1** : the act of damning **2** : the state of being damned

¹**damp** \damp/ *n* **1** : a noxious gas **2** : MOISTURE

²**damp** *vb* : DAMPEN

³**damp** *adj* : MOIST — **damp-ness** *n*

damp-en \dām-pən/ *vb* **damp-ened**; **damp-en-ing** \dāmp-(ə-)nɪŋ/ **1** : to check or diminish in activity or vigor **2** : to make or become damp

damp-er \dām-pər/ *n* : one that damps; *esp* : a valve or movable plate (as in the flue of a stove, furnace, or fireplace) to regulate the draft

dam-sel \dām-zəl/ *n* : GIRL, MAIDEN

dam-sel-fly \-flī/ *n* : any of a group of insects that are closely related to the dragonflies but fold their wings above the body when at rest

dam-son \dām-zən/ *n* : a plum with acid purple fruit; *also* : its fruit

Dan *abbr* Daniel

¹**dance** \dāns/ *vb* **danced**; **danc-ing** **1** : to glide, step, or move through a set series of movements usu. to music **2** : to move quickly up and down or about **3** : to perform or take part in as a dancer — **dancer** *n*

²**dance** *n* **1** : an act or instance of dancing **2** : a social gathering for dancing **3** : a piece of music (as a waltz) by which dancing may be guided **4** : the art of dancing **D & C** *abbr* dilation and curettage

dan-de-li-on \dan-dē-'lī-ən/ *n* [MF *dent de lion*, lit., lion's tooth] : any of a genus of common yellow-flowered composite herbs

dan-der \dān-dər/ *n* : ANGER, TEMPER

dan-di-fy \dān-dī-,fī/ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to cause to resemble a dandy

dan-dle \dān-dl/ *vb* **dan-dled**; **dan-dling** : to move up and down in one's arms or on one's knee in affectionate play **dan-druff** \dān-draf/ *n* : a whitish scurf on the scalp that comes off in small scales

¹**dan-dy** \dān-dē/ *n*, *pl* **dandies** **1** : a man unduly attentive to dress **2** : something excellent in its class

²**dandy** *adj* **dan-di-er**; **-est** : very good : FIRST-RATE

Dane \dān/ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Denmark

dan-ger \dān-jər/ *n* **1** : exposure or liability to injury, harm, or evil **2** : something that may cause injury or harm *syn* peril, hazard, risk, jeopardy

dan-ger-ous \dānj-(ə-)rəs/ *adj* **1** : HAZARDOUS, PERILOUS **2** : able or likely to inflict injury — **dan-ger-ous-ly** *adv*

dan-gle \dāŋ-gəl/ *vb* **dan-gled**; **dan-gling** \-g(ə-)liŋ/ **1** : to hang loosely esp. with a swinging motion : SWING **2** : to be a hanger-on or dependent **3** : to be left without proper grammatical connection in a sentence **4** : to keep hanging uncertainly

Dan-iel \dān-yəl/ *n* — see BIBLE table

Dan-ish \dāŋ-nɪʃ/ *n* : the language of the Danes — **Danish** *adj*

Danish pastry *n* : a pastry made of a rich yeast-raised dough

dank \dāŋk/ *adj* : disagreeably wet or moist : DAMP **dan-seuse** \dā-'sə(r)z, dān-'süz/ *n* [F] : a female ballet dancer

dap-per \dap-ər/ *adj* **1** : SPRUCE, TRIM **2** : being alert and lively in movement and manners : JAUNTY

dap-ple \dap-əl/ *vb* **dap-pled**; **dap-pling** : to mark with different-colored spots

DAR *abbr* Daughters of the American Revolution

¹**dare** \daər/ *vb* **dared**; **dar-ing** **1** : to have sufficient courage : be bold enough to **2** : CHALLENGE **3** : to confront boldly

²**dare** *n* : an act or instance of daring : CHALLENGE

dare-dev-il \-,dev-əl/ *n* : a recklessly bold person

dar-ing \da(ə)r-ɪŋ/ *n* : venturesome boldness — **daring** *adj* — **dar-ing-ly** *adv*

¹**dark** \därk/ *adj* **1** : being without light or without much light **2** : not light in color (a ~ suit) **3** : GLOOMY **4** : being without knowledge and culture (the *Dark Ages*) **5** : SECRETIVE — **dark-ly** *adv* — **dark-ness** *n*

²**dark** *n* **1** : absence of light : DARKNESS; *esp* : NIGHT **2** : a dark or deep color — **in the dark** **1** : in secrecy **2** : in ignorance

dark adaptation *n* : the process by which the eye adapts to seeing in weak light — **dark-adapt-ed** \,där-ko-'dap-təd/ *adj*

dark-en \där-kən/ *vb* **dark-ened**; **dark-en-ing** \därk-(ə-)nɪŋ/ **1** : to make or grow dark or darker **2** : DIM **3** : BESMIRCH, TARNISH **4** : to make or become gloomy or forbidding

dark horse *n* : a contestant or a political figure whose abilities and chances as a contender are not known **dark-ling** \där-kliŋ/ *adj* **1** : DARK (a ~ plain) **2** : MYSTERIOUS

dark-room \därk-,rüm, -,rüm/ *n* : a room which is protected from light and in which photographic plates and film are developed

dark-some \därk-səm/ *adj* : DARK

¹**dar-ling** \där-liŋ/ *n* **1** : a dearly loved person **2** : FAVORITE

²**darling** *adj* **1** : dearly loved : FAVORITE **2** : very pleasing : CHARMING

darn \därn/ *vb* : to mend with interlacing stitches — **darn-er** *n*

darning needle *n* **1** : a needle for darning **2** : DRAGONFLY

¹**dart** \därt/ *n* **1** : a small missile with a point on one end and feathers on the other; *also*, *pl* : a game in which darts are thrown at a target **2** : something causing a sudden pain **3** : a stitched tapering fold in a garment **4** : a quick movement

²**dart** *vb* **1** : to throw with a sudden movement **2** : to thrust or move suddenly or rapidly

dart-er \därt-ər/ *n* : any of numerous small American freshwater fishes related to the perches

Dar-win-ism \där-wə-,niz-əm/ *n* : a theory of the origin and perpetuation of new species of plants and animals through the action of natural selection on chance variations — **Dar-win-ist** \-nəst/ *n* or *adj*

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
 \ə'u'out \ch'chin \e'bet \e'easy \ə'go \i'hlt \i'vice \j'Job
 \ŋ'sing \o'go \o'law \o'boy \th'thin \th'the \ü'loot
 \ü'foot \y'et \zh'vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

dash *\dash\ vb* **1** : to knock, hurl, or thrust violently **2** : SMASH **3** : SPLASH, SPATTER **4** : RUIN **5** : DEPRESS, SADEN **6** : to perform or finish hastily **7** : to move with sudden speed

dash *n* **1** : a sudden burst or splash **2** : a stroke of a pen **3** : a punctuation mark — that is used esp. to indicate a break in the thought or structure of a sentence **4** : a small addition (add a ~ of salt) **5** : flashy showiness **6** : animation in style and action **7** : a sudden rush or attempt (made a ~ for the door) **8** : a short foot race
dash-board *\-,bɔrd\ n* : an instrument panel below the windshield in an automobile or aircraft

dash-er *\dash-ər\ n* : a device (as in a churn) that agitates or stirs up something

dash-ki *\dā-'shē-kē\ or dai-shi-ki\ dī-\ n* [modif. of Yoruba (an African language) *danshiki*] : a usu. brightly colored loose-fitting pullover garment

dash-ing *\dash-ɪŋ\ adj* **1** : marked by vigorous action **2** : marked by smartness esp. in dress and manners

das-tard *\das-tərd\ n* : COWARD; esp : one who sneakily commits malicious acts — **das-tard-ly** *adj*

dat *abbr* dative

da-ta *\dāt-ə, 'dāt-\ n sing or pl* : factual information (as measurements or statistics) used as a basis for reasoning, discussion, or calculation

data processing *n* : the action or process of supplying a computer with information and having the computer use it to produce a desired result

date *\dāt\ n* [ME, fr. OF, deriv. of L *dactylus*, fr. Gk *daktylos*, lit., finger] : the edible fruit of a tall Old World palm; also : this palm

date *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. LL *data*, fr. *data* (as in *data Romae* given at Rome), fr. L *dare* to give] **1** : the day, month, or year of an event **2** : a statement giving the time of execution or making (as of a coin or check) **3** : the period to which something belongs **4** : APPOINTMENT; esp : a social engagement between two persons of opposite sex **5** : a person of the opposite sex with whom one has a social engagement — **to date** : up to the present moment

date *vb* **dat-ed; dat-ing** **1** : to record the date of or on **2** : to determine, mark, or reveal the date, age, or period of **3** : to make or have a date with **4** : ORIGINATE (~s from ancient times) **5** : EXTEND (*dating* back to childhood) **6** : to show qualities typical of a past period

dat-ed *\dāt-əd\ adj* **1** : provided with a date **2** : OLD-FASHIONED

date-less *\dāt-ləs\ adj* **1** : ENDLESS **2** : having no date **3** : too ancient to be dated **4** : TIMELESS

date-line *\dāt-,lɪn\ n* : a line in a publication giving the date and place of composition or issue — **dateline** *vb*

da-tive *\dāt-iv\ adj* : of, relating to, or constituting a grammatical case marking typically the indirect object of a verb — **dative** *n*

da-tum *\dāt-əm, 'dāt-, 'dāt-\ n, pl da-ta\ -ə\ or datums* : a single piece of data : FACT

dau *abbr* daughter

daub *\dób\ vb* **1** : to cover with soft adhesive matter **2** : SMEAR, SMUDGE **3** : to paint crudely — **daub-er** *n*

daub *n* **1** : something daubed on : SMEAR **2** : a crude picture

daugh-ter *\dót-ər\ n* **1** : a female offspring esp. of human beings **2** : a human female having a specified ancestor or belonging to a group of common ancestry

daugh-ter-in-law *\dót-ə-rən-,lō, -ər-,lō\ n, pl daugh-ter-in-law\ -ər-zən-* : the wife of one's son

daunt *\dɔnt\ vb* [ME *daunten*, fr. OF *danter*, alter. of *donter*, fr. L *domitare* to tame] : to lessen the courage of : INTIMIDATE, OVERWHELM

daunt-less *-ləs\ adj* : FEARLESS, UNDAUNTED

dau-phin *\dô-fən\ n, often cap* : the eldest son of a king of France

DAV *abbr* Disabled American Veterans

dav-en-port *\dav-ən-,pɔrt\ n* : a large upholstered sofa
da-vit *\dā-vət, 'dav-ət\ n* : either of a pair of small cranes used esp. on ships for raising and lowering small boats
daw-dle *\dód-əl\ vb* **daw-dled; daw-dling** *\dód-(ə-)lɪŋ\ 1* : to spend time wastefully or idly **2** : LOITER — **daw-dler** *\dód-(ə-)lər\ n*

dawn *\dɔn\ vb* **1** : to begin to grow light as the sun rises **2** : to begin to appear or develop **3** : to begin to be understood (the solution ~ed on him)

dawn *n* **1** : the first appearance of light in the morning **2** : a first appearance : BEGINNING (the ~ of a new era)

day *\dā\ n* **1** : the period of light between one night and the next; also : DAYLIGHT **2** : the period of the earth's rotation on its axis **3** : a period of 24 hours beginning at midnight **4** : a specified day or date (wedding ~) **5** : a specified time or period : AGE (in olden ~s) **6** : the conflict or contention of the day **7** : the time set apart by usage or law for work (the 8-hour ~)

day-bed *\dā-,bed\ n* : a couch that can be converted into a bed

day-book *-,bùk\ n* : DIARY, JOURNAL

day-break *-,brāk\ n* : DAWN

day-care *\dā-,keər\ adj* : relating to or providing supervision and facilities for preschool children during the day

day-dream *\dā-,drēm\ n* : a pleasant reverie — **daydream** *vb*

day-light *\dā-,lɪt\ n* **1** : the light of day **2** : DAYTIME **3** : DAWN **4** : understanding of something that has been obscure **5** *pl* : CONSCIOUSNESS; also : WITS

daylight saving time *n* : time usu. one hour ahead of standard time

Day of Atonement : YOM KIPPUR

day school *n* : a private school without boarding facilities

day student *n* : a student who attends regular classes at a college or preparatory school but does not live there

day-time *\dā-,tīm\ n* : the period of daylight

daze *\dāz\ vb* **dazed; daz-ing** **1** : to stupefy esp. by a blow **2** : DAZE — **daze** *n*

daz-zle *\daz-əl\ vb* **daz-zled; daz-zling** *-(ə-)lɪŋ\ 1* : to overpower with light **2** : to impress greatly or confound with brilliance — **dazzle** *n*

db or **dB** *abbr* decibel

d/b/a *abbr* doing business as

dbl *abbr* double

DC *abbr* **1** [It *da capo*] from the beginning **2** direct current **3** District of Columbia **4** doctor of chiropractic
DD *abbr* **1** days after date **2** demand draft **3** dishonorable discharge **4** doctor of divinity

D day *n* [D, abbr. for *day*] : a day set for launching an operation (as an invasion)

DDS *abbr* **1** doctor of dental science **2** doctor of dental surgery

DDT *\dē-(ɹ)dē-'tē\ n* : a persistent insecticide poisonous to many higher animals

DE *abbr* Delaware

dea-con *\dē-kən\ n* [ME *dekene*, fr. OE *dēacon*; fr. LL *diaconus*, fr. Gk *diakonos*, lit., servant] : a subordinate officer in a Christian church

dea-con-ess *\dē-kə-nəs\ n* : a woman chosen to assist in the church ministry

de-ac-ti-vate *\dē-'ak-tə-,vāt\ vb* : to make inactive or ineffective

dead *\ded\ adj* **1** : LIFELESS **2** : DEATHLIKE, DEADLY (in a ~ faint) **3** : NUMB **4** : very tired **5** : UNRESPONSIVE **6** : EXTINGUISHED (~ coals) **7** : INANIMATE, INERT **8** : no longer active or functioning : EXHAUSTED, EXTINCT (a ~ battery) (a ~ volcano) **9** : lacking power, significance, or effect (a ~ custom) **10** : OBSOLETE (a ~ language) **11** : lacking in gaiety or animation (a ~ party) **12** : QUIET, IDLE, UNPRODUCTIVE (~ capital) **13** : lacking elasticity (a ~ tennis ball) **14** : not circulating : STAGNANT (~ air) **15** : lacking warmth, vigor, or taste (~ wine) **16** : absolute-

debt-or \ˈdet-ər\ *n* 1 : one guilty of neglect or violation of duty 2 : one that owes a debt

de-bunk \dē-ˈbʌŋk\ *vb* : to expose the sham or falseness of (∼ a rumor)

de-but \ˈdā-,byū, dā-ˈbyū\ *n* 1 : a first appearance 2 : a formal entrance into society

deb-u-tante \ˈdeb-yū-,tānt\ *n* : a young woman making her formal entrance into society

dec *abbr* 1 deceased 2 decrease

Dec *abbr* December

de-cade \ˈdek-,ād, -əd; de-ˈkād\ *n* : a period of 10 years

de-ca-dence \ˈdek-əd-əns, di-ˈkād-əns\ *n* : DETERIORATION, DECLINE — **de-ca-dent** \ˈdek-əd-ənt, di-ˈkād-ənt\ *adj* or *n*

de-ca-gon \ˈdek-ə-,gān\ *n* : a plane polygon of 10 angles and 10 sides

de-cal \ˈdē-,kal\ *n* : a picture, design, or label made to be transferred (as to glass) from specially prepared paper

de-cal-co-ma-nia \di-,kal-ka-ˈmā-nē-ə\ *n* [F *décalcomanie*, fr. *décalquer* to copy by tracing (fr. *calquer* to trace, fr. *It calcare*, lit., to trample, fr. L.) + *manie* mania, fr. LL *mania*] : DECAL

Deca-logue \ˈdek-ə-,lŏg\ *n* : the ten commandments of God given to Moses on Mount Sinai

de-camp \di-ˈkəmp\ *vb* 1 : to break up a camp 2 : to depart suddenly

de-cant \di-ˈkant\ *vb* : to pour (liquor) gently

de-can-ter \di-ˈkant-ər\ *n* : an ornamental glass bottle for serving wine

de-cap-i-tate \di-ˈkap-ə-,tāt\ *vb* -**tat-ed**; -**tat-ing** : BEHEAD

de-cap-i-ta-tion \-,kap-ə-ˈtā-shən\ *n*

de-ca-syl-lab-ic \ˈdek-ə-sə-ˈlab-ik\ *adj* : having or composed of verses having 10 syllables — **decasyllabic** *n*

de-cath-lon \di-ˈkath-lən, -län\ *n* : an athletic contest in which each competitor participates in each of a series of 10 track-and-field events

de-cay \di-ˈkā\ *vb* 1 : to decline from a sound or prosperous condition 2 : to cause or undergo decomposition (radium ∼s slowly); *esp* : to break down while spoiling : ROT — **decay** *n*

decd *abbr* deceased

de-cause \di-ˈsēs\ *n* : DEATH

de-ceased \-sēs\ *adj* : no longer living; *esp* : recently dead

deceased *n, pl* deceased : a dead person

de-ce-dent \di-ˈsēd-ənt\ *n* : a deceased person

de-ceit \di-ˈsēt\ *n* 1 : DECEPTION 2 : TRICK 3 : DECEITFULNESS

de-ceit-ful \-fəl\ *adj* 1 : practicing or tending to practice deceit 2 : MISLEADING, DECEPTIVE (a ∼ answer) — **de-ceit-ful-ly** *adv* — **de-ceit-ful-ness** *n*

de-ceive \di-ˈsēv\ *vb* **de-ceived**; **de-ceiv-ing** 1 : to cause to believe an untruth 2 : to use or practice deceit — **de-ceiv-er** *n*

de-cel-er-ate \dē-ˈsel-ə-,rāt\ *vb* -**at-ed**; -**at-ing** : to slow down

De-cem-ber \di-ˈsem-bər\ *n* [ME *Decembre*, fr. OF, fr. L *December* (tenth month), fr. *decem* ten] : the 12th month of the year having 31 days

de-cen-cy \ˈdēs-ən-sē\ *n, pl* -cies 1 : PROPRIETY 2 : conformity to standards of taste, propriety, or quality 3 : standard of propriety — usu. used in pl.

de-cen-ni-al \di-ˈsen-ē-əl\ *adj* 1 : consisting of 10 years 2 : happening every 10 years (∼ census)

de-cent \ˈdēs-ənt\ *adj* 1 : conforming to standards of propriety, good taste, or morality 2 : modestly clothed 3 : free from immodesty or obscenity 4 : ADEQUATE (∼ housing) — **de-cent-ly** *adv*

de-cen-tral-iza-tion \dē-,sen-trə-lə-ˈzā-shən\ *n* 1 : the distribution of powers from a central authority to regional and local authorities 2 : the redistribution of population and industry from urban centers to outlying areas — **de-cen-tral-ize** \-ˈsen-trə-,līz\ *vb*

de-cep-tion \di-ˈsep-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of deceiving 2 : the

fact or condition of being deceived 3 : FRAUD, TRICK — **de-cep-tive** \-ˈsep-tiv\ *adj* — **de-cep-tive-ly** *adv*

de-ci-bel \ˈdes-ə-,bel, -bəl\ *n* : a unit for measuring the relative loudness of sounds

de-cide \di-ˈsīd\ *vb* **de-cid-ed**; **de-cid-ing** [ME *deciden*, fr. MF *decider*, fr. L *decidere*, lit., to cut off, fr. *caedere* to cut] 1 : to arrive at a solution that ends uncertainty or dispute about 2 : to bring to a definitive end (one blow *decided* the fight) 3 : to induce to come to a choice 4 : to make a choice or judgment

de-cid-ed \di-ˈsīd-əd\ *adj* 1 : CLEAR, UNMISTAKABLE 2 : FIRM, DETERMINED — **de-cid-ed-ly** *adv*

de-cid-u-ous \di-ˈsij-ə-wəs\ *adj* 1 : falling off usu. at the end of a period of growth or function (∼ leaves) (a ∼ tooth) 2 : having deciduous parts (∼ trees)

de-ci-gram \ˈdes-ə-,gram\ *n* — see METRIC SYSTEM table

de-ci-li-ter \ˈdes-ə-,līt-ər\ *n* — see METRIC SYSTEM table

de-ci-mal \ˈdes-ə-məl\ *adj* : based on the number 10 : reckoning by tens

decimal *n* : any number expressed in base 10; *esp* : DECIMAL FRACTION

decimal fraction *n* : a fraction (as .25 = $\frac{25}{100}$ or .025 = $\frac{25}{1000}$) or mixed number (as 3.025 = $3\frac{25}{1000}$) in which the denominator is a power of 10 usu. expressed by use of the decimal point

decimal point *n* : the dot at the left of a decimal fraction (as .678) less than one or between the parts of a mixed number (as 3.678) composed of a whole number and a decimal fraction

de-ci-mate \ˈdes-ə-,māt\ *vb* -**mat-ed**; -**mat-ing** 1 : to take or destroy the 10th part of 2 : to destroy a large part of

de-ci-me-ter \ˈdes-ə-,mēt-ər\ *n* — see METRIC SYSTEM table

de-ci-pher \di-ˈsi-fər\ *vb* 1 : to translate from secret writing (as code) 2 : to make out the meaning of despite indistinctness — **de-ci-pher-able** *adj*

de-ci-sion \di-ˈsīzh-ən\ *n* 1 : the act or result of deciding 2 : promptness and firmness in deciding : DETERMINATION

de-ci-sive \-ˈsī-siv\ *adj* 1 : having the power to decide (the ∼ vote) 2 : RESOLUTE, DETERMINED 3 : CONCLUSIVE (a ∼ victory) — **de-ci-sive-ly** *adv* — **de-ci-sive-ness** *n*

deck \dek\ *n* 1 : a floorlike platform of a ship; *also* : something resembling the deck of a ship 2 : a pack of playing cards

deck *vb* 1 : ARRAY 2 : DECORATE 3 : to furnish with a deck 4 : KNOCK DOWN, FLOOR

deck-hand \dek-,hand\ *n* : a sailor who performs manual duties

deck-le edge \,dek-əl-ə\ *n* : the rough untrimmed edge of paper — **deck-le-edged** \,dek-ə-ˈlejd\ *adj*

de-claim \di-ˈklām\ *vb* : to speak or deliver in the manner of a formal speech — **de-cla-ma-tion** \,dek-lə-ˈmā-shən\ *n* — **de-clam-a-to-ry** \di-ˈklam-ə-,tŏr-ē\ *adj*

de-clar-a-tive \di-ˈklar-ət-iv\ *adj* : making a declaration (∼ sentence)

de-clare \di-ˈklaər\ *vb* **de-clared**; **de-clar-ing** 1 : to make known formally or explicitly : ANNOUNCE (∼ war) 2 : to state emphatically : AFFIRM 3 : to make a full statement of — **de-cla-ra-tion** \,dek-lə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* — **de-clar-a-to-ry** \di-ˈklar-ə-,tŏr-ē\ *adj* — **de-clar-er** *n*

de-clas-si-fy \dē-ˈklas-ə-,fī\ *vb* : to remove or reduce the security classification of

de-clen-sion \di-ˈklen-shən\ *n* 1 : the inflectional forms of a noun, pronoun, or adjective 2 : DECLINE, DETERIORATION 3 : DESCENT, SLOPE

de-cline \di-ˈklīn\ *vb* **de-clined**; **de-clin-ing** 1 : to slope downward : DESCEND 2 : DROOP 3 : REcede 4 : WANE 5 : to withhold consent; *also* : REFUSE, REJECT 6 : INFLECT 2 (∼ a noun) — **de-clin-able** *adj* — **de-clin-a-tion** \,dek-lə-ˈnā-shən\ *n*

decline *n* 1 : a gradual sinking and wasting away 2 : a change to a lower state or level 3 : the time when some-

thing is approaching its end 4 : a descending slope 5 : a wasting disease; *esp* : pulmonary tuberculosis

de-cliv-i-ty \di-ˈkliv-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** : a steep downward slope

de-code \dē-ˈkōd\ *vb* : to convert (a coded message) into ordinary language — **de-cod-er** *n*

de-col-le-té \dā-,kāl-ə-ˈfā\ *adj* [F] 1 : wearing a strapless or low-necked gown 2 : having a low-cut neckline

de-com-mis-sion \,dē-kə-ˈmish-ən\ *vb* : to take out of commission

de-com-pose \,dē-kəm-ˈpōz\ *vb* 1 : to separate into constituent parts 2 : to break down in decay : ROT — **de-com-po-si-tion** \dē-,kām-pə-ˈzish-ən\ *n*

de-com-press \,dē-kəm-ˈpres\ *vb* : to release (as a diver) from pressure or compression — **de-com-pres-sion** \-ˈpresh-ən\ *n*

de-con-ges-tant \,dē-kən-ˈjes-tənt\ *n* : an agent that relieves congestion (as of mucous membranes)

de-con-tam-i-nate \,dē-kən-ˈtam-ə-,nāt\ *vb* : to rid of contamination (as radioactive material) — **de-con-tam-i-na-tion** \-,tam-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n*

de-con-trol \,dē-kən-ˈtrōl\ *vb* : to end control of (~ prices)

de-cor or **dé-cor** \dā-ˈkôr, ˈdā-,kôr\ *n* : DECORATION; *esp* : the arrangement of accessories in interior decoration

dec-o-rate \ˈdek-ə-,rāt\ *vb* **-rat-ed**; **-rat-ing** 1 : to make more attractive by adding something beautiful or becoming : ADORN, EMBELLISH 2 : to award a mark of honor (as a medal) to

dec-o-ra-tion \,dek-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act or process of decorating 2 : ORNAMENT 3 : a badge of honor

dec-o-ra-tive \ˈdek-(ə-)rət-iv\ *adj* : ORNAMENTAL

dec-o-ra-tor \ˈdek-ə-,rāt-ər\ *n* : one that decorates; *esp* : a person who designs or executes the interiors of buildings and their furnishings

dec-o-rous \ˈdek-ə-rəs, di-ˈkôr-əs\ *adj* : PROPER, SEEMLY, CORRECT

de-co-rum \di-ˈkôr-əm\ *n* [L] 1 : conformity to accepted standards of conduct 2 : ORDERLINESS, PROPRIETY

de-coy \ˈdē-,koi, di-ˈkoi\ *n* : something that lures or entices; *esp* : an artificial bird used to attract live birds within shot

2de-coy \di-ˈkoi, ˈdē-,koi\ *vb* : to lure by or as if by a decoy : ENTICE

1de-crease \di-ˈkrēs\ *vb* **de-creased**; **de-creas-ing** : to grow or cause to grow less : DIMINISH

2de-crease \ˈdē-,krēs\ *n* 1 : the process of decreasing 2 : REDUCTION

1de-cree \di-ˈkrē\ *n* 1 : ORDER, EDICT 2 : a judicial decision

2decree *vb* **de-creed**; **de-cree-ing** 1 : COMMAND 2 : to determine or order judicially

dec-re-ment \ˈdek-rə-mənt\ *n* 1 : gradual decrease 2 : the quantity lost by diminution or waste

de-crep-it \di-ˈkrep-ət\ *adj* : broken down with age : WORN-OUT — **de-crep-i-tude** \-ə-,t(y)üd\ *n*

de-cre-scen-do \,dā-krə-ˈshen-dō\ *adv* or *adj* : with a decrease in volume — used as a direction in music

de-crim-i-nal-ize \dē-ˈkrim-ən-ˈl-,iz\ *vb* : to remove or reduce the criminal status of

de-cry \di-ˈkrī\ *vb* 1 : to belittle publicly 2 : to find fault with : CONDEMN

ded-i-cate \ˈded-i-,kāt\ *vb* **-cat-ed**; **-cat-ing** 1 : to devote to the worship of a divine being *esp.* with sacred rites 2 : to set apart for a definite purpose 3 : to inscribe or address as a complement — **ded-i-ca-tion** \,ded-i-ˈkā-shən\ *n* — **ded-i-ca-to-ry** \ˈded-i-kə-,tōr-ē\ *adj*

de-duce \di-ˈd(y)ūs\ *vb* **de-duced**; **de-duc-ing** 1 : to derive by reasoning : INFER 2 : to trace the course of (~ their lineage) — **de-duc-ible** *adj*

de-duct \di-ˈdækt\ *vb* : SUBTRACT — **de-duct-ible** *adj*

de-duc-tion \di-ˈdæk-shən\ *n* 1 : SUBTRACTION 2 : something that is or may be subtracted : ABATEMENT 3 : the

deriving of a conclusion by reasoning : the conclusion so reached — **de-duc-tive** \-ˈdæk-tiv\ *adj*

1deed \ˈdēd\ *n* 1 : something done 2 : FEAT, EXPLOIT 3 : a document containing some legal transfer, bargain, or contract

2deed *vb* : to convey or transfer by deed

dee-jay \ˈdē-ˈjā\ *n* : DISC JOCKEY

deem \ˈdēm\ *vb* : THINK, JUDGE

de-em-pha-size \dē-ˈem-fə-,sīz\ *vb* : to refrain from emphasizing — **de-em-pha-sis** \-fə-səs\ *n*

1deep \ˈdēp\ *adj* 1 : extending far down, back, within, or outward 2 : having a specified extension downward or backward 3 : difficult to understand; *also* : MYSTERIOUS, OBSCURE (a ~ dark secret) 4 : WISE 5 : ENGGROSSED, INVOLVED (~ in thought) 6 : INTENSE, PROFOUND (~ sleep) 7 : dark and rich in color (a ~ red) 8 : having a low musical pitch or range (a ~ voice) 9 : situated well within 10 : covered, enclosed, or filled often to a specified degree — **deep-ly** *adv*

2deep *adv* 1 : DEEPLY 2 : far on : LATE (~ in the night)

3deep *n* 1 : an extremely deep place or part; *esp* : OCEAN 2 : the middle or most intense part (the ~ of winter)

deep-en \ˈdē-pən\ *vb* **deep-ened**; **deep-en-ing** \ˈdēp-(ə-)nɪŋ\ : to make or become deep or deeper

deep-freeze \ˈdēp-ˈfrēz\ *vb* **-froze** \-ˈfrōz\; **-fro-zen** \-ˈfrōz-ən\ : QUICK-FREEZE

deep-root-ed \-ˈrūt-əd, -ˈrūt-\ *adj* : deeply implanted or established

deep-sea \,dēp-,sē\ *adj* : of, relating to, or occurring in the deeper parts of the sea (~ fishing)

deep-seat-ed \ˈdēp-sēt-əd\ *adj* 1 : situated far below the surface 2 : firmly established (~ convictions)

deer \ˈdiər\ *n*, *pl* **deer** [ME, deer, animal, fr. OE *dēor* beast] : any of a family of ruminant mammals with cloven hoofs and usu. antlers *esp.* in the males



deer

deer-fly \-,fli\ *n* : any of numerous small horseflies

deer-skin \-,skin\ *n* : leather made from the skin of a deer; *also* : a garment of such leather

de-es-ca-late \dē-ˈes-kə-,lāt\ *vb* : to decrease in extent, volume, or scope : REDUCE (~ the war) — **de-es-ca-la-tion** \dē-,es-kə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*

def *abbr* 1 defendant 2 definite 3 definition

de-face \di-ˈfās\ *vb* : to destroy or mar the face or surface of — **de-face-ment** *n*

de fac-to \di-ˈfak-tō, dā-\ *adj* or *adv* 1 : actually existing (*de facto* segregation) 2 : actually exercising power (*de facto* government)

de-fal-ca-tion \,dē-,fal-ˈkā-shən, ˌdē-,fōl-, ˌdef-əl-\ *n* : EMBEZZLEMENT

de-fame \di-ˈfām\ *vb* **de-famed**; **de-fam-ing** : to injure or destroy the reputation of by libel or slander — **def-a-ma-**

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ə\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \ŋ\loot
 \ŋ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

tion \,def-ə-'mā-shən\ *n* — **de-fam-a-to-ry** \di-'fam-ə-,tōr-ē\ *adj*

de-fault \di-'fōlt\ *n* 1 : failure to do something required by duty or law (the defendant failed to appear and was held in ~) 2 : failure to compete in or to finish an appointed contest (lose a race by ~) — **default** *vb* — **de-fault-er** *n*
de-feat \di-'fēt\ *vb* 1 : FRUSTRATE, NULLIFY 2 : to win victory over : BEAT

defeat *n* 1 : FRUSTRATION 2 : an overthrow of an army in battle 3 : loss of a contest

de-feat-ism \-,iz-əm,\ *n* : acceptance of or resignation to defeat — **de-feat-ist** \-əst\ *n* or *adj*

de-fe-cate \def-i-,kāt\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing 1 : to free from impurity or corruption : REFINE 2 : to discharge feces from the bowels — **de-fe-ca-tion** \,def-i-'kā-shən\ *n*

de-fect \dē-,fekt, di-'fekt\ *n* : BLEMISH, FAULT, IMPERFECTION

de-fect \di-'fekt\ *vb* : to desert a cause or party esp. in order to espouse another — **de-fec-tion** \-'fek-shən\ *n* — **de-fec-tor** \-'fek-tər\ *n*

de-fec-tive \di-'fek-tiv\ *adj* : FAULTY, DEFICIENT — **defective** *n*

de-fend \di-'fend\ *vb* [ME *defenden*, fr. OF *defendre*, fr. L *defendere*, fr. *de-* from + *fendere* to strike] 1 : to repel danger or attack from 2 : to act as attorney for 3 : to oppose the claim of another in a lawsuit : CONTEST 4 : to maintain against opposition (~ an idea) — **de-fend-er** *n*

de-fen-dant \di-'fen-dənt\ *n* : a person required to make answer in a legal action or suit

de-fense or **de-fence** \di-'fens\ *n* 1 : the act of defending : resistance against attack 2 : means, method, or capability of defending 3 : an argument in support 4 : the answer made by the defendant in a legal action 5 : a defending party, group, or team — **de-fense-less** *adj* — **de-fen-si-ble** *adj*

defense mechanism *n* : an often unconscious mental process (as repression or sublimation) that assists in reaching compromise solutions to personal problems

de-fen-sive \di-'fen-siv\ *adj* 1 : serving or intended to defend or protect 2 : of or relating to the attempt to keep an opponent from scoring (as in a game) — **de-fen-sive-ly** *adv* — **de-fen-sive-ness** *n*

defensive *n* : a defensive position

de-fer \di-'fər\ *vb* **de-ferred**; **de-fer-ring** [ME *deferren*, *differren*, fr. MF *differer*, fr. L *differre* to postpone, be different] : POSTPONE, PUT OFF

defer *vb* **deferred**; **deferring** [ME *deferren*, *differren*, fr. MF *deferer*, *defferer*, fr. LL *deferre*, fr. L, to bring down, bring, fr. *ferre* to carry] : to submit or yield to the opinion or wishes of another

de-fer-ence \def-(ə-)rəns\ *n* : courteous, respectful, or ingratiating regard for another's wishes — **de-fer-en-tial** \,def-ə-'ren-chəl\ *adj*

de-fer-ment \di-'fər-mənt\ *n* : the act of delaying; esp : official postponement of military service

de-fi-ance \di-'fi-əns\ *n* 1 : CHALLENGE 2 : a tendency to resist : contempt of opposition

de-fi-ant \-ənt\ *adj* : full of defiance (a ~ gesture) — **de-fi-ant-ly** *adv*

de-fi-bril-la-tor \dē-'fib-rə-,lāt-ər, -,fīb-\ *n* : an electronic device used to restore the rhythm of a fibrillating heart by applying an electric shock to it — **de-fi-bril-late** \-,lāt\ *vb* — **de-fi-bril-la-tion** \dē-,fib-rə-'lā-shən, -,fīb-\ *n*

deficiency disease *n* : a disease (as scurvy or beriberi) caused by a lack of essential dietary elements and esp. a vitamin or mineral

de-fi-cient \di-'fish-ənt\ *adj* : lacking in something necessary (as for completeness or health) : DEFECTIVE — **de-fi-cien-cy** \-'fish-ən-sē\ *n*

de-fi-cit \def-ə-sət\ *n* : a deficiency in amount; esp : an excess of expenditures over revenue

de-file \di-'fil\ *vb* **de-filed**; **de-fil-ing** 1 : to make filthy 2

: CORRUPT 3 : to violate the chastity of 4 : to violate the sanctity of : DESECRATE 5 : DISHONOR — **de-file-ment** *n*
de-file \di-'fil, 'dē-,fil\ *n* : a narrow passage or gorge
de-fine \di-'fin\ *vb* **de-fined**; **de-fin-ing** 1 : to set forth the meaning of (~ a word) 2 : to fix or mark the limits of 3 : to clarify in outline or character — **de-fin-able** *adj* — **de-fin-er** *n*

def-i-nite \def-(ə-)nət\ *adj* 1 : having distinct limits : FIXED 2 : clear in meaning 3 : typically designating an identified or immediately identifiable person or thing — **def-i-nite-ly** *adv* — **def-i-nite-ness** *n*

def-i-ni-tion \,def-ə-'nish-ən\ *n* 1 : an act of determining or settling 2 : a statement of the meaning of a word or word group; also : the action or process of stating such a meaning 3 : the action or the power of making definite and clear : CLARITY, DISTINCTNESS

de-fin-i-tive \di-'fin-ət-iv\ *adj* 1 : DECISIVE, CONCLUSIVE 2 : being authoritative and apparently exhaustive 3 : serving to define or specify precisely

de-flate \di-'flāt\ *vb* **de-flat-ed**; **de-flat-ing** 1 : to release air or gas from 2 : to cause to contract from an abnormally high level : reduce from a state of inflation 3 : to become deflated

de-fla-tion \di-'flā-shən\ *n* 1 : an act or instance of deflating : the state of being deflated 2 : reduction in the volume of available money or credit resulting in a decline of the general price level

de-flect \di-'fлект\ *vb* : to turn aside — **de-flec-tion** \-'flek-shən\ *n*

de-flo-ra-tion \,def-lə-'rā-shən\ *n* : rupture of the hymen
de-flow-er \dē-'flau-(ə)r\ *vb* : to deprive of virginity : RAV-ISH

de-fog \dē-'fög, -'fäg\ *vb* : to remove fog or condensed moisture from — **de-fog-ger** *n*

de-fo-li-ant \dē-'fō-lē-ənt\ *n* : a chemical spray or dust applied to plants to cause the leaves to drop off prematurely

de-fo-li-ate \-lē-,āt\ *vb* : to deprive of leaves esp. prematurely — **de-fo-li-a-tion** \dē-,fō-lē-'ā-shən\ *n* — **de-fo-li-a-tor** \dē-'fō-lē-,āt-ər\ *n*

de-for-es-ta-tion \dē-,fōr-ə-'stā-shən\ *n* : the action or process of clearing an area of forests; also : the state of having been cleared of forests — **de-for-est** \(')dē-'fōr-əst, -'fär-\ *vb*

de-form \di-'fōrm\ *vb* 1 : DISFIGURE, DEFACE 2 : to make or become misshapen or changed in shape — **de-for-ma-tion** \,dē-,fōr-'mā-shən, ,def-ər-\ *n*

de-for-mi-ty \di-'fōr-mat-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : the state of being deformed 2 : a physical blemish or distortion

de-fraud \di-'frōd\ *vb* : CHEAT

de-fray \di-'frā\ *vb* : to provide for the payment of : PAY — **de-fray-al** *n*

de-frost \di-'frōst\ *vb* 1 : to thaw out 2 : to free from ice — **de-frost-er** *n*

deft \di-'deft\ *adj* : quick and neat in action — **deft-ly** *adv* — **deft-ness** *n*

de-funct \di-'fəŋkt\ *adj* : DEAD, EXTINCT (a ~ organization)

de-fuse \dē-'fyüz\ *vb* 1 : to remove the fuse from (as a bomb) 2 : to make less harmful, potent, or tense

de-fy \di-'fi\ *vb* **de-fied**; **de-fy-ing** [ME *defyen* to renounce faith in, challenge, fr. OF *defier*, fr. *de-* from + *fier* to entrust, fr. L *fidere* to trust] 1 : CHALLENGE, DARE 2 : to refuse boldly to obey or to yield to : DISREGARD (~ the law) 3 : WITHSTAND, BAFFLE (a scene that *defies* description)

deg *abbr* degree

de-gas \dē-'gas\ *vb* : to remove gas from

de-gen-er-a-cy \di-'jen-(ə-)rə-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies 1 : the state of being degenerate 2 : the process of becoming degenerate

de-gen-er-ate \di-'jen-(ə-)rət\ *adj* : fallen or deteriorated from a former, higher, or normal condition — **de-gen-er-**

a-cy \-rə-sē\ *n* — **de-gen-er-a-tion** \-jən-ə-'rā-shən\ *n* — **de-gen-er-a-tive** \-jən-ə-'rāt-iv\ *adj*

de-gen-er-ate \di-'jən-ə-'rāt-iv\ *vb* : to undergo deterioration (as in morality, intelligence, structure, or function)

de-gen-er-ate \-ə-)rāt\ *n* : a degenerate person; *esp* : a sexual pervert

de-grad-able \di-'grād-ə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being chemically degraded (∼ detergents)

de-grade \di-'grād\ *vb* **1** : to reduce from a higher to a lower rank or degree **2** : DEBASE, CORRUPT — **deg-ra-da-tion** \,deg-rā-'dā-shən\ *n*

de-gree \di-'grē\ *n* [ME, fr. OF *degré*, fr. (assumed) VL *degradus*, fr. L *gradus* step, grade] **1** : a step in a series **2** : the extent, intensity, or scope of something *esp.* as measured by a graded series **3** : one of the forms or sets of forms used in the comparison of an adjective or adverb **4** : a rank or grade of official, ecclesiastical, or social position; *also* : the civil condition of a person **5** : a title conferred upon students by a college, university, or professional school upon completion of a unified program of study **6** : a unit of measure for angles and arcs that for angles is equal to an angle with its vertex at the center of a circle and its sides cutting off $\frac{1}{360}$ of the circumference and that for an arc of a circle is equal to $\frac{1}{360}$ of the circumference **7** : a line or space of the musical staff; *also* : a note or tone of a musical scale

de-horn \dē-'hörn\ *vb* : to deprive of horns

de-hu-man-ize \dē-'hyū-mə-,nīz\ *vb* : to divest of human qualities or personality — **de-hu-man-iza-tion** \,dē-'hyū-mə-nə-'zā-shən\ *n*

de-hu-mid-i-fy \,dē-hyū-'mid-ə-,fī\ *vb* : to remove moisture from (as the air) — **de-hu-mid-i-fi-er** \-'mid-ə-,fī(-ə)r\ *n*

de-hy-dr-ate \dē-'hī-,drāt\ *vb* : to remove water from (dehydrated by fever) (∼ fruits); *also* : to lose liquid — **de-hy-dra-tion** \,dē-hī-'drā-shən\ *n*

de-hy-dro-ge-nate \,dē-hī-'drāj-ə-,nāt\ *vb* : to remove hydrogen from — **de-hy-dro-ge-na-tion** \,dē-hī-,drāj-ə-'nā-shən\ *n*

de-ice \dē-'is\ *vb* : to keep free or rid of ice — **de-ic-er** *n*

de-i-fy \dē-ə-,fī\ *vb* **-fied**, **-fy-ing** **1** : to make a god of **2** : WORSHIP, GLORIFY — **de-i-fi-ca-tion** \,dē-ə-fə-'kā-shən\ *n*

deign \dān\ *vb* [ME *deignen*, fr. OF *deignier*, fr. L *dignare*, *dignari*, fr. *dignus* worthy] : CONDESCEND

de-ion-ize \dē-'i-ə-,nīz\ *vb* : to remove ions from **de-ism** \dē-'iz-əm\ *n*, *often cap* : a system of thought advocating natural religion based on human reason rather than revelation — **de-ist** \dē-'əst\ *n*, *often cap* — **de-is-tic** \dē-'is-tik\ *adj*

de-i-ty \dē-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : DIVINITY **2** *cap* : GOD **1** **3** : a god or goddess

de-ject-ed \di-'jek-təd\ *adj* : low in spirits : SAD — **de-ject-ed-ly** *adv*

de-jec-tion \di-'jek-shən\ *n* : lowness of spirits : DEPRESSION

de-jur-er \dē-'jūr-ē\ *adv* or *adj* : existing or exercising power by legal right (de jure government)

deka-gram \dek-ə-,gram\ *n* — see METRIC SYSTEM table

deka-li-ter \,lēt-ər\ *n* — see METRIC SYSTEM table

deka-me-ter \-,mēt-ər\ *n* — see METRIC SYSTEM table

del *abbr* delegate; delegation

Del *abbr* Delaware

Del-a-ware \del-ə-,wəər\ *n*, *pl* Delaware or Delawares : a member of an American Indian people orig. of the Delaware valley; *also* : their language

de-lay \di-'lā\ *n* **1** : the act of delaying : the state of being delayed **2** : the time for which something is delayed

de-lay *vb* **1** : POSTPONE, PUT OFF **2** : to stop, detain, or hinder for a time **3** : to move or act slowly

de-lect-a-ble \di-'lek-tə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : highly pleasing : DELIGHTFUL **2** : DELICIOUS

de-lect-a-tion \,dē-,lek-'tā-shən\ *n* : DELIGHT, PLEASURE, DIVERSION

de-le-gate \del-i-gət-,gāt\ *n* **1** : DEPUTY, REPRESENTATIVE **2** : a member of the lower house of the legislature of Maryland, Virginia, or West Virginia

de-le-gate \-,gāt\ *vb* **-gat-ed**, **-gat-ing** **1** : to entrust to another (delegated his authority) **2** : to appoint as one's delegate

de-le-ga-tion \,del-i-'gā-shən\ *n* **1** : the act of delegating **2** : one or more persons chosen to represent others

de-lete \di-'lēt\ *vb* **de-let-ed**; **de-let-ing** [L *delēre* to wipe out, destroy] : to eliminate *esp.* by blotting out, cutting out, or erasing — **de-le-tion** \-'lē-shən\ *n*

de-le-te-ri-ous \,del-ə-'tir-ē-əs\ *adj* : HARMFUL, NOXIOUS **delft** \delft\ *n* **1** : a Dutch pottery with an opaque white glaze and predominantly blue decoration **2** : glazed pottery *esp.* when blue and white

delft-ware \-,wəər\ *n* : DELFT

deli \del-ē\ *n*, *pl* **del-is** : DELICATESSEN

de-lib-er-ate \di-'lib-ə-,rāt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** : to consider carefully — **de-lib-er-a-tion** \-,lib-ə-'rā-shən\ *n*

de-lib-er-ate \di-'lib-ə-)rāt\ *adj* [L *deliberare* to weigh in mind, ponder, fr. *libra* scale, pound] **1** : determined after careful thought **2** : done or said intentionally **3** : UNHURRIED, SLOW — **de-lib-er-ate-ly** *adv* — **de-lib-er-ate-ness** *n*

de-lib-er-a-tive \-'lib-ə-,rāt-iv-,lib(-ə-)rāt-\ *adj* : of, relating to, or marked by deliberation (∼ assembly) — **de-lib-er-a-tive-ly** *adv*

del-i-ca-cy \del-i-kə-sē\ *n*, *pl* **-cies** **1** : something pleasing to eat because it is rare or luxurious **2** : FINENESS, DAIN-TINESS; *also* : FRAILTY **3** : nicety or expressiveness of touch **4** : precise perception and discrimination : SENSITIVITY **5** : sensibility in feeling or conduct; *also* : SQUEAMISHNESS **6** : the quality or state of requiring delicate handling

del-i-cate \del-i-kət\ *adj* **1** : pleasing to the senses of taste or smell *esp.* in a mild or subtle way **2** : marked by daintiness or charm : EXQUISITE **3** : FASTIDIOUS, SQUEAMISH, SCRUPULOUS **4** : easily damaged : FRAGILE; *also* : SICKLY **5** : requiring skill or tact **6** : marked by care, skill, or tact **7** : marked by minute precision : very sensitive — **del-i-cate-ly** *adv*

del-i-ca-tes-sen \,del-i-kə-'tes-m\ *n* *pl* [G, *pl.* of *delicatesse* delicacy, fr. F *delicatesse*] **1** : ready-to-eat food products (as cooked meats and prepared salads) **2** *sing*, *pl* **delicatessens** : a store where delicatessen are sold

de-li-cious \di-'lish-əs\ *adj* : affording great pleasure : DELIGHTFUL; *esp.* : very pleasing to the taste or smell — **de-li-cious-ly** *adv*

de-light \di-'lit\ *n* **1** : great pleasure or satisfaction : JOY **2** : something that gives great pleasure — **de-light-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **de-light-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

de-light *vb* **1** : to take great pleasure **2** : to satisfy greatly : PLEASE

de-light-ed \-əd\ *adj* : highly pleased : GRATIFIED — **de-light-ed-ly** *adv*

de-lim-it \di-'lim-ət\ *vb* : to fix the limits of : BOUND

de-lin-eate \di-'lin-ē-,āt\ *vb* **-eat-ed**; **-eat-ing** **1** : SKETCH, PORTRAY **2** : to picture in words : DESCRIBE — **de-lin-ea-tion** \-,lin-ē-'ā-shən\ *n*

de-lin-quen-cy \di-'līŋ-kwən-sē\ *n*, *pl* **-cies** : the quality or state of being delinquent

de-lin-quent \-kwənt\ *n* : a delinquent person

de-lin-quent *adj* **1** : offending by neglect or violation of duty or of law **2** : being overdue in payment

del-i-quesce \,del-i-'kwes\ *vb* **-quesced**; **-quescing** : MELT,

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ə'further \ə'wash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
 \ə'out \ə'ch'chin \ə'bet \ə'easy \ə'go \ə'hilt \ə'ice \ə'job
 \ŋ'sing \ə'go \ə'law \ə'boy \ə'thin \ə'th' the \ə'lout
 \ə'foot \ə'yet \ə'h'vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

DISSOLVE; *esp* : to become liquid by absorbing moisture from the air — **del-i-ques-cent** \-¹kwe-s-nt\ *adj*
de-lir-i-um \di-¹lir-ē-əm\ *n* [L, fr. *delirare* to be crazy, fr. *de-* from + *lira* furrow]: mental disturbance marked by confusion, disordered speech, and hallucinations; *also* : violent excitement — **de-lir-i-ous** \-ē-əs\ *adj* — **de-lir-i-ous-ly** *adv*
delirium tre-mens \-¹trē-mənz, -¹trem-ənz\ *n* : a violent delirium with tremors that is induced by excessive and prolonged use of alcoholic liquors
de-liv-er \di-¹liv-ər\ *vb* -ered, -er-ing \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to set free : **SAVE** **2** : CONVEY, TRANSFER (∼ a letter) **3** : to assist in giving birth or at the birth of **4** : UTTER, COMMUNICATE **5** : to send to an intended target or destination — **de-liv-er-ance** *n* — **de-liv-er-er** *n*
de-liv-ery \di-¹liv-(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* -er-ies : the act of delivering something; *also* : something delivered
dell \¹dɛl\ *n* : a small secluded valley
de-louse \dē-¹laʊs\ *vb* : to remove lice from
del-ph-in-i-um \del-¹fɪn-ē-əm\ *n* : any of a genus of mostly perennial herbs related to the buttercups with tall branching spikes of irregular flowers
del-ta \¹dɛl-tə\ *n* [Gk, fr. *delta*, fourth letter of the Gk alphabet, Δ, which an alluvial delta resembles in shape] : triangular silt-formed land at the mouth of a river — **del-ta-ic** \del-¹tā-ik\ *adj*
de-lude \di-¹lūd\ *vb* **de-lud-ed**; **de-lud-ing** : MISLEAD, DECEIVE, TRICK
del-uge \¹dɛl-yūj\ *n* **1** : a flooding of land by water **2** : a drenching rain **3** : a great amount or number (a ∼ of Christmas mail)
deluge *vb* **de-lug-ed**; **de-lug-ing** **1** : INUNDATE, FLOOD **2** : to overwhelm as if with a deluge
de-lu-sion \di-¹lū-zhən\ *n* : a deluding or being deluded; *esp* : a persistent belief in something false typical of some mental disorders — **de-lu-sion-al** \-¹lūzh-(ə-)nəl\ *adj* — **de-lu-sive** \-¹lū-siv\ *adj*
de-luxe \di-¹lʌks, -¹ləks, -¹lʊks\ *adj* : notably luxurious or elegant
delve \¹dɛlv\ *vb* **delved**; **delv-ing** **1** : DIG **2** : to seek laboriously for information
dely *abbr* delivery
Dem *abbr* Democrat; Democratic
de-mag-ne-tize \dē-¹mag-nə-¹tīz\ *vb* : to cause to lose magnetic properties — **de-mag-ne-ti-za-tion** \dē-¹mag-nət-ə-¹zā-shən\ *n*
dem-a-gogue or **dem-a-gog** \¹dɛm-ə-,gäg\ *n* [Gk *dēmagōgos*, fr. *dēmos* people + *agōgos* leading, fr. *agein* to lead] : a person who appeals to the emotions and prejudices of people *esp.* in order to gain political power — **dem-a-gogu-ery** \-,gäg-(ə-)rē\ *n* — **dem-a-gogy** \-,gäg-ē-, -gāj-ē\ *n*
de-mand \di-¹mand\ *n* **1** : an act of demanding or asking *esp.* with authority; *also* : something claimed as due **2** : the ability and desire to buy goods or services; *also* : the quantity of goods wanted at a stated price **3** : a seeking or being sought after : urgent need **4** : a pressing need or requirement
demand *vb* **1** : to ask for with authority : claim as due **2** : to ask earnestly or in the manner of a command **3** : REQUIRE, NEED (an illness that ∼s care)
de-mar-cate \di-¹mār-,kāt, -¹dē-,mār- \ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing **1** : to mark the limits of **2** : SEPARATE — **de-mar-ca-tion** \di-¹mār-¹kā-shən\ *n*
de-marche \dā-¹mārsh\ *n* : a course of action : MANEUVER
de-mean \di-¹mēn\ *vb* **de-me-aned**; **de-mean-ing** : to behave or conduct (oneself) usu. in a proper manner
demean *vb* **de-me-aned**; **de-mean-ing** : DEGRADE, DEBASE
de-mean-or \di-¹mē-nər\ *n* : CONDUCT, BEARING
de-ment-ed \di-¹ment-əd\ *adj* : MAD, INSANE — **de-ment-ed-ly** *adv*
de-men-tia \di-¹men-chə\ *n* **1** : mental deterioration **2** : INSANITY

de-mer-it \di-¹mer-ət\ *n* **1** : FAULT **2** : a mark placed against a person's record for some fault or offense
de-mes-ne \di-¹mān, -¹mēn\ *n* **1** : REALM **2** : manorial land actually possessed by the lord and not held by free tenants **3** : ESTATE **4** : REGION
demi-god \¹dɛm-i-,gäd\ *n* : a mythological being with more power than a mortal but less than a god
demi-john \¹dɛm-i-,jān\ *n* [F *demi-jeanne*, lit., Lady Jane] : a large glass or pottery bottle enclosed in wick-erwork
de-mil-i-ta-rize \dē-¹mil-ə-tə-,rīz\ *vb* : to strip of military forces, weapons, or fortifications — **de-mil-i-tar-iza-tion** \dē-¹mil-ə-t(ə-)rə-¹zā-shən\ *n*
demi-mon-daine \¹dɛm-i-,mān-¹dān\ *n* : a woman of the demimonde
demi-monde \¹dɛm-i-,mänd\ *n* [F *demi-monde*, fr. *demi-* half + *monde* world] **1** : a class of women on the fringes of respectable society supported by wealthy lovers **2** : a group engaged in activity of doubtful legality or propri-ety
de-min-er-al-ize \dē-¹min-(ə-)rə-,līz\ *vb* : to remove the mineral matter from
de-mise \di-¹mīz\ *n* **1** : LEASE **2** : transfer of sovereignty to a successor (∼ of the crown) **3** : DEATH **4** : loss of status
demi-tasse \¹dɛm-i-,tas\ *n* [F *demi-tasse*, fr. *demi-* half + *tasse* cup, fr. MF, fr. Ar *ṭass*, fr. Per *ṭast*] : a small cup of black coffee; *also* : the cup used to serve it
de-mo-bi-lize \di-¹mō-bə-,līz, dē- \ *vb* **1** : to discharge from military service **2** : to change from a state of war to a state of peace — **de-mo-bi-li-za-tion** \di-¹mō-bə-lə-¹zā-shən, dē- \ *n*
de-moc-ra-cy \di-¹māk-rə-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies **1** : government by the people; *esp* : rule of the majority **2** : a government in which the supreme power is held by the people **3** : a political unit that has a democratic government **4** *cap* : the principles and policies of the Democratic party in the U.S. **5** : the common people *esp.* when constituting the source of political authority **6** : the absence of hereditary or arbitrary class distinctions or privileges
dem-o-crat \¹dɛm-ə-,krət\ *n* **1** : one who believes in or practices democracy **2** *cap* : a member of the Demo-crat-ic party of the U.S.
dem-o-crat-ic \¹dɛm-ə-¹krat-ik\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or favoring democracy **2** *often cap* : of or relating to one of the two major political parties in the U.S. associated in modern times with policies of broad social reform and internationalism **3** : relating to or appealing to the common people (∼ art) **4** : not snobbish
de-moc-ra-tize \di-¹māk-rə-,tīz\ *vb* -tized; -tiz-ing : to make democratic
dé-mo-dé \dā-mō-¹dā\ *adj* [F] : no longer fashionable : OUT-OF-DATE
de-mo-graph-ics \¹dɛm-ə-¹graf-iks, -¹dēm- \ *n* *pl* : the statistical characteristics of human populations
de-mog-ra-phy \di-¹mäg-rə-fē\ *n* : the statistical study of human populations and *esp.* their size and distribution and the number of births and deaths — **de-mog-ra-pher** \-fər\ *n* — **de-mo-graph-ic** \¹dɛm-ə-¹graf-ik, -¹dēm- \ *adj* — **de-mo-graph-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*
dém-oi-selle \¹dɛm-(wə-)zɛl\ *n* [F] : a young woman
de-mol-ish \di-¹māl-ish\ *vb* **1** : to destroy by breaking apart : RAZE **2** : SMASH **3** : to put an end to
de-mo-li-tion \¹dɛm-ə-¹lish-ən, -¹dē-mə- \ *n* : the act of demolishing; *esp* : destruction by means of explosives
de-mon or **dae-mon** \¹dē-mən\ *n* **1** : an evil spirit : DEVIL **2** *usu* *daemon* : an attendant power or spirit **3** : one that has unusual drive or effectiveness
de-mon-e-tize \dē-¹mān-ə-,tīz, -¹mən- \ *vb* : to stop using as money or as a monetary standard (∼ silver) — **de-mon-e-ti-za-tion** \dē-¹mān-ət-ə-¹zā-shən, -¹mən- \ *n*
de-mo-ni-ac \di-¹mō-nē-,ak\ *also* **de-mo-ni-a-cal** \¹dē-mō-nī-ə-kəl\ *adj* **1** : possessed or influenced by a demon **2** : DEVILISH, FIENDISH

de-mon-ic \di-'mān-ik\ *also* **de-mon-i-cal** \i-kəl\ *adj* : DEMONIC 2
de-mon-ol-o-gy \,dē-mō-'nāl-ə-jē\ *n* 1 : the study of demons 2 : belief in demons
de-mon-strable \di-'mān-strə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : capable of being demonstrated or proved 2 : APPARENT, EVIDENT
dem-on-strate \dem-ən-,strāt\ *vb* -strat-ed; -strat-ing 1 : to show clearly 2 : to prove or make clear by reasoning or evidence 3 : to explain esp. with many examples 4 : to show publicly (~ a new car) 5 : to make a public display (as of feelings or military force) (~ in protest) — **dem-on-stration** \,dem-ən-'strā-shən\ *n* — **dem-on-strator** \dem-ən-,strāt-ər\ *n*
de-mon-strative \di-'mān-strət-iv\ *adj* 1 : demonstrating as real or true 2 : characterized by demonstration 3 : pointing out the one referred to and distinguishing it from others of the same class (~ pronoun) (~ adjective) 4 : marked by display of feeling : EFFUSIVE — **de-mon-strative-ly** *adv* — **de-mon-strative-ness** *n*
demonstrative *n* : a demonstrative word and esp. a pronoun
de-mor-al-ize \di-'mōr-ə-,līz\ *vb* 1 : to corrupt in morals 2 : to weaken in discipline or spirit : DISORGANIZE — **de-mor-al-iza-tion** \di-,mōr-ə-lə-'zā-shən\ *n*
de-mote \di-'mōt\ *vb* de-mot-ed; de-mot-ing : to reduce to a lower grade or rank — **de-mo-tion** \-'mō-shən\ *n*
de-mot-ic \di-'māt-ik\ *adj* : of or relating to the people (~ Greek)
de-mul-cent \di-'mæl-sənt\ *adj* : SOOTHING
demulcent *n* : a usu. mucilaginous or oily substance used to soothe or protect an irritated mucous membrane
de-mur \di-'mər\ *vb* de-murred; **de-mur-ring** [ME *demeoren* to linger, fr. OF *demorer*, fr. L *demorari*, fr. *morari* to linger, fr. *mora* delay] : to take exception : OBJECT — **de-mur** *n*
de-mure \di-'myūr\ *adj* 1 : quietly modest : DECOROUS 2 : affectedly modest, reserved, or serious : PRIM — **de-mure-ly** *adv*
de-mur-rage \di-'mər-ij\ *n* : the detention of a ship by the shipper or receiver beyond the time allowed for loading, unloading, or sailing; *also* : a charge for detaining a ship, freight car, or truck for such a delay
de-mur-rer \di-'mər-ər\ *n* : a claim by the defendant in a legal action that the plaintiff does not have sufficient grounds to proceed
den \den\ *n* 1 : a shelter or resting place of a wild animal 2 : a hiding place (as for thieves) 3 : a dirty wretched place in which people live or gather (~s of misery) 4 : a cozy private little room
Den *abbr* Denmark
de-na-ture \dē-'nā-chər\ *vb* de-na-tured; de-na-tur-ing \-'nāch-(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to remove the natural qualities of; *esp* : to make (alcohol) unfit for drinking
den-drol-o-gy \den-'drāl-ə-jē\ *n* : the study of trees — **den-drol-o-gist** \-ə-jəst\ *n*
den-gue \den-'gē-, -gā\ *n* [Sp] : an acute infectious disease characterized by headache, severe joint pain, and rash
de-ni-al \di-'nī-(ə)\ *n* 1 : rejection of a request 2 : refusal to admit the truth of a statement or charge; *also* : assertion that something alleged is false 3 : DISAVOWAL 4 : restriction on one's own activity or desires
de-nier \den-'yər\ *n* : a unit of fineness for silk, rayon, or nylon yarn
den-i-grate \den-i-,grāt\ *vb* -grat-ed; -grat-ing [L *denigrare*, fr. *nigrare* to blacken, fr. *niger* black] : to cast aspersions on : DEFAME
den-im \den-əm\ *n* [F (*serge*) *de Nîmes* serge of Nîmes, France] 1 : a firm durable twilled usu. cotton fabric woven with colored warp and white filling threads 2 *pl* : overalls or trousers of usu. blue denim
den-i-zen \den-ə-zən\ *n* : INHABITANT

de-nom-i-nate \di-'nām-ə-,nāt\ *vb* : to give a name to : DESIGNATE
de-nom-i-nate number \di-,nām-ə-nət-\ *n* : a number (as 7 in 7 feet) that specifies a quantity in terms of a unit of measurement
de-nom-i-na-tion \di-,nām-ə-'nā-shən\ *n* 1 : an act of denominating 2 : a value or size of a series of related values (as of money) 3 : NAME, DESIGNATION; *esp* : a general name for a class of things 4 : a religious body comprising a number of local congregations having similar beliefs — **de-nom-i-na-tion-al** \-sh(ə-)nəl\ *adj*
de-nom-i-na-tor \di-'nām-ə-,nāt-ər\ *n* : the part of a fraction that is below the line
de-no-ta-tive \dē-nō-,tāt-iv, di-'nōt-ət-iv\ *adj* 1 : denoting or tending to denote 2 : relating to denotation
de-note \di-'nōt\ *vb* 1 : to mark out plainly : INDICATE 2 : to make known 3 : MEAN, NAME — **de-no-ta-tion** \,dē-nō-'tā-shən\ *n*
de-noue-ment \,dā-,nü-'mä\ *n* [F *dénouement*, lit., untying, fr. MF *desnouement*, fr. *desnouer* to untie, fr. OF *desnoer*, fr. *noer* to tie, fr. L *nodare*, fr. *nodus* knot] : the final outcome of the dramatic complications in a literary work
de-nounce \di-'nauns\ *vb* de-nounced; **de-nounc-ing** 1 : to point out as deserving blame or punishment 2 : to inform against : ACCUSE 3 : to announce formally the termination of (as a treaty) — **de-nounce-ment** *n*
de no-vo \di-'nō-vō\ *adv* [L] : ANEW, AGAIN
dense \dens\ *adj* dens-er; dens-est 1 : marked by compactness or crowding together of parts : THICK (a ~ forest) (a ~ fog) 2 : DULL, STUPID — **dense-ly** *adv* — **dense-ness** *n*
den-si-ty \den-sət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : the quality or state of being dense 2 : the quantity of something per unit volume, unit area, or unit length
dent \dent\ *n* 1 : a small depressed place made by a blow or by pressure 2 : an impression or effect made usu. against resistance 3 : initial progress — **dent** *vb*
den-tal \dent-'l\ *adj* : of or relating to the teeth or dentistry — **den-tal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
dental floss *n* : a thread used to clean between the teeth
dental hygienist *n* : one who is licensed in the cleaning and examining of teeth
den-tate \den-,tāt\ *adj* : having pointed projections : NOTCHED
den-ti-frice \dent-ə-frəs\ *n* [MF, fr. L *dentifricium*, fr. *dent*, *dens* tooth + *fricare* to rub] : a powder, paste, or liquid for cleaning the teeth
den-tin \dent-'n\ or **den-tine** \den-,tēn, den-'tēn\ *n* : a calcareous material like bone but harder and denser that composes the principal mass of a tooth — **den-tin-al** \den-'tēn-l, 'dent-'n-əl\ *adj*
den-tist \dent-əst\ *n* : one who is licensed in the care, treatment, and replacement of teeth — **den-tist-ry** *n*
den-ti-tion \den-'tish-ən\ *n* : the character of a set of teeth esp. with regard to number, kind, and arrangement; *also* : TEETH
den-ture \den-'chər\ *n* : an artificial replacement for teeth
de-nude \di-'n(y)ūd\ *vb* de-nud-ed; de-nud-ing : to strip the covering from — **de-nu-da-tion** \dē-(,)(n)yū-'dā-shən\ *n*
de-nun-ci-a-tion \di-,nən-sē-'ā-shən\ *n* : the act of denouncing; *esp* : a public accusation
de-ny \di-'nī\ *vb* de-nied; de-ny-ing 1 : to declare untrue 2 : to refuse to recognize or acknowledge : DISAVOW 3 : to refuse to grant (~ a request) 4 : to reject as false (~ a theory)
de-o-dar \dē-ə-,där\ *also* **de-o-da-ra** \,dē-ə-'där-ə\ *n* [Hin-

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot,carb
\ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ə\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \i\job
\ə\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \th\loot
\ə\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

di *deodār*, fr. Skt *devadāru*, lit., timber of the gods, fr. *deva* god + *dāru* wood) *n* : an East Indian cedar

de-odor-ant \dē-ˈōd-ə-rənt\ *n* : a preparation that destroys or masks unpleasant odors

de-odor-ize \dē-ˈōd-ə-,rīz\ *vb* : to eliminate the offensive odor of

de-ox-i-dize \dē-ˈāk-sə-,dīz\ *vb* : to remove oxygen from
de-ox-y-ri-bo-nu-cle-ic acid \dē-ˈāk-si-,rī-bō-n(y)ū-,klē-ik-\ *n* : DNA

de-oxy-ribose \dē-,āk-si-ˈrī-,bōs\ *n* : a sugar with five carbon and four oxygen atoms in each molecule that is part of DNA

dep *abbr* 1 depart; departure 2 deposit 3 deputy

de-part \di-ˈpärt\ *vb* 1 : to go away 2 : go away from 3 : LEAVE 2 : DIE 3 : to turn aside : DEVIATE

de-part-ment \di-ˈpärt-mənt\ *n* 1 : a distinct sphere : PROVINCE 2 : a functional or territorial division (as of a government, business, or college) — **de-part-men-tal** \di-,pärt-ˈment-əl, dē-\ *adj*

department store *n* : a store selling a wide variety of goods arranged in several departments

de-par-ture \di-ˈpär-chər\ *n* 1 : the act of going away 2 : a starting out (as on a journey) 3 : DIVERGENCE

de-pend \di-ˈpend\ *vb* 1 : to be determined by or based on some action or condition (our success ~s on his cooperation) 2 : TRUST, RELY (you can ~ on me) 3 : to be dependent esp. for financial support 4 : to hang down (a vine ~ing from a tree)

de-pend-able \di-ˈpen-də-bəl\ *adj* : TRUSTWORTHY, RELIABLE — **de-pend-abil-i-ty** \-,pen-də-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n*

de-pen-dence also **de-pen-dance** \di-ˈpen-dəns\ *n* 1 : the quality or state of being dependent; *esp* : the quality or state of being influenced by or subject to another 2 : RELIANCE, TRUST 3 : something on which one relies 4 : drug addiction; *also* : HABITUATION 2

de-pen-den-cy \-dən-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies 1 : DEPENDENCE 2 : a territory under the jurisdiction of a nation but not formally annexed by it

de-pen-dent \di-ˈpen-dənt\ *adj* 1 : hanging down 2 : determined or conditioned by another; *also* : affected with drug dependence 3 : relying on another for support 4 : subject to another's jurisdiction 5 : SUBORDINATE 4

dependent also **de-pen-dant** \-dənt\ *n* : one that is dependent; *esp* : a person who relies on another for support
de-pict \di-ˈpikt\ *vb* 1 : to represent by a picture 2 : to describe in words — **de-pic-tion** \-ˈpik-shən\ *n*

de-pil-a-to-ry \di-ˈpil-ə-,tōr-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ries : an agent for removing hair, wool, or bristles

de-plane \dē-ˈplān\ *vb* : to get out of an airplane

de-plete \di-ˈplēt\ *vb* **de-plet-ed**; **de-plet-ing** 1 : to exhaust esp. of strength or resources — **de-ple-tion** \-ˈplē-shən\ *n*

de-plor-able \di-ˈplōr-ə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : LAMENTABLE 2 : WRETCHED — **de-plor-ably** \-blē\ *adv*

de-plore \-ˈplōr\ *vb* **de-pled**; **de-plor-ing** 1 : to feel or express grief for 2 : to regret strongly 3 : to consider unfortunate or deserving of disapproval

de-ploy \di-ˈplōi\ *vb* : to spread out (as troops or ships) in order for battle — **de-ploy-ment** \-mənt\ *n*

de-po-nent \di-ˈpō-nənt\ *n* : one who gives evidence esp. in writing

de-pop-u-late \dē-ˈpāp-yə-,lāt\ *vb* : to reduce greatly the population of by destroying or driving away the inhabitants — **de-pop-u-la-tion** \dē-,pāp-yə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*

de-port \di-ˈpōrt\ *vb* 1 : CONDUCT, BEHAVE 2 : BANISH, EXILE — **de-por-tation** \-,dē-,pōr-ˈtā-shən\ *n*

de-port-ment \di-ˈpōrt-mənt\ *n* : BEHAVIOR, BEARING

de-pose \di-ˈpōz\ *vb* **de-posed**; **de-pos-ing** 1 : to remove from high office (as of king) 2 : to testify under oath or by affidavit

de-pos-it \di-ˈpāz-ət\ *vb* **de-pos-it-ed** \-ˈpāz-ət-əd\; **de-pos-iting** 1 : to place for safekeeping or as a pledge; *esp* : to put money in a bank 2 : to lay down : PUT 3 : to let fall

or sink (sand and silt ~ed by a flood) — **de-pos-i-tor** \-ˈpāz-ət-ər\ *n*

deposit *n* 1 : the state of being deposited (money on ~) 2 : something placed for safekeeping; *esp* : money deposited in a bank 3 : money given as a pledge 4 : an act of depositing 5 : something laid or thrown down (a ~ of silt by a river) 6 : an accumulation of mineral matter (as ore, oil, or gas) in nature

de-po-si-tion \,dep-ə-ˈzish-ən, dē-pə-\ *n* 1 : an act of removing from a position of authority 2 : TESTIMONY 3 : the process of depositing 4 : DEPOSIT

de-pos-i-to-ry \di-ˈpāz-ə-,tōr-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ries : a place where something is deposited esp. for safekeeping

de-pot \1, 2 usu ˈdep-ō, 3 usu ˈdēp-\ *n* 1 : STOREHOUSE 2 : a place where military supplies are kept or where troops are assembled and trained 3 : a building for railroad or bus passengers : STATION

depr *abbr* depreciation

de-prave \di-ˈprāv\ *vb* **de-praved**; **de-prav-ing** [ME *de-praven*, fr. MF *depraver*, fr. L *depravare* to pervert, fr. *pravus* crooked, bad] : CORRUPT, PERVERT — **de-praved** *adj* — **de-prav-i-ty** \-ˈprav-ət-ē\ *n*

dep-re-cate \ˈdep-ri-,kāt\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing [L *deprecari* to avert by prayer, fr. *precari* to pray] 1 : to express disapproval of 2 : DEPRECIATE — **dep-re-ca-tion** \,dep-ri-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

dep-re-ca-to-ry \ˈdep-ri-kə-,tōr-ē\ *adj* 1 : expressing depreciation : APOLOGETIC 2 : serving to deprecate

de-pre-ci-ate \di-ˈprē-shē-,āt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing [LL *depretiare*, fr. L *pretium* price] 1 : to lessen in price or value 2 : UNDERVALUE, BELITTLE, DISPARAGE — **de-pre-ci-a-tion** \-,prē-shē-ˈā-shən\ *n*

dep-re-da-tion \,dep-rə-ˈdā-shən\ *n* : a laying waste or plundering — **dep-re-date** \ˈdep-rə-,dāt\ *vb*

de-press \di-ˈpres\ *vb* 1 : to press down : cause to sink to a lower position 2 : to lessen the activity or force of 3 : SADDEN, DISCOURAGE 4 : to lessen in price or value — **de-pres-sor** \di-ˈpres-ər\ *n*

de-pres-sant \di-ˈpres-ənt\ *n* : one that depresses; *esp* : an agent that reduces bodily functional activity — **de-pressant** *adj*

de-pressed \di-ˈprest\ *adj* 1 : low in spirits; *also* : affected with emotional depression 2 : suffering from economic depression

de-pres-sion \di-ˈpresh-ən\ *n* 1 : an act of depressing : a state of being depressed 2 : a pressing down : LOWERING 3 : a state of feeling sad 4 : an emotional disorder marked esp. by sadness, inactivity, difficulty in thinking and concentration, and feelings of dejection 5 : a depressed area or part 6 : a period of low general economic activity with widespread unemployment

de-pres-sive \di-ˈpres-iv\ *adj* 1 : tending to depress 2 : characterized or affected by psychological depression

depressive *n* : one who is psychologically depressed

de-priv-a-tion \,dep-rə-ˈvā-shən\ *n* : an act or instance of depriving : LOSS; *also* : PRIVATION

de-priv-e \di-ˈprīv\ *vb* **de-priv-ed**; **de-priv-ing** 1 : to take something away from (~ a king of his power) 2 : to stop from having something

dept *abbr* department

depth \ˈdepθ\ *n*, *pl* depths \ˈdep(th)s\ 1 : something that is deep; *esp* : the deep part of a body of water 2 : a part that is far from the outside or surface (the ~s of the woods) 3 : ABYSS 4 : the middle or innermost part (the ~ of winter) 5 : an extreme state (as of misery); *also* : the worst part (the ~s of despair) 6 : the perpendicular distance downward from a surface; *also* : the distance from front to back 7 : the quality of being deep 8 : the degree of intensity

depth charge *n* : an explosive device for use underwater esp. against submarines

dep-u-ta-tion \,dep-yə-ˈtā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of appointing a deputy 2 : DELEGATION

de-pute \di-'pyüt\ *vb* **de-put-ed**; **de-put-ing** : DELEGATE
de-pu-tize \dep-yə-,tīz\ *vb* **-tized**; **-tiz-ing** : to appoint as deputy
de-pu-ty \dep-yət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : a person appointed to act for or in place of another **2** : an assistant empowered to act as a substitute in the absence of his superior **3** : a member of a lower house of a legislative assembly
der *or* **deriv** *abbr* derivation; derivative
de-rail \di-'rāl\ *vb* : to cause to run off the rails — **de-rail-ment** *n*
de-rail-leur \di-'rā-lər\ *n* [*Dérailleur*] : a device for shifting gears on a bicycle by moving the chain from one set of exposed gears to another
de-range \di-'rānj\ *vb* **de-ranged**; **de-rang-ing** **1** : DISARRANGE, UPSET **2** : to make insane — **de-range-ment** *n*
der-by \dər-bē, Brit 'dār-\ *n*, *pl* **derbies** **1** : a horse race usu. for three-year-olds held annually **2** : a race or contest open to all **3** : a man's stiff felt hat with dome-shaped crown and narrow brim
der-e-lict \der-ə-'likt\ *adj* **1** : abandoned by the owner or occupant (a ~ ship) **2** : NEGLIGENT (~ in his duty)
der-elict **1** : something voluntarily abandoned; *esp* : a ship abandoned on the high seas **2** : a destitute homeless social misfit : VAGRANT, BUM
der-e-lic-tion \,der-ə-'lik-shən\ *n* **1** : the act of abandoning : the state of being abandoned **2** : a failure in duty
de-ride \di-'rid\ *vb* **de-rid-ed**; **de-rid-ing** [*L deridere*, fr. *ridere* to laugh] : to laugh at scornfully : make fun of : RIDICULE — **de-ri-sion** \-'rizh-ən\ *n* — **de-ri-sive** \-'rī-siv\ *adj* — **de-ri-sive-ly** *adv* — **de-ri-so-ry** \-'rī-sə-rē\ *adj*
de-ri-gueur \dər-rē-'gər\ *adj* [*F*] : prescribed or required by fashion, etiquette, or custom
der-i-va-tion \,der-ə-'vā-shən\ *n* **1** : the formation of a word from an earlier word or root; *also* : an act of ascertaining or stating the derivation of a word **2** : ETYMOLOGY **3** : SOURCE, ORIGIN; *also* : DESCENT **4** : an act or process of deriving
der-iv-a-tive \di-'riv-ət-iv\ *n* **1** : a word formed by derivation **2** : something derived
derivative *adj* : derived from something else
de-rive \di-'riv\ *vb* **de-derived**; **de-riv-ing** [*ME derivēn*, fr. *MF derivēre*, fr. *L derivare*, fr. *de-* from + *rivus* stream] **1** : to receive or obtain from a source **2** : to obtain from a parent substance **3** : INFER, DEDUCE **4** : to trace the origin, descent, or derivation of **5** : to come from a certain source
der-mal \dər-məl\ *adj* : of or relating to the skin
der-ma-ti-tis \,dər-mə-'tīt-əs\ *n* : skin inflammation
der-ma-tol-o-gy \-'tāl-ə-jē\ *n* : a branch of science dealing with the skin and its disorders — **der-ma-tol-o-gist** \-jəst\ *n*
der-mis \dər-məs\ *n* : the sensitive vascular inner layer of the skin
der-o-gate \der-ə-'gāt\ *vb* **-gat-ed**; **-gat-ing** **1** : to cause to seem inferior : DISPARAGE **2** : DETRACT — **der-o-ga-tion** \,der-ə-'gā-shən\ *n*
de-rog-a-to-ry \di-'rāg-ə-,tōr-ē\ *adj* : intended to lower the reputation of a person or thing : DISPARAGING
der-rick \der-ik\ *n* [*obs. derrick* hangman, gallows, fr. *Derick*, name of 17th cent. E hangman] **1** : a hoisting apparatus : CRANE **2** : a framework over a drill hole (as for oil) supporting machinery
der-ri-ere *or* **der-ri-ère** \,der-ē-'ēər\ *n* : BUTTOCKS
der-ring-do \,der-īŋ-'dū\ *n* : daring action : DARING
der-rin-ger \der-ən-jər\ *n* : a short-barreled pocket pistol
der-vish \dər-vish\ *n* [*Turk derviş*, lit., beggar, fr. *Per darvësh*] : a member of a Muslim religious order noted for devotional exercises (as bodily movements leading to a trance)
de-sal-i-nate \dē-'sal-ə-,nāt\ *vb* **-nat-ed**; **-nat-ing** : DESALT — **de-sal-i-na-tion** \-,sal-ə-'nā-shən\ *n*
de-sal-i-nize \dē-'sal-ə-,nīz\ *vb* **-nized**; **-niz-ing** : DESALT — **de-sal-i-ni-za-tion** \-,sal-ə-nə-'zā-shən\ *n*

de-salt \dē-'solt\ *vb* : to remove salt from (~ seawater) — **de-salt-er** *n*
des-cant \des-,kant\ *vb* **1** : to sing or play part music : SING **2** : to discourse or write at length
de-s-cend \di-'send\ *vb* **1** : to pass from a higher to a lower place or level : pass, move, or climb down or down along **2** : DERIVE (~ed from royalty) **3** : to pass by inheritance or transmission **4** : to incline, lead, or extend downward **5** : to swoop down in a sudden attack
de-s-cen-dant *or* **de-s-cen-dent** \di-'sen-dənt\ *adj* **1** : DESCENDING **2** : proceeding from an ancestor or source
de-s-cendant *or* **descendent** *n* **1** : one descended from another or from a common stock **2** : one deriving directly from a precursor or prototype
de-s-cent \di-'sent\ *n* **1** : ANCESTRY, BIRTH, LINEAGE **2** : the act or process of descending **3** : SLOPE **4** : a descending way (as a downgrade) **5** : a sudden hostile raid or assault **6** : a downward step (as in station or value) : DECLINE
de-scribe \di-'skrib\ *vb* **de-scribed**; **de-scrib-ing** **1** : to represent or give an account of in words **2** : to trace the outline of — **de-scrib-able** *adj*
de-scrip-tion \di-'skrip-shən\ *n* **1** : an account of something; *esp* : an account that presents a picture to a person who reads or hears it **2** : KIND, SORT — **de-scrip-tive** \-'skrip-tiv\ *adj*
de-scry \di-'skri\ *vb* **de-scried**; **de-scry-ing** **1** : to catch sight of **2** : to discover by observation or investigation
des-e-crate \des-i-'krāt\ *vb* **-crat-ed**; **-crat-ing** : PROFANE — **des-e-cra-tion** \,des-i-'krā-shən\ *n*
de-seg-re-gate \dē-'seg-ri-'gāt\ *vb* : to eliminate segregation in; *esp* : to free of any law, provision, or practice requiring isolation of the members of a particular race in separate units — **de-seg-re-ga-tion** \dē-,seg-ri-'gā-shən\ *n*
de-sen-si-tize \dē-'sen-sə-,tīz\ *vb* : to make (a sensitized or hypersensitive individual) insensitive or nonreactive to a sensitizing agent — **de-sen-si-ti-za-tion** \dē-,sen-sət-ə-'zā-shən\ *n*
des-ert \dez-ərt\ *n* : a dry barren region incapable of supporting a population without an artificial water supply
des-ert \dez-ərt\ *adj* : of, relating to, or resembling a desert; *esp* : being barren and without life (a ~ island)
de-sert \di-'zərt\ *n* **1** : worthiness of reward or punishment **2** : a just reward or punishment
de-sert \di-'zərt\ *vb* **1** : to withdraw from **2** : FORSAKE — **de-sert-er** *n* — **de-ser-tion** \-'zər-shən\ *n*
de-serve \di-'zərv\ *vb* **de-served**; **de-serv-ing** : to be worthy of : MERIT — **de-serv-ing** *adj*
de-serv-ed-ly \-'zər-vəd-lē\ *adv* : according to merit : JUSTLY
des-ic-cate \des-i-'kā\ *vb* **-cat-ed**; **-cat-ing** : DRY, DEHYDRATE — **des-ic-ca-tor** \des-i-'kāt-ər\ *n*
de-sid-er-a-tum \di-,sid-ə-'rāt-əm, -,zīd-, -'rāt-\ *n*, *pl* **-ta** \-ə\ [*L*] : something desired as essential or needed
de-sign \di-'zīn\ *vb* **1** : to conceive and plan out in the mind **2** : INTEND **3** : to devise for a specific function or end **4** : to make a pattern or sketch of **5** : to conceive and draw the plans for (~ an airplane)
design *n* **1** : a particular purpose : deliberate planning **2** : a mental project or scheme : PLAN **3** : a secret project or scheme : PLOT **4** *pl* : aggressive or evil intent — used with *on* or *against* **5** : a preliminary sketch or plan : DELINEATION **6** : an underlying scheme that governs functioning, developing, or unfolding : MOTIF **7** : the arrangement of elements or details in a product or a

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
 \ə'u'out \ch'chin \e'bet \ē'easy \g'go \i'hīt \i'ice \j'job
 \j'sing \ō'go \ō'law \ōi'boy \th'thin \th'the \ū'l'oot
 \ū'foot \y'yet \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

work of art **8** : a decorative pattern **9** : the art of executing designs

1 **des-ig-nate** \ˈdez-ig-,nāt, -nət/ *adj* : chosen for an office but not yet installed (ambassador ~)

2 **des-ig-nate** \-,nāt/ *vb* -**nat-ed**; -**nat-ing** **1** : to appoint or choose by name for a special purpose **2** : to mark or point out : INDICATE; *also* : SPECIFY, STIPULATE **3** : to call by a name or title — **des-ig-na-tion** \,dez-ig-ˈnā-shən/ *n* **designated hitter** *n* : a baseball player designated at the start of the game to bat in place of the pitcher without causing the pitcher to be removed from the game

de-sign-er \di-ˈzi-nər/ *n* **1** : one who creates plans for a project or structure **2** : one who designs and manufactures high-fashion clothing — **designer** *adj*

de-sign-ing \di-ˈzi-niŋ/ *adj* : CRAFTY, SCHEMING

de-sir-able \di-ˈzi-rə-bəl/ *adj* **1** : PLEASING, ATTRACTIVE (a ~ woman) **2** : ADVISABLE (~ legislation) — **de-sir-abil-ity** \-,zi-rə-ˈbil-ə-tē/ *n*

1 **de-sire** \di-ˈzi(ə)r/ *vb* **de-sired**; **de-sir-ing** [ME *desiren*, fr. OF *desirer*, fr. L *desiderare*, fr. *sider-*, *sidus* star] **1** : to long, hope, or wish for : COVET **2** : REQUEST

2 **desire** *n* **1** : a strong wish : LONGING, CRAVING **2** : an expressed wish : REQUEST **3** : something desired

de-sir-ous \di-ˈzi-rəs/ *adj* : eagerly wishing : DESIRING

de-sist \di-ˈzist, -ˈsist/ *vb* : to cease to proceed or act

desk \ˈdesk/ *n* [ME *deske*, fr. ML *desca*, fr. It *desco* table, fr. L *discus* dish, disc] **1** : a table, frame, or case esp. for writing and reading **2** : a counter, stand, or booth at which a person performs duties **3** : a specialized division of an organization (as a newspaper) (<city ~>)

1 **des-o-late** \ˈdes-ə-lət, ˈdez-/ *adj* **1** : DESERTED, ABANDONED **2** : FORSAKEN, LONELY **3** : DILAPIDATED **4** : BARREN, LIFELESS **5** : CHERLESS, GLOOMY — **des-o-late-ly** *adv*

2 **des-o-late** \-,lāt/ *vb* -**lat-ed**; -**lat-ing** : to make desolate : lay waste : make wretched

des-o-la-tion \des-ə-ˈlā-shən, ˈdez-/ *n* **1** : the action of desolating **2** : GRIEF, SADNESS **3** : LONELINESS **4** : DEVASTATION, RUIN **5** : barren wasteland

des-oxy-ri-bo-nu-cle-ic acid \de-ˈzāk-sē-ˈrī-bō-n(y)ū-,klē-ik-/ *n* : DNA

1 **de-spair** \di-ˈspær/ *vb* : to lose all hope or confidence — **de-spair-ing** *adj* — **de-spair-ingly** *adv*

2 **despair** *n* **1** : utter loss of hope **2** : a cause of hopelessness

des-patch \dis-ˈpach/ *var of* DISPATCH

des-per-a-do \des-pə-ˈräd-ō, -ˈräd-/ *n, pl* -**does** or -**dos** : a bold or reckless criminal

des-per-ate \ˈdes-p(ə-)rət/ *adj* **1** : being beyond or almost beyond hope : causing despair **2** : RASH **3** : extremely intense — **des-per-ate-ly** *adv*

des-per-a-tion \des-pə-ˈrā-shən/ *n* **1** : a loss of hope and surrender to despair **2** : a state of hopelessness leading to rashness

de-spi-ca-ble \di-ˈspik-ə-bəl, ˈdes-pik-/ *adj* : deserving to be despised — **de-spi-ca-bly** \-blē/ *adv*

de-spise \di-ˈspiz/ *vb* **de-spised**; **de-spis-ing** **1** : to look down on with contempt or aversion : DISDAIN, DETEST **2** : to regard as negligible, worthless, or distasteful

de-spite \di-ˈspit/ *prep* : in spite of

de-spoil \di-ˈspoil/ *vb* : to strip of belongings, possessions, or value — **de-spoil-er** *n* — **de-spoil-ment** *n*

de-spo-li-a-tion \di-,spō-lē-ˈā-shən/ *n* : the act of plundering : the state of being despoiled

1 **de-spond** \di-ˈspænd/ *vb* : to become discouraged or disheartened

2 **despond** *n* : DESPENDENCY

des-pon-den-cy \-ˈspän-dən-sē/ *n* : DEJECTION, HOPELESSNESS — **de-spon-dent** \-dənt/ *adj*

des-pot \ˈdes-pət, -ˈpät/ *n* [MF *despote*, fr. Gk *despotēs* master] **1** : a ruler with absolute power and authority : AUTOCRAT, TYRANT **2** : a person exercising power abu-

sively, oppressively, or tyrannously — **des-pot-ic** \ˈdes-ˈpät-ik/ *adj* — **des-po-tism** \ˈdes-pə-,tiz-əm/ *n*

des-sert \di-ˈzart/ *n* : a course of sweet food, fruit, or cheese served at the close of a meal

des-ti-na-tion \,des-tə-ˈnā-shən/ *n* **1** : a purpose for which something is destined **2** : an act of appointing, setting aside for a purpose, or predetermining **3** : a place to which one is journeying or to which something is sent **des-tine** \ˈdes-tən/ *vb* **des-tined**; **des-tin-ing** **1** : to settle in advance **2** : to designate, assign, or dedicate in advance **3** : to be bound or directed (freight *destined* for English ports)

des-ti-ny \ˈdes-tə-nē/ *n, pl* -**nies** **1** : something to which a person or thing is destined : FATE, FORTUNE **2** : a predetermined course of events

des-ti-tute \ˈdes-tə-t(y)ūt/ *adj* **1** : lacking something needed or desirable **2** : extremely poor — **des-ti-tu-tion** \,des-tə-t(y)ū-shən/ *n*

de-stry \di-ˈstrōl/ *vb* **1** : to put an end to : RUIN **2** : KILL **de-stry-er** \di-ˈstrōl-(ə)r/ *n* **1** : one that destroys **2** : a small speedy warship

1 **de-struct** \di-ˈstrəkt/ *vb* : DESTROY

2 **destruct** *n* : the deliberate destruction of a rocket after launching

de-struct-i-ble \di-ˈstrək-tə-bəl/ *adj* : capable of being destroyed — **de-struct-i-bil-i-ty** \di-,strək-tə-ˈbil-ə-tē/ *n*

de-struction \di-ˈstrək-shən/ *n* **1** : RUIN **2** : the action or process of destroying something **3** : a destroying agency

de-struct-i-ve \di-ˈstrək-tiv/ *adj* **1** : causing destruction : RUINOUS **2** : designed or tending to destroy — **de-struct-i-ve-ly** *adv* — **de-struct-i-ve-ness** *n*

de-struct-or \di-ˈstrək-tər/ *n* : a furnace for burning refuse : INCINERATOR

de-sue-tude \des-wi-,t(y)üd/ *n* : DISUSE

des-ul-to-ry \ˈdes-əl-,tör-ē/ *adj* : passing aimlessly from one thing or subject to another : DISCONNECTED

det abbr **1** detached; detachment **2** detail

de-tach \di-ˈtach/ *vb* **1** : to separate esp. from a larger mass **2** : DISENGAGE, WITHDRAW — **de-tach-able** *adj*

de-tached \di-ˈtacht/ *adj* **1** : not joined or connected : SEPARATE **2** : ALOOF, IMPARTIAL (a ~ attitude)

de-tach-ment \di-ˈtach-mənt/ *n* **1** : SEPARATION **2** : the dispatching of a body of troops or part of a fleet from the main body for special service; *also* : the portion so dispatched **3** : a small permanent military unit different in composition from normal units **4** : indifference to worldly concerns : ALOOFNESS, UNWORLDLINESS **5** : IMPARTIALITY

1 **de-tail** \di-ˈtāl, ˈdē-,tāl/ *n* [F *détail*, fr. OF *détail* slice, piece, fr. *detaillier* to cut in pieces, fr. *taillier* to cut] **1** : a dealing with something item by item (go into ~); *also* : ITEM, PARTICULAR (<the ~s of a story>) **2** : selection (as of soldiers) for special duty; *also* : the persons thus selected

2 **detail** *vb* **1** : to report in detail **2** : ENUMERATE, SPECIFY **3** : to select for some special duty

de-tain \di-ˈtān/ *vb* **1** : to hold in or as if in custody **2** : STOP, DELAY

de-tect \di-ˈtekt/ *vb* : to discover the nature, existence, presence, or fact of — **de-tect-able** *adj* — **de-tec-tion** \-ˈtek-shən/ *n* — **de-tec-tor** \-tər/ *n*

1 **de-tect-i-ve** \di-ˈtek-tiv/ *adj* **1** : fitted or used for detection (a ~ device for coal gas) **2** : of or relating to detectives

2 **detective** *n* : a person employed or engaged in detecting lawbreakers or getting information that is not readily accessible

dé-tente \dā-ˈtānt/ *n* [F] : a relaxation of strained relations or tensions (as between nations)

de-ten-tion \di-ˈten-chən/ *n* **1** : the act or fact of detaining : CONFINEMENT; *esp* : a period of temporary custody prior to disposition by a court **2** : a forced delay

de-ter \di-ˈtər/ *vb* **de-tered**; **de-ter-ring** [L *deterre*, fr.

terrere to frighten] **1** : to turn aside, discourage, or prevent from acting (as by fear) **2** : INHIBIT

de-ter-gent \di-'tər-jənt/ *n* : a cleansing agent; *esp* : a chemical product similar to soap in its cleaning ability

de-te-ri-o-rate \di-'tir-ē-ə-'rāt/ *vb* -rat-ed; -rat-ing : to make or grow worse : DEGENERATE — **de-te-ri-o-ra-tion** \-'tir-ē-ə-'rā-shən/ *n*

de-ter-min-able \-'tər-mə-nə-bəl/ *adj* : capable of being determined; *esp* : ASCERTAINABLE

de-ter-mi-nant \-mə-nənt/ *n* **1** : something that determines or conditions **2** : a hereditary factor : GENE

de-ter-mi-nate \di-'tər-mə-nət/ *adj* **1** : having fixed limits : DEFINITE **2** : definitely settled — **de-ter-mi-na-cy** \-nə-sē/ *n* — **de-ter-mi-nate-ness** *n*

de-ter-mi-na-tion (di-'tər-mə-nā-shən/ *n* **1** : the act of coming to a decision; *also* : the decision or conclusion reached **2** : the act of fixing the extent, position, or character of something **3** : accurate measurement (as of length or volume) **4** : firm or fixed purpose

de-ter-mine \di-'tər-mən/ *vb* -min-ed; -min-ing \-'tərm-(ə-)nɪŋ/ **1** : to fix conclusively or authoritatively **2** : to come to a decision : SETTLE, RESOLVE **3** : to fix the form or character of beforehand : ORDAIN; *also* : REGULATE **4** : to find out the limits, nature, dimensions, or scope of (< a position at sea) **5** : to be the cause of or reason for : DECIDE

de-ter-mined \-'tər-mənd/ *adj* **1** : DECIDED, RESOLVED **2** : FIRM, RESOLUTE — **de-ter-mined-ly** \-mənd-dlē-, mə-nəd-lē/ *adv* — **de-ter-mined-ness** \-mənd(d)-nəs/ *n*

de-ter-min-ism \di-'tər-mə-'niz-əm/ *n* : a doctrine that acts of the will, natural events, or social changes are determined by preceding events or natural causes — **de-ter-min-ist** \-nəst/ *n or adj*

de-ter-rence \di-'tər-əns/ *n* : the act, process, or capacity of deterring

de-ter-rent \-ənt/ *adj* **1** : serving to deter **2** : relating to deterrence — **deterrent** *n*

de-test \di-'test/ *vb* [ME *detesten*, fr. L *detestari*, lit., to curse while calling a deity to witness, fr. *de-* from + *testari* to call to witness] : LOATHE, HATE — **de-test-able** *adj* — **de-tes-ta-tion** \dē-,tes-'tā-shən/ *n*

de-throne \di-'thrɒn/ *vb* : to remove from a throne : DEPOSE — **de-throne-ment** *n*

det-o-nate \det-'n-āt, 'det-ə-'nāt/ *vb* -nat-ed; -nat-ing : to explode or cause to explode with violence — **det-o-na-tion** \det-'n-ā-shən, 'det-ə-'nā-/ *n*

det-o-na-tor \det-'n-,āt-ər, -ə-'nāt-/ *n* : a device for detonating a high explosive

de-tour \dē-'tūr/ *n* : a roundabout way temporarily replacing part of a route

detour *vb* : to go by detour

de-tox-i-fy \dē-'tāk-sə-'fɪ/ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing **1** : to remove a poison or toxin or the effect of such from **2** : to free (as a drug user or alcoholic) from an intoxicating or addictive substance or from dependence on it — **de-tox-i-fi-ca-tion** \dē-,tāk-sə-'fā-'kā-shən/ *n*

de-tract \di-'trakt/ *vb* **1** : to take away : WITHDRAW, SUBTRACT **2** : DISTRACT — **de-trac-tion** \-'trak-shən/ *n* — **de-trac-tor** \-'trak-tər/ *n*

de-train \dē-'trān/ *vb* : to leave or cause to leave a railroad train

det-ri-ment \det-'trə-mənt/ *n* : injury or damage or its cause : HURT — **det-ri-men-tal** \det-'trə-'ment-l/ *adj* — **det-ri-men-tal-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

de-tri-tus \di-'trit-əs/ *n, pl de-tri-tus* : fragments resulting from disintegration (as of rocks) : DEBRIS

deuce \d(y)ūs/ *n* **1** : a two in cards or dice **2** : a tie in tennis with both sides at 40 **3** : DEVIL — used chiefly as a mild oath

Deut *abbr* Deuteronomy

deu-te-ri-um \d(y)ū-'tir-ē-əm/ *n* : the isotope of hydrogen that is of twice the mass of ordinary hydrogen

Deu-ter-on-o-my \d(y)üt-ə-'rān-ə-mē/ *n* — see BIBLE table

deut-sche mark \,dōi-chə-'märk/ *n* — see MONEY table

dev *abbr* deviation

de-val-ue \dē-'vāl-yū/ *vb* : to reduce the international exchange value of (< a currency) — **de-val-u-a-tion** \dē-,vāl-yə-'wā-shən/ *n*

dev-as-tate \dev-ə-'stāt/ *vb* -tat-ed; -tat-ing **1** : to bring to ruin : lay waste **2** : to reduce to chaos, disorder, or helplessness — **dev-as-ta-tion** \dev-ə-'stā-shən/ *n*

de-vel-op \di-'vel-əp/ *vb* **1** : to unfold gradually or in detail **2** : to place (exposed photographic material) in chemicals in order to make the image visible **3** : to bring out the possibilities of **4** : to make more available or usable (< natural resources) **5** : to acquire gradually (< a taste for olives) **6** : to go through a natural process of growth and differentiation : EVOLVE **7** : to become apparent — **de-vel-op-er** *n* — **de-vel-op-ment** *n* — **de-vel-op-men-tal** \-,vel-əp-'ment-l/ *adj*

de-vi-ant \dē-'vē-ənt/ *adj* : deviating *esp.* from some accepted norm (as of behavior) — **de-vi-ance** \-əns/ *n* — **de-vi-an-cy** \-ən-sē/ *n* — **deviant** *n*

de-vi-ate \dē-'vē-āt/ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing [LL *deviare*, fr. L *de-* from + *via* way] : to turn aside from a course, standard, principle, or topic — **de-vi-ate** \-vē-ət, -vē-'āt/ *n* — **de-vi-a-tion** \dē-'vē-'ā-shən/ *n*

de-vice \di-'vīs/ *n* **1** : SCHEME, STRATAGEM **2** : a piece of equipment or a mechanism for a special purpose **3** : DESIRE, INCLINATION (left to his own ~s) **4** : an emblematic design

dev-il \dev-əl/ *n* [ME *devel*, fr. OE *dēofol*, fr. LL *diabolus*, fr. Gk *diabolos*, lit., slanderer, fr. *diaballein* to throw across, slander, fr. *dia-* across + *ballein* to throw] **1 often cap** : the personal supreme spirit of evil **2** : DEMON **3** : a wicked person **4** : a reckless or dashing person **5** : FELLOW (poor ~) (lucky ~)

devil *vb* -iled or -illed; -il-ing or -il-ling \dev-(ə-)liŋ/ **1** : to chop fine and season highly (<med eggs) **2** : TEASE, ANNOY

dev-il-ish \dev-(ə-)lish/ *adj* **1** : resembling or befitting a devil **2** : EXTREME, EXCESSIVE — **dev-il-ish-ly** *adv* — **dev-il-ish-ness** *n*

dev-il-ment \dev-əl-mənt, -ment/ *n* : MISCHIEF

dev-il-ry \rē/ or **dev-il-try** \trē/ *n, pl -il-ries or -il-tries* **1** : action performed with the help of the devil **2** : reckless mischievousness

de-vi-ous \dē-'vē-əs/ *adj* **1** : deviating from a straight line : ROUNDABOUT **2** : ERRING **3** : TRICKY

de-vise \di-'vīz/ *vb* -de-vised; -de-vising **1** : INVENT **2** : PLOT **3** : to give (real estate) by will

devise *n* **1** : a disposing of real property by will **2** : a will or clause of a will disposing of real property **3** : property given by will

de-vi-tal-ize \dē-'vīt-l-,īz/ *vb* : to deprive of life or vitality

de-void \di-'vɔɪd/ *adj* : entirely lacking : DESTITUTE (a book ~ of interest)

de-voir \dəv-'wār/ *n* **1** : DUTY **2** : a formal act of civility or respect

de-volve \di-'vāl/ *vb* -olved; -de-volv-ing : to pass from one person to another by succession or transmission — **de-vol-u-tion** \dev-ə-'lū-shən, 'dē-və-/ *n*

De-vo-ni-an \di-'vō-nē-ən/ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the period of the Paleozoic era between the Silurian and the Mississippian — **Devonian** *n*

de-vote \di-'vɒt/ *vb* -de-vot-ed; -de-vot-ing **1** : to set apart for a special purpose : DEDICATE **2** : to give up to wholly or chiefly

de-vot-ed \-'vɒt-əd/ *adj* : characterized by loyalty and devotion

dev-o-tee \dev-ə-'tē, -'tā/ *n* : an ardent follower, sup-

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 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\vice \i\job
 \ŋ\sing \ɔ\go \ɔ\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

porter, or enthusiast (as of a religion, art form, or sport)
de-votion \di-ˈvō-shən/ *n* 1 : religious fervor 2 : an act of prayer or private worship — *usu.* used in pl. 3 : a religious exercise for private use 4 : the act of devoting or quality of being devoted (~ to music) 5 : strong love or affection — **de-votion-al** \-sh(ə)-nəl/ *adj*

de-vour \di-ˈvaʊ(ə)r/ *vb* 1 : to eat up greedily or ravenously 2 : WASTE, ANNIHILATE 3 : to take in eagerly by the senses or mind (~ a book) — **de-vour-er** *n*

de-vout \di-ˈvaʊt/ *adj* 1 : devoted to religion : PIOUS 2 : expressing devotion or piety 3 : EARNEST, SINCERE — **de-vout-ly** *adv* — **de-vout-ness** *n*

dew \ˈd(y)u/ *n* : moisture that condenses on the surfaces of cool bodies at night — **dewy** *adj*

DEW *abbr* distant early warning

dew-ber-ry \ˈd(y)ü-,ber-ē/ *n* : any of several sweet edible berries related to and resembling blackberries

dew-claw \-,klə/ *n* : a digit on the foot of a mammal that does not reach the ground; *also* : its claw or hoof

dew-drop \-,dräp/ *n* : a drop of dew

dew-lap \-,lap/ *n* : loose skin hanging under the neck of various animals (as a bovine)

dew point *n* : the temperature at which the moisture in the air begins to condense

dex-ter-i-ty \dek-ˈster-ət-ē/ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : mental skill or quickness 2 : readiness and grace in physical activity; *esp* : skill and ease in using the hands

dex-ter-ous or **dex-trous** \ˈdek-strəs/ *adj* 1 : CLEVER 2 : done with skillfulness 3 : skillful and competent with the hands — **dex-ter-ous-ly** *adv*

dex-trose \dek-ˈstrōs/ *n* : the naturally occurring form of glucose found in plants and blood

DFC *abbr* Distinguished Flying Cross

DFM *abbr* Distinguished Flying Medal

dg *abbr* decigram

DG *abbr* 1 [LL *Dei gratia*] by the grace of God 2 director general

DH *abbr* designated hitter

dhow \ˈdaʊ/ *n* : an Arab sailing ship *usu.* having a long overhang forward and a high poop

DI *abbr* drill instructor

dia *abbr* diameter

di-a-be-tēs \,di-ə-ˈbēt-ēz, -ˈbēt-əs/ *n* : an abnormal state marked by passage of excessive amounts of urine; *esp* : one (diabetes mel-li-tus) \-ˈmel-ət-əs/ in which insulin is deficient and the urine and blood contain excess sugar — **di-a-bet-ic** \-ˈbet-ik/ *adj* or *n*

di-a-bol-ic \,di-ə-ˈbäl-ik/ or **di-a-bol-i-cal** \-i-kəl/ *adj* : DEVILISH, FIENDISH — **di-a-bol-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə)-lə/ *adv*

di-a-crit-ic \,di-ə-ˈkrit-ik/ *n* : a mark accompanying a letter and indicating a sound value different from that of the same letter when unmarked — **di-a-crit-i-cal** \-ˈkrit-ikəl/ *adj*

di-a-dem \ˈdi-ə-,dem/ *n* : CROWN; *esp* : a band worn on or around the head as a badge of royalty

di-aer-e-sis \di-ˈer-əs-əs/ *n*, *pl* -e-ses \-,sēz/ : a mark placed over a vowel to show that it is pronounced in a separate syllable (as in *naive*)

diag *abbr* 1 diagonal 2 diagram

di-ag-no-sis \,di-ig-ˈnō-səs, -əg-/ *n*, *pl* -no-ses \-,sēz/ : the art or act of identifying a disease from its signs and symptoms; *also* : the decision reached by diagnosis — **di-ag-nose** \ˈdi-ig-,nōs, -əg-/ *vb* — **di-ag-nos-tic** \,di-ig-ˈnäs-tik, -əg-/ *adj* — **di-ag-nos-ti-cian** \-,näs-ˈtish-ən/ *n*

di-ag-o-nal \ˈdi-ig-(ə)-nəl/ *adj* 1 : extending from one corner to the opposite corner in a 4-sided figure 2 : running in a slanting direction (~ stripes) 3 : having slanting markings or parts (a ~ weave) — **di-ag-o-nal-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

diagonal *n* 1 : a diagonal line 2 : a diagonal direction 3 : a diagonal row, arrangement, or pattern

di-a-gram \ˈdi-ə-,gram/ *n* : a drawing, sketch, plan, or chart that makes something easier to understand —

di-a-gram-mat-ic \,di-ə-grə-ˈmat-ik/ *adj* — **di-a-gram-mat-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lə/ *adv*

diagram *vb* -gramed \-,gramd/ or -grammed; -gram-ing \-,gram-ɪŋ/ or -gram-ming : to represent by a diagram

di-al \ˈdi-(ə)-l/ *n* [ME, fr. L *dies* day] 1 : the face of a sundial 2 : the face of a timepiece 3 : a plate or face with a pointer and numbers that indicate something (the ~ of a gauge) 4 : a disk with a knob or slots that is turned for making connections (as on a telephone) or for regulating operation (as of a radio)

dial *vb* di-aled or di-alled; di-al-ing or di-al-ling 1 : to manipulate a dial so as to operate or select 2 : to make a telephone call or connection

dial *abbr* dialect

di-a-lect \ˈdi-ə-,lekt/ *n* : a regional variety of a language

di-a-lec-tic \,di-ə-ˈlek-tik/ *n* : the process or art of reasoning correctly

di-a-logue *also* **di-a-log** \ˈdi-ə-,lög/ *n* 1 : a conversation between two or more persons 2 : the parts of a literary or dramatic composition that represent conversation

di-al-y-sis \ˈdi-ˈal-ə-səs/ *n*, *pl* -y-ses \-,sēz/ : the separation of substances from solution by means of their unequal diffusion through semipermeable membranes

diam *abbr* diameter

di-am-e-ter \ˈdi-ˈam-ət-ər/ *n* [ME *diametre*, fr. MF, fr. L *diametros*, fr. Gk, fr. *dia-* through + *metron* measure]

1 : a straight line passing through the center of a figure or body; *esp* : a straight line that passes through the center of a circle and divides it in half 2 : the length of a diameter

di-a-met-ric \,di-ə-ˈme-trik/ or **di-a-met-ri-cal** \-tri-kəl/ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or constituting a diameter 2 : completely opposed or opposite — **di-a-met-ri-cal-ly** \-trik(ə)-lə/ *adv*

di-a-mond \ˈdi-(ə)-mənd/ *n* 1 : a hard brilliant mineral that consists of crystalline carbon and is used as a gem 2 : a flat figure having four equal sides, two acute angles, and two obtuse angles 3 : any of a suit of playing cards marked with a red diamond 4 : INFIELD; *also* : the entire playing field in baseball

di-a-mond-back rattlesnake \ˈdi-(ə)-mən(d)-,bak-/ *n* : a large and very deadly rattlesnake

di-an-thus \ˈdi-an-thəs/ *n* : PINK 1

di-a-pa-son \,di-ə-ˈpāz-ən, -ˈpās-/ *n* 1 : an organ stop covering the range of the organ 2 : the range of notes sounded by a voice or instrument

di-a-per \ˈdi-(ə)-pər/ *n* 1 : a cotton or linen fabric woven in a simple geometric pattern 2 : a piece of folded cloth drawn up between the legs of a baby and fastened about the waist

diaper *vb* di-a-pered; di-a-per-ing \-p(ə)-rɪŋ/ 1 : to ornament with diaper designs 2 : to put a diaper on

di-aph-a-nous \ˈdi-ˈaf-ə-nəs/ *adj* : so fine of texture as to be transparent

di-a-pho-ret-ic \,di-ə-fə-ˈret-ik/ *adj* : having the power to increase perspiration — **diaphoretic** *n*

di-a-phragm \ˈdi-ə-,fram/ *n* 1 : a sheet of muscle between the chest and abdominal cavities of a mammal 2 : a vibrating disk (as in a telephone receiver) 3 : a cup-shaped device *usu.* of thin rubber fitted over the uterine cervix to act as a mechanical contraceptive barrier — **di-a-phrag-mat-ic** \,di-ə-frə(g)-ˈmat-ik, -ˈfrag-/ *adj*

di-a-rist \ˈdi-ə-rəst/ *n* : one who keeps a diary

di-ar-rhea or **di-ar-rhoea** \,di-ə-ˈrē-ə/ *n* : abnormally frequent and watery bowel movements

di-a-ry \ˈdi-(ə)-rē/ *n*, *pl* -ries : a daily record *esp.* of personal experiences and observations; *also* : a book for keeping such private notes and records

di-as-to-le \ˈdi-ˈas-tə-(l)ē/ *n* : the stretching of the cavities of the heart during which they fill with blood — **di-a-stol-ic** \,di-ə-ˈstäl-ik/ *adj*

di-as-tro-phism \ˈdi-ˈas-trə-,fiz-əm/ *n* : the process of deformation of the earth's crust by which major relief

features are formed — **di-a-stroph-ic** \,dī-ə-'sträf-ik\ *adj* **di-ther-my** \,dī-ə-,thər-mē\ *n* : the generation of heat in tissue by electric currents for medical or surgical purposes

di-a-tom \,dī-ə-'täm\ *n* : any of a class of planktonic one-celled or colonial algae with skeletons of silica
di-atom-ic \,dī-ə-'täm-ik\ *adj* : having two atoms in the molecule

di-at-o-mite \,dī-'at-ə-,mīt\ *n* : a light crumbly siliceous material derived chiefly from diatom remains and used esp. as a filter

di-a-tribe \,dī-ə-,trib\ *n* : a bitter or violent attack in speech or writing

dib-ble \,dīb-əl\ *n* : a pointed hand tool for making holes (as for planting bulbs) in the ground — **dibble** *vb*

1 dice \,dis\ *n, pl dice* : DIE 1

2 dice *vb* **diced**; **dic-ing** 1 : to cut into small cubes (~ carrots) 2 : to play games with dice

di-chot-o-my \,dī-'kät-ə-mē\ *n, pl -mies* : a division or the process of dividing into two esp. mutually exclusive or contradictory groups — **di-chot-o-mous** \-mə\ *adj*

dic-k-er \,dik-ər\ *vb* **dic-k-ered**; **dic-k-er-ing** \,dik-(ə-)rɪŋ\ : BARGAIN, HAGGLE

dic-k-ey or **dick-y** \,dik-ē\ *n, pl dickeys* or **dic-k-ies** : a small fabric insert worn to fill in the neckline

di-cot-y-le-don \,dī-,kät-'l-,ēd-'n\ *n* : any of a group of seed plants having an embryo with two cotyledons — **di-cot-y-le-don-ous** *adj*

diet *abbr* dictionary

1 dic-tate \,dik-'tāt\ *vb* **dic-tat-ed**; **dic-tat-ing** 1 : to speak or read for a person to transcribe or for a machine to record 2 : COMMAND, ORDER — **dic-ta-tion** \,dik-'tā-shən\ *n*

2 dic-tate \,dik-,tāt\ *n* : an authoritative rule, prescription, or injunction : COMMAND (the ~s of conscience)

dic-ta-tor \,dik-,tāt-ər\ *n* 1 : a person ruling absolutely and often brutally and oppressively 2 : one that dictates
dic-ta-to-ri-al \,dik-tə-'tör-ē-əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or characteristic of a dictator or a dictatorship

dic-ta-tor-ship \,dik-'tāt-ər-,ship, 'dik-,tāt-'n\ *n* : the office or term of office of a dictator 2 : autocratic rule, control, or leadership 3 : a government or country in which absolute power is held by a dictator or a small clique

dic-tion \,dik-shən\ *n* 1 : choice of words esp. with regard to correctness, clearness, or effectiveness : WORDING 2 : ENUNCIATION

dic-tio-nary \,dik-shə-,ner-ē\ *n, pl -nar-ies* : a reference book containing words usu. alphabetically arranged along with information about their forms, pronunciations, functions, etymologies, meanings, and syntactical and idiomatic uses

dic-tum \,dik-təm\ *n, pl dic-ta* \-tə\ *also dictums* : a formal authoritative statement : PRONOUNCEMENT

did *past* of do

di-dac-tic \,dī-'dak-tik\ *adj* 1 : intended primarily to instruct; *esp* : intended to teach a moral lesson 2 : making moral observations

di-do \,dīd-ə\ *n, pl didoes* or **didos** : a foolish or mischievous act

1 die \,dī\ *vb* **died**; **dy-ing** \,dī-ɪŋ\ 1 : to stop living : EXPIRE 2 : to pass out of existence (a *dying* race) 3 : to disappear or subside gradually (the wind *died* down) 4 : to long keenly (*dying* to go) 5 : STOP (the motor *died*)

2 die \,dī\ *n, pl dice* \,dis\ or **dies** \,diz\ 1 *pl dice* : a small cube marked on each face with one to six spots and used usu. in pairs in various games and gambling 2 *pl dies* : a device used in shaping or stamping an object or material
die-hard \,dī-'hərd\ *n* : one who resists against hopeless odds

di-el-drin \,dē(ə)l-'drən\ *n* : a persistent chlorinated hydrocarbon insecticide

die-sel \,dē-zəl-,səl\ *n* 1 : DIESEL ENGINE 2 : a vehicle driven by a diesel engine

diesel engine *n* : an internal-combustion engine in whose cylinders air is compressed to a temperature sufficiently high to ignite the fuel

die-sel-ing \,dēz-(ə-)lɪŋ\ *n* : an instance of an internal-combustion engine continuing to operate after the ignition has been turned off

1 di-et \,dī-ət\ *n* [ME *diete*, fr. OF, fr. L *diaeta* prescribed diet, fr. Gk *diaita*, lit., manner of living] 1 : the food and drink regularly consumed (as by a person or group) : FARE 2 : an allowance of food prescribed with reference to a particular state (as ill health) — **di-et-ary** \,dī-ə-,ter-ē\ *adj* or *n*

2 diet *vb* : to eat or cause to eat less or according to a prescribed rule — **di-et-er** *n*

di-et-et-ics \,dī-ə-'tet-iks\ *n sing* or *pl* : the science or art of applying the principles of nutrition to diet — **di-et-et-ic** *adj*

di-et-i-tian or **di-et-i-cian** \,dī-ə-'tish-ən\ *n* : a specialist in dietetics

diff or **diff** *abbr* difference

diff-er \,dif-ər\ *vb* **diff-ered**; **diff-er-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to be unlike 2 : DISAGREE

diff-er-ence \,dif-(ə-)rəns, 'dif-ərn\ *n* 1 : UNLIKENESS (~ in their looks) 2 : distinction or discrimination in preference 3 : DISAGREEMENT, DISSENSION; *also* : an instance or cause of disagreement (unable to settle their ~s) 4 : the amount by which one number or quantity differs from another

diff-er-ent \,dif-(ə-)rənt, 'dif-ərnt\ *adj* 1 : UNLIKE, DISSIMILAR 2 : not the same (~ age groups) (seen at ~ times) (try a ~ book) 3 : UNUSUAL, SPECIAL — **diff-er-ent-ly** *adv*

1 diff-er-en-tial \,dif-ə-'ren-chəl\ *adj* : showing, creating, or relating to a difference

2 differential *n* 1 : the amount or degree by which things differ 2 : DIFFERENTIAL GEAR

differential gear *n* : an arrangement of gears in an automobile that allows one wheel to go faster than another (as in rounding curves)

diff-er-en-ti-ate \,dif-ə-'ren-chē-,āt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** 1 : to make or become different 2 : to recognize or state the difference (~ between two plants) — **diff-er-en-ti-a-tion** \-,ren-chē-'ā-shən\ *n*

diff-i-cult \,dif-i-(,)kəlt\ *adj* 1 : hard to do or make 2 : hard to understand or deal with (~ reading) (a ~ child)

diff-i-cul-ty \-(,)kəl-tē\ *n, pl -ties* 1 : difficult nature (the ~ of a task) 2 : DISAGREEMENT (settled their *difficulties*) 3 : OBSTACLE (overcome *difficulties*) 4 : TROUBLE (in financial *difficulties*) *syn* hardship, rigor, vicissitude

diff-i-dent \,dif-əd-ənt\ *adj* 1 : lacking confidence : TIMID 2 : RESERVED, UNASSERTIVE — **dif-fi-dence** \-əns\ *n* — **dif-fi-dent-ly** *adv*

diff-frac-tion \,dif-'rak-shən\ *n* : the bending or spreading of a light beam esp. when passing through narrow slits or when reflecting from a ruled surface

1 dif-fuse \,dif-'yūs\ *adj* 1 : VERBOSE, WORDY (~ writing) 2 : not concentrated : SCATTERED (~ light)

2 dif-fuse \,dif-'yüz\ *vb* **dif-fused**; **dif-fus-ing** : to pour out or spread widely — **dif-fu-sion** \-'yü-zhən\ *n*

1 dig \,dɪg\ *vb* **dug** \,dæg\; **dig-ging** 1 : to turn up the soil (as with a spade) 2 : to hollow out or form by removing earth (~ a hole) 3 : to uncover or seek by turning up earth (~ potatoes) 4 : DISCOVER (~ up information) 5 : POKE, THRUST (~ a person in the ribs) 6 : to work hard 7 : NOTICE, APPRECIATE; *also* : LIKE, ADMIRE

2 dig *n* 1 : THRUST, POKE 2 : a cutting remark : GIBE

3 dig *abbr* digest

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'shə \ə'vace \ə'cot, cart
\ə'u'out \ch'chin \e'bet \e'easy \g'go \i'hilt \i'vice \j'job
\ŋ'sing \ð'go \ð'law \oi'boy \th'thin \th'the \u'loot
\u'foot \v'yet \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

'di-gest \ˈdī-jest\ *n* : a summation or condensation of a body of information or of a literary work

2di-gest \dī-ˈjest, də-\ *vb* **1** : to think over and arrange in the mind **2** : to convert (food) into simpler forms that can be absorbed by the body **3** : to compress into a short summary — **di-gest-ibil-ity** \-jes-tə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n* — **di-gest-ible** *adj* — **di-ges-tion** \-jes-chən\ *n* — **di-ges-tive** \-jes-tiv\ *adj*

dig *in vb* **1** : to dig defensive trenches **2** : to go resolutely to work **3** : to begin eating

dig-it \ˈdij-ət\ *n* [ME, fr. L *digitus* finger, toe] **1** : any of the Arabic numerals 1 to 9 and usu. the symbol 0 **2** : FINGER, TOE

dig-i-tal \ˈdij-ət-əl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or done with a finger or toe **2** : of, relating to, or using calculation directly with digits rather than through measurable physical quantities (a ~ computer) **3** : providing a read-out in numerical digits (a ~ watch) — **dig-i-tal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

dig-i-tal-is \ˈdij-ət-əl-əs\ *n* : a drug from the common foxglove that is a powerful heart stimulant; *also* : FOX-GLOVE

dig-ni-fied \ˈdig-nə-, fīd\ *adj* : showing or expressing dignity

dig-ni-fy \-fī\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to give dignity or distinction to : HONOR

dig-ni-tary \ˈdig-nə-, ter-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-tar-ies** : a person of high position or honor

dig-ni-ty \ˈdig-nət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : the quality or state of being worthy, honored, or esteemed : true worth : EXCELLENCE **2** : high rank, office, or position **3** : formal reserve of manner or language

di-graph \ˈdī-graf\ *n* : a group of two successive letters whose phonetic value is a single sound (as *ea* in *bread*)

di-gress \dī-ˈgres, də-\ *vb* : to turn aside esp. from the main subject in writing or speaking — **di-gres-sion** \-ˈgresh-ən\ *n* — **di-gres-sive** \-ˈgres-iv\ *adj*

dike \ˈdik\ *n* : a bank of earth to control water : LEVEE *dil abbr* dilute

di-lap-i-dat-ed \də-ˈlap-ə-, dāt-əd\ *adj* : fallen into partial ruin or decay — **di-lap-i-da-tion** \-ˈlap-ə-ˈdā-shən\ *n*

di-late \dī-ˈlāt, ˈdī-lāt\ *vb* **di-lat-ed**; **di-lat-ing** : SWELL, DISTEND, EXPAND — **di-la-ta-tion** \ˈdī-lə-tā-shən\ *n* — **di-la-tion** \ˈdī-lā-shən\ *n*

di-l-a-to-ry \ˈdī-l-ə-, tōr-ē\ *adj* **1** : DELAYING **2** : TARDY, SLOW **di-lem-ma** \də-ˈlem-ə\ *n* : a choice between equally unsatisfactory alternatives

dil-et-tante \ˈdī-l-ə-ˈtānt(-ē), -ˈtānt(-ē)\ *n*, *pl* **-tantes or -tanti** \-ˈtānt-ē, -ˈtānt-ē\ [It, fr. *dilettare* to delight, fr. L *dilectare*] : a person having a superficial interest in an art or a branch of knowledge

dil-i-gent \ˈdī-l-ə-jənt\ *adj* : characterized by steady, earnest, and energetic application and effort : PAINSTAKING — **dil-i-gence** \-jəns\ *n* — **dil-i-gent-ly** *adv*

dill \ˈdīl\ *n* : an herb related to the carrot with aromatic leaves and seeds used in pickles

dil-ly \ˈdīl-ē\ *n*, *pl* **dil-lies** : one that is remarkable or outstanding

dil-ly-dal-ly \ˈdīl-ē-, dal-ē\ *vb* : to waste time by loitering or delay

di-lute \ˈdī-lüt, də-\ *vb* **di-lut-ed**; **di-lut-ing** : to lessen the consistency or strength of by mixing with something else — **di-lu-tion** \-ˈlū-shən\ *n*

2dilute *adj* : DILUTED, WEAK

1dim \ˈdim\ *adj* **dim-mer**; **dim-mest** **1** : LUSTERLESS, DULL **2** : not bright or distinct : OBSCURE, FAINT **3** : not seeing or understanding clearly — **dim-ly** *adv* — **dim-ness** *n*

2dim *vb* **dimmed**; **dim-ming** **1** : to make or become dim or lusterless **2** : to reduce the light from (headlights) by switching to the low beam

3dim *abbr* **1** dimension **2** diminished **3** diminutive

dime \ˈdim\ *n* [ME, tenth part, tithe, fr. MF, fr. L *decima*, fr. fem. of *decimus* tenth, fr. *decem* ten] : a U.S. coin worth 1/10 dollar

di-men-sion \də-ˈmen-chən, dī-\ *n* **1** : measurement of extension (as in length, height, or breadth) **2** : EXTENT, SCOPE, PROPORTIONS — *usu.* used in *pl.* — **di-men-sion-al** \-ˈmench(-ə-)nəl\ *adj* — **di-men-sion-al-ity** \-ˈmen-chə-ˈnal-ət-ē\ *n*

di-min-ish \də-ˈmin-ish\ *vb* **1** : to make less or cause to appear less **2** : BELITTLE **3** : DWINDLE **4** : TAPER — **dim-i-nu-tion** \ˌdim-ə-ˈn(y)ū-shən\ *n*

di-min-u-en-do \də-ˈmin-(y)ə-ˈwen-dō\ *adv or adj* : DE-CRESCENDO

1di-min-u-ive \də-ˈmin-yət-iv\ *n* **1** : a diminutive word or affix **2** : a diminutive individual

2diminutive *adj* **1** : indicating small size and sometimes the state or quality of being lovable, pitiable, or contemptible (the ~ suffixes *-ette* and *-ling*) **2** : extremely small : TINY

dim-i-ty \ˈdim-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** : a thin usu. corded cotton fabric

dim-mer \ˈdim-ər\ *n* : a device for controlling the amount of light from an electric lighting unit

di-mor-phic \ˈdī-mór-fik\ *adj* : occurring in two distinct forms — **di-mor-phism** \-ˈfiz-əm\ *n*

1dim-ple \ˈdim-pəl\ *n* : a small depression esp. in the cheek or chin

2dimple *vb* **dim-pled**; **dim-pling** : to form dimples (as in smiling)

din \ˈdīn\ *n* : a loud confused mixture of noises

di-nar \ˈdī-nār\ *n* **1** — see MONEY table **2** — see *rial* at MONEY table

dine \ˈdīn\ *vb* **dined**; **din-ing** [ME *dinen*, fr. OF *diner*, fr. (assumed) VL *disjejunare* to break one's fast, deriv. of L *jejunus* fasting] **1** : to eat dinner **2** : to give a dinner to : FEED

din-er \ˈdī-nər\ *n* **1** : one that dines **2** : a railroad dining car **3** : a restaurant usu. resembling a dining car

di-nette \ˈdī-net\ *n* : an alcove or small room used for dining

din-ghy \ˈdīŋ-ē\ *n*, *pl* **dinghies** **1** : a small rowboat **2** : LIFE RAFT

din-gle \ˈdīŋ-gəl\ *n* : a small wooded valley

din-go \ˈdīŋ-gō\ *n*, *pl* **dingoes** : a reddish brown wild dog of Australia



dingoo

din-gus \ˈdīŋ(-g)əs\ *n* : DOODAD

din-gy \ˈdīŋ-jē\ *adj* **din-gi-er**; **-est** **1** : DARK, DULL **2** : not fresh or clean : GRIMY — **din-gi-ness** *n*

din-ky \ˈdīŋ-kē\ *adj* **din-ki-er**; **-est** : SMALL, INSIGNIFICANT **din-ner** \ˈdī-nər\ *n* : the main meal of the day; *also* : a formal banquet

din-ner-ware \ˈdī-nər-, waər\ *n* : china, glassware, or tableware used in table service

di-no-fla-gel-late \ˌdī-nō-ˈflaj-ə-lət-, ˌlāt\ *n* : any of an order of planktonic plantlike flagellates of which some cause red tide

di-no-saur \ˈdī-nə-, sōr\ *n* [fr. Gk *deinos* terrible + *sauros* lizard] : any of a group of extinct long-tailed reptiles often of huge size

dint \ˈdīnt\ *n* **1** : FORCE (reached the top by ~ of sheer grit) **2** : DENT

di-o-cese \ˈdī-ə-səs, -sēz, -sēs\ *n*, *pl* **-ces-es** \-sə-səz, -sē-zəz, -sē-səz, -ə-, sēz\ : the territorial jurisdiction of a

bishop — **di-oc-e-san** \dī-ˈās-ə-sən, dī-ə-ˈsēz-ən\ *adj* or *n*
di-ode \dī-ˈōd\ *n* 1 : an electron tube having a cathode and anode 2 : a semiconductor device that functions as a rectifier
di-ox-in \dī-ˈāk-sən\ *n* : a hydrocarbon that occurs esp. as a persistent toxic impurity in herbicides (as Agent Orange)
dip \dɪp\ *vb* **dipped**; **dip-ping** 1 : to plunge temporarily or partially under the surface (as of a liquid) 2 : to thrust in a way to suggest immersion 3 : to scoop up or out : LADLE 4 : to lower and then raise quickly (a flag in salute) 5 : to drop or slope down esp. suddenly (the moon *dipped* below the crest) 6 : to decrease moderately and usu. temporarily (prices *dipped*) 7 : to reach inside or as if inside or below a surface (*dipped* into their savings) 8 : to delve casually into something; *esp* : to read superficially (into a book)
dip *n* 1 : an act of dipping; *esp* : a short swim 2 : inclination downward : DROP 3 : something obtained by or used in dipping 4 : a sauce or soft mixture into which food may be dipped 5 : a liquid into which something may be dipped (as for cleansing or coloring)
diph-the-ria \dif-ˈθir-ē-ə, dɪp-ˈ\ *n* : an acute contagious bacterial disease marked by fever and by coating of the air passages with a membrane that interferes with breathing
diph-thong \dif-ˈθɒn, dɪp-ˈ\ *n* : two vowel sounds joined in one syllable to form one speech sound (as *ou* in *out*)
dip-loid \dɪp-ˈlɔɪd\ *adj* : having the basic chromosome number doubled — **diploid** *n*
di-plo-ma \də-ˈplō-mə\ *n*, *pl* **diplomas** : an official record of graduation from or of a degree conferred by a school
di-plo-ma-cy \də-ˈplō-mə-sē\ *n* 1 : the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations 2 : TACT
dip-lo-mat \dɪp-lə-ˈmat\ *n* : one employed or skilled in diplomacy — **dip-lo-mat-ic** \dɪp-lə-ˈmat-ɪk\ *adj*
di-plo-ma-tist \də-ˈplō-mət-əst\ *n* : DIPLOMAT
dip-per \dɪp-ər\ *n* 1 : any of a genus of birds that are related to the thrushes and are skilled in diving 2 : something (as a ladle or scoop) that dips or is used for dipping 3 *cap* : the seven bright stars of Ursa Major arranged in a form resembling a dipper 4 *cap* : the seven bright stars of Ursa Minor arranged in a form resembling a dipper with the North Star forming the outer end of the handle
dip-so-ma-nia \dɪp-sə-ˈmā-nē-ə\ *n* : an uncontrollable craving for alcoholic liquors — **dip-so-ma-ni-ac** \dɪp-sə-ˈmā-nē-ə\ *n*
dip-stick \dɪp-ˈstɪk\ *n* : a graduated rod for indicating depth
dip-ter-ous \dɪp-tər-əs\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being a two-winged fly — **dip-ter-an** \-rən\ *adj* or *n*
dir *abbr* director
dire \dɪ(ə)r\ *adj* **dir-er**; **dir-est** 1 : very horrible : DREADFUL 2 : warning of disaster 3 : EXTREME
di-rect \də-ˈrekt, dɪ-ˈ\ *vb* 1 : ADDRESS (a letter); *also* : to impart orally : AIM (a remark to the gallery) 2 : to regulate the activities or course of : guide the supervision, organizing, or performance of 3 : to cause to turn, move, or point or to follow a certain course 4 : to point, extend, or project in a specified line or course 5 : to request or instruct with authority 6 : to show or point out the way
direct *adj* 1 : stemming immediately from a source, cause, or reason (result) 2 : being or passing in a straight line of descent : LINEAL (ancestor) 3 : leading from one point to another in time or space without turn or stop : STRAIGHT 4 : NATURAL, STRAIGHTFORWARD (a manner) 5 : operating without an intervening agency or step (action) 6 : effected by the action of the people or the electorate and not by representatives (legislation) 7 : consisting of or reproducing the exact words of

a speaker (discourse) — **direct** *adv* — **di-rect-ly** \də-ˈrek-(t)lē, dɪ-ˈ\ *adv* — **di-rect-ness** \-ˈrek(t)-nəs\ *n*
direct current *n* : an electric current flowing in one direction only
di-rec-tion \də-ˈrek-shən, dɪ-ˈ\ *n* 1 : MANAGEMENT, GUIDANCE 2 : COMMAND, ORDER, INSTRUCTION 3 : the course or line along which something moves, lies, or points 4 : TENDENCY, TREND — **di-rec-tion-al** \-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj*
di-rec-tive \də-ˈrek-tiv, dɪ-ˈ\ *n* : a general instruction as to procedure
di-rec-tor \də-ˈrek-tər, dɪ-ˈ\ *n* 1 : one that directs : MANAGER, SUPERVISOR, CONDUCTOR 2 : one of a group of persons who direct the affairs of an organized body — **di-rec-tor-ship** *n*
di-rec-tor-ate \də-ˈrek-t(ə)-rət, dɪ-ˈ\ *n* 1 : the office or position of director 2 : a board of directors; *also* : membership on such a board 3 : an executive staff
di-rec-to-ry \-t(ə)-rē\ *n*, *pl* **-ries** : an alphabetical or classified list of names and addresses
dire-ful \dɪ(ə)r-fəl\ *adj* : producing dire effects
dirge \ˈdɜrj\ *n* : a song of lamentation; *also* : a slow mournful piece of music
dir-ham \ˈdɪr-həm\ *n* 1 — see MONEY table 2 — see *dinar*, *ryal* at MONEY table
di-ri-gi-ble \dɪr-ə-jə-bəl, də-ˈrɪj-ə\ *n* : AIRSHIP
dirk \ˈdɜrk\ *n* : DAGGER 1
dirndl \ˈdɜrn-dl\ *n* [short for *G dirndlkleid*, fr. *G* dial. *dirndl* girl + *G kleid* dress] : a full skirt with a tight waistband
-dirt \ˈdɜrt\ *n* 1 : a filthy or soiling substance (as mud, dust, or grime) 2 : loose or packed earth : SOIL 3 : moral uncleanness 4 : scandalous gossip 5 : embarrassing or incriminating information
-dirty \ˈdɜrt-ē\ *adj* **dirt-i-er**; **-est** 1 : SOILED, FILTHY 2 : INDECENT, SMUTTY (talk) 3 : BASE, UNFAIR (a trick) 4 : STORMY, FOGGY (weather) 5 : not clear in color : DULL (a red) — **dirt-i-ness** \ˈdɜrt-ē-nəs\ *n* — **dirty** *adv*
dirty *vb* **dirt-ied**; **dirty-ing** : to make or become dirty
dis-able \dis-ˈə-bəl\ *vb* **dis-abled**; **dis-abling** \-b(ə)-lɪŋ\ 1 : to disqualify legally 2 : to make unable to perform by or as if by illness, injury, or malfunction — **dis-abil-i-ty** \dɪs-ə-ˈbɪl-ət-ē\ *n*
dis-abuse \dɪs-ə-ˈbyuːz\ *vb* : to free from error or fallacy
di-sac-char-ide \dɪ-ˈsək-ə-ˈrɪd\ *n* : a sugar that yields two molecules of simple sugar upon hydrolysis
dis-ad-van-tage \dɪs-əd-ˈvant-ɪj\ *n* 1 : loss or damage esp. to reputation or finances 2 : an unfavorable, inferior, or prejudicial condition; *also* : HANDICAP — **dis-ad-van-tage-ous** \dis-ˈad-ˈvan-ˈtā-jəs, -vən-\ *adj*
dis-affect \dɪs-ə-ˈfekt\ *vb* : to alienate the affection or loyalty of : cause discontent in (the troops were ~ed) — **dis-affect-ion** \-ˈfek-shən\ *n*
dis-agree \dɪs-ə-ˈgrē\ *vb* 1 : to fail to agree 2 : to differ in opinion 3 : to have an unpleasant effect (fried foods ~ with her) — **dis-agree-ment** *n*
dis-agree-able \-ə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : causing discomfort : UNPLEASANT, OFFENSIVE 2 : ILL-TEMPERED, PEEVISH — **dis-agree-able-ness** *n* — **dis-agree-ably** \-blē\ *adv*
dis-al-low \dɪs-ə-ˈlaʊ\ *vb* : to refuse to admit or recognize : REJECT (a claim) — **dis-al-low-ance** *n*
dis-ap-pear \dɪs-ə-ˈpiər\ *vb* 1 : to pass out of sight 2 : to cease to be : become lost — **dis-ap-pear-ance** *n*
dis-ap-point \dɪs-ə-ˈpɔɪnt\ *vb* : to fail to fulfill the expectation or hope of — **dis-ap-point-ment** *n*
dis-ap-pro-ba-tion \dis-ˈap-rə-ˈbā-shən\ *n* : DISAPPROVAL
dis-ap-prov-al \dɪs-ə-ˈpru-vəl\ *n* : adverse judgment : CENSURE

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
 \əʊˈout \chˈchin \eɪˈbet \eˈeasy \gəˈo \iˈhit \fɪˈce \jɒˈjob
 \ŋsɪŋ \ɔˈgo \ɔˈlaw \ɔɪˈboy \θɪˈthin \tʰɪˈthe \uˈloot
 \ʊˈfoot \yˈet \zhˈvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

dis-ap-prove \-ˈprūv\ *vb* 1 : CONDEMN 2 : to feel or express disapproval (∼s of smoking) 3 : REJECT

dis-arm \dis-ˈärm\ *vb* 1 : to take arms or weapons from 2 : to reduce the size and strength of the armed forces of a country 3 : to make harmless, peaceable, or friendly : win over (a ∼ing smile) — **dis-ar-ma-ment** \-ˈär-mə-mənt\ *n*

dis-ar-range \dis-ə-ˈrānj\ *vb* : to disturb the arrangement or order of — **dis-ar-range-ment** *n*

dis-ar-ray \-ˈrā\ *n* 1 : DISORDER, CONFUSION 2 : disorderly or careless dress

dis-as-sem-ble \dis-ə-ˈsem-bəl\ *vb* : to take apart

dis-as-so-ci-ate \-ˈsō-s(h)ē-ˈāt\ *vb* : to detach from association

dis-sas-ter \diz-ˈsə-tər, dis-ˈ\ *n* [MF *desastre*, fr. It *disastro*, fr. *astro* star, fr. L *astrum*] a sudden or great misfortune — **dis-sas-trous** \-ˈas-trəs\ *adj* — **dis-sas-trous-ly** *adv*

dis-avow \dis-ə-ˈvaʊ\ *vb* : to deny responsibility for : REPUDIATE — **dis-avow-al** \-ˈvaʊ(-ə)\ *n*

dis-band \dis-ˈbænd\ *vb* : to break up the organization of : DISPERSE

dis-bar \dis-ˈbär\ *vb* : to expel from the legal profession — **dis-bar-ment** *n*

dis-be-lieve \dis-bə-ˈljev\ *vb* 1 : to hold not to be true or real (*disbelieved* his testimony) 2 : to withhold or reject belief — **dis-be-lief** \-ˈljev\ *n* — **dis-be-liev-er** *n*

dis-bur-den \dis-ˈbärd-ən\ *vb* : to rid of a burden

dis-burse \dis-ˈbärs\ *vb* **dis-bursed**; **dis-burs-ing** : to pay out : EXPEND — **dis-burse-ment** *n*

¹**disc** *var* of **DISK**

²**disc** *abbr* discount

dis-card \dis-ˈkärd, ˈdis-ˌkärd\ *vb* 1 : to let go a playing card from one's hand; *also* : to play (a card) from a suit other than a trump but different from the one led 2 : to get rid of as unwanted — **dis-card** \ˈdis-ˌkärd\ *n*

disc brake *n* : a brake that operates by the friction of a pair of plates pressing against the sides of a rotating disc

dis-cern \dis-ˈərn, diz-ˈ\ *vb* 1 : to detect with the eyes : DISTINGUISH 2 : DISCRIMINATE 3 : to come to know or recognize mentally — **dis-cern-ible** *adj* — **dis-cern-ment** *n*

dis-cern-ing \-inj\ *adj* : revealing insight and understanding

¹**dis-charge** \dis-ˈchärj, ˈdis-ˌchärj\ *vb* 1 : to relieve of a charge, load, or burden : UNLOAD; *esp* : to remove the electrical energy from (∼ a storage battery) 2 : SHOOT (∼ a gun) (∼ an arrow) 3 : to set free (∼ a prisoner) 4 : to dismiss from service or employment (∼ a soldier) 5 : to let go or let off (∼ passengers) 6 : to give forth fluid (the river ∼s into the ocean) 7 : to get rid of by paying or doing (∼ a debt)

²**dis-charge** \ˈdis-ˌchärj, dis-ˈchärj\ *n* 1 : the act of discharging, unloading, or releasing 2 : something that discharges; *esp* : a certification of release or payment 3 : a firing off (as of a gun) 4 : a flowing out (as of blood from a wound); *also* : something that is emitted (a purulent ∼) 5 : release or dismissal *esp.* from an office or employment; *also* : complete separation from military service 6 : a flow of electricity (as through a gas)

dis-ci-ple \dis-ˈi-pəl\ *n* 1 : one who accepts and helps to spread the teachings of another; *also* : a convinced adherent 2 *cap* : a member of the Disciples of Christ

dis-ci-pli-nar-i-an \dis-ə-plə-ˈner-ē-ən\ *n* : one who enforces order

dis-ci-plin-ary \ˈdis-ə-plə-ˈner-ē\ *adj* : of or relating to discipline; *also* : CORRECTIVE (take ∼ action)

¹**dis-ci-pline** \ˈdis-ə-plən\ *n* 1 : PUNISHMENT 2 : a field of study : SUBJECT 3 : training that corrects, molds, or perfects 4 : control gained by obedience or training : orderly conduct 5 : a system of rules governing conduct

²**discipline** *vb* -plined; -plin-ing 1 : PUNISH 2 : to train or develop by instruction and exercise *esp.* in self-control

3 : to bring under control (∼ troops); *also* : to impose order upon

disc jockey *n* : a person who conducts a radio show of popular recorded music

dis-claim \dis-ˈklām\ *vb* : to deny having a connection with or responsibility for : DISAVOW — **dis-claim-er** *n*

dis-close \dis-ˈklöz\ *vb* : to expose to view — **dis-clo-sure** \-ˈklöz-zhər\ *n*

dis-co \ˈdis-kō\ *n, pl* **discos** 1 : DISCOTHEQUE 2 : popular

dance music characterized by hypnotic rhythm, repetitive lyrics, and electronically produced sounds

dis-col-or \dis-ˈkəl-ər\ *vb* : to alter or change in hue or color : STAIN — **dis-col-or-ation** \dis-ˌkəl-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

dis-com-bob-u-late \dis-kəm-ˈbäb(y)-ə-lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing : UPSET, CONFUSE

dis-com-fit \dis-ˈkəm-fət, *esp* *South*, dis-kəm-ˈfit\ *vb* : UPSET, FRUSTRATE — **dis-com-fi-ture** \dis-ˈkəm-fə-ˌchūr\ *n*

¹**dis-com-fort** \dis-ˈkəm-fərt\ *vb* : to make uncomfortable or uneasy

²**discomfort** *n* : lack of comfort : uneasiness of mind or body : DISTRESS

dis-com-mode \dis-kə-ˈmōd\ *vb* -mod-ed; -mod-ing : INCONVENIENCE, TROUBLE

dis-com-pose \dis-kəm-ˈpōz\ *vb* 1 : AGITATE 2 : DISARRANGE — **dis-com-po-sure** \-pō-zhər\ *n*

dis-con-cert \dis-kən-ˈsərt\ *vb* : CONFUSE, UPSET

dis-con-nect \dis-kə-ˈnekt\ *vb* : to undo the connection of — **dis-con-nect-ion** \-ˈnek-shən\ *n*

dis-con-nect-ed \-əd\ *adj* : not connected : RAMBLING, IN-COHERENT — **dis-con-nect-ed-ly** *adv*

dis-con-so-late \dis-ˈkän-sə-lət\ *adj* 1 : CHEERLESS 2 : hopelessly sad — **dis-con-so-late-ly** *adv*

dis-con-tent \dis-kən-ˈtent\ *n* : uneasiness of mind : DIS-SATISFACTION — **dis-con-tent-ed** *adj*

dis-con-tin-ue \dis-kən-ˈtin-yū\ *vb* 1 : to break the continuity of : cease to operate, use, or take 2 : END — **dis-con-tin-u-ance** \-yə-wəns\ *n* — **dis-con-ti-nu-i-ty** \dis-känt-ˈn-(y)ü-ət-ē\ *n* — **dis-con-tin-u-ous** \dis-kən-ˈtin-yə-wəs\ *adj*

dis-cord \dis-ˈkōrd\ *n* 1 : lack of agreement or harmony : DISSENSION, CONFLICT 2 : a harsh combination of musical sounds 3 : a harsh or unpleasant sound — **dis-cor-dant** \dis-ˈkōrd-ənt\ *adj* — **dis-cor-dant-ly** *adv*

dis-co-que \dis-kə-ˈtek\ *n* : a nightclub for dancing to live or recorded music

¹**dis-count** \dis-ˈkaunt\ *n* 1 : a reduction made from a regular or list price 2 : a deduction of interest in advance when lending money

²**dis-count** \dis-ˈkaunt, dis-ˈkaunt\ *vb* 1 : to deduct from the amount of a bill, debt, or charge usu. for cash or prompt payment; *also* : to sell or offer for sale at a discount 2 : to lend money after deducting the discount (∼ a note) 3 : DISREGARD; *also* : MINIMIZE 4 : to make allowance for bias or exaggeration; *also* : DISBELIEVE 5 : to take into account (as a future event) in present calculations — **dis-count-able** *adj* — **dis-count-er** *n*

dis-coun-te-nance \dis-ˈkaunt(-ə)-ˈnəns\ *vb* 1 : EMBARRASS, DISCONCERT 2 : to look with disfavor on

dis-cour-age \dis-ˈkər-ij\ *vb* -aged; -ag-ing 1 : to deprive of courage or confidence : DISHEARTEN 2 : to hinder by inspiring fear of consequences : DETER 3 : to attempt to dissuade — **dis-cour-age-ment** *n* — **dis-cour-ag-ing-ly** \-ij-ij-lē\ *adv*

¹**dis-course** \dis-ˈkōrs\ *n* [ME *discours*, fr. ML & LL *discursus*; ML, argument, fr. LL, conversation, fr. L, act of running about, fr. *discurrere* to run about, fr. *currere* to run] 1 : CONVERSATION 2 : formal and usu. extended expression of thought on a subject

²**dis-course** \dis-ˈkōrs\ *vb* **dis-coursed**; **dis-cours-ing** 1 : to express oneself in *esp.* oral discourse 2 : TALK, CONVERSE

dis-cour-te-ous \dis-ˈkərt-ē-əs\ *adj* : lacking courtesy : UNCIVIL, RUDE — **dis-cour-te-ous-ly** *adv*

dis-cour-te-ry \-ˈkərt-ə-sē\ *n* : RUDENESS; *also* : a rude act
dis-cov-er \dis-ˈkəv-ər\ *vb* **1** : to make known or visible **2** : to obtain sight or knowledge of for the first time : **FIND** — **dis-cov-er-er** *n*

dis-cov-ery \dis-ˈkəv-(e)-rē\ *n*, *pl* **-er-ies** **1** : the act or process of discovering **2** : something discovered **3** : the disclosure usu. before a civil trial of pertinent facts or documents

dis-cred-it \dis-ˈkred-ət\ *vb* **1** : DISBELIEVE **2** : to cause disbelief in the accuracy or authority of **3** : DISGRACE — **dis-cred-it-able** *adj*

discredit *n* **1** : loss of reputation **2** : lack or loss of belief or confidence

dis-creet \dis-ˈkrēt\ *adj* : showing good judgment; *esp* : capable of observing prudent silence — **dis-creet-ly** *adv*

dis-crep-an-cy \dis-ˈkrep-ən-sē\ *n*, *pl* **-cies** **1** : DIFFERENCE, DISAGREEMENT **2** : an instance of being discrepant

dis-crep-ant \-ən\ *adj* [L *discrepans*, *prp.* of *discrepare* to sound discordantly, *fr.* *crepare* to rattle, creak] : being at variance : DISAGREEING

dis-crete \dis-ˈkrēt, ˈdis-ˌkrēt\ *adj* **1** : individually distinct **2** : NONCONTINUOUS

dis-cre-tion \dis-ˈkresh-ən\ *n* **1** : the quality of being discreet : PRUDENCE **2** : individual choice or judgment **3** : power of free decision or latitude of choice — **dis-cre-tion-ary** *adj*

dis-crim-i-nate \dis-ˈkrim-ə-,nāt\ *vb* **-nat-ed**; **-nat-ing** **1** : DISTINGUISH, DIFFERENTIATE **2** : to make a distinction in favor of or against one person or thing as compared with others — **dis-crim-i-na-tion** \-,krim-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n*

dis-crim-i-nat-ing \-,nāt-ɪŋ\ *adj* : marked by discrimination; *esp* : DISCERNING, JUDICIOUS

dis-crim-i-na-to-ry \dis-ˈkrim-ə-nə-,tōr-ē\ *adj* : marked by *esp.* unjust discrimination (∼ treatment)

dis-cur-sive \dis-ˈkər-siv\ *adj* : passing from one topic to another : RAMBLING — **dis-cur-sive-ly** *adv* — **dis-cur-sive-ness** *n*

dis-cus \ˈdis-kəs\ *n*, *pl* **dis-cus-es** : a disk that is hurled for distance in a track-and-field contest

dis-cuss \dis-ˈkəs\ *vb* [ME *discussen*, fr. L *discutere*, fr. *dis-* apart + *quaterē* to shake] **1** : to argue or consider carefully by presenting the various sides **2** : to talk about — **dis-cus-sion** \-ˈkəsh-ən\ *n*

dis-cus-sant \dis-ˈkəs-ənt\ *n* : one who takes part in a formal discussion

dis-dain \dis-ˈdān\ *n* : CONTEMPT, SCORN — **dis-dain-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **dis-dain-ful-ly** \-lē\ *adv*

disdain *vb* **1** : to look upon with scorn **2** : to reject or refrain from because of disdain

dis-ease \diz-ˈēz\ *n* : an abnormal bodily condition that impairs functioning and can usu. be recognized by signs and symptoms : SICKNESS — **dis-eased** \-ˈēzd\ *adj*

dis-em-bark \,dis-əm-ˈbārk\ *vb* : to go or put ashore from a ship — **dis-em-bar-ka-tion** \dis-ˌem-,bār-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

dis-em-body \,dis-əm-ˈbād-ē\ *vb* : to deprive of bodily existence

dis-em-bow-el \-ˈbaʊ(-ə)\ *vb* : EVISCERATE **1** — **dis-em-bow-el-ment** *n*

dis-en-chant \,dis-ən-ˈchant\ *vb* : DISILLUSION — **dis-en-chant-ment** *n*

dis-en-cum-ber \,dis-ən-ˈkəm-bər\ *vb* : to free from something that burdens

dis-en-fran-chise \,dis-ən-ˈfrān-,chīz\ *vb* : DISFRANCHISE — **dis-en-fran-chise-ment** *n*

dis-en-gage \,dis-ən-ˈgāj\ *vb* : RELEASE, EXTRICATE, DISENTANGLE — **dis-en-gage-ment** *n*

dis-en-tan-gle \,dis-ən-ˈtāŋ-gəl\ *vb* : to free from entanglement : UNRAVEL

dis-equi-lib-ri-um \dis-ˌē-kwə-ˈlib-rē-əm\ *n* : loss or lack of equilibrium

dis-es-tab-lish \,dis-ə-ˈstab-lish\ *vb* : to end the establishment of; *esp* : to deprive of the status of an established church — **dis-es-tab-lish-ment** *n*

dis-es-teem \,dis-ə-ˈstēm\ *n* : lack of esteem : DISFAVOR, DISREPUTE

di-seuse \dē-ˈzə(r)z, -ˈzüz\ *n*, *pl* **diseases** \ˈzə(r)z(-əz), -ˈzüz(-əz)\ [F] : a skilled and usu. professional woman reciter

dis-fa-vor \dis-ˈfā-vər\ *n* **1** : DISAPPROVAL, DISLIKE **2** : the state or fact of being no longer favored

dis-fig-ure \dis-ˈfig-yər\ *vb* : to spoil the appearance of (disfigured by a scar) — **dis-fig-ure-ment** *n*

dis-fran-chise \dis-ˈfrān-,chīz\ *vb* : to deprive of a franchise, a legal right, or a privilege; *esp* : to deprive of the right to vote — **dis-fran-chise-ment** *n*

dis-gorge \-ˈgôrj\ *vb* : VOMIT; *also* : to discharge forcefully or confusedly

dis-grace \dis-ˈgrās\ *vb* : to bring reproach or shame to

disgrace *n* **1** : SHAME, DISHONOR; *also* : a cause of shame **2** : the condition of being out of favor : loss of respect — **dis-grace-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **dis-grace-ful-ly** \-lē\ *adv*

dis-grun-tle \dis-ˈgrənt-əl\ *vb* **dis-grun-tled**; **dis-grun-ting** : to put in bad humor

dis-guise \dis-ˈgiʒ\ *vb* **dis-guised**; **dis-guis-ing** **1** : to change the appearance of to conceal the identity or to resemble another **2** : HIDE, CONCEAL

disguise *n* **1** : clothing put on to conceal one's identity or counterfeit another's **2** : an outward appearance that hides what something really is

dis-gust \dis-ˈgəst\ *n* : AVERSION, REPUGNANCE

disgust *vb* : to provoke to loathing, repugnance, or aversion : be offensive to — **dis-gust-ed-ly** *adv* — **dis-gust-ing-ly** \-ˈgəst-ɪŋ-lē\ *adv*

dish ˈdish\ *n* [ME, fr. OE *disc* plate, fr. L *discus* quoit, disk, dish, fr. Gk *diskos*, fr. *dikein* to throw] **1** : a vessel used for serving food **2** : the food served in a dish (a ∼ of berries) **3** : food prepared in a particular way **4** : something resembling a dish *esp.* in being shallow and concave

dish *vb* **1** : to put into a dish **2** : to make concave like a dish

dis-ha-bille \,dis-ə-ˈbēl\ *n* [F *déshabillé*] : the state of being dressed in a casual or careless manner

dis-har-mo-ny \dis-ˈhār-mə-nē\ *n* : lack of harmony — **dis-har-mo-ni-ous** \,dis-(ɹ)hār-ˈmō-nē-əs\ *adj*

dish-cloth \ˈdish-,klōth\ *n* : a cloth for washing dishes

dis-heart-en \dis-ˈhārt-ən\ *vb* : DISCOURAGE, DEJECT

dished ˈdisht\ *adj* : CONCAVE

di-shev-el \dish-ˈev-əl\ *vb* **-shev-eled** or **-shev-elled**; **-shev-el-ing** or **-shev-el-ing** [ME *discheveled*, fr. MF *deschevelé*, fr. *descheveler* to disarrange the hair, fr. *chevel* hair, fr. L *capillus*] : to let hang or fall loosely in disorder : DISARRAY — **di-shev-eled** or **di-shev-elled** *adj*

dis-hon-est \dis-ˈän-əst\ *adj* : not honest : UNTRUSTWORTHY, DECEITFUL — **dis-hon-est-ly** *adv* — **dis-hon-es-ty** \-ə-stē\ *n*

dis-hon-or \dis-ˈän-ər\ *vb* **1** : DISGRACE **2** : to refuse to accept or pay (∼ a check)

dishonor *n* **1** : lack or loss of honor **2** : SHAME, DISGRACE **3** : something dishonorable : a cause of disgrace **4** : the act of dishonoring a negotiable instrument when presented for payment — **dis-hon-or-able** \ˈän(-ə)-rə-bəl, -ˈän-ər-bəl\ *adj* — **dis-hon-or-ably** \-blē\ *adv*

dish out *vb* : to give freely

dish-rag \ˈdish-,rag\ *n* : DISHCLOTH

dish-wash-er \-,wōsh-ər, -ˌwāsh-ən\ *n* : a person or machine that washes dishes

dish-wa-ter \-,wōt-ər, -ˌwāt-ən\ *n* : water in which dishes have been or are to be washed

dis-il-lu-sion \,dis-ə-ˈlüz-zhən\ *vb* **-sioned**; **-sion-ing** \-ˈlüz-zh-

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \aʊ\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ce \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \ō\law \ō\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- (ə-)nɪŋ) : to free from mistaken beliefs or foolish hopes — **dis-il-lu-sion-ment** *n*
- dis-in-cli-na-tion** \dis-ɪn-klə-ˈnā-shən\ *n* : a feeling of unwillingness or aversion : **DISTASTE**
- dis-in-cline** \,dis-ɪn-ˈkliːn\ *vb* : to make or be unwilling
- dis-in-fect** \,dis-ɪn-ˈfekt\ *vb* : to cleanse of infection-causing germs — **dis-in-fec-tant** \-ˈfek-tənt\ *n* — **dis-in-fec-tion** \-ˈfek-shən\ *n*
- dis-in-gen-u-ous** \-ˈjen-yə-wəs\ *adj* : lacking in candor : not frank or naive
- dis-in-her-it** \,dis-ɪn-ˈher-ət\ *vb* : to deprive of the right to inherit
- dis-in-te-grate** \dis-ɪnt-ə-,grāt\ *vb* **1** : to break or decompose into constituent parts or small particles **2** : to destroy the unity or integrity of — **dis-in-te-gra-tion** \dis-ɪnt-ə-ˈgrā-shən\ *n*
- dis-in-ter-est** \,dis-ɪn-ˈtər\ *vb* **1** : to take from the grave or tomb **2** : **UNEARTH**
- dis-in-ter-est-ed** \dis-ɪnt-ɪ(ə)rəs-təd, -tə-,res-\ *adj* **1** : not interested **2** : free from selfish motive or interest : **UNBIASED** — **dis-in-ter-est-ed-ness** *n*
- dis-join** \dis-ɪˈjoin\ *vb* : **SEPARATE**
- dis-joint** \dis-ɪˈjoin\ *vb* : to separate the parts of : **DISCONNECT**; *also* : to separate at the joints
- dis-joint-ed** \-əd\ *adj* **1** : **DISCONNECTED**; *esp* : **INCOHERENT** **2** : separated at or as if at the joint
- disk or disc** \ˈdisk\ *n* **1** : something round and flat; *esp* : a flat rounded anatomical structure (as the central part of the flower head of a composite plant or a pad of cartilage between vertebrae) **2** *usu disc* : a phonograph record **3** : a round flat plate coated with a magnetic substance on which data for a computer is stored
- dis-like** \dis-ɪˈlik\ *n* : a feeling of distaste or disapproval
- dislike** *vb* : to regard with dislike : **DISAPPROVE**
- dis-lo-cate** \dis-lō-,kāt, dis-ˈlō-\ *vb* **1** : to put out of place; *esp* : to displace (a bone or joint) from normal connections (as a shoulder) **2** : **DISRUPT** — **dis-lo-ca-tion** \,dis-(ə)lō-ˈkā-shən\ *n*
- dis-lodge** \dis-ˈlāj\ *vb* : to force out of a place *esp.* of rest, hiding, or defense
- dis-loy-al** \dis-ˈlōi-(ə)l\ *adj* : lacking in loyalty — **dis-loy-al-ty** *n*
- dis-mal** \ˈdiz-məl\ *adj* [*ME, fr. dismal, n., days marked as unlucky in medieval calendars, fr. ML dies mali, lit., evil days*] **1** : showing or causing gloom or depression **2** : lacking interest or merit — **dis-mal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
- dis-man-tle** \dis-ɪˈmant-əl\ *vb* **1** : to take apart **2** : to strip of furniture and equipment — **dis-man-tle-ment** *n*
- dis-may** \dis-ɪˈmā\ *vb* : to cause to lose courage or resolution from alarm or fear : **DAUNT** — **dismay** *n* — **dis-may-ing-ly** \-ɪŋ-lē\ *adv*
- dis-mem-ber** \dis-ɪˈmem-bər\ *vb* **1** : to cut off or separate the limbs or parts of **2** : to break up or tear into pieces — **dis-mem-ber-ment** *n*
- dis-miss** \dis-ɪˈmis\ *vb* **1** : to send away **2** : to send or remove from office, service, or employment **3** : to put aside or out of mind **4** : to refuse further judicial hearing or consideration to (the judge ~ed the charge) — **dis-miss-al** *n*
- dis-mount** \dis-ɪˈmaʊnt\ *vb* **1** : to get down from something (as a horse or bicycle) **2** : **UNHorse** **3** : **DISASSEMBLE**
- dis-obe-di-ence** \,dis-ə-ˈbēd-ē-əns\ *n* : neglect or refusal to obey — **dis-obe-di-ent** \-ənt\ *adj*
- dis-obey** \,dis-ə-ˈbi\ *vb* : to fail to obey : be disobedient
- dis-oblige** \,dis-ə-ˈbliʒ\ *vb* **1** : to go counter to the wishes of **2** : **INCONVENIENCE**
- dis-or-der** \dis-ˈɔrd-ər\ *vb* **1** : to disturb the order of **2** : to cause disorder in (as ~ed digestion)
- disorder** *n* **1** : lack of order : **CONFUSION** **2** : breach of the peace or public order : **TUMULT** **3** : an abnormal state of body or mind : **AILMENT**
- dis-or-der-ly** \-lē\ *adj* **1** : offensive to public order or decency; *also* : guilty of disorderly conduct **2** : marked by disorder : **DISARRANGED** (a ~ desk) — **dis-or-der-li-ness** *n*
- dis-or-ga-nize** \dis-ɪˈɔr-gə-nīz\ *vb* : to break up the regular system of : throw into disorder — **dis-or-ga-ni-za-tion** \dis-ɔrg-(ə)nə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*
- dis-ori-ent** \dis-ɪˈɔr-ē-,ent\ *vb* : to cause to be confused or lost — **dis-ori-en-ta-tion** \dis-ɪˈɔr-ē-ən-ˈtā-shən\ *n*
- dis-own** \dis-ɪˈɔn\ *vb* : **REPUDIATE**, **RENOUNCE**, **DISCLAIM**
- dis-par-age** \dis-ɪˈpar-ij\ *vb* **1** : **aged**; **ag-ing** [*ME disparagen to degrade by marriage below one's class, disparage, fr. MF desparagier to marry below one's class, fr. OF, fr. parage extraction, lineage, fr. per peer*] **2** : to lower in rank or reputation : **DEGRADE** **3** : **BELITTLE** — **dis-par-age-ment** *n* — **dis-par-ag-ing-ly** \-ɪj-ɪŋ-lē\ *adv*
- dis-pa-rate** \ˈdis-p(ə)rət, dis-ɪˈpar-ət\ *adj* : distinct in quality or character — **dis-par-i-ty** \dis-ɪˈpar-ət-ē\ *n*
- dis-pas-sion-ate** \dis-ɪˈpash-(ə)nət\ *adj* : not influenced by strong feeling : **CALM**, **IMPARTIAL** — **dis-pas-sion** \-ən\ *n* — **dis-pas-sion-ate-ly** *adv*
- dis-patch** \dis-ɪˈpach\ *vb* **1** : to send off or away with promptness or speed *esp.* on official business **2** : to put to death **3** : to attend to rapidly or efficiently — **dis-patch-er** *n*
- dispatch** *n* **1** : the act of dispatching; *esp* : **SHIPMENT** **2** : the act of putting to death **3** : **MESSAGE** **4** : a news item sent in by a correspondent to a newspaper **5** : promptness and efficiency in performing a task
- dis-pel** \dis-ɪˈpel\ *vb* **1** : **dis-pelled**; **dis-pel-ling** : to drive away by scattering : **DISSIPATE**
- dis-pens-able** \dis-ɪˈpen-sə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being dispensed with
- dis-pen-sa-ry** \dis-ɪˈpens-(ə)rē\ *n*, *pl -ries* : a place where medicine or medical or dental aid is dispensed
- dis-pen-sa-tion** \,dis-pən-ˈsā-shən\ *n* **1** : a system of rules for ordering affairs **2** : a particular arrangement or provision *esp.* of nature **3** : an exemption from a rule or from a vow or oath **4** : the act of dispensing **5** : something dispensed or distributed
- dis-pense** \dis-ɪˈpens\ *vb* **1** : **dis-pensed**; **dis-pens-ing** **1** : to portion out **2** : **ADMINISTER** (as justice) **3** : **EXEMPT** **4** : to make up and give out (remedies) — **dis-pens-er** *n* — **dis-pense with** **1** : **SUSPEND** **2** : to do without
- dis-perse** \dis-ɪˈpərs\ *vb* **1** : **dis-persed**; **dis-pers-ing** : to break up and scatter about : **SPREAD** — **dis-per-sal** \-ɪˈpər-səl\ *n* — **dis-per-sion** \-ɪˈpər-zhən\ *n*
- dis-pir-it** \dis-ɪˈpɪr-ət\ *vb* : **DEPRESS**, **DISCOURAGE**, **DISHEARTEN**
- dis-place** \dis-ɪˈplās\ *vb* **1** : to remove from the usual or proper place; *esp* : to expel or force to flee from home or native land (**dis-placed** persons) **2** : to move out of position (water **dis-placed** by a floating object) **3** : to take the place of : **REPLACE**
- dis-place-ment** \dis-ɪˈplās-mənt\ *n* **1** : the act of displacing : the state of being displaced **2** : the volume or weight of a fluid displaced by a floating body (as a ship) **3** : the difference between the initial position of an object and a later position
- dis-play** \dis-ɪˈplā\ *vb* : to present to view
- display** *n* **1** : a displaying of something **2** : an electronic device (as a cathode-ray tube) that gives information in visual form; *also* : the visual information
- dis-please** \dis-ɪˈplez\ *vb* **1** : to arouse the disapproval and dislike of **2** : to be offensive to : give displeasure
- dis-plea-sure** \dis-ɪˈplezh-ər\ *n* : a feeling of dislike and irritation
- dis-port** \dis-ɪˈpɔrt\ *vb* **1** : **DIVERT**, **AMUSE** **2** : **FROLIC** **3** : **DIS-PLAY**
- dis-pos-able** \dis-ɪˈpō-zə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : remaining after deduction of taxes (as income) **2** : designed to be used once and then thrown away (as diapers) — **dis-pos-able** *n*
- dis-pos-al** \dis-ɪˈpō-zəl\ *n* **1** : **CONTROL**, **COMMAND** **2** : an orderly arrangement **3** : a getting rid of **4** : **MANAGE-**

MENT, ADMINISTRATION **5** : the transfer of something into new hands

dis-pose \dis-ˈpōz\ *vb* **dis-posed**; **dis-pos-ing** **1** : to give a tendency to : INCLINE (*disposed* to accept) **2** : to put in place : ARRANGE (troops *disposed* for withdrawal) **3** : SETTLE — **dis-pos-er** *n* — **dispose of** **1** : to transfer to the control of another **2** : to get rid of **3** : to deal with conclusively

dis-po-si-tion \,dis-pə-ˈzish-ən\ *n* **1** : the act or power of disposing : DISPOSAL (funds at their ~) **2** : RELINQUISHMENT **3** : ARRANGEMENT **4** : TENDENCY, INCLINATION **5** : natural attitude toward things (a cheerful ~)

dis-pos-sess \,dis-pə-ˈzes\ *vb* : to put out of possession or occupancy — **dis-pos-ses-sion** \-ˈzesh-ən\ *n*

dis-praise \dis-ˈprāz\ *vb* : DISPARAGE — **dispraise** *n*

dis-pro-portion \,dis-prə-ˈpōr-shən\ *n* : lack of proportion, symmetry, or proper relation — **dis-pro-portion-ate** \-sh(ə)-nət\ *adj*

dis-prove \dis-ˈpruv\ *vb* : to prove to be false — **dis-proof** \-ˈpruf\ *n*

dis-pu-tant \dis-ˈpyüt-ˈnt, ˈdis-pyət-ˈnt\ *n* : one that is engaged in a dispute

dis-pu-ta-tion \,dis-pyü-ˈtā-shən\ *n* **1** : DEBATE **2** : an oral defense of an academic thesis

dis-pu-ta-tious \-shəs\ *adj* : inclined to dispute : ARGUMENTATIVE

dis-pute \dis-ˈpyüt\ *vb* **dis-put-ed**; **dis-put-ing** **1** : ARGUE, DEBATE **2** : WRANGLE **3** : to deny the truth or rightness of **4** : to struggle against or over : CONTEST — **dis-put-able** \dis-ˈpyüt-ə-bəl, ˈdis-pyət-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **dis-put-er** \dis-ˈpyüt-ər\ *n*

dis-pute *n* **1** : DEBATE **2** : QUARREL

dis-qual-i-fy \dis-ˈkwäl-ə-,fī\ *vb* : to make or declare unfit or not qualified — **dis-qual-i-fi-ca-tion** \-,kwäl-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

dis-qui-et \dis-ˈkwi-ət\ *vb* : to make uneasy or restless : DISTURB

disquiet *n* : lack of peace or tranquillity : ANXIETY

dis-qui-et-ude \dis-ˈkwi-ə-,t(y)üd\ *n* : AGITATION, ANXIETY

dis-qui-si-tion \,dis-kwə-ˈzish-ən\ *n* : a formal inquiry or discussion

dis-re-gard \,dis-ri-ˈgärd\ *vb* : to pay no attention to : treat as unworthy of notice or regard

disregard *n* : the act of disregarding : the state of being disregarded : NEGLECT — **dis-re-gard-ful** *adj*

dis-re-pair \,dis-ri-ˈpaər\ *n* : the state of being in need of repair

dis-rep-u-table \dis-ˈrep-yət-ə-bəl\ *adj* : not reputable : DISCREDITABLE; *esp* : having a bad reputation

dis-re-pute \,dis-ri-ˈpyüt\ *n* : loss or lack of reputation : low esteem

dis-re-spect \,dis-ri-ˈspekt\ *n* : DISCOURTESY — **dis-re-spect-ful** *adj*

dis-robe \dis-ˈrōb\ *vb* : UNDESS

dis-rup-t \dis-ˈrəpt\ *vb* **1** : to break apart **2** : to throw into disorder — **dis-rup-tion** \-ˈrəp-shən\ *n* — **dis-rup-tive** \-ˈrəp-tiv\ *adj*

dis-sat-is-fac-tion \dis-,at-əs-ˈfak-shən\ *n* : DISCONTENT

dis-sat-is-fy \dis-ˈat-əs-,fī\ *vb* : to fail to satisfy : DISPLEASE

— **dis-sat-is-fied** *adj*

dis-sect \dis-ˈekt\ *vb* **1** : to divide into parts *esp.* for examination and study **2** : ANALYZE — **dis-sec-tion** \-ˈek-shən\ *n*

dis-sect-ed *adj* : cut deeply into narrow lobes (a ~ leaf)

dis-sem-ble \dis-ˈem-bəl\ *vb* **-bled**; **-bling** \-b(ə)-lɪŋ\ **1** : to hide under or put on a false appearance : conceal facts, intentions, or feelings under some pretense **2** : SIMULATE — **dis-sem-ble-r** \-b(ə)-lər\ *n*

dis-sem-i-nate \dis-ˈem-ə-,nāt\ *vb* **-nat-ed**; **-nat-ing** : to spread abroad as if sowing seed (~ ideas) — **dis-sem-i-na-tion** \-,em-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n*

dis-sen-sion \dis-ˈen-chən\ *n* : disagreement in opinion : DISCORD

dis-sent \dis-ˈent\ *vb* **1** : to withhold assent **2** : to differ in opinion

dissent *n* **1** : difference of opinion; *esp* : religious non-conformity **2** : a written statement in which a justice disagrees with the opinion of the majority — **dis-sen-tient** \-ˈen-chən\ *adj* or *n*

dis-sent-er \dis-ˈent-ər\ *n* **1** : one that dissents **2** *cap* : an English Nonconformist

dis-ser-ta-tion \,dis-ər-ˈtā-shən\ *n* : an extended usu. written treatment of a subject; *esp* : one submitted for a doctorate

dis-ser-vice \dis-ˈər-vəs\ *n* : INJURY, HARM, MISCHIEF

dis-sev-er \dis-ˈev-ər\ *vb* : SEPARATE, DISUNITE

dis-si-dent \ˈdis-əd-ənt\ *adj* [L *dissidens*, prp. of *dissidēre* to sit apart, disagree, fr. *dis-* apart + *sedere* to sit] : disagreeing with an opinion or a group — **dis-si-dence** \-əns\ *n* — **dissident** *n*

dis-sim-i-lar \dis-ˈim-ə-lər\ *adj* : UNLIKE — **dis-sim-i-lar-i-ty** \dis-,im-ə-ˈlär-ət-ē\ *n*

dis-sim-u-late \dis-ˈim-yə-,lāt\ *vb* : to hide under a false appearance : DISSEMBLE — **dis-sim-u-la-tion** \dis-,im-yə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*

dis-si-pate \ˈdis-ə-,pāt\ *vb* **-pat-ed**; **-pat-ing** **1** : to break up and drive off : DISPERSE, SCATTER (~ a crowd) **2** : DISSIPATE, DISSOLVE (the breeze *dissipated* the fog) **3** : SQUANDER **4** : to break up and vanish **5** : to be dissolute; *esp* : to drink alcoholic beverages to excess — **dis-si-pat-ed** *adj* — **dis-si-pa-tion** \dis-ə-ˈpā-shən\ *n*

dis-so-ci-ate \dis-ˈō-s(h)ē-,āt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** : DISCONNECT, DISUNITE — **dis-so-ci-a-tion** \dis-,ō-s(h)ē-ˈā-shən\ *n*

dis-so-lute \ˈdis-ə-,lüt\ *adj* : loose in morals or conduct — **dis-so-lute-ly** *adv* — **dis-so-lute-ness** *n*

dis-so-lu-tion \,dis-ə-ˈlū-shən\ *n* **1** : the action or process of dissolving **2** : separation of a thing into its parts **3** : DECAY; *also* : DEATH **4** : the termination or breaking up of an assembly or a partnership

dis-solve \diz-ˈäl\ *vb* **1** : to separate into component parts **2** : to pass or cause to pass into solution (sugar ~s in water) **3** : TERMINATE, DISPERSE (~ parliament) **4** : to waste or fade away (his courage *dissolved*) **5** : to be overcome emotionally (~ in tears) **6** : to resolve itself as if by dissolution

dis-so-nance \ˈdis-ə-nəns\ *n* : DISCORD — **dis-so-nant** \-nənt\ *adj*

dis-suade \dis-ˈwäd\ *vb* **dis-suad-ed**; **dis-suad-ing** : to advise against a course of action : persuade or try to persuade not to do something — **dis-sua-sion** \-ˈwä-zhən\ *n* — **dis-sua-sive** \-ˈwä-siv\ *adj*

dist *abbr* **1** distance **2** district

dis-taff \ˈdis-,taf\ *n*, *pl* **distaffs** \-,tafs, -,tafv\ **1** : a staff for holding the flax, tow, or wool in spinning **2** : a woman's work or domain **3** : the female branch or side of a family

distaff *adj* : MATERNAL, FEMALE

dis-tal \ˈdis-təl\ *adj* **1** : away from the point of attachment or origin **2** : of, relating to, or being the surface of a tooth that faces the back of the mouth — **dis-tal-ly** \-əl\ *adv*

dis-tance \ˈdis-təns\ *n* **1** : measure of separation in space or time **2** : EXPANSE **3** : the full length (go the ~) **4** : spatial remoteness **5** : COLDNESS, RESERVE **6** : DIFFERENCE, DISPARITY **7** : a distant point

distance *vb* **dis-tanced**; **dis-tanc-ing** : to leave far behind : OUTSTRIP

dis-tant \ˈdis-tənt\ *adj* **1** : separate in space : AWAY **2** : FAR-OFF **3** : far apart **4** : not close in relationship (a ~ cousin) **5** : different in kind **6** : RESERVED, ALOOF, COLD

\əˈabut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
\əʊˈout \chˈchin \eˈbet \eˈeasy \əˈgo \iˈhit \fˈice \jˈjob
\ŋˈsing \dˈgo \dˈlaw \dˈboy \tˈthin \tˈthe \uˈloot
\uˈfoot \yˈyet \zˈhvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

(~ politeness) 7 : coming from or going to a distance — **dis-tant-ly** *adv* — **dis-tant-ness** *n*
dis-taste \dis-¹täst\ *n* : DISINCLINATION, DISLIKE — **dis-taste-ful** *adj*
dis-tem-per \dis-¹tem-pər\ *n* : a bodily disorder usu. of a domestic animal; *esp* : a contagious often fatal virus disease of dogs
dis-tend \dis-¹tend\ *vb* : EXPAND, SWELL — **dis-ten-si-ble** \-¹ten-sə-bəl\ *adj* — **dis-ten-sion** or **dis-ten-tion** \-chən\ *n*
dis-tich \dis-¹(-)tik\ *n* : a strophic unit of two lines
dis-till *also* **dis-til** \dis-¹til\ *vb* **dis-tilled**; **dis-till-ing** 1 : to fall or let fall drop by drop 2 : to obtain or purify by distillation — **dis-till-er** *n* — **dis-till-ery** \-(ə-)rē\ *n*
dis-til-late \dis-tə-,lāt, -lət\ *n* : a liquid product condensed from vapor during distillation
dis-til-la-tion \dis-tə-¹lā-shən\ *n* : the driving off of gas or vapor from liquids or solids by heat and then condensing to a liquid product
dis-tinct \dis-¹tiŋkt\ *adj* 1 : SEPARATE, INDIVIDUAL 2 : presenting a clear unmistakable impression — **dis-tinct-ly** *adv* — **dis-tinct-ness** *n*
dis-tinc-tion \dis-¹tiŋk-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of distinguishing a difference 2 : DIFFERENCE 3 : a distinguishing quality or mark 4 : special honor or recognition
dis-tinc-tive \dis-¹tiŋk-tiv\ *adj* 1 : clearly marking a person or a thing as different from others 2 : having or giving style or distinction — **dis-tinc-tive-ly** *adv* — **dis-tinc-tive-ness** *n*
dis-tin-guish \dis-¹tiŋ-gwish\ *vb* [MF *distinguer*, fr. L *distinguere*, lit., to separate by pricking] 1 : to recognize by some mark or characteristic 2 : to hear or see clearly : DISCERN 3 : to make distinctions (~ between right and wrong) 4 : to set apart : mark as different — **dis-tin-guish-able** *adj*
dis-tin-guished \-gwisht\ *adj* 1 : marked by eminence or excellence 2 : befitting an eminent person
dis-tort \dis-¹tört\ *vb* 1 : to twist out of the true meaning 2 : to twist out of a natural, normal, or original shape or condition — **dis-tor-tion** \-¹tör-shən\ *n*
distr *abbr* distribute; distribution
dis-tract \dis-¹trakt\ *vb* 1 : to draw (the attention or mind) to a different object : DIVERT 2 : to stir up or confuse with conflicting emotions or motives : HARASS — **dis-trac-tion** \-¹trak-shən\ *n*
dis-trait \di-¹strā\ *adj* [F, fr. L *distractus*] : ABSENMIND-ED, DISTRAUGHT
dis-traught \dis-¹trōt\ *adj* : PERPLEXED, CONFUSED; *also* : CRAZED
dis-tress \dis-¹tres\ *n* 1 : suffering of body or mind : PAIN, ANGUISH 2 : TROUBLE, MISFORTUNE 3 : a condition of danger or desperate need — **dis-tress-ful** *adj*
dis-tress *vb* 1 : to subject to great strain or difficulties 2 : UPSET
dis-trib-ute \dis-¹trib-yət\ *vb* **-ut-ed**; **-ut-ing** 1 : to divide among several or many : APPORTION 2 : to spread out : SCATTER; *also* : DELIVER 3 : CLASSIFY — **dis-trib-u-tion** \dis-¹trə-¹byū-shən\ *n*
dis-trib-u-tive \dis-¹trib-yət-iv\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to distribution 2 : being or concerned with a mathematical operation (as multiplication in $ab + c = ab + ac$) that produces the same result when operating on a whole mathematical expression as when operating on each part and collecting the results — **dis-trib-u-tive-ly** *adv*
dis-trib-u-tor \dis-¹trib-yət-ər\ *n* 1 : one that distributes 2 : an agent or agency for marketing goods 3 : a device for directing current to the spark plugs of an engine
dis-tract \dis-¹(-)trikt\ *n* 1 : a fixed territorial division (as for administrative or electoral purposes) 2 : an area, region, or section with a distinguishing character
district attorney *n* : the prosecuting attorney of a judicial district
dis-trust \dis-¹trəst\ *vb* : to feel no confidence in : SUSPECT
dis-trust *n* : a lack of trust or confidence : SUSPICION, WARI-

NESS — **dis-trust-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **dis-trust-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
dis-turb \dis-¹tərb\ *vb* 1 : to interfere with : INTERRUPT 2 : to alter the position or arrangement of 3 : to destroy the tranquility or composure of : make uneasy 4 : to throw into disorder 5 : INCONVENIENCE — **dis-tur-bance** \-¹tər-bəns\ *n* — **dis-turb-er** *n*
dis-turbed \-¹tərbd\ *adj* : showing symptoms of mental or emotional illness
dis-unite \dis-yū-¹nīt\ *vb* : DIVIDE, SEPARATE
dis-uni-ty \dis-¹yū-nət-ē\ *n* : lack of unity; *esp* : DISSEN-SION
dis-use \-¹yüs\ *n* : a cessation of use or practice
ditch \¹dich\ *n* : a long narrow channel or trench dug in the earth
ditch *vb* 1 : to enclose with a ditch; *also* : to dig a ditch in 2 : to get rid of : DISCARD 3 : to make a forced landing of an airplane on water
dith-er \¹dith-ər\ *n* : a highly nervous, excited, or agitated state
dit-to \¹dit-ō\ *n*, *pl* **dit-tos** [It dial., pp. of It *dire* to say, fr. L *dicere*] 1 : the same or more of the same : ANOTHER — used to avoid repeating a word (lost: one book (new)); ~ (old) 2 : a mark composed of a pair of inverted commas or apostrophes used as a symbol for the word *ditto*
dit-ty \¹dit-ē\ *n*, *pl* **dit-ties** : a short simple song
di-uret-ic \di-(y)ə-¹ret-ik\ *adj* : tending to increase urine flow — **diuretic** *n*
di-ur-nal \di-¹ərn-¹əl\ *adj* 1 : DAILY 2 : of, relating to, or occurring in the daytime
div *abbr* 1 divided 2 dividend 3 division 4 divorced
di-va \dē-¹və\ *n*, *pl* **di-vas** or **di-ve** \-,vā\ [It, lit., goddess, fr. L, fem. of *divus* divine, god] : PRIMA DONNA
di-va-gate \dī-¹və-,gāt\ *vb* **-gat-ed**; **-gat-ing** : to wander about or stray from a course or subject : DIVERGE — **di-va-ga-tion** \di-¹və-¹gā-shən\ *n*
di-van \dī-,vən, di-¹vən\ *n* : COUCH, SOFA
dive \¹div\ *vb* **dived** \¹divd\ or **dove** \¹dōv\; **dived**; **div-ing** 1 : to plunge into water headfirst 2 : SUBMERGE 3 : to descend or fall precipitously 4 : to descend in an airplane at a steep angle 5 : to plunge into some matter or activity 6 : DART, LUNGE — **div-er** *n*
dive *n* 1 : the act or an instance of diving 2 : a sharp decline 3 : a disreputable bar or place of amusement
di-verge \də-¹vəj, di-¹\ *vb* **di-verged**; **di-verg-ing** 1 : to move or extend in different directions from a common point : draw apart 2 : to differ in character, form, or opinion 3 : DEVIATE 4 : DEFLECT — **di-ver-gence** \-¹vər-jəns\ *n* — **di-ver-gent** \-jənt\ *adj*
di-vers \¹dī-vərz\ *adj* : VARIOUS
di-verse \dī-¹vərs, də-, ¹dī-,vərs\ *adj* 1 : UNLIKE 2 : composed of distinct forms or qualities (the ~ nature of man) — **di-verse-ly** *adv*
di-ver-si-fy \də-¹vər-sə-,fi, di-¹\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to make different or various in form or quality — **di-ver-si-fi-ca-tion** \-,vər-sə-fə-¹kā-shən\ *n*
di-ver-sion \də-¹vər-zhən, di-¹\ *n* 1 : a turning aside from a course, activity, or use : DEVIATION 2 : something that diverts or amuses : PASTIME
di-ver-si-ty \də-¹vər-sət-ē, di-¹\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** 1 : the condition of being different : VARIETY 2 : an instance or a point of difference
di-vert \də-¹vərt, di-¹\ *vb* 1 : to turn from a course or purpose : DEFLECT 2 : DISTRACT 3 : ENTERTAIN, AMUSE
di-vest \dī-¹vest, də-¹\ *vb* 1 : to strip esp. of clothing, ornament, or equipment 2 : to deprive or dispossess esp. of property, authority, or rights
di-vid-e \də-¹vid\ *vb* **di-vid-ed**; **di-vid-ing** 1 : SEPARATE; *also* : CLASSIFY 2 : CLEAVE, PART 3 : DISTRIBUTE, APPORTION 4 : to possess or make use of in common : share in 5 : to cause to be separate, distinct, or apart from one another 6 : to separate into opposing sides or parties 7 : to mark divisions on 8 : to subject to or use in mathematical division 9 : to branch out

2**divide** *n* : WATERSHED 1

div-i-dend \ˈdɪv-ə-,dend\ *n* 1 : an individual share of something distributed 2 : BONUS 3 : a number to be divided by another 4 : a sum or fund to be divided or distributed

di-vid-er \də-ˈvɪd-ər\ *n* 1 : one that divides (as a partition) (room ~) 2 *pl* : COMPASS 5

div-i-na-tion \ˌdɪv-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n* 1 : the art or practice of using omens or magic powers to foretell the future 2 : unusual insight or intuitive perception

1**di-vine** \də-ˈvɪn\ *adj* **di-vin-er**; **-est** 1 : of, relating to, or being God or a god 2 : supremely good : SUPERB; *also* : HEAVENLY — **di-vine-ly** *adv*

2**divine** *n* 1 : CLERGYMAN 2 : THEOLOGIAN

3**divine** *vb* **di-vined**; **di-vin-ing** 1 : INFER, CONJECTURE 2 : PROPHECY 3 : DOWSE — **di-vin-er** *n*

di-vin-ing rod \də-ˈvɪ-nɪŋ- *n* : a forked rod believed to reveal the presence of water or minerals by dipping downward when held over a vein

di-vin-i-ty \də-ˈvɪn-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** 1 : THEOLOGY 2 : the quality or state of being divine 3 : a divine being; *esp* : GOD 1

di-vis-i-ble \də-ˈvɪz-ə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being divided — **di-vis-i-bil-i-ty** \-ˈbɪl-ət-ē\ *n*

di-vi-sion \də-ˈvɪz-ən\ *n* 1 : DISTRIBUTION, SEPARATION 2 : one of the parts or groupings into which a whole is divided 3 : DISAGREEMENT, DISUNITY 4 : something that divides or separates 5 : the mathematical operation of finding how many times one number or quantity is contained in another 6 : a large self-contained military unit 7 : an administrative or operating unit of a governmental, business, or educational organization — **di-vision-al** \-ˈvɪz-(ə-)nəl\ *adj*

di-vi-sive \də-ˈvɪ-sɪv-, -ˈvɪz-ɪv\ *adj* : creating disunity or dissension — **di-vi-sive-ly** *adv* — **di-vi-sive-ness** *n*

di-vi-sor \də-ˈvɪ-zər\ *n* : the number by which a dividend is divided

di-vorce \də-ˈvɔrs\ *n* 1 : a complete legal breaking up of a marriage 2 : SEPARATION, SEVERANCE — **divorce** *vb* — **di-vorce-ment** *n*

di-vor-cé \də-,vɔr-ˈsā\ *n* [F] : a divorced man

di-vor-cée \də-,vɔr-ˈsā-, -ˈsē\ *n* : a divorced woman

div-ot \ˈdɪv-ət\ *n* : a piece of turf dug from a golf fairway in making a stroke

di-vulge \də-ˈvʌlj, dɪ- *vb* **di-vulged**; **di-vulg-ing** : REVEAL, DISCLOSE

Dix-ie-land \ˈdɪk-sē-,land\ *n* : lively jazz music in a style developed in New Orleans

diz-zy \ˈdɪz-ē\ *adj* **diz-zi-er**; **-est** [ME *disy*, fr. OE *dysig* stupid] 1 : having a sensation of whirling : GIDDY 2 : causing or caused by giddiness — **diz-zi-ly** \ˈdɪz-ə-lē\ *adv* — **diz-zi-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*

DJ *abbr* disc jockey

dk *abbr* 1 dark 2 deck 3 dock

dl *abbr* deciliter

DLitt or **DLit** *abbr* [L *doctor litterarum*] doctor of letters; doctor of literature

DLO *abbr* dead letter office

dm *abbr* decimeter

DMD *abbr* [NL *dentariae medicinae doctor*] doctor of dental medicine

DMZ *abbr* demilitarized zone

dn *abbr* down

DNA \ˌde-,en-ˈā\ *n* : any of various nucleic acids usu. of cell nuclei that are the molecular basis of heredity in many organisms

1**do** (ˈ) *du* *vb* **did** (ˈ) *did*; **done** \ˈdʌn\; **do-ing** \ˈdu-ɪŋ\; **does** (ˈ) *dəz* 1 : to bring to pass : ACCOMPLISH 2 : ACT, BEHAVE (~ as I say) 3 : to be active or busy (up and ~ing) 4 : HAPPEN (what's ~ing?) 5 : to work at (he *does* tailoring) 6 : PREPARE (*did* his homework) 7 : to put in order (as by cleaning or arranging) (~ the dishes) 8 : DECORATE (*did* the hall in blue) 9 : GET ALONG (he *does* well)

10 : CARRY ON, MANAGE 11 : to feel or function better (could ~ with some food) 12 : RENDER (sleep will ~ you good) 13 : FINISH (when he had *done*) 14 : EXERT (*did* my best) 15 : PRODUCE (*did* a poem) 16 : to play the part of 17 : CHEAT (*did* him out of his share) 18 : TRAVERSE, TOUR 19 : TRAVEL 20 : to serve out in prison 21 : to serve the needs or purpose of : SUIT 22 : to be fitting or proper 23 — used as an auxiliary verb (1) before the subject in an interrogative sentence (*does* he work?) and after some adverbs (never *did* he say so), (2) in a negative statement (*I don't* know), (3) for emphasis (he *does* know), and (4) as a substitute for a preceding predicate (he works harder than I ~) — **do away with** 1 : to put an end to 2 : DESTROY, KILL — **do by** : to act toward in a specified way : TREAT (*did* right by her) — **do for** : to bring about the death or ruin of — **do one's thing** : to do what is personally satisfying

2**do** *abbr* ditto

DOA *abbr* dead on arrival

DOB *abbr* date of birth

dob-bin \ˈdɒb-ən\ *n* [*Dobbin*, nickname for *Robert*] 1 : a farm horse 2 : a quiet plodding horse

Do-ber-man pin-scher \ˌdō-bər-mən-ˈpɪn-ʃər\ *n* : a short-haired medium-sized dog of a breed of German origin

do-bra \ˈdō-brə\ *n* — see MONEY table

dob-son-fly \ˈdɒb-sən-,flɪ\ *n* : a large-eyed winged insect with long slender mandibles in the male and a large carnivorous aquatic larva

1**doc** \ˈdɒk\ *n* : DOCTOR

2**doc** *abbr* document

do-cent \ˈdɒs-nt, dɒ(t)-ˈsent\ *n* [obs. G (now *dozent*), deriv. of L *docēre* to teach] : TEACHER, LECTURER

doc-ile \ˈdɒs-əl\ *adj* [L *docilis*, fr. *docēre* to teach] : easily taught, led, or managed : TRACTABLE — **do-cil-i-ty** \də-ˈsɪl-ət-ē\ *n*

1**dock** \ˈdɒk\ *n* : any of a genus of coarse weedy herbs related to buckwheat

2**dock** *vb* 1 : to cut off the end of : cut short 2 : to take away a part of : deduct from (~ a man's wages)

3**dock** *n* 1 : an artificial basin to receive ships 2 : a slip between two piers to receive ships 3 : a wharf or platform for loading or unloading materials

4**dock** *vb* 1 : to bring or come into dock 2 : to join (as two spacecraft) mechanically in space

5**dock** *n* : the place in a court where a prisoner stands or sits during trial

dock-age \ˈdɒk-ɪj\ *n* : the provision or use of a dock; *also* : the charge for using a dock

dock-et \ˈdɒk-ət\ *n* 1 : a formal abridged record of the proceedings in a legal action; *also* : a register of such records 2 : a list of legal causes to be tried 3 : a calendar of matters to be acted on : AGENDA 4 : a label attached to a document containing identification or directions — **docket** *vb*

dock-hand \ˈdɒk-,hand\ *n* : LONGSHOREMAN

dock-work-er \-ˈwɜrk-ər\ *n* : LONGSHOREMAN

dock-yard \-,yɑrd\ *n* : SHIPYARD

1**doc-tor** \ˈdɒk-tər\ *n* [ME *doctour* teacher, doctor, fr. MF & ML; MF, fr. ML *doctor*, fr. L, teacher, fr. *docēre* to teach] 1 : a person holding one of the highest academic degrees (as a PhD) conferred by a university 2 : one skilled in healing arts; *esp* : an academically and legally qualified physician, surgeon, dentist, or veterinarian 3 : a person who restores or repairs things — **doc-tor-al** \-t(ə-)rəl\ *adj*

2**doctor** *vb* **doc-tored**; **doc-tor-ing** \-t(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to give medical treatment to 2 : to practice medicine 3 : REPAIR

\əˌabʊt \əˌkɪtən \əˌfʊrðər \əˌʌʃ \əˌvʌs \əˌkɒt, cart
 \əˌaʊt \tʃˌtʃɪn \eɪˌbet \eɪˌeɪsɪ \gəˌgo \ɪˌhɪt \ɪˌvɪs \jʌb
 \ŋˌsɪŋ \dʌˌgo \dʌˌlɔw \dʌˌbɔɪ \tʰɪn \tʰɪtʰe \ʊˌlooʔ
 \ʊˌfʊt \jˌyet \zʰvɪʃən see also Pronunciation Symbols page

4 : to adapt or modify for a desired end 5 : to alter deceptively

doc-tor-ate \ˈdäk-t(ə)-rət\ *n* : the degree, title, or rank of a doctor

doc-tri-naire \,däk-trə-ˈnær\ *n* [F] : one who attempts to put an abstract theory into effect without regard to practical difficulties — **doctrinaire** *adj*

doc-trine \ˈdäk-trən\ *n* 1 : something that is taught 2 : DOGMA, TENET — **doc-tri-nal** \-trən-əl\ *adj*

docu-dra-ma \ˈdäk-yə-,drām-ə-, -dram-ə\ *n* : a television or motion-picture drama that deals with historical events

doc-u-ment \ˈdäk-yə-mənt\ *n* : a paper that furnishes information, proof, or support of something else — **doc-u-ment** \-ment\ *vb* — **doc-u-men-ta-tion** \,däk-yə-mən-tā-shən\ *n*

doc-u-men-tary \,däk-yə-ˈmen-t(ə)-rē\ *adj* 1 : consisting of documents; *also* : being in writing (∼ proof) 2 : giving a factual presentation in artistic form (a ∼ movie) — **documentary** *n*

DOD *abbr* Department of Defense

ˈdod-er \ˈdäd-ər\ *n* : any of a genus of leafless elongated wiry parasitic herbs deficient in chlorophyll

ˈdodder *vb* **dod-dered**; **dod-der-ing** \ˈdäd-(ə)-rɪŋ\ 1 : to tremble or shake usu. from age 2 : to progress feebly and unsteadily

ˈdodge \ˈdāj\ *vb* **dodged**; **dodg-ing** 1 : to move suddenly aside; *also* : to avoid or evade by so doing 2 : to avoid by trickery or evasion

ˈdodge *n* 1 : an act of evading by sudden bodily movement 2 : an artful device to evade, deceive, or trick 3 : EXPEDIENT

do-do \ˈdöd-ə\ *n*, *pl* **dodoes** or **dodos** [Port *doudo*, fr. *doudo* silly, stupid] 1 : a heavy flightless extinct bird related to the pigeons but larger than a turkey and formerly found on the island of Mauritius 2 : one hopelessly behind the times; *also* : a stupid person

doe \ˈdö\ *n*, *pl* **does** or **doe** : an adult female deer; *also* : the female of a mammal of which the male is called buck — **doe-skin** \-,skin\ *n*

DOE *abbr* Department of Energy

do-er \ˈdü-ər\ *n* : one that does

does *pres 3d sing of do*, *pl of* **DOE**

doff \ˈdäf\ *vb* [ME *doffen*, fr. *don* to do + *of* off] 1 : to take off (the hat) in greeting or as a sign of respect 2 : to rid oneself of

ˈdog \ˈdög\ *n* 1 : a flesh-eating domestic mammal related to the wolves; *esp* : a male of this animal 2 : a worthless person 3 : FELLOW, CHAP (you lucky ∼) 4 : a mechanical device for holding something 5 : uncharacteristic or affected stylishness or dignity (put on the ∼) 6 *pl* : RUIN (gone to the ∼s)

ˈdog *vb* **dogged**; **dog-ging** 1 : to hunt or track like a hound 2 : to worry as if by pursuit with dogs : HOUND

dog-bane \ˈdög-,bän\ *n* : any of a genus of mostly poisonous herbs with milky juice and often showy flowers

dog-cart \-,kärt\ *n* : a light one-horse carriage with two seats back to back

dog-catch-er \-,kach-ər-, -kech-\ *n* : a community official assigned to catch and dispose of stray dogs

dog-ear \ˈdög-,iər\ *n* : the turned-down corner of a leaf of a book — **dog-eared** \-,iərd\ *adj*

dog-fight \ˈdög-,fɪt\ *n* : a fight between two or more fighter planes usu. at close quarters

dog-fish \-,fɪʃ\ *n* : any of various small sharks

dog-ged \ˈdög-əd\ *adj* : stubbornly determined : TENACIOUS — **dog-ged-ly** *adv* — **dog-ged-ness** *n*

dog-ger-el \ˈdög-(ə)-rəl\ *n* : verse that is loosely styled and irregular in measure *esp*. for comic effect

dog-gie bag or **doggy bag** \ˈdög-ē-\ *n* : a bag provided by a restaurant to a customer for carrying home leftover food

ˈdog-gy or **dog-gie** \ˈdög-ē-\ *n*, *pl* **doggies** : a small dog

ˈdog-gy *adj* **dog-gi-er**; **-est** : of or resembling a dog (a ∼ odor)

dog-house \ˈdög-,haüs\ *n* : a shelter for a dog — **in the doghouse** : in a state of disfavor

dog-gie \ˈdög-gē\ *n*, *chiefly* *West* : a motherless calf in a range herd

dog-leg \ˈdög-,leg\ *n* : a sharp bend or angle (as in a road) — **dogleg** *vb*

dog-ma \ˈdög-mə\ *n* 1 : a tenet or code of tenets 2 : a doctrine or body of doctrines formally proclaimed by a church

dog-ma-tism \ˈdög-mə-,tiz-əm\ *n* : positiveness in stating matters of opinion *esp*. when unwarranted or arrogant — **dog-mat-ic** \ˈdög-mat-ik\ *adj* — **dog-mat-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

dog-tooth violet \ˈdög-,tüth-\ *n* : any of a genus of wild spring-flowering bulbous herbs related to the lilies

dog-trot \ˈdög-,träť\ *n* : a gentle trot — **dogtrot** *vb*

dog-wood \ˈdög-,wud\ *n* : any of a genus of trees and shrubs having heads of small flowers often with showy bracts

doi-ly \ˈdöi-lē\ *n*, *pl* **dolies** : a small often decorative mat *do in* *vb* 1 : RUIN 2 : KILL 3 : TIRE, EXHAUST 4 : CHEAT

do-ings \ˈdü-ɪŋz\ *n* *pl* : ACTS, DEEDS, EVENTS

do-it-your-self \,dü-ə-čər-ˈself\ *adj* : of, relating to, or designed for use by or as if by an amateur or hobbyist — **do-it-your-self-er** \-ˈself-fər\ *n*

dol *abbr* dollar

dol-drums \ˈdöl-drəmz, ˈdäl-\ *n* *pl* 1 : a spell of listlessness or despondency 2 : a part of the ocean near the equator abounding in calms 3 : a state of inactivity, stagnation, or slump (business is in the ∼)

ˈdole \ˈdöl\ *n* 1 : a distribution *esp.* of food, money, or clothing to the needy; *also* : something so distributed 2 : a grant of government funds to the unemployed

ˈdole *vb* **doled**; **dol-ing** 1 : to give or distribute as a charity 2 : to give in small portions : PARCEL (∼ out food)

dole-ful \ˈdöl-fəl\ *adj* : full of grief : SAD — **dole-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

doll \ˈdäl, ˈdöl\ *n* 1 : a small figure of a human being used *esp.* as a child's plaything 2 : a pretty woman 3 : an attractive person

dol-lar \ˈdäl-ər\ *n* [Dutch or LG *daler*, fr. G *taler*, short for *joachimstaler*, fr. Sankt *Joachimsthal*, Bohemia, where talers were first made] 1 : any of various basic monetary units (as in the U.S. and Canada) — *see* MONEY table 2 : a coin, note, or token representing one dollar

dol-lop \ˈdäl-əp\ *n* : LUMP, BLOB

doll up *vb* 1 : to dress elegantly or extravagantly 2 : to make more attractive

dol-ly \ˈdäl-ē\ *n*, *pl* **dollies** : a small wheeled truck used in moving heavy loads; *esp* : a wheeled platform for a television or movie camera

dol-men \ˈdöl-mən, ˈdäl-\ *n* : a prehistoric monument consisting of two or more upright stones supporting a horizontal stone slab

do-lo-mite \ˈdö-lə-,mīt, ˈdäl-ə-\ *n* : a mineral found in broad layers as a compact limestone

do-lor \ˈdö-lər, ˈdäl-ər\ *n* : mental suffering or anguish : SORROW — **do-lor-ous** *adj* — **do-lor-ous-ly** *adv* — **do-lor-ous-ness** *n*

dol-phín \ˈdäl-fən\ *n* 1 : any of various small toothed whales with the snout more or less elongated into a beak 2 : either of two active food fishes of tropical and temperate seas

dolt \ˈdölt\ *n* : a stupid fellow — **dolt-ish** *adj*

dom *abbr* 1 domestic 2 dominant 3 dominion

-dom \dəm\ *n* *suffix* 1 : dignity : office (dukedom) 2 : realm : jurisdiction (kingdom) 3 : state or fact of being (freedom) 4 : those having a (specified) office, occupation, interest, or character (officialdom)

do-main \də-ˈmān, də-\ *n* 1 : complete and absolute own-



dolphin 1

ership of land 2 : land completely owned 3 : a territory over which dominion is exercised 4 : a sphere of influence or action (the ~ of science)

dome \ˈdɒm/ *n* 1 : a large hemispherical roof or ceiling 2 : a structure or natural formation that resembles the dome of a building

do-mes-tic \də-ˈmes-tik/ *adj* 1 : living near or about the habitations of humans 2 : TAME, DOMESTICATED 3 : relating and limited to one's own country or the country under consideration 4 : of or relating to the household or the family 5 : devoted to home duties and pleasures 6 : INDIGENOUS — **do-mes-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə-)lē/ *adv*

domestic *n* : a household servant

do-mes-ti-cate \də-ˈmes-ti-kāt/ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing : to adapt to life in association with and to the use of human beings — **do-mes-ti-ca-tion** \-mes-ti-ˈkā-shən/ *n*

do-mes-tic-i-ty \,dɒ-,mes-ˈtis-ət-ē, də-/ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : the quality or state of being domestic or domesticated 2 : domestic activities or life

do-mi-cile \ˈdām-ə-,sil, ˈdō-mə-, ˈdām-ə-səl/ *n* : a dwelling place : HOME — **domicile** *vb* — **dom-i-cil-i-ary** \,dām-ə-ˈsil-ē-,er-ē, ˈdō-mə-/ *adj*

dom-i-nance \ˈdām-ə-nəns/ *n* 1 : AUTHORITY, CONTROL 2 : the property of a genetic dominant that prevents expression of a genetic recessive

dom-i-nant \ˈdām-ə-nənt/ *adj* 1 : controlling or prevailing over all others 2 : overlooking from a high elevation 3 : producing or being a bodily characteristic that is expressed when a contrasting recessive gene or trait is present

dominant *n* : a dominant gene or a character which it controls

dom-i-nate \ˈdām-ə-,nāt/ *vb* -nat-ed; -nat-ing 1 : RULE, CONTROL 2 : to have a commanding position or controlling power over 3 : to rise high above in a position suggesting power to dominate

dom-i-na-tion \,dām-ə-ˈnā-shən/ *n* 1 : supremacy or preeminence over another 2 : exercise of mastery or preponderant influence

dom-i-neer \,dām-ə-ˈniə/ *vb* 1 : to rule in an arrogant manner 2 : to be overbearing

do-mi-nie \1 oftenest ˈdām-ə-nē, 2 oftenest ˈdō-mə-/ *n* 1 chiefly Scot : SCHOOLMASTER 2 : CLERGYMAN

do-min-ion \də-ˈmin-yən/ *n* 1 : DOMAIN 2 : supreme authority : SOVEREIGNTY 3 often *cap* : a self-governing nation of the Commonwealth

dom-i-no \ˈdām-ə-,nō/ *n*, *pl* -noes or -nos 1 : a long loose hooded cloak usu. worn with a half mask as a masquerade costume 2 : a flat rectangular block used as a piece in a game (dominoes)

don \dān/ *vb* donned; **don-ning** [do + on] : to put on (as clothes)

don *n* [Sp, fr. L *dominus* lord, master] 1 : a Spanish nobleman or gentleman — used as a title prefixed to the Christian name 2 : a head, tutor, or fellow in an English university

do-ña \ˈdō-nyə/ *n* : a Spanish woman of rank — used as a title prefixed to the Christian name

do-nate \ˈdō-nāt/ *vb* do-nat-ed; do-nat-ing 1 : to make a gift of : CONTRIBUTE 2 : to make a donation

do-na-tion \dō-ˈnā-shən/ *n* 1 : the action of making a gift esp. to a charity 2 : a free contribution : GIFT

done \ˈdɒn/ *past part* of DO

done *adj* 1 : doomed to failure, defeat, or death 2 : gone by : OVER (when day is ~) 3 : cooked sufficiently 4 : conformable to social convention

dong \ˈdɒŋ, ˈdāŋ/ *n* — see MONEY table

don-key \ˈdāŋ-kē, ˈdæŋ-/ *n*, *pl* donkeys 1 : a domestic mammal classified with the asses 2 : a stupid or obstinate person

don-ny-brook \ˈdān-ē-,brūk/ *n*, often *cap* [Donnybrook Fair, annual Irish event once known for its brawls] : an uproarious brawl

do-nor \ˈdō-nər/ *n* : one that gives, donates, or presents

donut *var* of DOUGHNUT

doo-dad \ˈdū-,dad/ *n* : a small article whose common name is unknown or forgotten

doo-dle \ˈdūd-əl/ *vb* doo-dled; **doo-dling** \ˈdūd-(ə-)liŋ/ : to draw or scribble aimlessly while occupied with something else — **doodle** *n* — **doo-dler** \ˈdūd-(ə-)lər/ *n*

doom \ˈdūm/ *n* 1 : JUDGMENT, SENTENCE; *esp* : a judicial condemnation or sentence 2 : DESTINY, FATE 3 : RUIN, DEATH — **doom** *vb*

dooms-day \ˈdūmz-,dā/ *n* : JUDGMENT DAY

door \ˈdɔr/ *n* 1 : a barrier by which an entry is closed and opened; *also* : a similar part of a piece of furniture 2 : DOORWAY 3 : a means of access

door-jamb \-jam/ *n* : an upright piece forming the side of a door opening

door-keep-er \-kē-pər/ *n* : one who tends a door

door-knob \-nāb/ *n* : a knob that when turned releases a door latch

door-man \-,man, -mən/ *n* : one who tends a door and assists people by calling taxis and helping them in and out of cars

door-mat \-,mat/ *n* : a mat placed before or inside a door for wiping dirt from the shoes

door-plate \-,plāt/ *n* : a nameplate on a door

door-step \-,step/ *n* : a step or series of steps before an outer door

door-way \-,wā/ *n* 1 : the opening that a door closes 2 : a means of gaining access

door-yard \-,yārd/ *n* : a yard outside the door of a house

do-pa \ˈdō-pə/ *n* : a form of an amino acid that is used esp. in the treatment of Parkinson's disease

dope \ˈdɒp/ *n* 1 : a preparation for giving a desired quality 2 : a drug preparation esp. when narcotic or addictive and used illegally 3 : a stupid person 4 : INFORMATION

dope *vb* doped; **dop-ing** 1 : to treat with dope; *esp* : to give a narcotic to 2 : FIGURE OUT — *usu.* used with *out* **dop-ey** *also* **dopy** \ˈdō-pē/ *adj* dop-i-er; -est 1 : dulled by alcohol or a narcotic 2 : SLUGGISH 3 : STUPID

dorm \ˈdɔrm/ *n* : DORMITORY

dor-mant \ˈdɔr-mənt/ *adj* : INACTIVE; *esp* : not actively growing or functioning (~ buds) — **dor-man-cy** \-mən-sē/ *n*

dor-mer \ˈdɔr-mər/ *n* [MF *dormeor* dormitory, fr. L *dormitorium*, fr. *dormire* to sleep] : a window built upright in a sloping roof

dor-mi-to-ry \ˈdɔr-mə-,tɔr-ē/ *n*, *pl* -ries 1 : a room for sleeping; *esp* : a large room containing a number of beds 2 : a residence hall providing sleeping rooms

dor-mouse \ˈdɔr-,maʊs/ *n* : any of numerous Old World squirrellike rodents

dor-sal \ˈdɔr-səl/ *adj* : of, relating to, or located near or on the surface of the body that in man is the back but in

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\aʊ\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ɔ\go \ɔ\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
\ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

- most other animals is the upper surface — **dor-sal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
- do-ry** \dōr-ē\ *n, pl dories* : a flat-bottomed boat with high flaring sides and a sharp bow
- DOS** *abbr* disk operating system
- dose** \dōs\ *n* [F, fr. LL *dosis*, fr. Gk, lit., act of giving, fr. *didonai* to give] **1** : a measured quantity (as of medicine) to be taken or administered at one time **2** : the quantity of radiation administered or absorbed — **dos-age** \dō-sij\ *n*
- dose** *vb* dosed; **dos-ing** **1** : to give in doses **2** : to give medicine to
- do-sim-e-ter** \dō-'sim-ət-ər\ *n* : a device for measuring doses of X rays or of radioactivity — **do-sim-e-try** \-ə-trē\ *n*
- dos-sier** \dōs-,yā, 'dōs-ē-,ā\ *n* [F, bundle of documents labeled on the back, dossier, fr. *dos* back, fr. L *dorsum*] : a file of papers containing a detailed report or detailed information
- dot** \dāt\ *n* **1** : a small spot : **SPECK** **2** : a small round mark **3** : a precise point esp. in time (be here on the ~)
- dot** *vb* dot-ted; **dot-ting** **1** : to mark with a dot (~ an *i*) **2** : to cover with or as if with dots
- DOT** *abbr* Department of Transportation
- dot-age** \dāt-ij\ *n* : feebleness of mind esp. in old age : **SENILITY**
- dot-ard** \-ərd\ *n* : a person in dotage
- dote** \dōt\ *vb* dot-ed; **dot-ing** **1** : to be feeble-minded esp. from old age **2** : to be lavish or excessive in one's attention, affection, or fondness (*doted* on her niece)
- dot matrix** *n* : a rectangular arrangement of dots from which alphanumeric characters can be formed (as by a computer printer)
- Dou-ay Version** \dū-'ā-\ *n* : an English translation of the Vulgate used by Roman Catholics
- double** \dāb-əl\ *adj* **1** : **TWOFOLD**, **DUAL** **2** : consisting of two members or parts **3** : being twice as great or as many **4** : folded in two **5** : having more than one whorl of petals (~ roses)
- double** *vb* dou-bled; **dou-bling** \dāb-(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : to make, be, or become twice as great or as many **2** : to make a call in bridge that increases the trick values and penalties of (an opponent's bid) **3** : **FOLD** **4** : **CLENCH** **5** : to be or cause to be bent over **6** : to take the place of another **7** : to hit a double **8** : to turn sharply and suddenly; *esp* : to turn back on one's course
- double** *adv* **1** : **DOUBLY** **2** : two together (sleep ~)
- double** *n* **1** : something twice another in size, strength, speed, quantity, or value **2** : a hit in baseball that enables the batter to reach second base **3** : **COUNTERPART**, **DUPLICATE**; *esp* : a person who closely resembles another **4** : **UNDERSTUDY**, **SUBSTITUTE** **5** : a sharp turn : **REVERSAL** **6** : **FOLD** **7** : a combined bet placed on two different contests **8** *pl* : a game between two pairs of players **9** : an act of doubling in a card game
- double bond** *n* : a chemical bond in which two atoms in a molecule share two pairs of electrons
- double cross** *n* : an act of betraying or cheating *esp.* an associate — **dou-ble-cross** \dāb-əl-'krōs\ *vb* — **dou-ble-cross-er** *n*
- dou-ble-deal-ing** \-'dē-liŋ\ *n* : **DUPLICITY** — **dou-ble-deal-er** \-'dē-lər\ *n* — **double-dealing** *adj*
- dou-ble-deck-er** \-'dek-ər\ *n* : something having two decks, levels, or layers
- dou-ble-dig-it** \dāb-əl-'dij-ət\ *adj* : amounting to 10 percent or more
- dou-ble-en-ten-dre** \,düb-(ə-),lā-'tāndrə, 'dāb-ə-\ *n, pl double entendres* \-'tāndrə, -'tānd-rəz\ [obs. F, lit., double meaning] : a word or expression capable of two interpretations one of which is usu. risqué
- dou-ble-head-er** \dāb-əl-'hed-ər\ *n* : two games played consecutively on the same day
- double helix** *n* : a helix or spiral consisting of two strands (as of DNA) in the surface of a cylinder which coil around its axis
- dou-ble-joint-ed** \-'jōint-əd\ *adj* : having a joint that permits an exceptional degree of freedom of motion of the parts joined
- double play** *n* : a play in baseball by which two players are put out
- double pneumonia** *n* : pneumonia involving both lungs
- dou-blet** \dāb-lət\ *n* **1** : a man's close-fitting jacket worn in Europe esp. in the 16th century **2** : one of two similar or identical things
- dou-ble take** \dāb-əl-,tāk\ *n* : a delayed reaction to a surprising or significant situation after an initial failure to notice anything unusual
- dou-ble-talk** \-,tōk\ *n* : language that appears to be meaningful but in fact is a mixture of sense and nonsense
- double up** *vb* : to share accommodations designed for one
- dou-bloon** \,dāb-'lūn\ *n* : a former gold coin of Spain and Spanish America
- dou-bley** \dāb-lē\ *adv* **1** : in a twofold manner **2** : to twice the degree
- doubt** \daüt\ *vb* **1** : to be uncertain about **2** : to lack confidence in : **DISTRUST**, **FEAR** **3** : to consider unlikely — **doubt-able** *adj* — **doubt-er** *n*
- doubt** *n* **1** : uncertainty of belief or opinion **2** : a condition causing uncertainty, hesitation, or suspense (the outcome was in ~) **3** : **DISTRUST** **4** : an inclination not to believe or accept
- doubt-ful** \daüt-fəl\ *adj* **1** : **QUESTIONABLE** **2** : **UNDECIDED** — **doubt-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
- doubt-less** \daüt-ləs\ *adv* **1** : without doubt **2** : **PROBABLY**
- doubtless** *adj* : free from doubt
- douche** \dūsh\ *n* [F] **1** : a jet of fluid (as water) directed against a part or into a cavity of the body; *also* : a cleansing with a douche **2** : a device for giving douches — **douche** *vb*
- dough** \dō\ *n* **1** : a mixture that consists of flour or meal and a liquid (as milk or water) and is stiff enough to knead or roll **2** : something resembling dough esp. in consistency **3** : **MONEY** — **doughy** \dō-ē\ *adj*
- dough-boy** \-,bōi\ *n* : an American infantryman esp. in World War I
- dough-nut** \-(i)nət\ *n* : a small usu. ring-shaped cake fried in fat
- dough-ty** \daüt-ē\ *adj* **dough-ti-er**; **-est** : **ABLE**, **STRONG**, **VALIANT**
- Doug-las fir** \,dag-ləs-\ *n* : a tall evergreen timber tree of the western U.S.
- do up** *vb* **1** : to prepare (as by cleaning) for use **2** : to wrap up
- dour** \daü(ə)r, 'dūr\ *adj* [ME, fr. L *durus* hard] **1** : **STERN**, **HARSH** **2** : **GLOOMY**, **SULLEN**
- douse** \daüs, 'daüz\ *vb* doused; **dous-ing** **1** : to plunge into water **2** : **DRENCH** **3** : **EXTINGUISH**
- dove** \dāv\ *n* **1** : any of numerous pigeons; *esp* : a small wild pigeon **2** : an advocate of peace or of a peaceful policy — **dove-cote** \-,kōt, -,kät\ *also* **dove-cot** \-,kät\ *n* — **dov-ish** \dāv-ish\ *adj*
- dove** \dāv\ *past of DIVE*
- dove-tail** \dāv-,tāl\ *n* : something that resembles a dove's tail; *esp* : a flaring tenon and a mortise into which it fits tightly
- dovetail** *vb* **1** : to join (as timbers) by means of dovetails **2** : to fit skillfully together to form a whole (our plans ~ perfectly)
- dow-a-ger** \daü-i-jər\ *n* **1** : a widow owning property or a title from her deceased husband **2** : a dignified elderly woman
- dowdy** \daüd-ē\ *adj* **dowd-i-er**; **-est** : lacking neatness and charm : **SHABBY**, **UNTIDY**; *also* : lacking smartness
- dowel** \daü-(ə)\ *n* : a pin used for fastening together two pieces (as of board) — **dowel** *vb*

dow-er \ˈdaʊ-(ə)r\ *n* 1 : the part of a deceased husband's real estate which the law gives for life to his widow 2 : DOWRY

dower *vb* : to supply with a dower or dowry ; **ENDOW**

dow-itch-er \ˈdaʊ-ɪ-ʃər\ *n*, *pl* **dowitchers** : any of several long-billed wading birds related to the sandpipers

down \ˈdaʊn\ *n* : a rolling usu. treeless upland with sparse soil — *usu.* used in *pl.*

down *adv* 1 : toward or in a lower physical position 2 : to a lying or sitting position 3 : toward or to the ground, floor, or bottom 4 : as a down payment (paid \$5 ~) 5 : on paper (put ~ what he says) 6 : in a direction that is the opposite of up 7 : SOUTH 8 : to or in a lower or worse condition or status 9 : from a past time 10 : to or in a state of less activity 11 : into defeat (voted the motion ~)

down *prep* : down in, on, along, or through : toward the bottom of

down *vb* 1 : to go or cause to go or come down 2 : DEFEAT 3 : to cause (a football) to be out of play

down *adj* 1 : occupying a low position; *esp.* : lying on the ground 2 : directed or going downward 3 : being in a state of reduced or low activity 4 : DEPRESSED, DEJECTED 5 : SICK (~ with a cold) 6 : FINISHED, DONE

down *n* 1 : a low or falling period (as in activity, emotional life, or fortunes) 2 : one of a series of attempts to advance a football

down *n* 1 : a covering of soft fluffy feathers; *also* : such feathers 2 : a downlike covering or material

down-beat \ˈdaʊn-,bət\ *n* : the downward stroke of a conductor indicating the principally accented note of a measure of music

down-cast \-,kast\ *adj* 1 : DEJECTED 2 : directed down (a ~ glance)

down-draft \-,draʃt\ *n* : a downward current of gas (as air in a chimney)

down-er \ˈdaʊ-nər\ *n* 1 : a depressant drug; *esp.* : BARBITURATE 2 : a depressing experience or situation

down-fall \ˈdaʊn-,fɒl\ *n* 1 : a sudden fall (as from high rank) 2 : a fall (as of rain) *esp.* when sudden or heavy 3 : something that causes a downfall — **down-fall-en** \-,fɒlən\ *adj*

down-grade \ˈdaʊn-,græd\ *n* 1 : a downward grade or slope (as of a road) 2 : a decline toward a worse condition

downgrade *vb* : to lower in grade, rank, position, or status

down-heart-ed \-,hɑrt-əd\ *adj* : DEJECTED

down-hill \ˈdaʊn-,hɪl\ *adv* : toward the bottom of a hill — **downhill** \-,hɪl\ *adj*

down-load \ˈdaʊn-,lɒd\ *vb* : to transfer (as data) from one computer to another device

down payment *n* : a part of the full price paid at the time of purchase or delivery with the balance to be paid later

down-pour \ˈdaʊn-,pɔr\ *n* : a heavy rain

down-range \-,rænʃ\ *adv* or *adj* : toward the target area of a firing range

down-right \-,rɪt\ *adv* : THOROUGHLY

downright *adj* 1 : ABSOLUTE, UTTER (a ~ lie) 2 : PLAIN, BLUNT (a ~ man)

down-shift \-,ʃɪft\ *vb* : to shift an automotive vehicle into a lower gear

down-size \-,sɪz\ *vb* : to design or produce in smaller size

Down's syndrome or **Down syndrome** \ˈdaʊn(z)-\ *n* : a birth defect characterized by mental deficiency, slanting eyes, a broad short skull, broad hands with short fingers, and the presence of an extra chromosome

down-stage \ˈdaʊn-,stæʃ\ *adv* or *adj* : toward or at the front of a theatrical stage

down-stairs \ˈdaʊn-,staɪəz\ *adv* : on or to a lower floor and *esp.* the main or ground floor — **downstairs** *adj* or *n*

down-stream \ˈdaʊn-ˈstrēm\ *adv* or *adj* : in the direction of flow of a stream

down-stroke \-,strɒk\ *n* : a stroke made in a downward direction

down-swing \-,swɪŋ\ *n* 1 : a swing downward 2 : DOWN-TURN

down-to-earth \ˈdaʊn-tə-ˈ(w)ərθ\ *adj* : PRACTICAL, REALISTIC

down-town \ˈdaʊn-,taʊn\ *n* : the main business district of a town or city — **downtown** \ˈdaʊn-,taʊn\ *adj* or *adv*

down-trod-den \ˈdaʊn-ˈtrəd-ən\ *adj* : suffering oppression

down-turn \-,tɜrn\ *n* : a turning downward *esp.* in business activity

down-ward \ˈdaʊn-wərd\ or **down-wards** \-wərdz\ *adv* 1 : from a higher to a lower place or condition 2 : from an earlier time 3 : from an ancestor or predecessor

downward *adj* : directed toward or situated in a lower place or condition

down-wind \ˈdaʊn-ˈwɪnd\ *adv* or *adj* : in the direction toward which the wind is blowing

downy \ˈdaʊ-nē\ *adj* **down-i-er**; **-est** : resembling or covered with down

downy mildew *n* : any of various parasitic fungi producing whitish masses *esp.* on the underside of plant leaves; *also* : a plant disease caused by downy mildew

downy woodpecker *n* : a small black-and-white woodpecker of No. America

dow-ry \ˈdaʊ-(ə)r-ē\ *n*, *pl* **dowries** : the property that a woman brings to her husband in marriage

dowse \ˈdaʊz\ *vb* **dowsed**; **dows-ing** : to use a divining rod *esp.* to find water — **dows-er** *n*

dox-o-l-o-gy \ˈdɒk-ˈsəl-ə-jē\ *n*, *pl* **-gies** : a usu. short hymn of praise to God

doy-en \ˈdɔi-ən, ˈdwä-,ya(n)\ *n* : the senior or most experienced person in a group

doy-enne \ˈdɔi-(y)en, ˈdwä-ˈyen\ *n* : a woman who is a doyen

doz *abbr* **dozen**

doze \ˈdɒz\ *vb* **dozed**; **doz-ing** : to sleep lightly — **doze** *n*

doz-en \ˈdɒz-ən\ *n*, *pl* **dozens** or **dozen** [ME *dozeine*, fr. OF *dozaine*, fr. *doze* twelve, fr. L *duodecim*, fr. *duo* two + *decem* ten] : a group of twelve — **doz-enth** \-,nth\ *adj*

DP \ˈdē-ˈpē\ *n*, *pl* **DP's** or **DPs** : a displaced person

DP *abbr* 1 data processing 2 double play

dpt *abbr* department

DPT *abbr* diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus (vaccines)

dr *abbr* 1 debtor 2 dram 3 drive 4 drum

Dr *abbr* doctor

DR *abbr* 1 dead reckoning 2 dining room

drab \ˈdrab\ *adj* **drab-ber**; **drab-best** 1 : being of a light olive-brown color 2 : DULL, MONOTONOUS, CHEERLESS — **drab-ness** *n*

drach-ma \ˈdrak-mə\ *n*, *pl* **drach-mas** or **drach-mai** \-,mɪ\ or **drach-mae** \-,mē\ — *see* MONEY table

dra-co-ni-an \ˈdrä-ˈkō-nē-ən, drə-\ *adj*, *often cap* : HARSH, CRUEL

draft \ˈdraʃt, ˈdræft\ *n* 1 : the act of drawing or hauling 2 : the act or an instance of drinking or inhaling; *also* : the portion drunk or inhaled in one such act 3 : DOSE, POTION 4 : the force required to pull an implement 5 : DELINEATION, PLAN, DESIGN; *also* : a preliminary sketch, outline, or version (a rough ~ of a speech) 6 : the act of drawing (as from a cask); *also* : a portion of liquid so drawn 7 : the depth of water a ship draws *esp.* when loaded 8 : the selection of a person *esp.* for compulsory military service; *also* : the persons so selected 9 : an order for the payment of money drawn by one person or bank on another 10 : a heavy demand : STRAIN 11 : a current of

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air; *also* : a device to regulate air supply (as to a fire) — **on draft** : ready to be drawn from a receptacle (beer *on draft*)

draft *adj* **1** : used or adapted for drawing loads (~ animals) **2** : being or having been on draft (~ beer) **3** : constituting a preliminary sketch, outline, or version

draft *vb* **1** : to select usu. on a compulsory basis; *esp* : to conscript for military service **2** : to draw the preliminary sketch, version, or plan of **3** : COMPOSE, PREPARE **4** : to draw off or away — **draft-ee** \ˈdrɑf-ē, drɑf-ē *n*

draftsman \ˈdrɑft-smən, ˈdrɑft-ē *n* : one who draws plans (as for buildings or machinery)

drafty \ˈdrɑf-tē, ˈdrɑf-ē *adj* **draft-ier**; -est : exposed to a draft

drag \ˈdræg *n* **1** : something (as a harrow, grapnel, sledge, or clog) that is dragged along over a surface **2** : the act or an instance of dragging **3** : something that hinders progress **4** : STREET (the main ~) **5** : woman's dress worn by a man **6** : something boring (the party was a ~)

drag *vb* **dragged**; **drag-ging** **1** : HAUL **2** : to move with painful slowness or difficulty **3** : to force into or out of some situation, condition, or course of action **4** : to pass (time) in pain or tedium **5** : PROTRACT (~ a story out) **6** : to hang or lag behind **7** : to trail along on the ground **8** : to explore, search, or fish with a drag **9** : DRAW, PUFF (~ on a cigarette) — **drag-ger** *n*

drag-net \-,net *n* **1** : NET, TRAWL **2** : a network of planned actions for pursuing and catching (a police ~)

drag-o-man \ˈdræg-ə-mən *n*, *pl* -mans or -men \-mən *n* : an interpreter employed esp. in the Near East

drag-on \ˈdræg-ən *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. L *dracon-*, *draco* serpent, dragon, fr. Gk *drakōn* serpent] : a fabulous animal usu. represented as a huge winged scaly serpent with a crested head and large claws

drag-on-fly \-,fli *n* : any of a group of large harmless 4-winged insects

dra-goon \ˈdrɑ-gün, drɑ-ē *n* [F *dragon* dragon, dragoon, fr. MF] : a heavily armed mounted soldier

dragon *vb* : to force or attempt to force into submission by violent measures

drag race *n* : an acceleration contest between vehicles

drag strip *n* : a site for drag races

drain \ˈdræn *vb* **1** : to draw off or flow off gradually or completely **2** : to exhaust physically or emotionally **3** : to make or become gradually dry or empty **4** : to carry away the surface water of : discharge surface or surplus water **5** : EMPTY, EXHAUST — **drain-er** *n*

drain *n* **1** : a means (as a channel or sewer) of draining **2** : the act of draining **3** : DEPLETION **4** : BURDEN, STRAIN (a ~ on his savings)

drain-age \-ij *n* **1** : the act or process of draining; *also* : something that is drained off **2** : a means for draining : DRAIN, SEWER **3** : an area drained

drain-pipe \ˈdræn-ˌpīp *n* : a pipe for drainage

drake \ˈdræk *n* : a male duck

dram \ˈdrɑm *n* **1** — see WEIGHT table **2** : FLUIDRAM **3** : a small drink

dra-ma \ˈdrām-ə, ˈdrām-ē *n* [LL, fr. Gk, deed, drama, fr. *dran* to do, act] **1** : a literary composition designed for theatrical presentation **2** : dramatic art, literature, or affairs **3** : a series of events involving conflicting forces — **dra-mat-ic** \ˈdrə-ˈmat-ik *adj* — **dra-mat-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē *adv* — **dra-ma-tist** \ˈdrām-ət-əst, ˈdrām-ē *n*

dra-ma-tize \ˈdrām-ə-ˌtīz, ˈdrām-ē *vb* -tized; -tizing **1** : to adapt for or be suitable for theatrical presentation **2** : to present or represent in a dramatic manner — **dra-ma-ti-za-tion** \ˈdrām-ət-ə-ˈzā-shən, ˈdrām-ē *n*

drank *past and past part of DRINK*

drape \ˈdræp *n* **1** : CURTAIN **2** : arrangement in or of folds **3** : the cut or hang of clothing

drape *vb* **draped**; **drap-ing** **1** : to cover or adorn with or as if with folds of cloth **2** : to cause to hang or stretch

out loosely or carelessly **3** : to arrange or become arranged in flowing lines or folds

drap-er \ˈdrā-pər *n*, *chiefly Brit* : a dealer in cloth and sometimes in clothing and dry goods

drap-ery \ˈdrā-p(ə)-rē *n*, *pl* -er-ies **1 Brit** : DRY GOODS **2** : a decorative fabric esp. when hung loosely and in folds : HANGINGS **3** : the draping or arranging of materials

dras-tic \ˈdras-tik *adj* : HARSH, RIGOROUS, SEVERE (~ punishment) — **dras-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə)-lē *adv*

draught \ˈdrɑft *n*, **draughty** \ˈdrɑf-tē *chiefly Brit var of DRAFT, DRAFTY*

draughts \ˈdrɑfts *n*, *Brit* : CHECKERS

draw \ˈdrɒ *vb* **drew** \ˈdrü; **drawn** \ˈdrɒn; **draw-ing** **1** : HAUL, DRAG **2** : to cause to go in a certain direction (*drew him aside*) **3** : to move or go steadily or gradually (night ~s near) **4** : ATTRACT, ENTICE **5** : PROVOKE, ROUSE (*drew enemy fire*) **6** : INHALE (~ a deep breath) **7** : to bring or pull out **8** : to force out from cover or possession (~ trumps) **9** : to extract the essence from (~ tea) **10** : EVISCERATE **11** : to require (a specified depth) to float in **12** : ACCUMULATE, GAIN (~ing interest) **13** : to take money from a place of deposit : WITHDRAW **14** : to receive regularly from a source (~ a salary) **15** : to take (cards) from a stack or the dealer **16** : to receive or take at random (~ a winning number) **17** : to bend (a bow) by pulling back the string **18** : WRINKLE, SHRINK **19** : to change shape by or as if by pulling or stretching (a face *drawn with sorrow*) **20** : to leave (a contest) undecided : TIE **21** : DELINEATE, SKETCH **22** : to write out in due form : DRAFT (~ up a will) **23** : FORMULATE (~ comparisons) **24** : DEDUCE **25** : to spread or elongate (metal) by hammering or by pulling through dies **26** : to produce or allow a draft or current of air (the furnace ~s well) **27** : to swell out in a wind (all sails ~ing)

draw *n* **1** : the act, process, or result of drawing **2** : a lot or chance drawn at random **3** : a contest left undecided or deadlocked : TIE **4** : ATTRACTION

draw-back \ˈdrɒ-,bak *n* : HINDRANCE, HANDICAP

draw-bridge \-,brīj *n* : a bridge made to be drawn up, down, or aside

draw-er \ˈdrɒ(-ə)r *n* **1** : one that draws **2 pl** : an undergarment for the lower part of the body **3** : a sliding boxlike compartment (as in a table or desk)

draw-ing \ˈdrɒ(-i)ŋ *n* **1** : an act or instance of drawing; *esp* : an occasion when something is decided by drawing lots **2** : the act or art of making a figure, plan, or sketch by means of lines **3** : a representation made by drawing : SKETCH

drawing card *n* : one that attracts attention or patronage

drawing room *n* : a formal reception room

drawl \ˈdrɒl *vb* : to speak or utter slowly with vowels greatly prolonged — **drawl** *n*

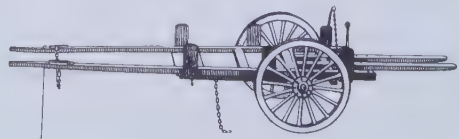
draw on *vb* : APPROACH (night *draws on*)

draw out *vb* **1** : PROLONG **2** : to cause to speak freely

draw-string \ˈdrɒ-,striŋ *n* : a string, cord, or tape for use in closing a bag or controlling fullness in garments or curtains

draw up *vb* **1** : to prepare a draft or version of **2** : to pull oneself erect **3** : to bring or come to a stop

dray \ˈdrā *n* : a strong low cart for carrying heavy loads



dray

dread \ˈdred *vb* **1** : to fear greatly **2** : to feel extreme reluctance to meet or face

dread *n* : great fear esp. of some harm to come

dread *adj* 1 : causing great fear or anxiety 2 : inspiring awe

dread-ful \ˈdred-fəl\ *adj* 1 : inspiring dread or awe : FRIGHTENING 2 : extremely distasteful, unpleasant, or shocking — **dread-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

dread-locks \ˈdred-,læks\ *n pl* : long braids of hair over the entire head

dread-nought \ˈdred-,nɒt\ *n* : a battleship armed with big guns of the same caliber

dream \ˈdrēm\ *n* [ME *dreem*, fr. OE *drēam* noise, joy] 1 : a series of thoughts, images, or emotions occurring during sleep 2 : a dreamlike vision : DAYDREAM, REVERIE 3 : something notable for its beauty, excellence, or enjoyable quality 4 : IDEAL — **dream-like** *adj* — **dreamy** *adj*

dream \ˈdrēm\ *vb* **dreamed** \ˈdremt, ˈdrēmd\ or **dreamt** \ˈdremt\; **dream-ing** 1 : to have a dream of 2 : to indulge in daydreams or fantasies : pass (time) in reverie or inaction 3 : IMAGINE — **dream-er** *n*

dream-land \ˈdrēm-,land\ *n* : an unreal delightful country that exists in imagination or in dreams

dream up *vb* : INVENT, CONCOCT

dream-world \-,wɜrld\ *n* : a world of illusion or fantasy

dream \ˈdrēər\ *adj* : DREARY

drea-ry \ˈdri(ə)r-ē\ *adj* **drea-ri-er**; -est [ME *drery*, fr. OE *drēorig* sad, bloody, fr. *drēor* gore] 1 : DOLEFUL, SAD 2 : DISMAL, GLOOMY — **drea-ri-ly** \ˈdriər-ə-lē\ *adv*

dredge \ˈdredʒ\ *vb* **dredged**; **dredg-ing** : to gather or search with or as if with a dredge — **dredg-er** *n*

dredge *n* : a machine or barge for removing earth or silt

dredge *vb* **dredged**; **dredg-ing** : to coat (food) by sprinkling (as with flour)

dregs \ˈdregz\ *n pl* 1 : SEDIMENT 1 2 : the most undesirable part (the ~ of humanity)

drench \ˈdrench\ *vb* : to wet through

dress \ˈdres\ *vb* 1 : to make or set straight : ALIGN 2 : to prepare for use; *esp* : BUTCHER 3 : TRIM, EMBELLISH (~ a store window) 4 : to put clothes on : CLOTHE; *also* : to put on or wear formal or fancy clothes 5 : to apply dressings or medicine to 6 : to arrange (the hair) by combing, brushing, or curling 7 : to apply fertilizer to 8 : SMOOTH, FINISH (~ leather)

dress *n* 1 : APPAREL, CLOTHING 2 : FROCK, GOWN — **dress-maker** \-,mā-kər\ *n* — **dress-mak-ing** \-,mā-kiŋ\ *n*

dress *adj* : suitable for a formal occasion; *also* : requiring formal dress

dress-sage \ˈdrə-ˈsāʒh\ *n* [F] : the execution by a trained horse of complex movements in response to barely perceptible signals from its rider

dress down *vb* : to scold severely

dress-er \ˈdres-ər\ *n* : a chest of drawers or bureau with a mirror

dresser *n* : one that dresses

dress-ing \-iŋ\ *n* 1 : the act or process of one who dresses 2 : a sauce for adding to a dish (as a salad) 3 : a seasoned mixture usu. used as a stuffing (as for poultry) 4 : material used to cover an injury

dress-ing gown *n* : a loose robe worn esp. while dressing or resting

dressy \ˈdres-ē\ *adj* **dress-i-er**; -est 1 : showy in dress 2 : STYLISH, SMART

drew *past of* DRAW

drib-ble \ˈdrib-əl\ *vb* **drib-bled**; **drib-bling** \-(ə-)liŋ\ 1 : to fall or flow in drops : TRICKLE 2 : DROOL 3 : to propel by successive slight taps or bounces

dribble *n* 1 : a small trickling stream or flow 2 : a dribbling shower 3 : the dribbling of a ball or puck

drib-let \ˈdrib-lət\ *n* 1 : a trifling amount 2 : a drop of liquid

dri-er *also* **dry-er** \ˈdri-(ə)r\ *n* 1 : a substance dissolved in paints, varnishes, or inks to speed drying 2 *usu* **dryer** : a device for drying

drift \ˈdrift\ *n* 1 : the motion or course of something

drifting 2 : a mass of matter (as snow or sand) blown up by wind 3 : earth, gravel, and rock deposited by a glacier or by running water 4 : a general underlying design or tendency : MEANING

drift *vb* 1 : to float or be driven along by or as if by a current of water or air 2 : to pile up under the force of the wind or water

drift-er \ˈdrift-ər\ *n* : a person without aim, ambition, or initiative

drift-wood \ˈdrift-,wud\ *n* : wood drifted or floated by water

drill \ˈdril\ *n* 1 : a boring tool 2 : the training of soldiers in marching and the manual of arms 3 : strict training and instruction in a subject

drill *vb* 1 : to instruct and exercise by repetition 2 : to train in or practice military drill 3 : to bore with a drill — **drill-er** *n*

drill *n* 1 : a shallow furrow or trench in which seed is sown 2 : an agricultural implement for making furrows and dropping seed into them

drill *n* : a firm cotton fabric in twill weave

drill-master \ˈdril-,mas-tər\ *n* : one who drills; *esp* : an instructor in military drill

drill press *n* : an upright drilling machine in which the drill is pressed to the work usu. by a hand lever

drily *var of* DRYLY

drink \ˈdriŋk\ *vb* **drank** \ˈdraŋk\; **drunk** \ˈdrʌŋk\ or **drank**; **drink-ing** 1 : to swallow liquid : IMBIBE 2 : ABSORB 3 : to take in through the senses (~ in the beautiful scenery) 4 : to give or join in a toast 5 : to drink alcoholic beverages esp. to excess — **drink-able** *adj* — **drink-er** *n*

drink *n* 1 : BEVERAGE 2 : alcoholic liquid 3 : a draft or portion of liquid 4 : excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages

drip \ˈdrip\ *vb* **dripped**; **drip-ping** 1 : to fall or let fall in drops 2 : to let fall drops of moisture or liquid (a *drip-ping* faucet) 3 : to overflow with or as if with moisture

drip *n* 1 : a falling in drops 2 : liquid that falls, overflows, or is extruded in drops 3 : the sound made by or as if by falling drops

drive \ˈdriv\ *vb* **drove** \ˈdrōv\; **driv-en** \ˈdriv-ən\; **driv-ing** 1 : to urge, push, or force onward 2 : to direct the movement or course of 3 : to convey in a vehicle 4 : to set or keep in motion or operation 5 : to carry through strongly (~ a bargain) 6 : FORCE, COMPEL (*driven* by hunger to steal) 7 : to project, inject, or impress forcefully (*drove* the lesson home) 8 : to bring into a specified condition (the noise ~s me crazy) 9 : to produce by opening a way (~ a well) 10 : to rush and press with violence (a *driving* rain) 11 : to propel an object of play (as a golf ball) by a hard blow — **driv-er** *n*

drive *n* 1 : a trip in a carriage or automobile 2 : a driving together of animals (as for capture or slaughter) 3 : the guiding of logs downstream to a mill 4 : the act of driving a ball; *also* : the flight of a ball 5 : DRIVEWAY 6 : a public road for driving (as in a park) 7 : an offensive or aggressive move : a military attack 8 : an intensive campaign (membership ~) 9 : the state of being hurried and under pressure 10 : NEED, LONGING 11 : dynamic quality 12 : the apparatus by which motion is imparted to a machine 13 : a device for reading and writing on magnetic media (as magnetic tape or disks)

drive-in \ˈdri-,vin\ *adj* : accommodating patrons while they remain in their automobiles — **drive-in** *n*

driv-el \ˈdriv-əl\ *vb* -eled or -elled; -el-ing or -el-ling \-(ə-)liŋ\ 1 : DROOL, SLAVER 2 : to talk or utter stupidly, carelessly, or in an infantile way — **driv-el-er** \-(ə-)lər\ *n*

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\aʊ\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \h\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ð\go \ð\law \ɔɪ\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
\ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

drivel *n* : NONSENSE**drive shaft** *n* : a shaft that transmits mechanical power
drive-way \ˈdrīv-,wā\ *n* : a short private road leading from the street to a house, garage, or parking lot**driz-zle** \ˈdrīz-əl\ *n* : a fine misty rain**drizzle** *vb* **driz-zled**; **driz-zling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to rain in very small drops**drogue** \ˈdrōg\ *n* : a small parachute for slowing down or stabilizing something (as an astronaut's capsule)**droll** \ˈdrōl\ *adj* [*F drôle*, fr. *drôle* scamp, fr. MF *drolle*, fr. Middle Dutch, imp] : having a humorous, whimsical, or odd quality (a ~ expression) — **droll-ery** \-(ə-)rē\ *n* — **drol-ly** \ˈdrō(l)-lē\ *adv***drom-e-dary** \ˈdrām-ə-,der-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**daries** [ME *dromedarie*, fr. MF *dromedaire*, fr. LL *dromedarius*, fr. L *dromad-*, *dromas*, fr. Gk, running] : CAMEL; *esp* : a domesticated one-humped camel of western Asia and northern Africa**drone** \ˈdrōn\ *n* 1 : a male honeybee 2 : one that lives on the labors of others : PARASITE 3 : a pilotless aircraft or ship controlled by radio**drone** *vb* **droned**; **drone-ing** : to sound with a low dull monotonous murmuring sound : speak monotonously**drone** *n* : a deep monotonous sound**drool** \ˈdrūl\ *vb* 1 : to let liquid flow from the mouth 2 : to talk foolishly**droop** \ˈdrūp\ *vb* 1 : to hang or incline downward 2 : to sink gradually 3 : LANGUISH — **droop** *n***drop** \ˈdrāp\ *n* 1 : the quantity of fluid that falls in one spherical mass 2 *pl* : a dose of medicine measured by drops 3 : a small quantity of drink 4 : the smallest practical unit of liquid measure 5 : something (as a pendant or a small round candy) that resembles a liquid drop 6 : FALL 7 : a decline in quantity or quality 8 : a descent by parachute 9 : the distance through which something drops 10 : a slot into which something is to be dropped 11 : something that drops or has dropped**drop** *vb* **dropped**; **drop-ping** 1 : to fall or let fall in drops 2 : to let fall : LOWER (~ a glove) (*dropped his voice*) 3 : SEND (~ me a note) 4 : to let go : DISMISS (~ the subject) 5 : to knock down : cause to fall 6 : to go lower : become less (*prices dropped*) 7 : to come or go unexpectedly or informally (~ in to call) 8 : to pass from one state into a less active one (~ off to sleep) 9 : to move downward or with a current 10 : QUIT (*dropped out of the race*) — **drop back** : to move toward the rear — **drop behind** : to fail to keep up**drop-kick** \-ˈkɪk\ *n* : a kick made by dropping a ball to the ground and kicking it at the moment it starts to rebound — **drop-kick** *vb***drop-let** \ˈdrāp-lət\ *n* : a tiny drop**drop-off** \ˈdrāp-ōf\ *n* 1 : a steep or perpendicular descent 2 : a marked decline (a ~ in attendance)**drop off** \ˈdrāp-ōf\ *vb* : to fall asleep**drop out** \ˈdrāp-ˈaʊt\ *vb* : to withdraw from participation or membership; *esp* : to leave school before graduation — **drop-out** \ˈdrāp-ˈaʊt\ *n***drop-per** \ˈdrāp-ər\ *n* 1 : one that drops 2 : a short glass tube with a rubber bulb used to measure out liquids by drops**drop-pings** *n pl* : DUNG**drop-sy** \ˈdrāp-sē\ *n* [ME *dropsie*, short for *ydropsie*, fr. OF, fr. L *hydrosypis*, fr. Gk *hydrōps*, fr. *hydōr* water] : EDEMA — **drop-si-cal** \-sɪ-kəl\ *adj***dross** \ˈdräs\ *n* 1 : the scum that forms on the surface of a molten metal 2 : waste matter : REFUSE**drought** *also* **drouth** \ˈdraʊt(h)\ *n* : a long spell of dry weather**drove** \ˈdrōv\ *n* 1 : a group of animals driven or moving in a body 2 : a crowd of people moving or acting together**drove** *past of* DRIVE**drov-er** \ˈdrō-vər\ *n* : one that drives domestic animals usu. to market**drown** \ˈdraʊn\ *vb* **drowned** \ˈdraʊnd\; **drown-ing** 1 : to suffocate by submersion *esp*. in water 2 : to become drowned 3 : to cover with water 4 : OVERCOME, OVERPOWER**drowse** \ˈdraʊz\ *vb* **drowsed**; **drows-ing** : DOZE — **drowse** *n***drowsy** \ˈdraʊ-zē\ *adj* **drows-i-er**; -**est** 1 : ready to fall asleep 2 : making one sleepy — **drows-i-ly** \ˈdraʊ-zə-lē\ *adv* — **drows-i-ness** \-zē-nəs\ *n***drub** \ˈdrʌb\ *vb* **drubbed**; **drub-bing** 1 : to beat severely : PUMMEL, THRASH 2 : to defeat decisively**drudge** \ˈdrʌdʒ\ *vb* **drudged**; **drudg-ing** : to do hard, menial, or monotonous work — **drudge** *n* — **drudg-ery** \-(ə-)rē\ *n***drug** \ˈdrʌg\ *n* 1 : a substance used as or in medicine 2 : a substance (as heroin or marijuana) affecting bodily activities often in a harmful way and taken for other than medical reasons**drug** *vb* **drugged**; **drug-ging** : to affect with drugs; *esp* : to stupefy with a narcotic**drug-gist** \ˈdrʌg-əst\ *n* : a dealer in drugs and medicines; *also* : PHARMACIST**drug-store** \ˈdrʌg-,stōr\ *n* : a retail shop where medicines and miscellaneous articles are sold**druid** \ˈdrū-əd\ *n*, *often cap* : one of an ancient Celtic priesthood of Gaul, Britain, and Ireland appearing in legends as magicians and wizards**drum** \ˈdrʌm\ *n* 1 : a percussion instrument usu. consisting of a hollow cylinder with a skin or plastic head stretched over one or both ends that is beaten with the hands or with a stick 2 : the sound of a drum; *also* : a similar sound 3 : a drum-shaped object**drum** *vb* **drummed**; **drum-ming** 1 : to beat a drum 2 : to sound rhythmically : THROB, BEAT 3 : to summon or assemble by or as if by beating a drum 4 : EXPEL (*drummed out of camp*) 5 : to drive or force by steady effort (~ a lesson into his head) 6 : to strike or tap repeatedly so as to produce rhythmic sounds**drum-beat** \ˈdrʌm-,bēt\ *n* : a stroke on a drum or its sound**drum-lin** \ˈdrʌm-lən\ *n* : an oval hill of glacial drift**drum major** *n* : the leader of a marching band**drum ma-jor-ette** \,drʌm-,mā-jə-ˈræt\ *n* : a girl or woman who leads a marching band; *also* : a baton twirler who accompanies a marching band**drum-mer** \ˈdrʌm-ər\ *n* 1 : one that plays a drum 2 : a traveling salesman**drum-stick** \-,stɪk\ *n* 1 : a stick for beating a drum 2 : the lower segment of a fowl's leg**drum up** *vb* 1 : to bring about by persistent effort (*drum up business*) 2 : INVENT, ORIGINATE**drunk** *past part of* DRINK**drunk** \ˈdrʌŋk\ *adj* 1 : having the faculties impaired by alcohol 2 : dominated by an intense feeling (~ with power) 3 : of, relating to, or caused by intoxication**drunk** *n* 1 : a period of excessive drinking 2 : a drunken person : DRUNKARD**drunk-ard** \ˈdrʌŋ-kərd\ *n* : one who is habitually drunk
drunk-en \ˈdrʌŋ-kən\ *adj* 1 : DRUNK 2 : given to habitual excessive use of alcohol 3 : of, relating to, or resulting from intoxication 4 : unsteady or lurching as if from intoxication — **drunk-en-ly** *adv* — **drunk-en-ness** \-kən-nəs\ *n***drupe** \ˈdrūp\ *n* : a partly fleshy one-seeded fruit (as a plum or cherry) that remains closed at maturity**dry** \dri\ *adj* **drier** \ˈdri-(ə)r\; **dri-est** \ˈdri-əst\ 1 : free or freed from water or liquid 2 : characterized by loss or lack of water or moisture 3 : lacking freshness : WITH-ERED; *also* : low in or deprived of succulence (~ fruits) 4 : not being in or under water (~ land) 5 : THIRSTY 6 : marked by the absence of alcoholic beverages 7 : no

longer liquid or sticky (the ink is ~) **8** : containing or employing no liquid **9** : not giving milk (a ~ cow) **10** : lacking natural lubrication (a ~ cough) **11** : solid as opposed to liquid (~ groceries) **12** : SEVERE **13** : not productive : BARREN **14** : marked by a matter-of-fact, ironic, or terse manner of expression (~ humor) **15** : UNINTERESTING, WEARISOME **16** : not sweet (~ wine) **17** : relating to, favoring, or practicing prohibition of alcoholic beverages — **dry-ly** *adv* — **dry-ness** *n*

²**dry** *vb* **dried**; **dry-ing** : to make or become dry

³**dry** *n, pl* **dry**s : PROHIBITIONIST

dry-ad \ˈdri-əd, -ɪəd\ *n* : WOOD NYMPH

dry cell *n* : a battery whose contents are not spillable
dry-clean \ˈdri-,klēn\ *vb* : to clean (fabrics) chiefly with solvents (as naphtha) other than water — **dry cleaning** *n*

dry dock \ˈdri-,dāk\ *n* : a dock that can be kept dry during ship construction or repair

dry-er *var of* DRIER

dry farm-ing *n* : farming without irrigation in areas of limited rainfall — **dry-farm** *vb* — **dry farm-er** *n*

dry goods \ˈdri-,gūdz\ *n pl* : cloth goods (as fabrics, ribbon, and ready-to-wear clothing)

dry ice *n* : solid carbon dioxide used chiefly as a refrigerant

dry measure *n* : a series of units of capacity for dry commodities — see METRIC SYSTEM table, WEIGHT table

dry run *n* : REHEARSAL, TRIAL

dry-wall \ˈdri-,wōl\ *n* : PLASTERBOARD

DSC *abbr* **1** Distinguished Service Cross **2** doctor of surgical chiropody

DSM *abbr* Distinguished Service Medal

DSO *abbr* Distinguished Service Order

DST *abbr* daylight saving time

DTP *abbr* diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (vaccines)

d.t.s \('d)de-'tēz\ *n pl, often cap* **D&T** : DELIRIUM TREMENS

du-al \d(y)ü-əl\ *adj* **1** : TWOFOLD, DOUBLE **2** : having a double character or nature — **du-al-ism** \-ə-,liz-əm\ *n* — **du-al-i-ty** \d(y)ü-'əl-at-ē\ *n*

¹**dub** \ˈdab\ *vb* **dubbed**; **dub-bing** **1** : to confer knighthood upon **2** : NAME, NICKNAME

²**dub** *n* : a clumsy person : DUFFER

³**dub** *vb* **dubbed**; **dub-bing** : to add (sound effects) to a motion picture or to a radio or television production
du-bi-ety \d(y)ü-'bi-ət-ē\ *n, pl -eties* **1** : UNCERTAINTY **2** : a matter of doubt

du-bi-ous \d(y)ü-bē-əs\ *adj* **1** : occasioning doubt : UNCERTAIN **2** : feeling doubt : UNDECIDED **3** : QUESTIONABLE — **du-bi-ous-ly** *adv* — **du-bi-ous-ness** *n*

du-cal \d(y)ü-kəl\ *adj* : of or relating to a duke or dukedom

duc-at \ˈdæk-ət\ *n* : a gold coin formerly used in various European countries

duch-ess \ˈdäch-əs\ *n* **1** : the wife or widow of a duke **2** : a woman holding the rank of duke in her own right

duchy \ˈdäch-ē\ *n, pl duch-ies* : the territory of a duke or duchess : DUKEDOM

¹**duck** \ˈdæk\ *n, pl ducks* : any of various swimming birds related to but smaller than geese and swans

²**duck** *vb* **1** : to thrust or plunge under water **2** : to lower the head or body suddenly **3** : BOW, BOB **4** : DODGE **5** : to evade a duty, question, or responsibility (~ the issue)

³**duck** *n* **1** : a durable closely woven usu. cotton fabric **2** *pl* : clothes made of duck

duck-bill \ˈdæk-,bil\ *n* : PLATYPUS

duck-ling \ˈdæk-liŋ\ *n* : a young duck

duck-pin \-,pin\ *n* : a small bowling pin shorter and wider in the middle than a tenpin **2** *pl but sing in constr* : a bowling game using duckpins

duct \ˈdækt\ *n* : a tube or canal for conveying a bodily fluid; *also* : a pipe or tube for electrical conductors — **duct-less** \ˈdæk-tləs\ *adj*

duc-tile \ˈdæk-tl\ *adj* **1** : capable of being drawn out (as

into wire) or hammered thin **2** : DOCILE — **duc-til-i-ty** \ˌdæk-'til-ət-ē\ *n*

ductless gland *n* : an endocrine gland

dud \ˈdəd\ *n* **1** : one that fails completely **2** : a missile that fails to explode

dude \ˈd(y)üd\ *n* **1** : FOP, DANDY **2** : a city person; *esp* : an Easterner in the West

dude ranch *n* : a vacation resort offering activities (as horseback riding) typical of western ranches

dud-geon \ˈdaj-ən\ *n* : ill humor : RESENTMENT (in high ~)

duds \ˈdædz\ *n pl* : CLOTHES

¹**due** \ˈd(y)ü\ *adj* [ME, fr. MF *deu*, pp. of *devoir* to owe, fr. L *debēre*] **1** : owed or owing as a debt **2** : owed or owing as a right **3** : APPROPRIATE, FITTING **4** : SUFFICIENT, ADEQUATE **5** : REGULAR, LAWFUL (~ process of law) **6** : ATTRIBUTABLE, ASCRIBABLE (~ to negligence) **7** : PAYABLE (a bill ~ today) **8** : required or expected to happen (~ to arrive soon)

²**due** *n* **1** : something that rightfully belongs to one (give to each his ~) **2** : something owed : DEBT **3** *pl* : FEES, CHARGES

³**due** *adv* : DIRECTLY, EXACTLY (~ north)

du-el \d(y)ü-əl\ *n* : a combat between two persons; *esp* : one fought with weapons in the presence of witnesses — **du-el** *vb* — **du-el-ist** *n*

du-en-de \dū-'en-dā\ *n* [Sp dial., charm, fr. Sp, ghost, goblin, fr. *duen de casa*, prob. fr. *dueño de casa* owner of a house] : the power to attract through personal magnetism and charm

du-en-na \d(y)ü-'en-ə\ *n* **1** : an elderly woman in charge of the younger ladies in a Spanish or Portuguese family **2** : CHAPERON

du-et \d(y)ü-'et\ *n* : a musical composition for two performers

due to *prep* : BECAUSE OF

duf-fel bag \ˈdʌf-əl\ *n* : a large cylindrical bag for personal belongings

duf-fer \ˈdʌf-ər\ *n* : an incompetent or clumsy person

dug *past and past part of* DIG

dug-out \ˈdæg-,aʊt\ *n* **1** : a boat made by hollowing out a log **2** : a shelter dug in the ground **3** : a low shelter facing a baseball diamond that contains the players' bench

DUI *abbr* driving under the influence

duke \ˈd(y)ük\ *n* **1** : a sovereign ruler of a continental European duchy **2** : a nobleman of the highest rank; *esp* : a member of the highest grade of the British peerage **3** *slang* : FIST **1** — usu. used in pl. — **duke-dom** *n*

dul-cet \ˈdəl-sət\ *adj* **1** : sweet to the ear **2** : AGREEABLE, SOOTHING

dul-ci-mer \ˈdəl-sə-mər\ *n* **1** : a wire-stringed instrument of trapezoidal shape played with light hammers held in the hands **2** or **dul-ci-more** \-,mör-, -mör\ : an American folk instrument with three or four strings held on the lap and played by plucking or strumming

¹**dull** \ˈdəl\ *adj* **1** : mentally slow : STUPID **2** : slow in perception or sensibility **3** : LISTLESS **4** : slow in action : SLUGGISH (a ~ market) **5** : BLUNT **6** : lacking brilliance or luster **7** : DIM, INDISTINCT **8** : not resonant or ringing **9** : low in saturation and lightness (~ color) **10** : TEDIOUS, UNINTERESTING **11** : CLOUDY, OVERCAST — **dull-ness** or **dul-ness** *n* — **dul-ly** \ˈdəl-(l)ē\ *adv*

²**dull** *vb* : to make or become dull

dull-ard \ˈdəl-ərd\ *n* : a stupid person

du-ly \d(y)ü-lē\ *adv* : in a due manner, time, or degree

du-ma \ˈdū-mə\ *n* : the principal legislative assembly in czarist Russia

\ə\əbət \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\ʊt \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \ʊ\foot
\ə\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

dumb \dəm\ *adj* **1** : lacking the power of speech **2** : SILENT **3** : STUPID — **dumb-ly** *adv*

dumb-bell \dəm-ˈbɛl\ *n* **1** : a bar with weights at the end used for gymnastic exercises **2** : one who is stupid

dumb-found or **dum-found** \dəm-ˈfaʊnd\ *vb* : ASTONISH, AMAZE

dumb-wait-er \dəm-ˈwāt-ər\ *n* : a small elevator for conveying food and dishes or small goods from one story of a building to another

dum-dum \dəm-ˌdəm\ *n* : a bullet (as one with a hollow point) that expands more than usual upon hitting an object

dum-my \dəm-ē\ *n*, *pl* **dummies** **1** : a dumb person **2** : the exposed hand in bridge played by the declarer in addition to his own hand; *also* : a bridge player whose hand is a dummy **3** : an imitation of something used as a substitute **4** : one seeming to act for itself but really acting for another **5** : a pattern arrangement of matter to be reproduced esp. by printing

dump \dʌmp\ *vb* : to let fall in a mass : UNLOAD (∼ coal)

dump *n* **1** : a place for dumping something (as refuse) **2** : a reserve supply; *esp* : one of military materials (an ammunition ∼) **3** : a slovenly or dilapidated place

dump-ing \-ɪŋ\ *n* : the selling of goods in quantity at below market price esp. in international trade

dump-ling \dəm-ˈplɪŋ\ *n* **1** : a small mass of boiled or steamed dough **2** : a dessert of fruit baked in biscuit dough

dumps \dʌmps\ *n pl* : a dull gloomy state of mind : low spirits (in the ∼)

dump truck *n* : a truck for transporting and dumping loose materials

dummy \dʌm-pē\ *adj* **dump-i-er**; -**est** : short and thick in build

dun \dʌn\ *n* : a slightly brownish dark gray

dun *vb* **dunned**; **dun-ning** **1** : to make persistent demands for payment **2** : PLAGUE, PESTER — **dun** *n*

dunce \dʌns\ *n* [John Duns Scotus, whose once accepted writings were ridiculed in the 16th cent.] : a dull-witted and stupid person

dun-der-head \dʌn-dər-ˈhed\ *n* : DUNCE, BLOCKHEAD

dune \dʌn\ *n* : a hill or ridge of sand piled up by the wind

dune buggy *n* : a motor vehicle with oversize tires for use on sand

dung \dʌŋ\ *n* : MANURE

dung *vb* : to dress (land) with dung

dun-ga-ree \dʌŋ-gə-ˈrē\ *n* **1** : a heavy coarse cotton twill; *esp* : blue denim **2 pl** : clothes made of blue denim

dun-geon \dʌŋ-ˈjɔn\ *n* [ME *donjon*, fr. MF, fr. (assumed) ML *dominion-*, *dominio*, fr. L *dominus* lord] : a dark prison commonly underground

dung-hill \dʌŋ-ˈhɪl\ *n* : a manure pile

dunk \dʌŋk\ *vb* **1** : to dip or submerge temporarily in liquid **2** : to submerge oneself in water

duo \dʌ(y)-jū-(ə)\ *n*, *pl* **du-os** **1** : DUET **2** : PAIR

duo-dec-i-mal \dʌ(y)-jū-ə-ˈdes-ə-məl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being a system of numbers with a base of 12

du-o-de-num \dʌ(y)-jū-ə-ˈdē-nəm, dʌ(y)-jū-ˈad-ə-nəm\ *n*, *pl* **-de-na** \-dē-nə, -ən-əl\ or **-denums** : the part of the small intestine extending from the stomach to the jejunum — **du-o-de-nal** \-dē-nəl, -ən-əl\ *adj*

dup *abbr* **1** duplex **2** duplicate

dupe \dʌ(y)-jū\ *n* : one who is easily deceived or cheated : FOOL

dupe *vb* **duped**; **dup-ing** : to make a dupe of : DECEIVE, FOOL

du-ple \dʌ(y)-jū-pəl\ *adj* : having two beats or a multiple of two beats to the measure (∼ time)

du-plex \dʌ(y)-jū-ˈpleks\ *adj* : DOUBLE

duplex *n* : something duplex; *esp* : a 2-family house

du-plic-ate \dʌ(y)-jū-pli-kət\ *adj* **1** : consisting of or existing

in two corresponding or identical parts or examples **2** : being the same as another

du-plic-ate \dʌ(y)-jū-pli-kāt\ *vb* **-cat-ed**; **-cat-ing** **1** : to make double or twofold **2** : to make an exact copy of — **du-plic-ation** \dʌ(y)-jū-pli-ˈkə-shən\ *n*

du-plic-ate \-kət\ *n* : a thing that exactly resembles another in appearance, pattern, or content : COPY

du-plic-a-tor \dʌ(y)-jū-pli-kāt-ər\ *n* : COPIER

du-plic-i-ty \dʌ(y)-jū-plis-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** : deception by pretending to feel and act one way while acting another

du-ra-ble \dʌ(y)-jū-ə-bəl\ *adj* : able to exist for a long time without significant deterioration (∼ clothing) — **du-ra-bil-i-ty** \dʌ(y)-jū-ə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n*

durable press *n* : PERMANENT PRESS

du-rance \dʌ(y)-jū-əns\ *n* : IMPRISONMENT

du-ra-tion \dʌ(y)-jū-ˈrā-shən\ *n* : the time during which something exists or lasts

du-ress \dʌ(y)-jū-ˈres\ *n* : compulsion by threat (confession made under ∼)

dur-ing \dʌ(y)-jū-ɪŋ\ *prep* **1** : THROUGHOUT (swims every day ∼ the summer) **2** : at some point in (broke in ∼ the night)

dusk \dʌsk\ *n* **1** : the darker part of twilight esp. at night **2** : partial darkness

dusky \dʌs-kē\ *adj* **dusk-i-er**; -**est** **1** : somewhat dark in color **2** : SHADOWY — **dusk-i-ness** *n*

dust \dʌst\ *n* **1** : particles of powdery matter **2** : the particles into which something disintegrates **3** : something worthless **4** : the surface of the ground — **dust-less** *adj* — **dusty** *adj*

dust *vb* **1** : to make free of or remove dust **2** : to sprinkle with fine particles **3** : to sprinkle in the form of dust **dust bowl** *n* : a region suffering from long droughts and dust storms

dust devil *n* : a small whirlwind containing sand or dust **dust-er** \dʌs-tər\ *n* **1** : one that removes dust **2** : a dress-length housecoat **3** : one that scatters fine particles; *esp* : a device for applying insecticides to crops **dust-pan** \dʌst-ˈpən\ *n* : a shovel-shaped pan for sweepings

dust storm *n* : a violent wind carrying dust across a dry region

dutch \dʌch\ *adv*, *often cap* : with each person paying his or her own way (go ∼)

Dutch \dʌch\ *n* **1** **Dutch** *pl* : the people of the Netherlands **2** : the language of the Netherlands — **Dutch** *adj* — **Dutch-man** \-mən\ *n*

Dutch elm disease *n* : a fungous disease of elms characterized by yellowing of the foliage, defoliation, and death **Dutch treat** *n* : an entertainment (as a meal) for which each person pays his or her own way

du-te-ous \dʌ(y)-jū-ē-əs\ *adj* : DUTIFUL, OBEDIENT

du-ti-able \dʌ(y)-jū-ē-ə-bəl\ *adj* : subject to a duty (∼ imports)

du-ti-ful \dʌ(y)-jū-ē-fəl\ *adj* **1** : motivated by a sense of duty (a ∼ son) **2** : coming from or showing a sense of duty (∼ affection) — **du-ti-ful-ly** \-f(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **du-ti-ful-ness** *n*

du-ty \dʌ(y)-jū-ē\ *n*, *pl* **duties** **1** : conduct or action required by one's occupation or position **2** : assigned service or business; *esp* : active military service **3** : a moral or legal obligation **4** : TAX **5** : the service required (as of a machine) : USE (a heavy-duty tire)

DV *abbr* **1** [L *Deo volente*] God willing **2** Douay Version

DVM *abbr* doctor of veterinary medicine

dwarf \dwɔr\ *n*, *pl* **dwarfs** \dwɔ(ə)rfs\ or **dwarves** \dwɔrvz\ : one that is much below normal size — **dwarf-ish** *adj*

dwarf *vb* **1** : to restrict the growth or development of : STUNT **2** : to cause to appear smaller (people dwarfed by tall trees)

dwel \dwel\ *vb* **dwelt** \dwelt\ or **dwelled** \dweld, ˈdwelt\ ; **dwel-ling** [ME *dwellen*, fr. OE *dwellan* to go

astray, hinder] **1** : ABIDE, REMAIN **2** : RESIDE, EXIST **3** : to keep the attention directed **4** : to write or speak at length or insistently — **dweller** *n*

dwelling \ˈdwel-ɪŋ\ *n* : RESIDENCE

DWI *abbr* driving while intoxicated

dwin-dle \ˈdwin-dəl\ *vb* **dwin-dled**; **dwin-dling** \ˈdwin-d(ə)-lɪŋ\ : to make or become steadily less : DIMINISH **dwt** *abbr* pennyweight

Dy *symbol* dysprosium

dyb-buk \ˈdīb-ək\ *n*, *pl* **dyb-bu-kim** \ˈdīb-ù-ˈkēm\ *also* **dybbuks** : a wandering soul believed in Jewish folklore to enter and possess a person

¹dye \ˈdi\ *n* **1** : color produced by dyeing **2** : material used for coloring or staining

²dye *vb* **dyed**; **dye-ing** **1** : to impart a new color to esp. by impregnating with a dye **2** : to take up or impart color in dyeing

dye-stuff \ˈdi-,stəf\ *n* : DYE **2**

dying *pres part of DIE*

dyke *var of DIKE*

dy-nam-ic \di-ˈnām-ik\ *also* **dy-nam-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* : of or relating to physical force producing motion : **ENERGETIC**, **FORCEFUL**

¹dy-na-mite \ˈdi-nə-,mīt\ *n* : an explosive made of nitro-

glycerin absorbed in a porous material; *also* : a blasting explosive made without nitroglycerin

²dynamite *vb* **-mit-ed**; **-mit-ing** : to blow up with dynamite

dy-na-mo \ˈdi-nə-,mō\ *n*, *pl* **-mos** : an electrical generator

dy-na-mom-e-ter \ˈdi-nə-ˈmām-ət-ər\ *n* : an instrument for measuring mechanical power (as of an engine)

dy-nas-ty \ˈdi-nəs-tē-,ˌnas-\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : a succession of rulers of the same family **2** : a powerful group or family that maintains its position for a long time — **dy-nas-tic** \di-ˈnas-tik\ *adj*

dys-en-tery \ˈdis-ən-,ter-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ter-ies** : a disorder marked by diarrhea with blood and mucus in the feces **dys-lex-ia** \dis-ˈlek-sē-ə\ *n* : a disturbance of the ability to read — **dys-lex-ic** \-sik\ *adj or n*

dys-pep-sia \dis-ˈpep-shə-, -sē-ə\ *n* : **INDIGESTION** — **dys-pep-tic** \-ˈpep-tik\ *adj or n*

dys-pro-si-um \dis-ˈprō-zē-əm\ *n* : a metallic chemical element that forms highly magnetic compounds — see **ELEMENT** table

dys-tro-phy \ˈdis-trō-fē\ *n*, *pl* **-phies** : any of several disorders involving atrophy of muscular tissue; *esp* : **MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY**

dz *abbr* dozen

E

¹e \ē\ *n*, *pl* **e's or es** \ēz\ *often cap* **1** : the 5th letter of the English alphabet **2** : the base of the system of natural logarithms having the approximate value 2.71828 **3** : a grade rating a student's work as poor or failing

²e *abbr*, *often cap* **1** east; eastern **2** error **3** excellent **E** *symbol* einsteinium **ea** *abbr* each

¹each \ˈēch\ *adj* : being one of the class named (∼ man)

²each *pron* : every individual one

³each *adv* : **A PIECE** (cost five cents ∼)

each other *pron* : each of two or more in reciprocal action or relation (looked at *each other*)

ea-ger \ˈē-gər\ *adj* : marked by urgent or enthusiastic desire or interest (∼ to learn) **syn** avid, anxious, ardent, keen — **ea-ger-ly** *adv* — **ea-ger-ness** *n*

ea-gle \ˈē-gəl\ *n* **1** : a large bird of prey related to the hawks **2** : a score of two under par on a hole in golf

ea-glet \ˈē-glət\ *n* : a young eagle

-ean — see **-AN**

E and OE *abbr* errors and omissions excepted

¹ear \ˈiər\ *n* **1** : the organ of hearing; *also* : the outer part of this in a vertebrate **2** : something resembling a mammal's ear in shape, position, or function **3** : an ability to understand and appreciate something heard (a good ∼ for music) **4** : sympathetic attention

²ear *n* : the fruiting spike of a cereal (as wheat)

ear-ache \-ˌāk\ *n* : an ache or pain in the ear

ear-drum \-,drəm\ *n* : a thin membrane that receives and transmits sound waves in the ear

earred \ˈiərd\ *adj* : having ears — used esp. in combination (a long-*earred* dog)

earl \ˈerl\ *n* [ME *erl*, fr. OE *eorl* warrior, nobleman] : a member of the British peerage ranking below a marquess and above a viscount — **earl-dom** \-dəm\ *n*

ear-lobe \ˈiər-,ləb\ *n* : the pendent part of the ear

¹ear-ly \ˈiər-lē\ *adv* **ear-li-er**; **-est** : at an early time (as in a period or series)

²early *adj* **ear-li-er**; **-est** **1** : of, relating to, or occurring near the beginning **2** : **ANCIENT**, **PRIMITIVE** **3** : occurring

before the usual time (an ∼ breakfast); *also* : occurring in the near future

¹ear-mark \ˈiər-,märk\ *n* : an identification mark (as on the ear of an animal)

²earmark *vb* : to designate for a specific purpose

ear-muff \-,məf\ *n* : one of a pair of ear coverings worn as protection against cold

earn \ˈərn\ *vb* **1** : to receive as a return for service **2** : **DESERVE**, **MERIT** **syn** gain, secure, get, obtain, acquire, win

¹ear-nest \ˈər-nəst\ *n* : an intensely serious state of mind (spoke in ∼)

²earnest *adj* **1** : seriously intent and sober (an ∼ face) (an ∼ attempt) **2** : **GRAVE**, **IMPORTANT** **syn** solemn, sedate, staid, sober — **ear-nest-ly** *adv* — **ear-nest-ness** \-nəs(t)-nəs\ *n*

³earnest *n* **1** : something of value given by a buyer to a seller to bind a bargain **2** : **PLEDGE**

earn-ings \ˈər-nɪŋz\ *n pl* **1** : something (as wages) earned **2** : the balance of revenue after deduction of costs and expenses

ear-phone \ˈiər-,fōn\ *n* : a device that reproduces sound and is worn over or in the ear

ear-plug \-,pləg\ *n* : a protective device for insertion into the opening of the ear

ear-ring \-,rɪŋ\ *n* : an ornament for the earlobe

ear-shot \-,shät\ *n* : range of hearing

ear-split-ting \-,split-ɪŋ\ *adj* : intolerably loud or shrill

earth \ˈerth\ *n* **1** : **SOIL**, **DIRT** **2** : **LAND**, **GROUND** **3** : the planet inhabited by man : **WORLD**

earth-en \ˈər-thən\ *adj* : made of earth or baked clay

earth-en-ware \-,wær\ *n* : slightly porous opaque pottery fired at low heat

earth-ling \ˈerth-lɪŋ\ *n* : an inhabitant of the earth

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \aʊ\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\vice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

earth-ly \ˈəर्थ-lē\ *adj* : having to do with the earth esp. as distinguished from heaven — **earth-li-ness** *n*

earth-quake \-,kwāk\ *n* : a shaking or trembling of a portion of the earth

earth science *n* : any of the sciences (as geology or meteorology) that deal with the earth or one of its parts

earth-shak-ing \ˈəर्थ-,shā-kiŋ\ *adj* : of fundamental importance

earth-ward \-wərd\ *or* **earth-wards** \-wərdz\ *adv* : toward the earth

earth-work \ˈəर्थ-,wərk\ *n* : an embankment or fortification of earth

earth-worm \-,wərm\ *n* : a long segmented worm found in damp soil

earth-y \ˈəर्थ-thē\ *adj* **earth-i-er**; -**est** **1** : consisting of or resembling soil **2** : PRACTICAL **3** : COARSE, GROSS — **earth-i-ness** \ˈəर्थ-thē-nəs\ *n*

ear-wax \ˈi-er-,waks\ *n* : the yellow waxy secretion from the ear

ear-wig \-,wig\ *n* : any of numerous insects with slender many-jointed antennae and a pair of appendages resembling forceps at the end of the body

ease \ˈēz\ **1** : comfort of body or mind **2** : naturalness of manner **3** : freedom from difficulty or effort **syn** relaxation, rest, repose, comfort, leisure

ease *vb* **eased**; **eas-ing** **1** : to relieve from distress **2** : to lessen the pressure or tension of **3** : to make or become less difficult (∼ credit)

ea-sel \ˈē-zəl\ *n* [Dutch, lit., ass] : a frame to hold a painter's canvas or a picture

east \ˈēst\ *adv* : to or toward the east

east *adj* **1** : situated toward or at the east **2** : coming from the east

east **1** : the general direction of sunrise **2** : the compass point directly opposite to west **3** *cap* : regions or countries east of a specified or implied point — **east-er-ly** \ˈē-stər-lē\ *adv* *or* *adj* — **east-ward** *adv* *or* *adj* — **east-wards** *adv*

Eas-ter \ˈē-stər\ *n* : a church feast observed on a Sunday in March or April in commemoration of Christ's resurrection

east-ern \ˈē-stərn\ *adj* **1** *often cap* : of, relating to, or characteristic of a region designated East **2** *cap* : of, relating to, or being the Christian churches originating in the Church of the Eastern Roman Empire **3** : lying toward or coming from the east — **East-ern-er** *n*

easy \ˈē-zē\ *adj* **easi-er**; -**est** **1** : marked by ease (an ∼ life); *esp* : not causing distress or difficulty (∼ tasks) **2** : MILD, LENIENT (be ∼ on him) **3** : GRADUAL (an ∼ slope) **4** : free from pain, trouble, or worry (rest ∼) **5** : LEISURELY (an ∼ pace) **6** : NATURAL (an ∼ manner) **7** : COMFORTABLE (an ∼ chair) **syn** facile, simple, effortless — **easy-ly** \ˈēz-(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **easy-i-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*

easy-go-ing \,ē-zē-ˈgō-ŋ\ *adj* : taking life easy : CAREFREE

eat \ē\ *vb* **ate** \ˈāt\; **eat-en** \ˈēt-n\; **eat-ing** **1** : to take in as food : take food **2** : to use up; DEVOUR **3** : CORRODE — **eat-able** *adj* *or* *n* — **eat-er** *n*

eat-ery \ˈēt-ə-rē\ *n*, *pl* -**er-ies** : LUNCHEONETTE, RESTAURANT

eaves \ˈēvz\ *n* *pl* : the overhanging lower edge of a roof

eaves-drop \ˈēvz-,dräp\ *vb* : to listen secretly — **eaves-drop-per** *n*

ebb \ˈeb\ **1** : the flowing back of water brought in by the tide **2** : a point or state of decline

ebb *vb* **1** : to recede from the flood state **2** : DECLINE (as his fortunes ∼ed)

EBCDIC \ˈep-sə-,dik\ *n* [extended binary coded decimal interchange code] : a computer code for representing alphanumeric information

eb-o-ny \ˈeb-ə-nē\ *n*, *pl* -**nies** : a hard heavy wood of Old World tropical trees (**ebony trees**) related to the persimmon

ebony *adj* **1** : made of or resembling ebony **2** : BLACK, DARK

ebul-lient \i-ˈbūl-yənt-, ˈbəl-ə\ *adj* **1** : BOILING, AGITATED **2** : EXUBERANT — **ebul-lience** \-yəns\ *n*

ec-cen-tric \ik-ˈsen-trik\ *adj* **1** : deviating from a usual or accepted pattern **2** : deviating from a circular path (∼ orbits) **3** : set with axis or support off center (an ∼ cam); *also* : being off center **syn** erratic, queer, singular, curious, odd — **eccentric** *n* — **ec-cen-tri-cal-ly** \-tri-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **ec-cen-tric-i-ty** \,ek-,sen-ˈtris-ət-ē\ *n*

Eccles *abbr* Ecclesiastes

Ec-cle-si-as-tes \ik-,lē-zē-ˈas-tēz\ — see BIBLE table

ec-cle-si-as-tic \ik-,lē-zē-ˈas-tik\ *n* : CLERGYMAN

ec-cle-si-as-ti-cal \-ti-kəl\ *or* **ec-cle-si-as-tic** \-tik\ *adj* : of or relating to a church esp. as an institution (∼ art) — **ec-cle-si-as-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

Ec-cle-si-as-ti-cus \ik-,lē-zē-ˈas-ti-kəs\ *n* — see BIBLE table

Ecculus *abbr* Ecclesiasticus

ECG *abbr* electrocardiogram

ech-e-lon \ˈesh-ə-,län\ *n* [F *échelon*, lit., rung of a ladder]

1 : a steplike arrangement (as of troops or airplanes) **2** : a level (as of authority or responsibility) within an organization

echi-no-derm \i-ˈki-nə-,dərm\ *n* : any of a phylum of marine animals (as starfishes and sea urchins) having similar body parts (as the arms of a starfish) arranged around a central axis and often having a calcium-containing outer skeleton

echo \ˈek-ə\ *n*, *pl* **ech-oes** : repetition of a sound caused by a reflection of the sound waves; *also* : the reflection of a radar signal by an object — **echo** *vb*

echo-lo-ca-tion \,ek-ə-lō-ˈkā-shən\ *n* : a process for locating distant or invisible objects by means of sound waves reflected back to the sender (as a bat or submarine) by the objects

éclair \ä-ˈkläər\ *n* [F, lit., lightning] : an oblong shell of light pastry with whipped cream or custard filling

éclat \ä-ˈklä\ *n* [F] **1** : a dazzling effect or success **2** : ACCLAIM

eclec-tic \e-ˈklek-tik-, i-\ *adj* : selecting or made up of what seems best of varied sources — **eclectic** *n*

eclipse \i-ˈklips\ *n* **1** : the total or partial obscuring of one heavenly body by another; *also* : a passing into the shadow of a heavenly body **2** : a falling into obscurity, decline, or disgrace

2 **eclipse** *vb* **eclipsed**; **eclips-ing** : to cause an eclipse of

eclip-tic \i-ˈklip-tik\ *n* : the great circle of the celestial sphere that is the apparent path of the sun

ec-logue \ˈek-,lög-, ˈläg\ *n* : a pastoral poem

ECM *abbr* European Common Market

ecol *abbr* ecological; ecology

ecol-o-gy \i-ˈkäl-ə-jē-, e-\ *n*, *pl* -**gies** [G *ökologie*, fr. Gk *oikos* house] **1** : a branch of science concerned with the relationships between organisms and their environment

2 : the pattern of relations between organisms and their environment — **eco-log-i-cal** \,ē-kə-ˈlāj-i-kəl-, ˈek-ə-\ *also* **eco-log-ic** \-ik\ *adj* — **eco-log-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **ecol-o-gist** \i-ˈkäl-ə-jəst-, e-\ *n*

econ *abbr* economics; economist; economy

eco-nom-ic \,ek-ə-ˈnām-ik-, ˈē-kə-\ *adj* : of or relating to the satisfaction of material needs of humans

eco-nom-i-cal \-ˈnām-i-kəl\ *adj* **1** : THRIFTY **2** : operating with little waste or at a saving **syn** frugal, sparing, provident, thrifty — **ec-o-nom-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

eco-nom-ics \,ek-ə-ˈnām-iks-, ˈē-kə-\ *n* : a branch of knowledge dealing with the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services — **econ-o-mist** \i-ˈkän-ə-məst\ *n*

econ-o-mize \i-ˈkän-ə-,mīz\ *vb* -**mized**; -**miz-ing** : to practice economy : be frugal

1 **econ-o-my** \i-ˈkän-ə-mē\ *n*, *pl* -**mies** [MF *yconomie*, fr. ML *oconomia*, fr. Gk *oikonomia*, fr. *oikonomos* household manager, fr. *oikos* house + *nemein* to man-

age] **1** : thrifty management or use of resources; *also* : an instance of this **2** : manner of arrangement or functioning : ORGANIZATION **3** : an economic system (a money ~)

ef-fer-ves-cence \-'ves-'ns/ *n* — **ef-fer-ves-cent** \-'nt/ *adj* — **ef-fer-ves-cent-ly** *adv*

ef-fete \e-'fēt/ *adj* : worn out : EXHAUSTED; *also* : DECADENT

ef-fi-ca-cious \,ef-ə-'kā-shəs/ *adj* : producing an intended effect (∼ remedies) *syn* effectual, effective, efficient — **ef-fi-ca-cy** \,ef-i-kə-sē/ *n*

ef-fi-cient \i-'fish-ənt/ *adj* : productive of desired effects *esp.* without loss or waste : COMPETENT — **ef-fi-cien-cy** \-ən-sē/ *n* — **ef-fi-cient-ly** *adv*

ef-fi-gy \,ef-ə-jē/ *n*, *pl* -gies : IMAGE; *esp.* : a crude figure of a hated person

ef-flo-resce \,ef-lə-'res/ *vb* -resced; -rescing : to burst forth : BLOOM

ef-flo-res-cence \-'res-'ns/ *n* 1 : the period or state of flowering 2 : the action or process of developing 3 : fullness of manifestation : CULMINATION — **ef-flo-res-cent** \-'nt/ *adj*

ef-flu-ence \,ef-,lü-əns/ *n* 1 : something that flows out 2 : an action or process of flowing out — **ef-flu-ent** \-ənt/ *adj* or *n*

ef-flu-vi-um \e-'flü-vē-əm/ *n*, *pl* -via \-vē-ə/ or -vi-ums [L outflow] 1 : a usu. unpleasant emanation 2 : a by-product usu. in the form of waste

ef-fort \,ef-ərt/ *n* 1 : EXERTION, ENDEAVOR; *also* : a product of effort 2 : active or applied force — **ef-fort-less** *adj* — **ef-fort-less-ly** *adv*

ef-fron-tery \i-'frənt-ə-rē/ *n*, *pl* -ter-ies : shameless boldness : IMPUDENCE *syn* temerity, audacity, brass, gall, nerve

ef-ful-gence \i-'ful-jəns-, 'fəl-/ *n* : radiant splendor : BRILLIANCE — **ef-ful-gent** \-jənt/ *adj*

ef-fu-sion \i-'fyü-zhən-, e-/ *n* : a gushing forth; *also* : unrestrained utterance — **ef-fuse** \-'fyüz-, e-/ *vb* — **ef-fu-sive** \i-'fyü-siv-, e-/ *adj*

eft \'eft/ *n* : NEWT

EFT or **EFTS** *abbr* electronic funds transfer (system) *e.g.* \f(ə-)rig-'zəm-pəl-, ('ē-)jē/ *abbr* [L *exempli gratia*] for example

Eg *abbr* Egypt; Egyptian

egal-i-tar-i-an-ism \i-,gal-ə-'ter-ē-, nīz-əm/ *n* : a belief in human equality *esp.* in social, political, and economic affairs — **egal-i-tar-i-an** *adj* or *n*

egg \'eg/ *vb* [ME *eggen*, fr. ON *eggja*; akin to OE *ecg* edge] : to urge to action

egg *n* [ME *egge*, fr. ON *egg*; akin to OE *æg* egg, L *ovum*] 1 : a rounded usu. hard-shelled reproductive body *esp.* of birds and reptiles from which the young hatch; *also* : the egg of domestic poultry as an article of food (allergic to ~s) 2 : a germ cell produced by a female

egg-beat-er \'eg-,bēt-ər/ *n* : a hand-operated kitchen utensil for beating, stirring, or whipping

egg cell *n* : EGG 2

egg-head \-,hed/ *n* : INTELLECTUAL, Highbrow

egg-nog \-,nä/ *n* : a drink consisting of eggs beaten up with sugar, milk or cream, and often alcoholic liquor

egg-plant \-,plant/ *n* : the edible usu. large and purplish fruit of a plant related to the potato; *also* : the plant

egg roll *n* : a thin egg-dough casing filled with minced vegetables and often bits of meat and usu. fried in deep fat

egg-shell \'eg-,shel/ *n* : the hard exterior covering of an egg

egis \'ē-jəs/ *var* of AEGIS

eg-lan-time \'eg-lən-,tīn-, 'tēn/ *n* : SWEETBRIER

ego \'ē-gō/ *n*, *pl* egos [L, I] 1 : the self as distinguished from others 2 : the one of the three divisions of the psyche in psychoanalytic theory that serves as the organized conscious mediator between the person and reality

ego-cen-tric \,ē-gō-'sen-trik/ *adj* : concerned or overly concerned with the self; *esp.* : SELF-CENTERED

ego-ism \'ē-gə-,wīz-əm/ *n* 1 : a doctrine holding self-in-

terest to be the motive or the valid end of action 2 : excessive concern for oneself usu. without exaggerated feelings of self-importance — **ego-ist** \-wəst/ *n* — **ego-is-tic** \,ē-gə-'wis-tik/ *adj* — **ego-is-ti-cal-ly** \-ē/ *adv* **ego-tism** \'ē-gə-,tiz-əm/ *n* 1 : the practice of talking about oneself too much 2 : an exaggerated sense of self-importance : CONCEIT — **ego-tist** \-təst/ *n* — **ego-tis-tic** \,ē-gə-'tis-tik/ or **ego-tis-ti-cal** \-ti-kəl/ *adj* — **ego-tis-ti-cal-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

ego trip *n* : an act that enhances and satisfies one's ego **egre-gious** \i-'grē-jəs/ *adj* [L *egregius* outstanding from the herd, fr. *ex*, *e* out of + *greg-*, *grex* flock, herd] : notably bad : FLAGRANT — **egre-gious-ly** *adv* — **egre-gious-ness** *n*

egress \'ē-,gres/ *n* : a way out : EXIT

egret \'ē-grēt-, i-'grēt/ *n* : any of various herons that bear long plumes during the breeding season

Egyptian \i-'jip-shən/ *n* 1 : a native or inhabitant of Egypt 2 : the language of the ancient Egyptians from earliest times to about the 3d century A.D. — **Egyptian** *adj*

EHF *abbr* extremely high frequency

ei-der \i'd-ər/ *n* : any of several northern sea ducks that yield a soft down

ei-der-down \-,daʊn/ *n* : the down of the eider 2 : a quilt filled with eiderdown

ei-do-lon \i-'dō-lən/ *n*, *pl* -lons or -la \-lə/ 1 : an insubstantial image : PHANTOM 2 : IDEAL

eight \'āt/ *n* 1 : one more than seven 2 : the 8th in a set or series 3 : something having eight units; *esp.* : an 8-cylinder engine or automobile — **eight** *adj* or *pron* — **eighth** \'ätth/ *adj* or *adv* or *n*

eight ball *n* : a black pool ball numbered 8 — **behind the eight ball** : in a highly disadvantageous position or baffling situation

eight-teen \ā(t)-'tēn/ *n* : one more than 17 — **eighteen** *adj* or *pron* — **eigh-teenth** \-'tēnth/ *adj* or *n*

eighty \'ät-ē/ *n*, *pl* eight-ies : eight times 10 — **eight-i-eth** \'ät-ē-əth/ *adj* or *n* — **eighty** *adj* or *pron*

ein-stei-ni-um \in-'sti-nē-əm/ *n* : an artificially produced radioactive element — *see* ELEMENT table

ei-ther \'ē-thər-, 'i-/ *adj* 1 : being the one and the other of two : EACH (trees on ~ side) 2 : being the one or the other of two (take ~ road)

either *pron* : the one or the other

either *conj* — used as a function word before the first of two or more words or word groups of which the last is preceded by *or* to indicate that they represent alternatives (a statement is ~ true or false)

ejac-u-late \i-'jak-yə-,lāt/ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing 1 : to eject a fluid (as semen) 2 : to utter suddenly : EXCLAIM — **ejac-u-la-tion** \-,jak-yə-'lā-shən/ *n* — **ejac-u-la-to-ry** \-'jak-yə-lə-,tōr-ē/ *adj*

eject \i-'jekt/ *vb* : to drive or throw out or off *syn* expel, oust, evict, dismiss — **ejec-tion** \-'jek-shən/ *n*

ejection seat *n* : an emergency escape seat for propelling an occupant out of an airplane

eke \'ēk/ *vb* eked; ek-ing : to gain, supplement, or extend usu. with effort — *usu.* used with *out* (∼ out a living)

EKG *abbr* [G *elektrokardiogramm*] 1 : electrocardiogram 2 : electrocardiograph

ekue-le \ā-'kwā-(,)lā/ *n*, *pl* ekuele — *see* MONEY table *eb* *abbr* elevation

elab-o-rate \i-'lab-(ə-)rət/ *adj* 1 : planned or carried out with care and in detail 2 : being complex and usu. ornate — **elab-o-rate-ly** *adv* — **elab-o-rate-ness** *n*

elab-o-rate \i-'lab-ə-,rāt/ *vb* -rat-ed; -rat-ing 1 : to build up from simpler ingredients 2 : to work out in detail : develop fully — **elab-o-ra-tion** \-,lab-ə-'rā-shən/ *n*

élan \ā-'lā/ *n* [F] : ARDOR, SPIRIT

eland \'ē-lond-, -land/ *n*, *pl* eland *also* elands [Afrikaans, elk] : either of two large African antelopes with spirally twisted horns

elapse \i-'laps\ *vb* **elapsing** : to slip by : PASS
elas-tic \i-'las-tik\ *adj* **1** : SPRINGY **2** : FLEXIBLE, PLIABLE **3** : ADAPTABLE **syn** resilient, supple, stretch — **elas-tic-ity** \-,las-'tis-ət-ē, -ē-,las-\ *n*
elastic *n* **1** : elastic material **2** : a rubber band
elate \i-'lāt\ *vb* **elated**; **elat-ing** : to fill with joy — **ela-tion** \-'lā-shən\ *n*
el-bow \el-,bō\ *n* **1** : the joint of the arm; *also* : the outer curve of the bent arm **2** : a bend or joint resembling an elbow in shape
elbow *vb* : to push aside with the elbow; *also* : to make one's way by elbowing
el-bow-room \el-,bō-,rüm, -,rüm\ *n* **1** : room for moving the elbows freely **2** : enough space for work or operation
el-der \el-dər\ *n* : ELDERBERRY **2**
elder *adj* **1** : OLDER **2** : EARLIER, FORMER **3** : of higher rank : SENIOR
elder *n* **1** : an older individual : SENIOR **2** : one having authority by reason of age and experience **3** : a church officer
el-der-ber-ry \el-də(r)-,ber-ē\ *n* **1** : the edible black or red fruit of a shrub or tree related to the honeysuckle and bearing flat clusters of small white or pink flowers **2** : a tree or shrub bearing elderberries
el-der-ly \el-dər-lē\ *adj* **1** : rather old; *esp* : past middle age **2** : of, relating to, or characteristic of later life
el-dest \el-dəst\ *adj* : of the greatest age
El Do-ra-do \,el-də-'rād-ō, -'rād-\ *n* [Sp, lit., the gilded one] : a place of vast riches or abundance
elec *abbr* electric; electrical; electricity
elect \i-'lekt\ *adj* **1** : CHOSEN, SELECT **2** : elected but not yet installed in office (the president-elect)
elect *n, pl* **elect** **1** : a selected person **2** *pl* : a select or exclusive group
elect *vb* **1** : to select by vote (as for office or membership) **2** : CHOOSE, PICK **syn** prefer, select
elec-tion \i-'lek-shən\ *n* **1** : an act or process of electing **2** : the fact of being elected
elec-tion-eer \i-,lek-shə-'niər\ *vb* : to work for the election of a candidate or party
elec-tive \i-'lek-tiv\ *adj* **1** : chosen or filled by election **2** : permitting a choice : OPTIONAL
elective *n* : an elective course or subject of study
elec-tor \i-'lek-tər\ *n* **1** : one qualified to vote in an election **2** : one elected to an electoral college — **elec-tor-al** \i-'lek-t(ə)-rəl\ *adj*
electoral college *n* : a body of electors who elect the president and vice president of the U.S.
elec-tor-ate \i-'lek-t(ə)-rət\ *n* : a body of persons entitled to vote
elec-tric \i-'lek-trik\ *or* **elec-tri-cal** \-tri-kəl\ *adj* [NL *electricus* produced from amber by friction, electric, fr. ML, of amber, fr. L *electrum* amber, fr. Gk *ēlektron*] **1** : of, relating to, operated by, or produced by electricity **2** : ELECTRIFYING, THRILLING — **elec-tri-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*
electrical storm *n* : THUNDERSTORM
electric chair *n* : a chair used in legal electrocution
electric eye *n* : PHOTOELECTRIC CELL
elec-tri-cian \i-,lek-'trish-ən\ *n* : one who installs, operates, or repairs electrical equipment
elec-tric-ity \i-,lek-'tris-(ə-)tē\ *n, pl* **-ties** **1** : a form of energy that occurs in nature and is observable in natural phenomena (as lightning) and that can be produced by friction, chemical reaction, or mechanical effort **2** : electric current
elec-tri-fy \i-'lek-trə-,fī\ *vb* **flied**; **-fy-ing** **1** : to charge with electricity **2** : to equip for use of electric power **3** : THRILL — **elec-tri-fi-ca-tion** \-,lek-trə-fə-'kā-shən\ *n*
elec-tro-car-dio-gram \i-,lek-trō-'kär-dē-ə-,gram\ *n* : the tracing made by an electrocardiograph
elec-tro-car-dio-graph \-,graf\ *n* : an instrument for re-

cording the changes of electrical potential occurring during the heartbeat — **elec-tro-car-dio-graph-ic** \-,kär-dē-ə-'graf-ik\ *adj* — **elec-tro-car-di-og-ra-phy** \-ē-'äg-rə-fē\ *n*
elec-tro-chem-is-try \-'kem-ə-strē\ *n* : a branch of chemistry that deals with the relation of electricity to chemical changes — **elec-tro-chem-i-cal** \-'kem-i-kəl\ *adj*
elec-tro-cute \i-'lek-trə-,kyüt\ *vb* **-cut-ed**; **-cut-ing** : to kill by an electric shock; *esp* : to kill (a criminal) in this way — **elec-tro-cu-tion** \-,lek-trə-'kyü-shən\ *n*
elec-trode \i-'lek-,trōd\ *n* : a conductor used to establish electrical contact with a nonmetallic part of a circuit
elec-tro-en-ceph-a-lo-gram \i-,lek-trō-in-'sef-ə-lə-,gram\ *n* : the tracing of the electrical activity of the brain that is made by an electroencephalograph
elec-tro-en-ceph-a-lo-graph \-,graf\ *n* : an apparatus for detecting and recording the electrical activity of the brain — **elec-tro-en-ceph-a-lo-graph-ic** \-,sef-ə-lə-'graf-ik\ *adj* — **elec-tro-en-ceph-a-log-ra-phy** \-'läg-rə-fē\ *n*
elec-trol-o-gist \i-,lek-'träl-ə-jəst\ *n* : one that uses electrical means to remove hair, warts, moles, and birthmarks from the body
elec-tro-ly-sis \i-,lek-'träl-ə-səs\ *n* **1** : the production of chemical changes by passage of an electric current through an electrolyte **2** : the destruction of hair roots with an electric current — **elec-tro-lyt-ic** \-trə-'lit-ik\ *adj*
elec-tro-lyte \i-'lek-trə-,lit\ *n* : a nonmetallic electric conductor in which current is carried by the movement of ions; *also* : a substance whose solution or molten form is such a conductor
elec-tro-mag-net \i-,lek-trō-'mag-nət\ *n* : a core of magnetic material surrounded by a coil of wire through which an electric current is passed to magnetize the core
elec-tro-mag-net-ic \-mag-'net-ik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or produced by electromagnetism
electromagnetic radiation *n* : a series of electromagnetic waves
electromagnetic wave *n* : a wave (as a radio wave, an X ray, or a wave of visible light) that consists of associated electric and magnetic effects and that travels at the speed of light
elec-tro-mag-net-ism \i-,lek-trō-'mag-nə-,tiz-əm\ *n* **1** : magnetism developed by a current of electricity **2** : physics dealing with the relations between electricity and magnetism
elec-tro-mo-tive force \i-,lek-trə-,mōt-iv-\ *n* : the work per unit charge required to carry a positive charge around a closed path in an electric field
elec-tron \i-'lek-,trän\ *n* : a negatively charged elementary particle that forms the part of an atom outside the nucleus
elec-tron-ic \i-,lek-'trän-ik\ *adj* : of or relating to electrons or electronics — **elec-tron-i-cal-ly** \i-'k(ə-)lē\ *adv*
electronic mail *n* : messages sent and received electronically
elec-tron-ics \i-,lek-'trän-iks\ *n* **1** : the physics of electrons and their utilization **2** : electronic devices or equipment
electron microscope *n* : an instrument in which a focused beam of electrons is used to produce an enlarged image of a minute object on a fluorescent screen or photographic plate
electron tube *n* : a device in which electrical conduction by electrons takes place within a container and which is used for the controlled flow of electrons
elec-tro-pho-re-sis \i-,lek-trə-fə-'rē-səs\ *n* : the movement

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ə'r'further \ə'shə \ə'sace \ə'cot, cart
\ə'u'out \ch'chin \e'bet \e'easy \ə'go \i'hīt \i'vice \j'job
\ŋ'sing \o'go \o'law \o'boy \th'thin \th'the \ū'loot
\ū'foot \y'yet \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

of suspended particles through a fluid by an electromotive force — **elec-tro-pho-ret-ic** \-'rèt-ik\ *adj*

elec-tro-plate \i-'lek-trə-,plāt\ *vb* : to coat (as with metal) by electrolysis

elec-tro-pos-i-tive \i-,lek-trō-'pāz-ət-iv\ *adj* : having a tendency to give up electrons

elec-tro-shock therapy \-trō-,shāk- \ *n* : the treatment of mental disorder by the induction of coma with an electric current

elec-tro-stat-ics \i-,lek-trō-'stat-iks\ *n* : physics dealing with the interactions of stationary electric charges

el-ee-mos-y-nary \el-i-'mäs-'n-,er-ē\ *adj* : CHARITABLE
el-e-gance \el-i-gəns\ *n* 1 : refined gracefulness; also : tasteful richness (as of design) 2 : something marked by elegance — **el-e-gant** \-gənt\ *adj* — **el-e-gant-ly** *adv*

el-e-gy \el-ə-jē\ *n, pl -gies* : a poem expressing grief for one who is dead; also : a reflective poem usu. melancholy in tone — **el-e-gi-ac** \el-ə-'jī-ək-, -ak\ *adj*

elem *abbr* elementary

el-e-ment \el-ə-mənt\ *n* 1 *pl* : weather conditions; *esp* : severe weather (boards exposed to the ~s) 2 : natural environment (in her ~) 3 : a constituent part 4 *pl* : the simplest principles (as of an art or science) : **RUDIMENTS** 5 : a basic member of a mathematical set 6 : a substance not separable by ordinary chemical means into substances different from itself **syn** component, ingredient, factor, constituent — **el-e-men-tal** \el-ə-'ment-əl\ *adj*

CHEMICAL ELEMENTS

ELEMENT	SYMBOL	ATOMIC NUMBER	ATOMIC WEIGHT (C = 12)
actinium	Ac	89	227.0278
aluminum	Al	13	26.98154
americium	Am	95	
antimony	Sb	51	121.75
argon	Ar	18	39.948
arsenic	As	33	74.9216
astatine	At	85	
barium	Ba	56	137.33
berkelium	Bk	97	
beryllium	Be	4	9.01218
bismuth	Bi	83	208.9804
boron	B	5	10.81
bromine	Br	35	79.904
cadmium	Cd	48	112.41
calcium	Ca	20	40.08
californium	Cf	98	
carbon	C	6	12.011
cerium	Ce	58	140.12
cesium	Cs	55	132.9054
chlorine	Cl	17	35.453
chromium	Cr	24	51.996
cobalt	Co	27	58.9332
copper	Cu	29	63.546
curium	Cm	96	
dysprosium	Dy	66	162.50
einsteinium	Es	99	
erbium	Er	68	167.26
europium	Eu	63	151.96
fermium	Fm	100	
fluorine	F	9	18.998403
francium	Fr	87	
gadolinium	Gd	64	157.25
gallium	Ga	31	69.72
germanium	Ge	32	72.59
gold	Au	79	196.9665
hafnium	Hf	72	178.49
helium	He	2	4.00260
holmium	Ho	67	164.9304
hydrogen	H	1	1.0079
indium	In	49	114.82
iodine	I	53	126.9045
iridium	Ir	77	192.22
iron	Fe	26	55.847
krypton	Kr	36	83.80

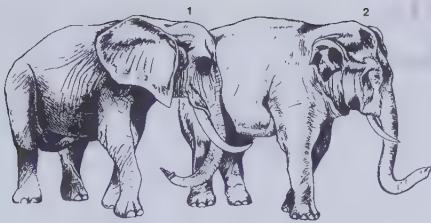
ELEMENT	SYMBOL	ATOMIC NUMBER	ATOMIC WEIGHT (C = 12)
lanthanum	La	57	138.9055
lawrencium	Lr	103	
lead	Pb	82	207.2
lithium	Li	3	6.941
lutetium	Lu	71	174.967
magnesium	Mg	12	24.305
manganese	Mn	25	54.9380
mendelevium	Md	101	
mercury	Hg	80	200.59
molybdenum	Mo	42	95.94
neodymium	Nd	60	144.24
neon	Ne	10	20.179
neptunium	Np	93	237.0482
nickel	Ni	28	58.69
niobium	Nb	41	92.9064
nitrogen	N	7	14.0067
nobelium	No	102	
osmium	Os	76	190.2
oxygen	O	8	15.9994
palladium	Pd	46	106.42
phosphorus	P	15	30.97376
platinum	Pt	78	195.08
plutonium	Pu	94	
polonium	Po	84	
potassium	K	19	39.0983
praseodymium	Pr	59	140.9077
promethium	Pm	61	
protactinium	Pa	91	231.0359
radium	Ra	88	226.0254
radon	Rn	86	
rhenium	Re	75	186.207
rhodium	Rh	45	102.9055
rubidium	Rb	37	85.4678
ruthenium	Ru	44	101.07
samarium	Sm	62	150.36
scandium	Sc	21	44.9559
selenium	Se	34	78.96
silicon	Si	14	28.0855
silver	Ag	47	107.868
sodium	Na	11	22.98977
strontium	Sr	38	87.62
sulfur	S	16	32.06
tantalum	Ta	73	180.9479
technetium	Tc	43	
tellurium	Te	52	127.60
terbium	Tb	65	158.9254
thallium	Tl	81	204.383
thorium	Th	90	232.0381
thulium	Tm	69	168.9342
tin	Sn	50	118.69
titanium	Ti	22	47.88
tungsten	W	74	183.85
unnilhexium	Unh	106	
unnilpentium	Unp	105	
unnilquadium	Unq	104	
uranium	U	92	238.0289
vanadium	V	23	50.9415
xenon	Xe	54	131.29
ytterbium	Yb	70	173.04
yttrium	Y	39	88.9059
zinc	Zn	30	65.38
zirconium	Zr	40	91.22

el-e-men-ta-ry \el-ə-'men-t(ə)-rē\ *adj* : SIMPLE, **RUDIMENTARY**; also : of, relating to, or teaching the basic subjects of education

elementary particle *n* : a subatomic particle (as the electron or photon) of matter and energy that does not appear to be made up of other smaller particles

elementary school *n* : a school usu. including the first six or the first eight grades

el-e-ph-ant \el-ə-fənt\ *n* : any of a family of huge thickset nearly hairless mammals that have the snout lengthened into a trunk and two long curving pointed tusks which furnish ivory



elephant: 1 African, 2 Indian

el-e-phan-ti-a-sis \el-ə-fən-ˈtī-ə-səs\ *n*, *pl* -a-ses \-sēz\ : enlargement and thickening of tissues in response esp. to infection by minute parasitic worms

el-e-phan-tine \el-ə-fən-ˈtēn-, -tīn-, ˈel-ə-fən-\ *adj* **1** : of great size or strength **2** : CLUMSY, PONDEROUS

elev *abbr* elevation

el-e-vate ˈel-ə-, vāt\ *vb* -vat-ed; -vat-ing **1** : to lift up : RAISE **2** : EXALT, ENNOBLE **3** : ELATE

el-e-va-tion \el-ə-ˈvā-shən\ *n* **1** : the height to which something is raised (as above sea level) **2** : a lifting up **3** : something (as a hill or swelling) that is elevated *syn* altitude, height

el-e-va-tor ˈel-ə-, vāt-ər\ *n* **1** : a cage or platform for conveying something from one level to another **2** : a building for storing and discharging grain **3** : a movable surface on an airplane to produce motion up or down

elev-en ˈi-ˈlev-ən\ *n* **1** : one more than 10 **2** : the 11th in a set or series **3** : something having 11 units; *esp* : a football team — **eleven** *adj* or *pron* — **elev-enth** \-ənθ\ *adj* or *n*

elf ˈelf\ *n*, *pl* elves ˈelvz\ : a mischievous fairy — **elf-in** ˈelf-fən\ *adj* — **elf-ish** ˈelf-fish\ *adj*

ELF *abbr* extremely low frequency

elic-it ˈi-lis-ət\ *vb* : to draw out or forth *syn* evoke, educe, extract, extort

elide ˈi-lid\ *vb* **elid-ed**; **elid-ing** : to suppress or alter by elision

el-i-gi-ble ˈel-ə-jə-bəl\ *adj* : qualified to participate or to be chosen — **el-i-gi-bil-i-ty** \el-ə-jə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n* — **eligible** *n*

elim-i-nate ˈi-lim-ə-, nāt\ *vb* -nat-ed; -nat-ing [L *elimina-tus*, pp. of *eliminare*, fr. *limen* threshold] **1** : EXCLUDE, EXPEL; *esp* : to pass (wastes) from the body **2** : to leave out : IGNORE — **elim-i-na-tion** \-līm-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n*

eli-sion ˈi-liz-ən\ *n* : the omission of a final or initial sound or a word; *esp* : the omission of an unstressed vowel or syllable in a verse to achieve a uniform rhythm

elite ˈā-lēt\ *n* [F *élite*] **1** : the choice part; *also* : a superior group **2** : a typewriter type providing 12 characters to the inch

elit-ism ˈi-lēt-, iz-əm\ *n* : leadership or rule by an elite; *also* : advocacy of such elitism

elix-ir ˈi-lik-sər\ *n* [ME, fr. ML, fr. Ar *al-iksir* the elixir, fr. *al* the + *iksir* elixir] **1** : a substance held capable of prolonging life indefinitely; *also* : PANACEA **2** : a sweetened alcoholic medicinal solution

Eliz-a-be-than ˈi-, liz-ə-ˈbē-thən\ *adj* : of, relating to, or characteristic of Elizabeth I of England or her times

elk ˈelk\ *n*, *pl* elks **1** : the largest existing deer of Europe and Asia related to the American moose and having broad spreading antlers **2** : a large North American deer with curved antlers having many branches

ell ˈel\ *n* : a unit of length; *esp* : a former English cloth measure of 45 inches (1.1 meters)

2ell *n* : an extension at right angles to a building *syn* wing, annex, arm

el-lipse ˈi-ˈlips, e-\ *n* : a closed curve of oval shape

el-lip-sis ˈi-ˈlip-səs, e-\ *n*, *pl* el-lip-ses \-sēz\ **1** : omission from an expression of a word clearly implied **2** : marks (as . . . or ***) to show omission

el-lip-soid ˈi-ˈlip-, soid, e-\ *n* : a surface all plane sections of which are circles or ellipses — **ellipsoid** or **el-lip-soi-dal** \-ˈlip-soid-əl\ *adj*

el-lip-tic ˈi-ˈlip-tik, e-\ or **el-lip-ti-cal** \-ti-kəl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or shaped like an ellipse **2** : of, relating to, or marked by ellipsis — **el-lip-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

elm ˈelm\ *n* : any of a genus of large graceful trees that have toothed leaves and nearly circular one-seeded winged fruits and are often grown as shade trees; *also* : the wood of an elm

el-o-cu-tion \el-ə-ˈkyü-shən\ *n* : the art of effective public speaking — **el-o-cu-tion-ist** \-sh(ə-)nəst\ *n*

elon-gate ˈi-lŏŋ-, gāt\ *vb* -gat-ed; -gat-ing : to make or grow longer *syn* extend, lengthen, prolong, protract — **elon-ga-tion** \(-lŏŋ-, gā-shən\ *n*

elope ˈi-lŏp\ *vb* **eloped**; **elop-ing** : to run away *esp*. to be married — **elope-ment** *n*

el-o-quent ˈel-ə-kwənt\ *adj* **1** : having or showing clear and forceful expression **2** : clearly showing some feeling or meaning — **el-o-quence** \-kwəns\ *n* — **el-o-quent-ly** *adv*

1else ˈels\ *adv* **1** : in a different manner or place or at a different time (where ~ can we meet) **2** : OTHERWISE (obey or ~ you'll be sorry)

2else *adj* : OTHER; *esp* : being in addition (what ~ do you want)

else-where \-, hweər\ *adv* : in or to another place

elu-ci-date ˈi-lü-sə-, dāt\ *vb* -dat-ed; -dat-ing : to make clear *usu.* by explanation *syn* clarify, explain, illuminate — **elu-ci-da-tion** \-lū-sə-ˈdā-shən\ *n*

elude ˈē-lüd\ *vb* **elud-ed**; **elud-ing** **1** : EVADE **2** : to escape the notice of

elu-sive ˈē-lü-siv\ *adj* : tending to elude : EVASIVE — **elu-sive-ly** *adv* — **elu-sive-ness** *n*

el-ver ˈel-vər\ *n* [alter. of *eelfare* (migration of eels)] : a young eel

elves *pl* of ELF

Ely-si-um ˈi-ˈliz(h)-ē-əm\ *n*, *pl* -si-ums or -sia \-ē-ə\ : PARADISE **2** — **Ely-sian** \-līz-ən\ *adj*

em ˈem\ *n* : a length approximately the width of the letter M

EM *abbr* **1** electromagnetic **2** electron microscope **3** enlisted man

ema-ci-ate ˈi-mā-shē-, āt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to become or cause to become very thin — **ema-ci-a-tion** \-mā-s(h)ē-ˈā-shən\ *n*

emalangeni *pl* of LILANGENI

em-a-nate ˈem-ə-, nāt\ *vb* -nat-ed; -nat-ing : to come out from a source *syn* proceed, spring, rise, arise, originate — **em-a-na-tion** \-em-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n*

eman-ci-pate ˈi-man-sə-, pāt\ *vb* -pat-ed; -pat-ing : to set free *syn* liberate, release, deliver, discharge — **eman-ci-pa-tion** \-ˌman-sə-ˈpā-shən\ *n* — **eman-ci-pa-tor** \-ˌman-sə-, pāt-ər\ *n*

emas-cu-late ˈi-mas-kyə-, lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing : CAS-TRATE, GELD; *also* : WEAKEN — **emas-cu-la-tion** \-ˌmas-kyə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*

em-balm ˈim-ˈbām, -ˈbālm\ *vb* : to treat (a corpse) with preservative preparations — **em-balm-er** *n*

em-bank ˈim-ˈbāŋk\ *vb* : to enclose or confine by an embankment

em-bank-ment \-mənt\ *n* : a raised structure (as of earth) to hold back water or carry a roadway

em-bar-go ˈim-ˈbär-gō\ *n*, *pl* -goes [Sp, fr. *embargar* to bar] : a prohibition on commerce — **embargo** *vb*

em-bark ˈim-ˈbärk\ *vb* **1** : to put or go on board a ship or airplane **2** : to make a start — **em-bar-ka-tion** \-em-, bär-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \əˈfarther \əˈvash \əˈvace \əˈcot, cart \əˈuʊt \chˈchin \əˈbet \əˈeasy \əˈgo \əˈhit \fˈice \jˈob \ŋˈsing \oˈcho \oˈlaw \oˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \uˈlout \uˈfoot \yˈyet \zhˈvision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

em-bar-rass \im-¹bar-əs\ *vb* **1** : CONFUSE, DISCONCERT **2** : to involve in financial difficulties **3** : HINDER, IMPEDE — **em-bar-rass-ing-ly** *adv* — **em-bar-rass-ment** *n*

em-bas-sy \¹em-bā-sē\ *n*, *pl* -sies **1** : the function, position, or mission of an ambassador **2** : a group of representatives headed by an ambassador **3** : the official residence and offices of an ambassador

em-bat-tle \im-¹bat-¹\ *vb* -tled; -tling \-¹bat-(ə-)liŋ\ : to arrange in order for battle

em-bat-tled *adj* **1** : engaged in battle, conflict, or controversy **2** : being a site of battle, conflict, or controversy **3** : characterized by conflict or controversy

em-bed \im-¹bed\ *vb* **em-bed-ded**; **em-bed-ding** : to enclose closely in a surrounding mass

em-bel-lish \im-¹bel-ish\ *vb* **1** : ADORN, DECORATE **2** : to add ornamental details to *syn* beautify, deck, bedeck, garnish, ornament, dress — **em-bel-lish-ment** *n*

em-ber \¹em-bər\ *n* **1** : a glowing or smoldering fragment from a fire **2** *pl* : smoldering remains of a fire

em-bez-zle \im-¹bez-əl\ *vb* -zled; -zling \-(ə-)liŋ\ : to steal (as money) by falsifying records — **em-bez-zle-ment** *n* — **em-bez-zler** \-(ə-)lər\ *n*

em-bit-ter \im-¹bit-ər\ *vb* **1** : to make bitter **2** : to arouse bitter feelings in

em-bla-zon \-¹blā-zən\ *vb* **1** : to adorn with heraldic devices **2** : to display conspicuously

em-blem \¹em-blēm\ *n* : something (as an object or picture) suggesting another object or an idea : *SYMBOL* — **em-blem-at-ic** \,em-blə-¹mat-ik\ *also* **em-blem-at-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj*

em-body \im-¹bād-ē\ *vb* **em-bod-ied**; **em-body-ing** **1** : INCARNATE **2** : to express in definite form **3** : to incorporate into a system or body *syn* combine, incorporate, integrate — **em-bodi-ment** \-¹bād-i-mənt\ *n*

em-bold-en \im-¹bōl-dən\ *vb* : to inspire with courage

em-bo-lism \¹em-bə-¹liz-əm\ *n* : the obstruction of a blood vessel by a foreign or abnormal particle

em-bon-point \ā-¹bōn-pwā\ *n* [F] : plumpness of person : STOUTNESS

em-boss \im-¹bās, -¹bós\ *vb* : to ornament with raised work

em-bou-chure \,ām-bu-¹shūr\ *n* [F, deriv. of *bouche* mouth] : the position and use of the lips in producing a musical tone on a wind instrument

em-bow-er \im-¹baū-(ə)r\ *vb* : to shelter or enclose in a bower

em-brace \im-¹brās\ *vb* **em-braced**; **em-brac-ing** **1** : to clasp in the arms; *also* : CHERISH, LOVE **2** : ENCIRCLE **3** : TAKE UP, ADOPT; *also* : WELCOME **4** : INCLUDE **5** : to participate in an embrace *syn* comprehend, involve, encompass, embody

embrace *n* : an encircling with the arms

em-bra-sure \im-¹brā-zhər\ *n* **1** : a recess of a door or window **2** : an opening in a wall through which a cannon is fired

em-bro-ca-tion \,em-brə-¹kā-shən\ *n* : LINIMENT

em-broid-er \im-¹brōid-ər\ *vb* -dered; -der-ing \-(ə-)riŋ\ **1** : to ornament with or do needlework **2** : to elaborate with exaggerated detail

em-broid-ery \im-¹brōid-(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* -der-ies **1** : the forming of decorative designs with needlework **2** : something embroidered

em-broil \im-¹brōil\ *vb* **1** : to throw into confusion or strife **2** : to involve in conflict or difficulties — **em-broil-ment** *n*

em-bryo \¹em-brē-¹ō\ *n*, *pl* embryos : a living thing in its earliest stages of development — **em-bry-on-ic** \,em-brē-¹ān-ik\ *adj*

em-bry-ol-o-gy \,em-brē-¹āl-ə-jē\ *n* : a branch of biology dealing with embryos and their development — **em-bry-ol-og-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **em-bry-ol-o-gist** \-brē-¹āl-ə-jəst\ *n*

em-cee \¹em-¹sē\ *n* : MASTER OF CEREMONIES — *emcee* *vb*

emend \ē-¹mend\ *vb* : to correct usu. by altering the text of *syn* rectify, revise, amend — **emen-da-tion** \,ē-,men-¹dā-shən\ *n*

emer *abbr* emeritus

em-er-ald \¹em-(ə-)rəld\ *n* : a green beryl prized as a gem

emerald *adj* : brightly or richly green

emerge \i-¹mərj\ *vb* **emerged**; **emerg-ing** : to rise, come forth, or come out into view *syn* appear, loom, show — **emer-gence** \-¹mər-jəns\ *n* — **emer-gent** \-jənt\ *adj*

emer-gen-cy \i-¹mər-jən-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies : an unforeseen event or condition requiring prompt action *syn* exigency, contingency, crisis, juncture

emer-i-ta \i-¹mer-ət-ə\ *adj* : EMERITUS — used of a woman

emer-i-tus \i-¹mer-ət-əs\ *adj* [L] : retired from active duty (professor ~)

em-ery \¹em-(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* **em-er-ies** : a dark granular corundum used esp. for grinding and polishing

emet-ic \i-¹met-ik\ *n* : an agent that induces vomiting — *emetic* *adj*

emf *abbr* electromotive force

em-i-grate \¹em-ə-,grāt\ *vb* -grat-ed; -grat-ing : to leave a place (as a country) to settle elsewhere — **em-i-grant** \-i-grənt\ *n* — **em-i-gra-tion** \,em-ə-¹grā-shən\ *n*

émi-gré *also* **emi-gré** \¹em-i-,grā, ¹em-i-¹grā\ *n* [F] : a person who emigrates esp. because of political conditions

em-i-nence \¹em-ə-nəns\ *n* **1** : high rank or position; *also* : a person of high rank or attainments **2** : a lofty place

em-i-nent \¹em-ə-nənt\ *adj* **1** : CONSPICUOUS, EVIDENT **2** : DISTINGUISHED, PROMINENT (~ men) — **em-i-nent-ly** *adv*

eminent domain *n* : a right of a government to take private property for public use

emir \i-¹miər, ā-\ *n* [Ar *amīr* commander] : a native ruler in parts of Africa and Asia — **emir-ate** \¹em-ər-ət\ *n*

em-is-sary \¹em-ə-,ser-ē\ *n*, *pl* -sar-ies : AGENT; *esp* : a secret agent

emit \ē-¹mit\ *vb* **emit-ted**; **emit-ting** **1** : to give off or out (~ light); *also* : EJECT **2** : EXPRESS, UTTER — **emis-sion** \-¹mish-ən\ *n* — **emit-ter** *n*

emol-lient \i-¹māl-yənt\ *adj* : making soft or supple; *also* : soothing esp. to the skin or mucous membrane — **emol-lient** *n*

emol-u-ment \i-¹māl-yə-mənt\ *n* [ME, fr. L *emolumentum*, lit., miller's fee, fr. *emolere* to grind up] : the product (as salary or fees) of an employment

emote \i-¹mōt\ *vb* **emot-ed**; **emot-ing** : to give expression to emotion in or as if in a play

emo-tion \i-¹mō-shən\ *n* : a usu. intense feeling (as of love, hate, or despair) — **emo-tion-al** \-sh(ə-)nəl\ *adj* — **emo-tion-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

emp *abbr* emperor; empress

em-pa-thy \¹em-pə-thē\ *n* : the capacity for experiencing as one's own the feelings of another — **em-path-ic** \em-¹path-ik\ *adj*

em-pen-nage \,ām-pə-¹nāzh, ¹em-\ *n* [F] : the tail assembly of an airplane

em-per-or \¹em-pər-ər\ *n* : the sovereign ruler of an empire

em-pha-sis \¹em-fə-səs\ *n*, *pl* -pha-ses \-,sēz\ : particular stress or prominence given (as to a phrase in speaking or to a phase of action)

em-pha-size \-,sīz\ *vb* -sized; -siz-ing : to place emphasis on : STRESS

em-phat-ic \im-¹fat-ik, em-\ *adj* : uttered with emphasis : STRESSED — **em-phat-i-cal-ly** \-¹fat-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

em-phy-se-ma \,em-fə-¹zē-mə, -¹sē-\ *n* : a condition marked esp. by abnormal expansion of the air spaces of the lungs and often by impairment of heart action

em-pire \¹em-,pī(ə)\ *n* **1** : a large state or a group of states under a single sovereign who is usu. an emperor **2** : imperial sovereignty or dominion

em-pir-i-cal \im-¹pīr-i-kəl\ *also* **em-pir-ic** \-ik\ *adj* : based on observation; *also* : subject to verification by obser-

- vation or experiment (≈ laws) — **em-pir-i-cal-ly** \i-k(ə-)lē/ *adv*
- em-pir-i-cism** \im-'pī-r-ə-,sīz-əm, em-\ *n* : the practice of relying on observation and experiment esp. in the natural sciences — **em-pir-i-cist** \-səst/ *n*
- em-place-ment** \im-'plās-mənt/ *n* 1 : a prepared position for weapons or military equipment 2 : PLACEMENT
- em-plot** \im-'plōi/ *vb* 1 : to make use of 2 : to use the services of 3 : OCCUPY, DEVOTE — **em-plot-er** *n*
- employ** *n* : EMPLOYMENT
- em-plot-ee** or **em-ployee** \im-,plōi-'ē, ,em-; im-'plōi-,ē, em-\ *n* : a person who works for another
- em-plot-ment** \im-'plōi-mənt/ *n* 1 : OCCUPATION, ACTIVITY 2 : the act of employing : the condition of being employed
- em-po-ri-um** \im-'pōr-ē-əm, em-\ *n*, *pl* -ri-ums also -ria \-ē-ə/ [L, fr. Gk *emporion*, fr. *emporos* traveler, trader] : a commercial center; *esp* : a store carrying varied articles
- em-pow-er** \im-'paʊ-(ə)r/ *vb* : AUTHORIZE
- em-press** \em-prəs/ *n* 1 : the wife or widow of an emperor 2 : a woman holding an imperial title
- emp-ty** \emp-tē/ *adj* **emp-ti-er**; -est 1 : containing nothing 2 : UNOCCUPIED, UNINHABITED 3 : lacking value, force, sense, or purpose *syn* vacant, blank, void, stark, vacuous — **emp-ti-ness** \-tē-nəs/ *n*
- empty** *vb* **emp-tied**; **emp-ty-ing** 1 : to make or become empty 2 : to discharge contents; *also* : to transfer by emptying
- empty** *n*, *pl* empties : an empty container or vehicle
- emp-ty-hand-ed** \,emp-tē-'han-dəd/ *adj* 1 : having nothing in the hands 2 : having acquired or gained nothing
- em-py-re-an** \,em-,pī-'rē-ən, -pə-\ *n* : the highest heaven; *also* : FIRMAMENT
- EMT** \ē-'em-'tē/ *n* [emergency medical technician] : a person trained and certified to provide basic medical services before and during transportation to a hospital
- emu** \ē-'myū/ *n* : a swift-running flightless Australian bird smaller than the related ostrich
- emu** *abbr* electromagnetic unit
- em-u-late** \em-yə-,lāt/ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing : to strive to equal or excel — **em-u-la-tion** \,em-yə-'lā-shən/ *n* — **em-u-lous** \em-yə-ləs/ *adj*
- emul-si-fi-er** \i-'mæl-sə-'fī-(ə)r/ *n* : something promoting the formation and stabilizing of an emulsion
- emul-si-fy** \-,fī/ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing : to convert (as an oil) into an emulsion — **emul-si-fi-ca-tion** \i-,mæl-sə-fə-'kā-shən/ *n*
- emul-sion** \i-'mæl-shən/ *n* 1 : a mixture of mutually insoluble liquids in which one is dispersed in droplets throughout the other (an ≈ of oil in water) 2 : a light-sensitive coating on photographic film or paper
- en** \en/ *n* : a length approximately half the width of the letter M
- en** \ən, ən/ *also* -n \n/ *adj* suffix : made of : consisting of (earthen)
- en** *vb* suffix 1 : become or cause to be (sharpen) 2 : cause or come to have (lengthen)
- en-able** \in-'ā-bəl/ *vb* **en-abled**; **en-abling** \-b(ə-)lɪŋ/ 1 : to make able or feasible 2 : to give legal power, capacity, or sanction to
- en-act** \in-'akt/ *vb* 1 : to make into law 2 : to act out — **en-act-ment** *n*
- enam-el** \in-'am-əl/ *n* 1 : a glasslike substance used for coating the surface of metal or pottery 2 : the hard outer layer of a tooth 3 : a usu. glossy paint that forms a hard coat — **enamel** *vb*
- enam-el-ware** \-,waər/ *n* : metal utensils coated with enamel
- en-am-or** \in-'am-ər/ *vb* -ored; -or-ing \-(ə-)rɪŋ/ : to inflame with love
- en-am-our** chiefly Brit *var* of ENAMOR
- en bloc** \ä-'bläk/ *adv* or *adj* : as a whole : in a mass
- enc** or **encl** *abbr* enclosure
- en-camp** \in-'kəmp/ *vb* : to make camp — **en-camp-ment** *n*
- en-cap-su-late** \in-'kəp-sə-,lāt/ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing 1 : to encase or become encased in a capsule 2 : to condense (as a report) into a few words — **en-cap-su-la-tion** \-,kəp-sə-'lā-shən/ *n*
- en-case** \in-'kās/ *vb* : to enclose in or as if in a case
- ence** \əns, 'ns/ *n* suffix 1 : action or process (emergence) : instance of an action or process (reference) 2 : quality or state (dependence)
- en-ceinte** \än-'sant/ *adj* : PREGNANT
- en-ceph-a-li-tis** \in-,sef-ə-'lit-əs/ *n*, *pl* -lit-i-des \-'lit-ə-,dēz/ : inflammation of the brain — **en-ceph-a-lit-ic** \-'lit-ik/ *adj*
- en-ceph-a-lo-my-eli-tis** \in-,sef-ə-lō-,mī-ə-'lit-əs/ *n* : concurrent inflammation of the brain and spinal cord
- en-chain** \in-'čān/ *vb* : FETTER, CHAIN
- en-chant** \in-'chant/ *vb* 1 : BEWITCH 2 : ENRAPTURE, FASCINATE — **en-chant-er** *n* — **en-chant-ing-ly** *adv* — **en-chant-ment** *n* — **en-chant-ress** \-'chan-trəs/ *n*
- en-chi-la-da** \in-,chə-'lād-ə/ *n* : a tortilla rolled with meat filling and served with chili-seasoned sauce
- en-ci-pher** \in-'sī-fər, en-\ *vb* : ENCODE
- en-cir-cle** \in-'sər-kəl/ *vb* : to pass completely around : SURROUND — **en-cir-cle-ment** *n*
- en-clave** \en-'klāv; 'än-,klāv/ *n* : a territorial or culturally distinct unit enclosed within foreign territory
- en-close** \in-'klōz/ *vb* 1 : to shut up or in; *esp* : to surround with a fence 2 : to include along with something else in a parcel or envelope (≈ a check) — **en-clo-sure** \in-'klō-zhər/ *n*
- en-code** \in-'kōd, en-\ *vb* : to convert (a message) into code
- en-co-mi-um** \en-'kō-mē-əm/ *n*, *pl* -mi-ums or -mia \-mē-ə/ [L] : high or glowing praise
- en-com-pass** \in-'kəm-pəs/ *vb* 1 : ENCIRCLE 2 : ENVELOP, INCLUDE
- en-core** \än-'kōr/ *n* : a demand for repetition or reappearance; *also* : a further performance (as of a singer) in response to such a demand
- encore** *vb* **en-cored**; **en-coring** : to request an encore from
- en-coun-ter** \in-'kaunt-ər/ *n* 1 : a hostile meeting; *esp* : COMBAT 2 : a chance meeting
- encounter** *vb* 1 : to meet as an enemy : FIGHT 2 : to meet usu. unexpectedly
- en-cour-age** \in-'kər-ij/ *vb* -aged; -ag-ing 1 : to inspire with courage and hope 2 : STIMULATE, INCITE 3 : FOSTER — **en-cour-age-ment** *n* — **en-cour-ag-ing-ly** *adv*
- en-croach** \in-'krōč/ *vb* [ME *encrochen* to seize, fr. MF *encrochier*, fr. OF, fr. *croche* hook] : to enter or force oneself gradually upon another's property or rights — **en-croach-ment** *n*
- en-crust** \in-'krəst/ *vb* : to provide with or form a crust
- en-crustation** *var* of INCRUSTATION
- en-cum-ber** \in-'kəm-bər/ *vb* -bered; -ber-ing \-b(ə-)rɪŋ/ 1 : to weigh down : BURDEN 2 : to hinder the function or activity of — **en-cum-brance** \-brəns/ *n*
- ency** or **encyc** *abbr* encyclopedia
- ency** \ən-sē, ən-\ *n* suffix : quality or state (despondency)
- en-cyc-li-cal** \in-'sik-li-kəl, en-\ *adj* : addressed to all the individuals of a group
- encyclical** *n* : an encyclical letter; *esp* : a papal letter to the bishops of the church
- en-cy-clo-pe-dia** *also* **en-cy-clo-pae-dia** \in-,sī-klə-'pēd-ē-ə/ *n* [ML *encyclopaedia* course of general education, fr. Gk *enkyklios paideia* general education] : a work treat-

\ə/abut \ə/kitten \ər/further \ə/ash \ə/ace \ə/cot, cart
 \ə/ou, out \ə/chin \ə/bet \ē/easy \ə/go \i/hit \i/ice \j/job
 \ŋ/sing \ə/go \ə/law \ə/boy \ə/thin \ə/the \ə/lot
 \ə/foot \ə/yet \ə/vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

ing the various branches of learning — **en-cy-clo-pe-dic** \-ˈpēd-ik\ *adj*
en-cyst \in-ˈsist, en-ˈ\ *vb* : to form or become enclosed in a cyst — **en-cyst-ment** *n*
end \ˈend\ *n* 1 : the part of an area that lies at the boundary; *also* : a point which marks the extent or limit of something or at which something ceases to exist 2 : a ceasing of a course (as of action or activity); *also* : DEATH 3 : the ultimate state; *also* : RESULT, ISSUE 4 : REMNANT 5 : PURPOSE, OBJECTIVE 6 : a player stationed at the extremity of a line (as in football) 7 : a share, operation, or aspect of an undertaking
end *vb* 1 : to bring or come to an end 2 : DESTROY; *also* : DIE 3 : to form or be at the end of *syn* close, conclude, terminate, finish, complete
en-dan-ger \in-ˈdān-jər\ *vb* -gered; -ger-ing \-ˈdānj-(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to bring into danger
en-dan-gered \-jərd\ *adj* : threatened with extinction (~ species)
en-dear \in-ˈdiər\ *vb* : to cause to become an object of affection
en-dear-ment \-mənt\ *n* : a sign of affection : CARESS
en-deav-or \in-ˈdev-ər\ *vb* -ored; -or-ing \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ : TRY, ATTEMPT — **endeavor** *n*
en-dem-ic \en-ˈdem-ik, in-ˈ\ *adj* : restricted or peculiar to a particular place (~ plants) (an ~ disease) — **endemic** *n*
end-ing \ˈen-dɪŋ\ *n* : something that forms an end; *esp* : SUFFIX
en-dive \ˈen-,dɪv\ *n* 1 : an herb related to chicory and grown as a salad plant 2 : the blanched shoot of chicory
end-less \ˈend-ləs\ *adj* 1 : having no end : ETERNAL 2 : united at the ends : CONTINUOUS (an ~ belt) *syn* interminable, everlasting, unceasing, ceaseless, unending — **end-less-ly** *adv*
end-most \ˈend-,mōst\ *adj* : situated at the very end
end-note \-,nōt\ *n* : a note placed at the end of the text (as of an article, chapter, or book)
en-do-crine \ˈen-də-krən, -ˌkrɪn, -ˌkrēn\ *adj* : producing secretions that are distributed by way of the bloodstream (~ glands) — **endocrine** *n* — **en-do-cri-nol-o-gist** \ˈen-də-kri-ˈnāl-ə-jəst\ *n* — **en-do-cri-nol-o-gy** \-jē\ *n*
en-dog-e-nous \en-ˈdāj-ə-nəs\ *adj* : caused or produced by factors inside the organism or system (~ psychic depression) — **en-dog-e-nous-ly** *adv*
en-dorse \in-ˈdɔrs\ *vb* **en-dorsed**; **en-dors-ing** 1 : to sign one's name on the back of (as a check) for some purpose 2 : APPROVE, SANCTION *syn* accredit, certify — **en-dorse-ment** *n*
en-do-scope \ˈen-də-,skɒp\ *n* : an instrument with which the interior of a hollow organ (as the rectum) may be visualized — **en-do-scop-ic** \ˈen-də-ˈskāp-ik\ *adj* — **en-dos-co-py** \en-ˈdās-kə-pē\ *n*
en-do-ther-mic \ˈen-də-ˈthar-mɪk\ *also* **en-do-ther-mal** \-mə\ *adj* : characterized by or formed with absorption of heat
en-dow \in-ˈdaʊ\ *vb* 1 : to furnish with funds for support (~ a school) 2 : to furnish with something freely or naturally — **en-dow-ment** *n*
end run *n* : a football play in which the ballcarrier attempts to run wide around the end
en-due \in-ˈd(y)ū\ *vb* **en-dued**; **en-du-ing** : to provide with some quality or power
en-dur-ance \in-ˈd(y)ūr-əns\ *n* 1 : DURATION 2 : the ability to withstand hardship or stress : FORTITUDE
en-dure \in-ˈd(y)ūr\ *vb* **en-dured**; **en-dur-ing** 1 : LAST, PERSIST 2 : to suffer firmly or patiently : BEAR 3 : TOLERATE *syn* continue, abide, persist — **en-dur-able** *adj*
end-ways \ˈend-,wāz\ *adv* or *adj* 1 : with the end forward 2 : LENGTHWISE 3 : on end
end-wise \-,wɪz\ *adv* or *adj* : ENDWAYS
ENE *abbr* east-northeast
ene-ma \ˈen-ə-mə\ *n*, *pl* **enemas** *also* **ene-ma-ta** \ˈen-ə-

ˈmät-ə, ˈen-ə-mə-tə\ : injection of liquid into the rectum; *also* : material so injected
en-e-my \ˈen-ə-mē\ *n*, *pl* **-mies** : one that attacks or tries to harm another : FOE; *esp* : a military opponent
en-er-get-ic \ˈen-ər-ˈjet-ik\ *adj* : marked by energy : ACTIVE, VIGOROUS *syn* strenuous, lusty, dynamic, vital — **en-er-get-ic-al-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*
en-er-gize \ˈen-ər-,jɪz\ *vb* -gized; -giz-ing : to give energy to
en-er-giz-er \-,jɪ-zər\ *n* : ANTIDEPRESSANT
en-er-gy \ˈen-ər-jē\ *n*, *pl* **-gies** 1 : vigorous action : EFFORT 2 : capacity for action 3 : capacity for performing work 4 : usable power (as heat or electricity); *also* : the resources for producing such power *syn* strength, might, vigor
energy level *n* : one of the stable states of constant energy that may be assumed by a physical system (as the electrons in an atom)
en-er-vate \ˈen-ər-,vāt\ *vb* -vat-ed; -vat-ing : to lessen the strength or vigor of : weaken in mind or body — **en-er-va-tion** \ˈen-ər-ˈvā-shən\ *n*
en-fee-ble \in-ˈfē-bəl\ *vb* -bled; -bling \-b(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to make feeble *syn* weaken, debilitate, sap, undermine, cripple — **en-fee-ble-ment** *n*
en-fi-lade \ˈen-fə-,lād, -ˌlād\ *n* : gunfire directed along the length of an enemy battle line
en-fold \in-ˈfɒld\ *vb* 1 : ENVELOP 2 : EMBRACE
en-force \in-ˈfɔrs\ *vb* 1 : COMPEL (~ obedience by threats) 2 : to execute effectively (~ the law) — **en-force-able** *adj* — **en-force-ment** *n*
en-fran-chise \in-ˈfræn-ˈtʃɪz\ *vb* -chised; -chis-ing 1 : to set free (as from slavery) 2 : to admit to citizenship; *also* : to grant the vote to — **en-fran-chise-ment** \-,tʃɪz-mənt, -tʃəz-ˌ\ *n*
eng *abbr* engine; engineer; engineering
Eng *abbr* England; English
en-gage \in-ˈgā\ *vb* **en-gaged**; **en-gag-ing** 1 : PLEDGE; *esp* : to bind by a pledge to marry 2 : EMPLOY, HIRE 3 : to attract and hold *esp.* by interesting (*engaged* his friend's attention); *also* : to cause to participate 4 : to commence or take part in a venture 5 : to bring or enter into conflict 6 : to connect or interlock with : MESH; *also* : to cause to mesh
en-gage-ment \in-ˈgāj-mənt\ *n* 1 : APPOINTMENT 2 : EMPLOYMENT 3 : a mutual promise to marry 4 : a hostile encounter
en-gag-ing *adj* : ATTRACTIVE — **en-gag-ing-ly** *adv*
en-gen-der \in-ˈjen-dər\ *vb* -dered; -der-ing \-d(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : BEGET 2 : BRING ABOUT, CREATE *syn* generate, breed, occasion, produce
en-gine \ˈen-jən\ *n* [ME *engin*, fr. OF, fr. L *ingenium* natural disposition, talent] 1 : a mechanical device 2 : a machine for converting energy into mechanical motion 3 : LOCOMOTIVE
en-gi-neer \ˈen-jə-ˈniər\ *n* 1 : a member of a military group devoted to engineering work 2 : a designer or builder of engines 3 : one trained in engineering 4 : one that operates an engine
engineer *vb* : to lay out or manage as an engineer *syn* guide, pilot, lead, steer
en-gi-neer-ing \-ɪŋ\ *n* : the practical applications of scientific and mathematical principles
English \ˈɪŋ-glish\ *n* 1 : the language of England, the U.S., and many areas now or formerly under British rule 2 *English pl* : the people of England — **English** *adj* — **English-man** \-mən\ *n* — **English-wom-an** \-,wʊm-ən\ *n*
English horn *n* : a woodwind instrument longer than and having a range lower than the oboe
English setter *n* : any of a breed of bird dogs with a flat silky coat of white with flecks or patches of black or brown
English sparrow *n* : HOUSE SPARROW

English system *n* : a system of weights and measures in which the foot is the principal unit of length and the pound is the principal unit of weight

enr *abbr* 1 engineer 2 engraved

en-gram \ˈen-gram\ *n* : a hypothetical change in neural tissue postulated in order to account for persistence of memory

en-grave \in-ˈgrāv\ *vb* **en-graved**; **en-grav-ing** 1 : to produce (as letters or lines) by incising a surface 2 : to incise (as stone or metal) to produce a representation (as of letters or figures) esp. that may be printed from 3 : PHOTOENGRAVE — **en-grav-er** *n*

en-grav-ing \in-ˈgrā-viŋ\ *n* 1 : the art of one who engraves 2 : an engraved plate; *also* : a print made from it

en-gross \in-ˈgrōs\ *vb* : to take up the whole interest or attention of **syn** monopolize, absorb, consume

en-gulf \in-ˈgʊlf\ *vb* : to flow over and enclose

en-hance \in-ˈhans\ *vb* **en-hanced**; **en-hanc-ing** : to make greater (as in value or desirability) **syn** heighten, intensify, magnify — **en-hance-ment** *n*

enig-ma \i-ˈnig-mə\ *n* [L *aenigma*, fr. Gk *ainigma*, fr. *ainissesthai* to speak in riddles, fr. *ainos* fable] : something obscure or hard to understand : PUZZLE

enig-matic \i-en-ig-ˈmat-ik\ *adj* : resembling an enigma **syn** obscure, cryptic, mystifying — **en-ig-mat-i-cal-ly** \i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

en-isle \in-ˈiɪl\ *vb* : ISOLATE

en-jamb-ment \in-ˈjam-mənt\ *or* **en-jambe-ment** \same, *or* ˈæn-zhəb-(ə)-mənt\ *n* [F *enjambement*] : the running over of a sentence from one verse or couplet into another so that closely related words fall in different lines

en-join \in-ˈjɔɪn\ *vb* 1 : COMMAND, ORDER 2 : FORBID **syn** direct, bid, charge, command, instruct

en-joy \in-ˈjɔɪ\ *vb* 1 : to have for one's benefit or use (~ good health) 2 : to take pleasure or satisfaction in (~ed the concert) **syn** like, love, relish, fancy — **en-joy-able** *adj* — **en-joy-ment** *n*

enl *abbr* 1 enlarged 2 enlisted

en-large \in-ˈlɑrj\ *vb* **en-larged**; **en-larg-ing** 1 : to make or grow larger 2 : ELABORATE **syn** increase, augment, multiply, expand — **en-large-ment** *n*

en-light-en \in-ˈlit-n\ *vb* **-ened**; **-en-ing** \i-ˈlit-(ə)-niŋ\ 1 : INSTRUCT, INFORM 2 : to give spiritual insight to **syn** illuminate, edify — **en-light-en-ment** *n*

en-list \in-ˈlist\ *vb* 1 : to engage for service in the armed forces 2 : to secure the aid or support of — **en-list-ee** \i-ˈlis-tē\ *n* — **en-list-ment** \i-ˈlis(t)-mənt\ *n*

en-list-ed \in-ˈlis-təd\ *adj* : of, relating to, or forming the part of a military force below commissioned or warrant officers

en-liv-en \in-ˈli-vən\ *vb* : to give life, action, or spirit to : ANIMATE

en masse \ān-ˈmas\ *adv* [F] : in a body : as a whole

en-mesh \in-ˈmesh\ *vb* : to catch or entangle in or as if in meshes

en-mi-ty \en-mət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** : ILL WILL; *esp* : mutual hatred **syn** hostility, antipathy, animosity, rancor, antagonism

en-no-ble \in-ˈnō-bəl\ *vb* **-bled**; **-bling** \-b(ə)-liŋ\ : ELEVATE, EXALT; *esp* : to raise to noble rank — **en-no-ble-ment** *n*

en-nui \ān-ˈwē\ *n* [F] : BOREDOM

enor-mi-ty \i-ˈnōr-mət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** 1 : a grave offense against order, right, or decency 2 : great wickedness 3 : IMMENSITY

enor-mous \i-ˈnōr-məs\ *adj* [L *enormis*, fr. *e*, ex out of + *norma* rule] : exceedingly wicked 2 : great in size, number, or degree : HUGE **syn** immense, vast, gigantic, colossal, mammoth, elephantine

¹**enough** \i-ˈnəf\ *adj* : SUFFICIENT **syn** adequate, satisfactory, sufficing

²**enough** *adv* 1 : SUFFICIENTLY 2 : FULLY, QUITE 3 : TOLERABLY

³**enough** *pron* : a sufficient number, quantity, or amount

en-plane \in-ˈplān\ *vb* : to board an airplane

en-quire \in-ˈkwī(ə)r\, **en-qui-ry** \in-ˈkwī(ə)r-ē, in-ˈkwī(ə)r-; \in-kwə-rē, \iŋ-ˈkwī(ə)r- *var of* INQUIRE, INQUIRY

en-rage \in-ˈrāj\ *vb* : to fill with rage

en-rap-ture \in-ˈrap-çər\ *vb* **en-rap-tured**; **en-rap-tur-ing** : DELIGHT

en-rich \in-ˈrich\ *vb* 1 : to make rich or richer 2 : ORNAMENT, ADORN — **en-rich-ment** *n*

en-roll *or* **en-rol** \in-ˈrōl\ *vb* **en-rolled**; **en-roll-ing** 1 : to enter or register on a roll or list 2 : to offer (oneself) for enrolling — **en-roll-ment** *n*

en route \än-ˈrüt, en-ˈ\ *adv or adj* : on or along the way **ENS** *abbr* ensign

en-sconce \in-ˈskəns\ *vb* **en-sconced**; **en-sconce-ing** 1 : SHELTER, CONCEAL 2 : to settle snugly or securely **syn** secrete, hide, cache, stash

en-sem-ble \än-ˈsäm-bəl\ *n* [F, fr. *ensemble* together, fr. L *insimul* at the same time] 1 : SET, WHOLE 2 : integrated music of two or more parts 3 : a complete costume of harmonizing garments 4 : a group of persons (as musicians) acting together to produce a particular effect or end

en-sheathe \in-ˈshēth\ *vb* : to cover with or as if with a sheath

en-shrine \in-ˈshrīn\ *vb* 1 : to enclose in or as if in a shrine 2 : to cherish as sacred

en-shroud \in-ˈshraʊd\ *vb* : SHROUD, OBSCURE

en-sign \ˈen-sən, 1 *also* ˈen-sin\ *n* 1 : FLAG; *also* : BADGE, EMBLEM 2 : a commissioned officer in the navy ranking next below a lieutenant junior grade

en-si-lage \en-sə-lij\ *n* : the process of converting feed crops into silage; *also* : SILAGE

en-sile \en-ˈsīl\ *vb* **en-siled**; **en-sil-ing** : to prepare and store (fodder) for silage

en-slave \in-ˈslāv\ *vb* : to make a slave of — **en-slave-ment** *n*

en-snare \in-ˈsnaər\ *vb* : SNARE, TRAP **syn** entrap, bag, catch, capture

en-sue \in-ˈsü\ *vb* **en-sued**; **en-su-ing** : to follow as a consequence or in time : RESULT

en-sure \in-ˈʃʊr\ *vb* **en-sured**; **en-sur-ing** : INSURE, GUARANTEE **syn** assure, secure

en-tail \in-ˈtāl\ *vb* 1 : to limit the inheritance of (property) to the owner's lineal descendants or to a class thereof 2 : to include or involve as a necessary step or result — **en-tail-ment** *n*

en-tan-gle \in-ˈtaŋ-gəl\ *vb* : TANGLE, CONFUSE — **en-tan-gle-ment** *n*

en-tente \än-ˈtānt\ *n* [F agreement, understanding] : an understanding providing for joint action; *also* : parties linked by such an entente

en-ter \ˈent-ər\ *vb* **en-tered**; **en-ter-ing** \ˈent-ər-iŋ, ˈen-triŋ\ 1 : to go or come in or into 2 : to become a member of : JOIN (~ the ministry) 3 : BEGIN 4 : to take part in : CONTRIBUTE 5 : to go into or upon and take possession 6 : to set down (as in a list) : REGISTER 7 : to place (a complaint) before a court; *also* : to put on record (~ed his objections)

en-ter-i-tis \ˈent-ə-ˈrīt-əs\ *n* : intestinal inflammation; *also* : a disease marked by this

en-ter-prise \ˈent-ər-ˈprīz\ *n* 1 : UNDERTAKING, PROJECT 2 : readiness for daring action : INITIATIVE 3 : a business organization

en-ter-pris-ing \-ˌprī-ziŋ\ *adj* : bold and vigorous in action : ENERGETIC

en-ter-tain \ˈent-ər-ˈtān\ *vb* 1 : to treat or receive as a guest 2 : AMUSE, DIVERT 3 : to hold in mind **syn** harbor,

ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart \ə\out \ch\chin \et\et \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job \ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

shelter, lodge, house, billet — **en-ter-tain-er** *n* — **en-ter-tain-ment** *n*

en-thrall or **en-thral** \in-ˈθrəl\ *vb* **en-thrall**; **en-thrall-ing** 1 : to hold spellbound 2 : ENSLAVE

en-throne \in-ˈθrɒn\ *vb* 1 : to seat on or as if on a throne 2 : EXALT

en-thuse \in-ˈθ(y)üz\ *vb* **en-thused**; **en-thus-ing** 1 : to make enthusiastic 2 : to show enthusiasm

en-thu-si-asm \in-ˈθ(y)ü-zē-ˈaz-əm\ *n* [Gk *enthousiasmos*, fr. *enthousiazien* to be inspired, fr. *entheos* inspired, fr. *theos* god] 1 : strong warmth of feeling : keen interest : FERVOR 2 : a cause of fervor — **en-thu-si-ast** \-ˈast, -əst\ *n* — **en-thu-si-as-tic** \in-ˈθ(y)ü-zē-ˈas-tik\ *adj* — **en-thu-si-as-tic-al-ly** \-ti-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

en-tice \in-ˈtis\ *vb* **en-ticed**; **en-tic-ing** : ALLURE, TEMPT — **en-tice-ment** *n*

en-tire \in-ˈtī(ə)r\ *adj* : COMPLETE, WHOLE **syn** sound, perfect, intact, undamaged — **en-tire-ly** *adv*

en-tire-ty \in-ˈtī-rət-ē, -tī(ə)r-t-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : COMPLETENESS 2 : WHOLE, TOTALITY

en-ti-tle \in-ˈtīt-əl\ *vb* **en-titled**; **en-tit-ling** \-ˈtīt(-)-lɪŋ\ 1 : NAME, DESIGNATE 2 : to give a right or claim to

en-ti-tle-ment \in-ˈtīt-əl-mənt\ *n* : a government program providing benefits to members of a specified group

en-ti-ty \ˈent-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : EXISTENCE, BEING 2 : something with separate and real existence

en-tomb \in-ˈtüm\ *vb* : to place in a tomb : BURY — **en-tomb-ment** \-tüm-mənt\ *n*

en-to-mol-o-gy \ˈent-ə-ˈmäl-ə-jē\ *n* : a branch of zoology that deals with insects — **en-to-mol-o-gi-cal** \-mə-ˈlāj-ik-əl\ *adj* — **en-to-mol-o-gist** \ˈent-ə-ˈmäl-ə-jəst\ *n*

en-tou-rage \ˈän-tü-ˈrāzh\ *n* [F] : RETINUE

en-tr-acte \ˈä-n-, trakt\ *n* [F] 1 : something (as a dance) performed between two acts of a play 2 : the interval between two acts of a play

en-trails \ˈen-, trälz\ *n pl* : VISCERA; *esp* : INTESTINES

en-train \in-ˈträn\ *vb* : to put or go aboard a railroad train

en-trance \ˈen-trəns\ *n* 1 : a means or place of entry 2 : the act of entering 3 : permission or right to enter

en-trance \in-ˈtrans\ *vb* **en-tranced**; **en-tranc-ing** : CHARM, DELIGHT

en-trant \ˈen-trənt\ *n* : one that enters *esp.* as a competitor

en-trap \in-ˈtrap\ *vb* : ENSNARE, TRAP — **en-trap-ment** *n*

en-treat \in-ˈtrēt\ *vb* : to ask earnestly or urgently : BESEECH **syn** beg, implore, plead, supplicate — **en-treaty** \-ˈtrēt-ē\ *n*

en-trée or **en-tree** \ˈän-, trā\ *n* [F *entrée*] 1 : the principal dish of the meal in the U.S. 2 : ENTRANCE **syn** entry, access, admission, admittance

en-trench \in-ˈtrenç\ *vb* 1 : to surround with a trench; *also* : to establish in a strong defensive position (<*ved* customs) 2 : ENCROACH, TRESPASS — **en-trench-ment** *n*

en-tre-pre-neur \ˈän-trə-prə-ˈnær\ *n* [F, fr. OF, fr. *entreprendre* to undertake] : one who organizes and assumes the risk of a business or enterprise

en-tro-py \ˈen-trə-pē\ *n*, *pl* -pies 1 : a measure of the unavailable energy of a closed thermodynamic system 2 : an ultimate state of inert uniformity

en-trust \in-ˈtrəst\ *vb* 1 : to commit something to as a trust 2 : to commit to another with confidence **syn** confide, consign, relegate, commend

en-try \ˈen-trē\ *n*, *pl* entries 1 : ENTRANCE 1, 2; *also* : VESTIBULE 2 2 : an entering in a record; *also* : an item so entered 3 : a headword with its definition or identification; *also* : VOCABULARY ENTRY 4 : one entered in a contest

en-twine \in-ˈtwɪn\ *vb* : to twine together or around

enu-mer-ate \i-ˈn(y)ü-mə-, rät\ *vb* **at-ated**; **-at-ing** 1 : to determine the number of : COUNT 2 : LIST — **enu-mer-a-tion** \-ˈn(y)ü-mə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

enun-ci-ate \ē-ˈnən-sē-, ät\ *vb* **at-ed**; **-at-ing** 1 : to state

definitely; *also* : ANNOUNCE, PROCLAIM 2 : PRONOUNCE, ARTICULATE — **enun-ci-a-tion** \-ˈnən-sē-ˈä-shən\ *n*

en-ure-sis \ˈen-yü-ˈrē-səs\ *n* : involuntary discharge of urine : BED-WETTING

env *abbr* envelope

en-vel-op \in-ˈvel-əp\ *vb* : to enclose completely with or as if with a covering — **en-vel-op-ment** *n*

en-ve-lope \ˈen-və-, lōp, ˈän-ˈ\ *n* 1 : a usu. paper container for a letter 2 : WRAPPER, COVERING 3 : the bag containing the gas in a balloon or airship

en-ven-om \in-ˈven-əm\ *vb* 1 : to poison with venom 2 : EMBITTER

en-vi-able \ˈen-vē-ə-bəl\ *adj* : highly desirable — **en-vi-ably** \-blē\ *adv*

en-vi-ous \ˈen-vē-əs\ *adj* : feeling or showing envy — **en-vi-ous-ly** *adv* — **en-vi-ous-ness** *n*

en-vi-ron-ment \in-ˈvī-rən-mənt\ *n* 1 : SURROUNDINGS 2 : the whole complex of factors (as soil, climate, and living things) that influence the form and the ability to survive of a plant or animal or ecological community — **en-vi-ron-men-tal** \-vī-rən-mənt-əl\ *adj*

en-vi-ron-men-tal-ist \-ˈl-əst\ *n* : a person concerned about the quality of the human environment

en-vi-rons \in-ˈvī-rən-z\ *n pl* 1 : SUBURBS 2 : SURROUNDINGS; *also* : VICINITY

en-vis-age \in-ˈvīz-ij\ *vb* **-aged**; **-ag-ing** : to have a mental picture of

en-voy \ˈen-, vōi, ˈän-ˈ\ *n* 1 : a diplomatic agent 2 : REPRESENTATIVE, MESSENGER

en-vy \ˈen-vē\ *n*, *pl* envies [ME *envie*, fr. OF, fr. L *invidia*, fr. *invidus* envious, fr. *invidere* to look askance at, envy, fr. *videre* to see] : grudging desire for or discontent at the sight of another's excellence or advantages; *also* : an object of envy

2envy *vb* **en-vied**; **en-vy-ing** : to feel envy toward or on account of

en-zy-me \ˈen-, zīm\ *n* : any of various complex proteins produced by living cells that induce or accelerate chemical reactions (as in the digestion of food) at body temperatures without being permanently altered — **en-zy-mat-ic** \ˈen-zə-ˈmat-ik\ *adj*

Eo-cene \ˈē-ə-, sēn\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the epoch of the Tertiary between the Paleocene and the Oligocene — **Eocene** *n*

eo-lian \ē-ˈlō-lē-ən\ *adj* : borne, deposited, or produced by the wind

EOM *abbr* end of month

eon \ˈē-ən, ˈē-, änn\ *var* of AEON

EP *abbr* European plan

EPA *abbr* Environmental Protection Agency

ep-au-let *also* **ep-au-lette** \ˈep-ə-ˈlet\ *n* [F *épaulette*, dim. of *épaule* shoulder] : a shoulder ornament *esp.* on a uniform

épée \ˈep-, ä-, ä-ˈpā\ *n* [F] : a fencing or dueling sword



épée

Eph or **Ephes** *abbr* Ephesians

ephed-rine \i-ˈfed-rən\ *n* : a drug used in relieving hay fever, asthma, and nasal congestion

ephem-er-al \i-ˈfem-(ə)-rəl\ *adj* [Gk *ephēmeros* lasting a day, daily, fr. *hēmera* day] : SHORT-LIVED, TRANSITORY **syn** passing, fleeting, transient, evanescent

Ephe-sians \i-ˈfē-zhən-z\ *n* — see BIBLE table

ep-ic \ˈep-ik\ *n* : a long poem in elevated style narrating the deeds of a hero — **epic** *adj*

epi-cen-ter \ˈep-i-, sent-ər\ *n* : the point on the earth's surface directly above the point of origin of an earthquake

epi-cure \ˈep-i,kyūr\ *n* : a person with sensitive and discriminating tastes esp. in food and wine

epi-cu-re-an \ˌep-i-kyū-ˈrē-ən, -ˈkyūr-ē-\ *n* : EPICURE — **epicurean** *adj*

epi-dem-ic \ˌep-ə-ˈdem-ik\ *adj* : affecting many persons at one time (∼ disease); *also* : excessively prevalent

epidemic *n* : an epidemic outbreak esp. of disease

epi-der-mal \ˌep-ə-ˈdər-məl\ *n* : an outer layer esp. of skin — **epi-der-mal** \-mə\ *adj*

epi-glōt-tis \ˌglāt-əs\ *n* : a thin plate of flexible tissue protecting the tracheal opening during swallowing

epi-gram \ˌep-ə-ˈgram\ *n* : a short witty poem or saying — **epi-gram-mat-ic** \ˌep-ə-grə-ˈmat-ik\ *adj*

epi-lep-sy \ˌep-ə-ˈlep-sē\ *n*, *pl* -sies : a disorder typically marked by disturbed electrical rhythms of the central nervous system, by attacks of convulsions, and by loss of consciousness — **epi-lep-tic** \ˌep-ə-ˈlep-tik\ *adj* or *n*

epi-logue or **epi-log** \ˌep-ə-ˈlōg, -ˈlāg\ *n* : a speech addressed to the spectators by an actor at the end of a play

epi-neph-rine *also* **epi-neph-rin** \ˌep-ə-ˈnef-rən\ *n* : an adrenal hormone used medicinally esp. as a heart stimulant, a muscle relaxant, and a vasoconstrictor

Epiph-a-ny \ˌi-pif-ə-nē\ *n*, *pl* -nies : January 6 observed as a church festival in commemoration of the coming of the Magi to Jesus at Bethlehem

epis-co-pa-cy \ˌi-pis-kə-pə-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies **1** : government of a church by bishops **2** : EPISCOPATE

epis-co-pal \ˌi-pis-kə-pəl\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to a bishop or episcopacy **2** *cap* : or or relating to the Protestant Episcopal Church

Epis-co-pa-li-an \ˌi-pis-kə-ˈpāl-yən\ *n* : a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church

epis-co-pate \ˌi-pis-kə-pət, -ˈpāt\ *n* **1** : the rank, office, or term of a bishop **2** : a body of bishops

epi-sode \ˌep-ə-ˈsōd, -ˈzōd\ *n* [Gk *epeisodion*, fr. *epeisodios* coming in besides, fr. *eisodios* coming in, fr. *eis* into + *hodos* road, journey] **1** : a unit of action in a dramatic or literary work **2** : an incident in a course of events : OCCURRENCE (a feverish ∼) — **epi-sod-ic** \ˌep-ə-ˈsād-ik, -ˈzād-\ *adj*

epis-tle \ˌi-ˈpis-əl\ *n* **1** *cap* : one of the letters of the New Testament **2** : LETTER — **epis-to-lary** \ˌi-ˈpis-tə-ˈler-ē\ *adj*

epi-taph \ˌep-ə-ˈtəf\ *n* : an inscription in memory of a dead person

epi-tha-la-mi-um \ˌep-ə-thə-ˈlā-mē-əm\ or **ep-i-tha-la-mi-on** \-mē-ən\ *n* *pl* -mi-ums or -mia \-mē-ə\ : a song or poem in honor of a bride and bridegroom

epi-the-li-um \ˌep-ə-ˈthē-lē-əm\ *n*, *pl* -lia \-lē-ə\ : a cellular membrane covering a bodily surface or lining a cavity — **ep-i-the-li-al** \-lē-əl\ *adj*

epi-thet \ˌep-ə-ˈthet, -thət\ *n* : a characterizing and often abusive word or phrase

epit-o-me \ˌi-ˈpit-ə-mē\ *n* **1** : ABSTRACT, SUMMARY **2** : EMBODIMENT — **epit-o-mize** \-ˈmīz\ *vb*

ep-och \ˌep-ək, ˈep-,āk\ *n* : a usu. extended period : ERA, AGE — **ep-och-al** \ˌep-ək-əl, ˈep-,āk-əl\ *adj*

ep-oxy \ˌi-ˈpāk-sē\ *vb* **ep-ox-ied** or **ep-oxyed**; **ep-oxy-ing** : to glue with epoxy resin

epoxy resin *n* : a synthetic resin used in coatings and adhesives

Ep-som salts \ˌep-səm-\ *n* : a bitter colorless or white magnesium salt with cathartic properties

eq *abbr* **1** equal **2** equation

equa-ble \ˌek-wə-bəl, ˈē-kwə-\ *adj* : UNIFORM, EVEN; *esp* : free from unpleasant extremes — **equ-a-bil-i-ty** \ˌek-wə-ˈbīl-ət-ē, ˈē-kwə-\ *n* — **equ-a-bly** \ˌek-wə-blē, ˈē-kwə-\ *adv*

equal \ˈē-kwəl\ *adj* **1** : of the same measure, quantity, value, quality, number, or degree as another **2** : IMPARTIAL **3** : free from extremes **4** : able to cope with a situation or task *syn* same, identical, equivalent, tantamount — **equal-i-ty** \ˌi-ˈkwəl-ət-ē\ *n* — **equal-ly** \ˈē-kwə-lē\ *adv*

equal *vb* **equaled** or **equalled**; **equal-ing** or **equal-ling** : to be or become equal to : MATCH

equal *n* : one that is equal; *esp* : a person of like rank, abilities, or age

equal-ize \ˈē-kwə-ˈlīz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to make equal, uniform, or constant — **equal-iza-tion** \ˌē-kwə-lā-ˈzā-shən\ *n* — **equal-iz-er** \ˈē-kwə-ˈlī-zər\ *n*

equa-nim-i-ty \ˌē-kwə-ˈnim-ət-ē, ˈek-wə-\ *n*, *pl* -ties : COMPOSURE

equate \ˌi-ˈkwāt\ *vb* **equat-ed**; **equat-ing** : to make, treat, or regard as equal or comparable

equa-tion \ˌi-ˈkwā-zhən, -shən\ *n* **1** : an act of equating : the state of being equated **2** : a usu. formal statement of equivalence (as between mathematical or logical expressions) with the relation typically symbolized by the sign =

equa-tor \ˌi-ˈkwāt-ər\ *n* : an imaginary circle around the earth that is everywhere equally distant from the two poles — **equa-to-ri-al** \ˌē-kwə-ˈtōr-ē-əl, ˈek-wə-\ *adj* **equer-ry** \ˌek-wə-rē, ˈi-ˈkwer-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ries **1** : an officer in charge of the horses of a prince or nobleman **2** : a personal attendant of a member of the British royal family

eques-tri-an \ˌi-ˈkwes-trē-ən\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to horses, horsemen, or horsemanship **2** : representing a person on horseback

equestrian *n* : one that rides on horseback

eques-tri-enne \ˌi-ˈkwes-trē-ˈen\ *n* : a female rider on horseback

equi-dis-tant \ˌē-kwə-ˈdis-tənt\ *adj* : equally distant

equi-lat-er-al \ˌē-kwə-ˈlat-(ə)rəl\ *adj* : having all sides or faces equal (∼ triangles)

equi-lib-ri-um \ˌē-kwə-ˈlib-rē-əm, ˈek-wə-\ *n*, *pl* -ri-ums or -ria \-rē-ə\ : a state of balance between opposing forces or actions *syn* poise, balance, equipoise

equine \ˈē-ˈkwīn, ˈek-,wīn\ *adj* [L *equinus*, fr. *equus* horse] : of or relating to the horse — **equine** *n*

equi-nox \ˈē-kwə-ˈnāks, ˈek-wə-\ *n* : either of the two times each year when the sun appears directly overhead at the equator and day and night are everywhere of equal length that occur about March 21 and September 23 — **equi-noc-tial** \ˌē-kwə-ˈnāk-shəl, ˈek-wə-\ *adj*

equip \ˌi-ˈkwip\ *vb* **equipped**; **equip-ping** : to supply with needed resources

equ-i-page \ˌek-wə-ˈpij\ *n* : a horse-drawn carriage usu. with its attendant servants

equip-ment \ˌi-ˈkwip-mənt\ *n* **1** : things used in equipping : SUPPLIES, OUTFIT **2** : the equipping of a person or thing : the state of being equipped

equi-poise \ˌek-wə-ˈpōiz, ˈē-kwə-\ *n* **1** : BALANCE, EQUILIBRIUM **2** : COUNTERBALANCE

equ-i-table \ˌek-wət-ə-bəl\ *adj* : JUST, FAIR — **equ-i-ta-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

equ-i-ta-tion \ˌek-wə-ˈtā-shən\ *n* : the act or art of riding on horseback

equ-i-ty \ˌek-wət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties **1** : JUSTNESS, IMPARTIALITY **2** : value of a property or of an interest in it in excess of claims against it

equiv *abbr* equivalent

equiv-a-lent \ˌi-ˈkwiv-(ə)-lənt\ *adj* : EQUAL; *also* : virtually identical *syn* same, tantamount — **equiv-a-lence** \-ləns\ *n* — **equivalent** *n*

equiv-o-cal \ˌi-ˈkwiv-ə-kəl\ *adj* **1** : AMBIGUOUS **2** : UNCERTAIN **3** : SUSPICIOUS, DUBIOUS (∼ behavior) *syn* obscure, dark, vague, enigmatic — **equiv-o-cally** \-ē\ *adv*

equiv-o-cate \ˌi-ˈkwiv-ə-, kāt\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing **1** : to use misleading language **2** : to avoid giving a definite answer — **equiv-o-ca-tion** \-ˌkwiv-ə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ə\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \aʊ\out \ch\chin \et\et \e\easy \eg\eg \i\hit \i\vice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \ol\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot
 \ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

1-er \ər\ *adj suffix or adv suffix* — used to form the comparative degree of adjectives and adverbs of one syllable (hotter) (drier) and of some adjectives and adverbs of two syllables (completer) and sometimes of longer ones

2-er \ər\ *also -ier* \ē-ər, yər\ or **-yer** \yər\ *n suffix* **1** : a person occupationally connected with (hatter) (lawyer) **2** : a person or thing belonging to or associated with (old-timer) **3** : a native of : resident of (New Yorker) **4** : one that has (double-decker) **5** : one that produces or yields (porker) **6** : one that does or performs (a specified action) (reporter) **7** : one that is a suitable object of (a specified action) (broiler) **8** : one that is (foreigner)

Er *symbol* erbium

ER *abbr* emergency room

era \ir-ə, 'er-ə, 'ē-rə\ *n* [LL *aera*, fr. L, counters, pl. of *aes* copper, money] **1** : a chronological order or system of notation reckoned from a given date as basis **2** : a period typified by some special feature **3** : any of the five major divisions of geologic time *syn* age, epoch, period, time

ERA *abbr* Equal Rights Amendment

erad-i-cate \i-'rad-ə-, kät\ *vb* **-cat-ed**; **-cat-ing** [L *eradica-tus*, pp. of *eradicare*, fr. *e-* out + *radix* root] : UPROOT, ELIMINATE *syn* exterminate, annihilate, abolish, extinguish — **erad-i-ca-ble** \i-'rad-i-kə-bəl\ *adj*

erase \i-'rās\ *vb* **erased**; **eras-ing** : to rub or scratch out (as written words); *also* : OBLITERATE *syn* cancel, efface, delete, expunge — **eras-er** \i-'rā-sər\ *n* — **era-sure** \-shər\ *n*

er-bi-um \ər-bē-əm\ *n* : a rare metallic element — see ELEMENT table

1ere \(_jər\ *prep* : BEFORE

2ere *conj* : BEFORE

1erect \i-'rekt\ *adj* **1** : not leaning or lying down : UPRIGHT **2** : being in a state of physiological erection

2erect *vb* **1** : BUILD **2** : to fix or set in an upright position

3 : SET UP; *also* : ESTABLISH, DEVELOP

erect-ile \i-'rek-tl-, -tīl\ *adj* : capable of becoming erect (~ tissue) (~ feathers of a bird)

erect-ion \i-'rek-shən\ *n* **1** : the turgid state of a previously flaccid bodily part when it becomes dilated with blood **2** : CONSTRUCTION

ere-long \ər-'lŏŋ\ *adv* : before long

er-e-mite \er-ə-, mīt\ *n* : HERMIT

er-go \er-gō, 'ər-\ *adv* [L] : THEREFORE

er-got \ər-gət, -gāt\ *n* **1** : a disease of rye and other cereals caused by a fungus; *also* : this fungus **2** : a medicinal compound or preparation derived from an ergot fungus

Erie \i(ə)-rē\ *n* : a member of an American Indian people of the Lake Erie region; *also* : their language

er-mine \ər-mən\ *n, pl* **ermine** **1** : any of several weasels with winter fur mostly white; *also : the white fur of an ermine **2** : a rank or office whose official robe is ornamented with ermine*



ermine 1

erode \i-'rōd\ *vb* **erod-ed**; **erod-ing** : to diminish or destroy by degrees; *esp* : to gradually eat into or wear away (soil *eroded* by wind and water) — **erod-ible** \i-'rōd-ə-bəl\ *adj*

erog-e-nous \i-'rāj-ə-nəs\ *adj* **1** : sexually sensitive (~ zones) **2** : of, relating to, or arousing sexual feelings

ero-sion \i-'rō-zhən\ *n* : the process or state of being eroded — **ero-sion-al** \i-'rōzh-(ə)-nəl\ *adj* — **ero-sion-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

ero-sive \i-'rō-siv\ *adj* : tending to erode — **ero-sive-ness** *n*
erot-ic \i-'rāt-ik\ *adj* : relating to or dealing with sexual love : AMATORY — **erot-i-cal-ly** \i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **erot-i-cism** \i-'rāt-ə-, siz-əm\ *n*

err \ər, 'er\ *vb* : to be or do wrong

er-rand \er-ənd\ *n* : a short trip taken to do something; *also* : the object or purpose of such a trip

er-rant \er-ənt\ *adj* **1** : WANDERING **2** : straying outside proper bounds **3** : deviating from an accepted pattern or standard

er-ra-ta \e-'rāt-ə\ *n* : a list of corrigenda

er-rat-ic \ir-'rāt-ik\ *adj* **1** : IRREGULAR, CAPRICIOUS **2** : ECCENTRIC, UNUSUAL — **er-rat-i-cal-ly** \i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

er-ra-tum \e-'rāt-əm\ *n, pl* **-ta** \-ə\ : CORRIGENDUM

er-ro-ne-ous \ir-'ō-nē-əs, e-'rō-\ *adj* : INCORRECT — **er-ro-ne-ous-ly** *adv*

er-ror \er-ər\ *n* **1** : a usu. ignorant or unintentional deviating from accuracy or truth (made an ~ in adding) **2** : a defensive misplay in baseball **3** : the state of one that errs (to be in ~) **4** : a product of mistake (a typographical ~) — **er-ror-less** *adj*

er-satz \er-, zäts\ *adj* [G] : SUBSTITUTE, SYNTHETIC (~ flour)

erst \ərst\ *adv, archaic* : ERSTWHILE

1erst-while \-, hwīl\ *adv* : in the past : FORMERLY

2erstwhile *adj* : FORMER, PREVIOUS

er-u-di-tion \er-(y)ə-'dīsh-ən\ *n* : LEARNING, SCHOLARSHIP — **er-u-dite** \er-(y)ə-, dīt\ *adj*

erupt \i-'rəpt\ *vb* **1** : to burst forth or cause to burst forth : EXPLODE **2** : to break through a surface (teeth ~ing through the gum) **3** : to break out with or as if with a skin rash — **erup-tion** \i-'rəp-shən\ *n* — **erup-tive** \-tīv\ *adj*

-ery \-(ə)-rē\ *n suffix* **1** : qualities collectively : character : -NESS (snobbery) **2** : art : practice (cooking) **3** : place of doing, keeping, producing, or selling (the thing specified) (fishery) (bakery) **4** : collection : aggregate (finery)

ery-sip-e-las \er-ə-'sip-(ə)-ləs, -ir-\ *n* : an acute bacterial disease marked by fever and severe skin inflammation

er-y-the-ma \er-ə-'thē-mə\ *n* : abnormal redness of the skin due to capillary congestion (as in inflammation)

eryth-ro-cyte \i-'rīth-rə-, sīt\ *n* : RED BLOOD CELL

Es *symbol* einsteinium

1-es \əz, iz *after s, z, sh, ch; z after v or a vowel* *n pl suffix* — used to form the plural of most nouns that end in *s* (glasses), *z* (fuzzes), *sh* (bushes), *ch* (peaches), or a final *y* that changes to *i* (ladies) and of some nouns ending in *f* that changes to *v* (loaves)

2-es *adv suffix* : -s

3-es *vb suffix* — used to form the third person singular present of most verbs that end in *s* (blesses), *z* (fizzes), *sh* (hushes), *ch* (catches), or a final *y* that changes to *i* (defies)

es-ca-late \es-kə-, lāt\ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** : to increase in extent, volume, number, intensity, or scope — **es-ca-la-tion** \es-kə-'lā-shən\ *n*

es-ca-la-tor \es-kə-, lāt-ər\ *n* : a power-driven set of stairs

es-cal-lop \is-'kāl-əp, -'kal-\ *var of* SCALLOP

es-ca-pade \es-kə-, pād\ *n* [F, action of escaping] : a mischievous adventure : PRANK

1es-cape \is-'kāp\ *vb* **es-aped**; **es-cap-ing** [ME *escapen*, fr. OF *escaper*, fr. (assumed) VL *excappare*, fr. L *ex-* out + LL *cappa* head covering, cloak] **1** : to get free or away **2** : to avoid a threatening evil **3** : to miss or succeed in averting (~ injury) **4** : ELUDE (his name ~s me) **5** : to be produced or uttered involuntarily by (let a sob ~ him)

2escape *n* **1** : flight from or avoidance of something unpleasant **2** : LEAKAGE **3** : a means of escape

3escape *adj* : providing a means or way of escape

es-cap-ee \is-,kā-pē, ɛs-(ɪ)kā- n : one that has escaped
esp. from prison
escape velocity n : the minimum velocity needed by a body (as a rocket) to escape from the gravitational field of a celestial body (as the earth)
es-cap-ism \is-'kā-,piz-əm\ n : diversion of the mind to imaginative activity as an escape from routine — **es-cap-ist** \-pəst\ *adj* or *n*
es-ca-role \es-kə-,rōl\ n : ENVIDE 1
es-carp-ment \is-'kārp-mənt\ n 1 : a steep slope in front of a fortification 2 : a long cliff
es-chew \is-'chū\ *vb* : SHUN, AVOID
es-cort \es-,kört\ n : one (as a person or warship) accompanying another esp. as a protection or courtesy
es-cort \is-'kört, es-*vb* : to accompany as an escort
es-crow \es-,krō\ n : something (as a deed or a sum of money) delivered by one person to another to be delivered to a third party only upon the fulfillment of a condition; *also* : a fund or deposit serving as an escrow
es-cu-do \is-'küd-ō\ *n, pl -dos* — see MONEY table
es-cutch-eon \is-'kəch-ən\ n : the usu. shield-shaped surface on which a coat of arms is shown
Esd *abbr* Esdras
Es-dras \ez-'drəs\ *n* — see BIBLE table
ESE *abbr* east-southeast
Es-ki-mo \es-kə-,mō\ n 1 : a member of a group of peoples of northern Canada, Greenland, Alaska, and eastern Siberia 2 : the language of the Eskimo people
Eskimo dog n : a sled dog of American origin
ESL *abbr* English as a second language
esoph-a-gus \is-'säf-ə-gəs\ *n, pl -gi* \-,gi, -jī\ : a muscular tube that leads from the cavity behind the mouth to the stomach — **esoph-a-geal** \-,säf-ə-'jē-əl\ *adj*
es-o-ter-ic \es-ə-'ter-ik\ *adj* 1 : designed for or understood only by the specially initiated 2 : PRIVATE, SECRET
esp *abbr* especially
ESP \,ē-,es-'pē\ *n* : extrasensory perception
es-pa-drille \es-pə-,dril\ *n* [F] : a flat sandal usu. having a fabric upper and a flexible sole
es-pal-ier \is-'pal-yər, -jā\ *n* : a plant (as a fruit tree) trained to grow flat against a support — **espalier** *vb*
es-pe-cial \is-'pesh-əl\ *adj* : SPECIAL, PARTICULAR — **es-pe-cial-ly** \-pesh-(ə-)lē\ *adv*
Es-pe-ran-to \es-pə-'rant-ō, -'rān-tō\ *n* : an artificial international language based as far as possible on words common to the chief European languages
es-pi-o-nage \es-pē-ə-,nāzh, -nī\ *n* [F *espionnage*] : the practice of spying
es-pla-nade \es-plə-,nād\ *n* : a level open stretch or area; *esp* : one for walking or driving along a shore
es-pous-al \is-'pau-zəl\ *n* 1 : BETROTHAL; *also* : WEDDING 2 : a taking up (as of a cause) as a supporter — **es-pouse** \-'pauz\ *vb*
espres-so \e-'spres-ō\ *n, pl -sos* [It *caffè*] *espresso*, lit., pressed out coffee] : coffee brewed by forcing steam through finely ground darkly roasted coffee beans
es-prit \is-'prē\ *n* : sprightly wit
es-prit de corps \is-,prēd-ə-'kōr\ *n* [F] : the common spirit existing in the members of a group
es-py \is-'pī\ *vb* **es-pied**; **es-py-ing** : to catch sight of *syn* behold, see, view, descry
Esq or **Esqr** *abbr* esquire
es-quire \es-,kwī(ə)r\ *n* [ME, fr. MF *esquier* squire, fr. LL *scutarius*, fr. L *scutum* shield] 1 : a man of the English gentry ranking next below a knight 2 : a candidate for knighthood serving as attendant to a knight 3 — used as a title of courtesy
-ess \əs, ɛs\ *n* *suffix* : female (author*ess*)
es-say \e-'sā, 'es-,ā\ *vb* : ATTEMPT, TRY
es-say *n* 1 \es-,ā, e-'sā\ : ATTEMPT 2 \es-,ā\ : a literary composition usu. dealing with a subject from a limited or personal point of view — **es-say-ist** \es-,ā-səst\ *n*
es-sence \es-'ns\ *n* 1 : fundamental nature or quality 2 : a

substance distilled or extracted from another substance (as a plant or drug) and having the special qualities of the original substance (∼ of peppermint) 3 : PERFUME
es-sen-tial \i-'sen-chəl\ *adj* 1 : containing or constituting an essence (free speech is an ∼ right of citizenship) (∼ oils) 2 : of the utmost importance : INDISPENSABLE *syn* imperative, necessary, necessitous — **es-sen-tial-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
essential *n* : something essential
est *abbr* 1 established 2 estimate; estimated
EST *abbr* eastern standard time
est \əst, ist\ *adj* *suffix* or *adv* *suffix* — used to form the superlative degree of adjectives and adverbs of one syllable (f*estest*) (l*atest*), of some adjectives and adverbs of two syllables (l*uckiest*) (o*ftenest*), and less often of longer ones (b*eggarliest*)
est \əst, ist\ or **-st** \st\ *vb* *suffix* — used to form the archaic second person singular of English verbs (with *thou*) (g*ettest*) (d*idst*)
es-tab-lish \is-'tab-lish\ *vb* 1 : to make firm or stable 2 : ORDAIN 3 : FOUND (∼ a settlement); *also* : EFFECT 4 : to put on a firm basis : SET UP (∼ a son in business) 5 : to gain acceptance or recognition of (as a claim or fact) (∼ed his right to help); *also* : PROVE
es-tab-lish-ment \-mənt\ *n* 1 : something established 2 : a place of residence or business with its furnishings and staff 3 : an established ruling or controlling group (the literary ∼) 4 : the act or state of establishing or being established
es-tate \is-'tāt\ *n* 1 : STATE, CONDITION; *also* : social standing : STATUS 2 : a social or political class (the three ∼s of nobility, clergy, and commons) 3 : a person's possessions : FORTUNE 4 : a landed property
es-teem \is-'tēm\ *n* : high regard
esteem *vb* 1 : REGARD 2 : to set a high value on *syn* respect, admire, revere
es-ter \es-'tər\ *n* : an often fragrant organic compound formed by the reaction of an acid and an alcohol
Esth *abbr* Esther
Es-ther \es-'tər\ *n* — see BIBLE table
esthete, esthetic, esthetics *var of* AESTHETE, AESTHETIC, AESTHETICS
es-ti-ma-ble \es-tə-mə-bəl\ *adj* : worthy of esteem
es-ti-mate \es-tə-,māt\ *vb* **-mat-ed**; **-mat-ing** 1 : to give or form an approximation (as of value, size, or cost) 2 : JUDGE, CONCLUDE *syn* evaluate, value, rate, appraise, assay, assess — **es-ti-ma-tor** \-,mä-tər\ *n*
es-ti-mate \es-tə-mət\ *n* 1 : OPINION, JUDGMENT 2 : a rough or approximate calculation 3 : a statement of the cost of work to be done
es-ti-ma-tion \es-tə-'mā-shən\ *n* 1 : JUDGMENT, OPINION 2 : ESTIMATE 3 : ESTEEM, HONOR
es-ti-vate \es-tə-,vāt\ *vb* **-vat-ed**; **-vat-ing** : to pass the summer in an inactive or resting state — **es-ti-va-tion** \es-tə-'vā-shən\ *n*
Es-to-nian \e-'stō-nē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Estonia
es-trange \is-'trānj\ *vb* **es-tranged**; **es-trang-ing** : to alienate the affections or confidence of — **es-trange-ment** *n*
es-tro-gen \es-'trə-jən\ *n* : a substance (as a sex hormone) that tends to cause estrus and the development of secondary sex characteristics in the female — **es-tro-gen-ic** \es-trə-'jen-ik\ *adj*
estrous cycle *n* : the cycle of changes in the endocrine and reproductive systems of a female mammal from the beginning of one period of estrus to the beginning of the next
est-rus \es-'trəs\ *n* : a periodic state of sexual excitability

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ə\rfurther \ə\wash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \i\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot
 \ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

during which the female of most mammals is willing to mate with the male and is capable of becoming pregnant : **HEAT** — **es-trous** \-trəʊs/ *adj*

es-tu-ary \ˈes-cha-,wer-ē/ *n*, *pl* **-aries** : an arm of the sea at the mouth of a river

ET *abbr* eastern time

ETA *abbr* estimated time of arrival

et al \et-ˈal/ *abbr* [L *et alii* (masc.), *et aliae* (fem.), or *et alia* (neut.)] and others

etc \ən-ˈsō-,fōrth, et-ˈset-ə-rə, -ˈse-trə/ *abbr* *et cetera*

et cet-er-a \et-ˈset-ə-rə, -ˈse-trə/ [L] and others esp. of the same kind

etch \ˈetʃ/ *vb* [Dutch *etsen*, fr G *ätzen*, lit., to feed] **1** : to make lines on (as metal) usu. by the action of acid; *also* : to produce (as a design) by etching **2** : to delineate clearly — **etch-er** *n*

etch-ing \-ɪŋ/ *n* **1** : the act, process, or art of etching **2** : a design produced on or print made from an etched plate

ETD *abbr* estimated time of departure

eter-nal \i-ˈtərn-əl/ *adj* : EVERLASTING, PERPETUAL — **eter-nal-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

eter-ni-ty \i-ˈtər-nət-ē/ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : infinite duration **2** : IMMORTALITY

1-eth \əth, ith/ or **-th** \th/ *vb* *suffix* — used to form the archaic third person singular present of verbs (*goeth*) (*doth*)

2-eth — see **2-TH**

eth-ane \ˈeth-ān/ *n* : a colorless odorless gaseous hydrocarbon found in natural gas and used esp. as a fuel

eth-a-nol \ˈeth-ə-,nōl/ *n* : ALCOHOL **1**

ether \ˈē-thər/ *n* **1** : the upper regions of space; *also* : the gaseous element formerly held to fill these regions **2** : a light flammable liquid used as an anesthetic and solvent

ethe-re-al \i-ˈthir-ē-əl/ *adj* **1** : CELESTIAL, HEAVENLY **2** : exceptionally delicate AIRY, DAINTY — **ethe-re-al-ly** \-ē/ *adv* — **ethe-re-al-ness** *n*

eth-i-cal \ˈeth-i-kəl/ *adj* **1** : of or relating to ethics **2** : conforming to accepted and esp. professional standards of conduct *syn* virtuous, moral, principled — **eth-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē/ *adv*

eth-ics \ˈeth-iks/ *n* *sing* or *pl* **1** : a discipline dealing with good and evil and with moral duty **2** : moral principles or practice

Ethi-o-pi-an \ē-thē-ˈō-pē-ən/ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Ethiopia — **Ethiopian** *adj*

1-eth-nic \ˈeth-nik/ *n* : a member of a minority ethnic group who retains its customs, language, or social views

2-ethnic *adj* : of or relating to races or large groups of people classed according to common traits and customs — **eth-ni-cal-ly** \-ni-k(ə)-lē/ *adv*

eth-nol-o-gy \eth-ˈnāl-ə-jē/ *n* : a science dealing with the races of man, their origin, distribution, characteristics, and relations — **eth-no-log-i-cal** \eth-nə-ˈlāj-i-kəl/ *adj* — **eth-nol-o-gist** \eth-ˈnāl-ə-jəst/ *n*

ethol-o-gy \ē-ˈthāl-ə-jē/ *n* : the scientific and objective study of animal behavior — **etho-log-i-cal** \ē-thə-ˈlāj-i-kəl, eth-ə-/ *adj* — **ethol-o-gist** \ē-ˈthāl-ə-jəst/ *n*

ethos \ˈē-,thās/ *n* : the distinguishing character, sentiment, moral nature, or guiding beliefs of a person, group, or institution

ethyl alcohol *n* : ALCOHOL **1**

eth-yl-ene \ˈeth-ə-,lēn/ *n* : a colorless flammable gas found in coal gas or obtained from petroleum

eti-ol-o-gy \ē-ˈtāl-ə-jē/ *n* **1** : CAUSE, ORIGIN; *esp* : the causes of a disease or abnormal condition **2** : a branch of medicine concerned with the causes and origins of diseases — **eti-o-log-ic** \ē-ˈtē-ə-ˈlāj-i-k/ or **eti-o-log-i-cal** \-i-kəl/ *adj*

et-i-quette \ˈet-i-kət, -ket/ *n* [F *étiquette*, lit., ticket] : the forms prescribed by custom or authority to be observed in social, official, or professional life *syn* propriety, decorum, decency, dignity

Etrus-can \i-ˈtrəs-kən/ *n* **1** : the language of the Etruscans **2** : an inhabitant of ancient Etruria — **Etruscan** *adj*

et seq *abbr* [L *et sequens*] and the following one; [L *et sequentes* (masc. & fem. pl.) or *et sequentia* (neut. pl.)] and the following ones

-ette \ˈet, ˌet, ət, it/ *n* *suffix* **1** : little one (*dinette*) **2** : female (*majorette*)

étude \ˈā-,t(y)üd/ *n* [F, lit., study] : a musical composition for practice to develop technical skill

ety *abbr* etymology

et-y-mol-o-gy \et-ə-ˈmäl-ə-jē/ *n*, *pl* **-gies** **1** : the history of a linguistic form (as a word) shown by tracing its development and relationships **2** : a branch of linguistics dealing with etymologies — **et-y-mol-log-i-cal** \m-ə-ˈlāj-i-kəl/ *adj* — **et-y-mol-o-gist** \-mäl-ə-jəst/ *n*

Eu *symbol* europium

eu-ca-lyp-tus \yü-kə-ˈlip-təs/ *n*, *pl* **-ti** \-,tī/ or **-tus-es** : any of a genus of mostly Australian evergreen trees widely grown for shade or their wood, oils, resins, and gums

Eu-cha-rist \yü-k(ə)-rəst/ *n* : COMMUNION **2** — **eu-cha-ristic** \yü-kə-ˈris-tik/ *adj*, *often cap*

1-euchre \yü-kər/ *n* : a card game in which the side naming the trump must take three of five tricks to win

2-euchre *vb* **eu-chred**; **eu-chring** \-k(ə)-rɪŋ/ : CHEAT, TRICK

eu-clid-e-an *also* **eu-clid-i-an** \yü-ˈklid-ē-ən/ *adj*, *often cap* : of or relating to the geometry of Euclid or a geometry based on similar axioms

eu-gen-ics \yü-ˈjen-iks/ *n* : a science dealing with the improvement (as by selective breeding) of hereditary qualities esp. of human beings — **eu-gen-ic** \-ik/ *adj*

eu-lo-gy \yü-lə-jē/ *n*, *pl* **-gies** **1** : a speech in praise of some person or thing **2** : high praise — **eu-lo-gis-tic** \yü-lə-ˈjis-tik/ *adj* — **eu-lo-gize** \yü-lə-ˈjɪz/ *vb*

eu-nuch \yü-nək/ *n* : a castrated man

eu-phe-mism \yü-fə-,miz-əm/ *n* [Gk *euphēmos*, fr. *euphēmos* auspicious, sounding good, fr. *eu-* good + *phēmē* speech] : the substitution of a mild or pleasant expression for one offensive or unpleasant; *also* : the expression substituted — **eu-phe-mis-tic** \yü-fə-ˈmis-tik/ *adj*

eu-pho-ni-ous \yü-ˈfō-nē-əs/ *adj* : pleasing to the ear

eu-pho-ny \yü-fə-nē/ *n*, *pl* **-nies** : the effect produced by words so combined as to please the ear

eu-pho-ria \yü-ˈfōr-ē-ə/ *n* : a marked feeling of well-being or elation — **eu-phor-ic** \-fōr-ik/ *adj*

Eur *abbr* Europe; European

Eur-asian \yü-ˈrā-zhən, -shən/ *adj* **1** : of mixed European and Asian origin **2** : of or relating to Europe and Asia — **Eurasian** *n*

eu-re-ka \yü-ˈrē-kə/ *interj* [Gk *heurēka* I have found, fr. *heuriskein* to find; fr. the exclamation attributed to Archimedes on discovering a method for determining the purity of gold] — used to express triumph on a discovery

Eu-ro-bond \yür-ō-,bänd/ *n* : a bond of a U.S. corporation that is sold outside the U.S. but that is valued and paid for in dollars and yields interest in dollars

Eu-ro-cur-ren-cy \yür-ō-ˈkər-ən-sē, -ˈkə-rən/ *n* : monies (as of the U.S. and Japan) held outside their countries of origin and used in the money markets of Europe

Eu-ro-dol-lar \yür-ō-,däl-ər/ *n* : a U.S. dollar held (as by a bank) outside the U.S. and esp. in Europe

Eu-ro-pe-an \yür-ə-ˈpē-ən/ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Europe — **European** *adj*

European plan *n* : a hotel plan whereby the daily rates cover only the cost of the room

eu-ro-pi-um \yü-ˈrō-pē-əm/ *n* : a metallic chemical element — see ELEMENT table

eu-sta-chian tube \yü-ˈstā-shən-/ *n*, *often cap E* : a tube connecting the inner cavity of the ear with the throat and equalizing air pressure on both sides of the eardrum

eu-tha-na-sia \yü-thə-'nä-zh(ē)-ə\ *n* [Gk, easy death, fr. *eu-* good + *thanatos* death]: MERCY KILLING

eu-tro-phi-ca-tion \yü-trō-fə-'kā-shən\ *n*: the process by which a body of water becomes rich in dissolved nutrients (as phosphates) and often shallow with a seasonal deficiency in dissolved oxygen — **eu-tro-phi-c** \yü-'trō-fik\ *adj*

EVA *abbr* extravehicular activity

evac-u-ate \i-'vak-yə-,wāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing 1: EMPTY 2: to discharge wastes from the body 3: to remove or withdraw from: *VACATE* — **evac-u-a-tion** \i-'vak-yə-'wā-shən\ *n*

evac-u-ee \i-'vak-yə-'wē\ *n*: an evacuated person

evade \i-'vād\ *vb* **evad-ed**; **evad-ing**: to manage to avoid esp. by dexterity or slyness: ELUDE, ESCAPE

eval-u-ate \i-'val-yə-,wāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing: APPRAISE, VALUE — **eval-u-a-tion** \i-'val-yə-'wā-shən\ *n*

ev-a-nes-cent \i-'ev-ə-'nes-'nt\ *adj*: tending to vanish like vapor *syn* passing, transient, transitory, momentary — **ev-a-nes-cence** \-'ns\ *n*

evan-gel-i-cal \i-'ē-,van-'jel-i-kəl, i-'ev-ən-\ *adj* [LL *evangelium* gospel, fr. Gk *evangelion*, fr. *eu-* good + *angelos* messenger] 1: of or relating to the Christian gospel esp. as presented in the four Gospels 2: of or relating to certain Protestant churches emphasizing the authority of Scripture and the importance of preaching as contrasted with ritual 3: ZEALOUS (~ fervor) — **Evangelical** *n* — **Evangel-i-cal-ism** \-kə-'liz-əm\ *n* — **evan-gel-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

evan-gel-ism \i-'van-jə-,liz-əm\ *n* 1: the winning or revival of personal commitments to Christ 2: militant or crusading zeal — **evan-gel-ist** \i-'van-jə-'lis-tik\ *adj* — **evan-gel-ist-i-cal-ly** \i-'ti-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

evan-gel-ist \i-'van-jə-'löst\ *n* 1 *often cap*: the writer of any of the four Gospels 2: one who evangelizes; *esp*: a preacher who conducts revival services

evan-gel-ize \i-'van-jə-,liz\ *vb* -lized; -liz-ing 1: to preach the gospel 2: to convert to Christianity

evap *abbr* evaporate

evap-o-rate \i-'vap-ə-,rāt\ *vb* -rat-ed; -rat-ing 1: to pass off or cause to pass off in vapor 2: to disappear quickly 3: to drive out the moisture from (as by heat) — **evap-o-ration** \i-'vap-ə-'rā-shən\ *n* — **evap-o-ra-tor** \i-'rāt-ər\ *n*

evap-o-rite \i-'vap-ə-,rit\ *n*: a sedimentary rock that originates by the evaporation of seawater in an enclosed basin

eva-sion \i-'vā-zhən\ *n* 1: an act or instance of evading 2: a means of evading; *esp*: an equivocal statement used in evading — **eva-sive** \i-'vā-siv\ *adj* — **eva-sive-ness** *n*

eve \i-'ēv\ *n* 1: EVENING 2: the period just before some important event

1even \i-'ē-vən\ *adj* 1: LEVEL, FLAT 2: REGULAR, SMOOTH 3: EQUAL, FAIR 4: BALANCED; *also*: fully revenged 5: divisible by two 6: EXACT *syn* stable, uniform, steady, constant — **even-ly** *adv* — **even-ness** \i-'vən-nəs\ *n*

2even *adv* 1: EXACTLY, PRECISELY 2: FULLY, QUITE 3: at the very time 4 — used as an intensive to stress identity (~ we know that) 5 — used as an intensive to stress the comparative degree (did ~ better)

3even *vb* **evened**; **even-ing** \i-'ēv-(ə-)niŋ\: to make or become even

even-hand-ed \i-'ē-vən-'han-dəd\ *adj*: FAIR, IMPARTIAL

eve-niŋ \i-'ēv-niŋ\ *n*: the end of the day and early part of the night

evening primrose *n*: a coarse biennial herb with yellow flowers that open in the evening

evening star *n*: a bright planet seen esp. in the western sky at or after sunset

even-song \i-'ē-vən-,sŋŋ\ *n*, *often cap* 1: VESPER 2: evening prayer esp. when sung

event \i-'vent\ *n* [MF or L; MF, fr. L *eventus*, fr. *evenire* to happen, fr. *venire* to come] 1: OCCURRENCE 2: a noteworthy happening 3: CONTINGENCY (in the ~ of

rain) 4: a contest in a program of sports — **event-ful** *adj*

even-tide \i-'ē-vən-,tid\ *n*: EVENING

even-tu-al \i-'vench-(ə-w)əl\ *adj*: coming at some later time: ULTIMATE — **even-tu-al-ly** \i-'ē\ *adv*

even-tu-al-i-ty \i-'ven-chə-'wal-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties: a possible event or outcome

even-tu-ate \i-'ven-chə-,wāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing: to result finally

ever \i-'ev-ər\ *adv* 1: ALWAYS 2: at any time 3: in any way: AT ALL

ever-bloom-ing \i-'ev-ər-'blü-miŋ\ *adj*: blooming more or less continuously throughout the growing season

ever-glade \i-'ev-ər-,glād\ *n*: a low-lying tract of swampy or marshy land

ever-green \i-'grēn\ *adj*: having foliage that remains green (coniferous trees are mostly ~) — **evergreen** *n*

1ever-last-ing \i-'ev-ər-'las-tiŋ\ *adj* 1: enduring forever: ETERNAL 2: keeping form or color for a long time when dried (~ flowers) — **ever-last-ing-ly** *adv*

2everlasting *n* 1: ETERNITY (from ~) 2: a plant with everlasting flowers; *also*: its flower

ever-more \i-'ev-ər-'mōr\ *adv*: FOREVER

ev-ery \i-'ev-rē\ *adj* 1: being each one of a group 2: all possible (given ~ chance); *also*: COMPLETE (have ~ confidence)

ev-ery-body \i-'ev-ri-,bād-ē, -bəd-\ *pron*: every person

ev-ery-day \i-'ev-ri-,dā\ *adj*: used or fit for daily use: ORDINARY

ev-ery-one \i-'(i)wən\ *pron*: EVERYBODY

ev-ery-thing \i-'ev-rē-,thiŋ\ *pron*: all that exists; *also*: all that is relevant

ev-ery-where \i-'ev-rē-,hweər\ *adv*: in every place or part

evg *abbr* evening

evict \i-'vikt\ *vb*: to put (a person) out from a property by legal process; *also*: EXPEL *syn* eject, oust, dismiss — **evic-tion** \i-'vik-shən\ *n*

evi-dence \i-'ev-əd-əns\ *n* 1: an outward sign 2: PROOF, TESTIMONY; *esp*: matter submitted in court to determine the truth of alleged facts

evi-dent \i-'ev-əd-ənt\ *adj*: clear to the vision and understanding *syn* manifest, distinct, obvious, apparent, plain — **ev-i-dent-ly** \i-'ev-əd-ənt-lē, -ə-,dent-\ *adv*

1evil \i-'ē-vəl\ *adj* **evil-er** or **evil-ler**; **evil-est** or **evil-lest** 1: WICKED 2: causing or threatening distress or harm: PERNICIOUS — **evil-ly** *adv*

2evil *n*: a source of sorrow or distress: CALAMITY 2: the fact of suffering, misfortune, and wrongdoing — **evil-do-er** \i-'ē-vəl-'dū-ər\ *n*

evil-mind-ed \i-'ē-vəl-'mīn-dəd\ *adj*: having an evil disposition or evil thoughts

evince \i-'vins\ *vb* **evinced**; **evinc-ing**: SHOW, REVEAL

evis-cer-ate \i-'vis-ə-,rāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing 1: to remove the entrails of 2: to deprive of vital content or force — **evis-cer-a-tion** \i-'vis-ə-'rā-shən\ *n*

evoke \i-'vök\ *vb* **evoked**; **evok-ing**: to call forth or up — **evo-ca-tion** \i-'ē-vō-'kā-shən, i-'ev-ə-\ *n* — **evoc-a-tive** \i-'vāk-ət-iv\ *adj*

evo-lu-tion \i-'ev-ə-'lü-shən\ *n* 1: a process of change in a particular direction 2: one of a series of prescribed movements (as in a dance or military exercise) 3: a theory that the various kinds of plants and animals are descended from other kinds that lived in earlier times and that the differences are due to inherited changes that took place over many generations — **evo-lu-tion-ary** \-shə-,ner-ē\ *adj* — **evo-lu-tion-ist** \-sh(ə-)nəst\ *n*

evolve \i-'välv\ *vb* **evolved**; **evolv-ing** [L *evolvere* to unroll]: to develop by or as if by evolution

EW *abbr* enlisted woman

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \et\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \v\loot
 \v\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

ewe ¹yū *n* : a female sheep

ewer ¹yū-ər *n* : a vase-shaped jug

¹ex ⁽¹⁾eks *prep* [L] : out of : FROM

²ex ¹eks *n* : a former spouse

³ex *abbr* 1 example 2 express 3 extra

Ex *abbr* Exodus

ex-*ve* also occurs in this prefix where only *i* is shown below (as in "express") and *ks* sometimes occurs where only *gz* is shown (as in "exact") \ prefix 1 : out of : outside 2 : former (ex-president)

ex-ac-er-bate ¹ig-¹zas-ər-¹bāt *vb* -bat-ed; -bat-ing : to make more violent, bitter, or severe — ex-ac-er-ba-tion \¹zas-ər-¹bā-shən *n*

¹ex-act ¹ig-¹zakt *vb* 1 : to compel to furnish 2 : to call for as suitable or necessary — ex-act-ion \¹zak-shən *n*

²exact *adj* : precisely accurate or correct *syn* right, precise, proper, nice — ex-act-ly \¹zak-(t)lē *adv* — ex-act-ness \¹zak(t)-nəs *n*

ex-act-ing ¹ig-¹zak-tiŋ *adj* 1 : greatly demanding (an ~ taskmaster) 2 : requiring close attention and precision ex-ac-ti-tude ¹ig-¹zak-tə-¹(y)üd *n* : the quality or state of being exact

ex-ag-ger-ate ¹ig-¹zaj-ə-¹rāt *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing [L *exaggeratus*, pp. of *exaggerare*, lit., to heap up, fr. *agger* heap] : to enlarge (as a statement) beyond bounds : OVERSTATE — ex-ag-ger-at-ed-ly *adv* — ex-ag-ger-a-tion \¹zaj-ə-¹rā-shən *n* — ex-ag-ger-a-tor \¹zaj-ə-rāt-ər *n*

ex-alt ¹ig-¹zolt *vb* 1 : to raise up esp. in rank, power, or dignity 2 : GLORIFY 3 : to elate the mind or spirits — ex-al-ta-tion \¹eg-¹zöl-¹tā-shən, ¹ek-¹söl-¹ *n*

ex-am ¹ig-¹zam *n* : EXAMINATION

ex-am-ine ¹ig-¹zam-ən *vb* ex-am-in-ed; ex-am-in-ing \-(ə)niŋ 1 : to inspect closely 2 : QUESTION; *esp* : to test by questioning *syn* interrogate, query, quiz, catechize — ex-am-i-na-tion \¹zam-ə-¹nā-shən *n*

ex-am-ple ¹ig-¹zam-pəl *n* 1 : something forming a model to be followed or avoided 2 : a representative sample 3 : a problem to be solved in order to show the application of some rule

ex-as-per-ate ¹ig-¹zas-pə-¹rāt *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : VEX, IRRITATE — ex-as-per-a-tion \¹ig-¹zas-pə-¹rā-shən *n*

exc *abbr* 1 excellent 2 except

ex-ca-vate ¹ek-skə-¹vāt *vb* -vat-ed; -vat-ing 1 : to hollow out; *also* : to form by hollowing out 2 : to dig out and remove (as earth) 3 : to reveal to view by digging away a covering — ex-ca-va-tion \¹ek-skə-¹vā-shən *n* — ex-ca-va-tor \¹ek-skə-¹vāt-ər *n*

ex-ceed ¹ik-¹sēd *vb* 1 : to go or be beyond the limit of 2 : SURPASS

ex-ceed-ing-ly \-iŋ-lē *or* ex-ceed-ing *adv* : EXTREMELY, VERY

ex-cel ¹ik-¹sel *vb* ex-cel-led; ex-cel-ling : SURPASS, OUTDO ex-cel-lence \¹ek-s(ə)-lēns *n* 1 : the quality of being excellent 2 : an excellent or valuable quality : VIRTUE 3 : EXCELLENCE 2

ex-cel-len-cy \s(ə)-lēn-sē *n*, *pl* -cies 1 : EXCELLENCE 2 — used as a title of honor

ex-cel-lent ¹ek-s(ə)-lēnt *adj* : very good of its kind : FIRST-CLASS — ex-cel-lent-ly *adv*

ex-cel-si-or \¹ik-¹sel-sē-ər *n* : fine curled wood shavings used esp. for packing fragile items

¹ex-cept \¹ik-¹sept *also* ex-cept-ing \¹sep-tiŋ *prep* 1 : not including (daily ~ Sundays) 2 : other than : BUT (saw no one ~ him)

²except *vb* 1 : to take or leave out 2 : OBJECT

³except *also* excepting *conj* : ONLY (I'd go, ~ it's too far) ex-cep-tion \¹ik-¹sep-shən *n* 1 : the act of excepting 2 : something excepted 3 : OBJECTION

ex-cep-tion-able \¹ik-¹sep-sh(ə)-nə-bəl *adj* : OBJECTION-ABLE

ex-cep-tion-al \¹ik-¹sep-sh(ə)-nəl *adj* 1 : UNUSUAL 2 : SUPERIOR — ex-cep-tion-al-ly \¹sep-sh(ə)-nə-lē *adv*

ex-cerpt \¹ek-¹səpt, ¹eg-¹zəpt *n* : a passage selected or

copied : EXTRACT — excerpt \¹ek-¹səpt, eg-¹zəpt; ¹ek-¹səpt, ¹eg-¹zəpt *vb*

ex-cess \¹ik-¹ses, ¹ek-¹ses *n* 1 : SUPERFLUITY, SURPLUS 2 : the amount by which one quantity exceeds another 3 : INTemperance — excess *adj* — ex-ces-sive \¹ik-¹ses-iv *adj* — ex-ces-sive-ly *adv*

exch *abbr* exchange; exchanged

¹ex-change \¹iks-¹chāŋ, ¹eks-¹chāŋ *n* 1 : the giving of taking of one thing in return for another : TRADE 2 : a substituting of one thing for another 3 : interchange of valuables and esp. of bills of exchange or money of different countries 4 : a place where things and services are exchanged; *esp* : a marketplace for securities 5 : a central office in which telephone lines are connected for communication

²exchange *vb* ex-changed; ex-chang-ing : to transfer in return for some equivalent : BARTER, SWAP — ex-change-able \¹iks-¹chāŋ-jə-bəl *adj*

ex-che-quer \¹eks-¹chek-ər *n* [ME *escheker*, fr. OF *eschequier* chessboard, counting table] : TREASURY; *esp* : a national treasury

ex-cise \¹ek-¹siz, -¹siz *n* : a tax on the manufacture, sale, or consumption of goods within a country

ex-ci-sion \¹sizh-ən *n* : removal by or as if by cutting out esp. by surgical means — ex-cise \¹ik-¹siz *vb*

ex-cit-able \¹ik-¹sīt-ə-bəl *adj* : easily excited — ex-cit-abil-ity \¹sīt-ə-¹bil-ət-ē *n*

ex-cite \¹ik-¹sīt *vb* ex-cit-ed; ex-cit-ing 1 : to stir up the emotions of : ROUSE 2 : to increase the activity of : STIMULATE *syn* provoke, stimulate, pique, quicken — ex-ci-ta-tion \¹ek-¹sīt-ā-shən, ¹ek-sā-¹ *n* — ex-cit-ed-ly *adv*

ex-cite-ment \¹ik-¹sīt-mənt *n* : AGITATION, STIR

ex-claim \¹iks-¹klām *vb* : to cry out, speak, or utter sharply or vehemently — ex-cla-ma-tion \¹eks-klə-¹mā-shən *n* — ex-clam-a-to-ry \¹iks-¹klam-ə-¹tōr-ē *adj*

exclamation point *n* : a punctuation mark ! used esp. after an interjection or exclamation

ex-clude \¹iks-¹klūd *vb* ex-clud-ed; ex-clud-ing 1 : to shut out (as from using or participating) : BAR 2 : to put out : EXPEL — ex-clu-sion \¹klū-zhən *n*

ex-clu-sive \¹iks-¹klū-siv *adj* 1 : reserved for particular persons 2 : snobbishly aloof; *also* : STYLISH 3 : SOLE (~ rights); *also* : UNDIVIDED *syn* chic, modish, smart, swank, fashionable — ex-clu-sive-ly *adv* — ex-clu-sive-ness *n*

exclusive of *prep* : not taking into account

ex-cog-i-tate \¹ek-skāj-ə-¹tāt *vb* : to think out : DEVISE

ex-com-mu-ni-cate \¹ek-skə-¹myū-nə-¹kāt *vb* : to cut off officially from communion with the church — ex-com-mu-ni-ca-tion \¹myū-nə-¹kā-shən *n*

ex-co-ri-ate \¹ek-¹skōr-ē-¹āt *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to criticize severely — ex-co-ri-a-tion \¹ek-¹skōr-ē-¹ā-shən *n*

ex-cre-ment \¹ek-skra-mənt *n* : waste discharged from the body and esp. from the alimentary canal — ex-cre-men-tal \¹ek-skra-¹ment-¹l *adj*

ex-cres-cence \¹ik-¹skres-ns *n* : OUTGROWTH; *esp* : an abnormal outgrowth (as a wart) — ex-cres-cent \-nt *adj*

ex-cres-ta \¹ik-¹skrēt-ə *n* *pl* : waste matter separated or eliminated from an organism

ex-crete \¹ik-¹skrēt *vb* ex-cret-ed; ex-cret-ing : to separate and eliminate wastes from the body esp. in urine — ex-cre-tion \¹ik-¹skrē-shən *n* — ex-cre-to-ry \¹ek-skra-¹tōr-ē *adj*

ex-cru-ci-at-ing \¹ik-¹skrū-shē-¹āt-iŋ *adj* [L *excruciare*, fr. *cruciare* to crucify, fr. *crux* cross] : intensely painful or distressing *syn* agonizing, harrowing, torturous — ex-cru-ci-at-ing-ly *adv*

ex-cul-pate \¹ek-¹skəl-¹pāt *vb* -pat-ed; -pat-ing : to clear from alleged fault or guilt *syn* absolve, exonerate, acquit, vindicate, clear

ex-cur-sion \¹ik-¹skər-zhən *n* 1 : EXPEDITION; *esp* : a pleasure trip 2 : DIGRESSION — ex-cur-sion-ist \¹skərzh-(ə)-nəst *n*

ex-cur-sive \-ˈskər-siv/ *adj* : constituting or characterized by digression

ex-cuse \ik-ˈskiyüz/ *vb* **ex-cused**; **ex-cus-ing** [ME *excusen*, fr. OF *excuser*, fr. L *excusare*, fr. *causa* cause, explanation] **1** : to offer excuse for **2** : PARDON **3** : to release from an obligation **4** : JUSTIFY — **ex-cus-able** *adj*

excuse \ik-ˈskiyüs/ *n* **1** : an act of excusing **2** : grounds for being excused : JUSTIFICATION **3** : something that excuses or is a reason for excusing

exec *abbr* executive

ex-e-cra-ble \ˈek-si-krə-bəl/ *adj* **1** : DETESTABLE **2** : very bad (< spelling)

ex-e-crate \ˈek-sə-krāt/ *vb* **-crat-ed**; **-crat-ing** [L *exsecratus*, pp. of *exsecrari* to put under a curse, fr. *ex-* out of + *sacer* sacred] : to denounce as evil or detestable; *also* : DETEST — **ex-e-cra-tion** \ˈek-sə-ˈkrā-shən/ *n*

ex-e-cute \ˈek-si-kyüt/ *vb* **-cut-ed**; **-cut-ing** **1** : to carry to completion : PERFORM **2** : to do what is called for by (as a law) **3** : to put to death in accordance with a legal sentence **4** : to produce in accordance with a plan or design **5** : to do what is needed to give legal force to (as a deed) — **ex-e-cu-tion** \ˈek-si-ˈkyü-shən/ *n* — **ex-e-cu-tion-er** \-sh(ə)-nər/ *n*

ex-ec-u-tive \ig-ˈzək-(y)ət-iv/ *adj* **1** : designed for or relating to carrying out plans or purposes **2** : of or relating to the enforcement of laws and the conduct of affairs

executive *n* **1** : the branch of government with executive duties **2** : one having administrative or managerial responsibility

ex-ec-u-tor \ig-ˈzək-(y)ət-ər/ *n* : the person named in a will to carry out its provisions

ex-ec-u-trix \ig-ˈzək-(y)ə-ˈtriks/ *n*, *pl* **ex-ec-u-tri-ces** \-ˈzək-(y)ə-ˈtri-sēz/ *or* **ex-ec-u-trix-es** \-ˈzək-(y)ə-ˈtrik-sēz/ : a woman who is an executor

ex-e-ge-sis \ˈek-sə-ˈjē-səs/ *n*, *pl* **-ge-ses** \-ˈjē-sēz/ : explanation or critical interpretation of a text

ex-e-gete \ˈek-sə-ˈjēt/ *n* : one who practices exegesis

ex-em-plar \ig-ˈzəm-ˈplār, -plər/ *n* **1** : one that serves as a model or pattern; *esp* : an ideal model **2** : a typical instance or example

ex-em-pla-ry \ig-ˈzəm-plə-rē/ *adj* : serving as a pattern; *also* : COMMENDABLE

ex-em-pli-fy \ig-ˈzəm-plə-ˈfī/ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to illustrate by example : serve as an example of — **ex-em-pli-fi-ca-tion** \-ˈzəm-plə-fə-ˈkā-shən/ *n*

ex-empt \ig-ˈzempt/ *adj* : free from some liability to which others are subject

exempt *vb* : to make exempt : EXCUSE — **ex-emp-tion** \ig-ˈzemp-shən/ *n*

ex-er-cise \ˈek-sər-ˈsīz/ *n* **1** : EMPLOYMENT, USE (< of authority) **2** : exertion made for the sake of training **3** : a task or problem done to develop skill **4** *pl* : a public exhibition or ceremony

exercise *vb* **-cised**; **-cis-ing** **1** : EXERT (< control) **2** : to train by or engage in exercise **3** : WORRY, DISTRESS — **ex-er-cis-er** *n*

ex-ert \ig-ˈzert/ *vb* : to bring or put into action (< influence) (<ed himself) — **ex-er-tion** \-ˈzər-shən/ *n*

ex-hale \eks-ˈhāl/ *vb* **ex-haled**; **ex-hal-ing** **1** : to breathe out **2** : to give or pass off in the form of vapor — **ex-ha-lation** \eks-(h)ə-ˈlā-shən/ *n*

ex-haust \ig-ˈzöst/ *vb* **1** : to use up wholly **2** : to tire or wear out **3** : to draw out completely (as air from a jar); *also* : EMPTY **4** : to develop (a subject) completely

exhaust *n* **1** : the escape of used vapor or gas from an engine; *also* : the gas that escapes **2** : a system of pipes through which exhaust escapes

ex-haus-tion \ig-ˈzôs-chən/ *n* : extreme weariness : FATIGUE

ex-haus-tive \ig-ˈzô-stiv/ *adj* : covering all possibilities : THOROUGH

ex-hib-it \ig-ˈzib-ət/ *vb* **1** : to display *esp.* publicly **2** : to present to a court in legal form *syn* display, show, pa-

rade, flaunt — **ex-hi-bi-tion** \ˈek-sə-ˈbish-ən/ *n* — **ex-hib-i-tor** \ig-ˈzib-ət-ər/ *n*

exhibit *n* **1** : an act or instance of exhibiting; *also* : something exhibited **2** : something produced and identified in court for use as evidence

ex-hi-bi-tion-ism \ˈek-sə-ˈbish-ə-niz-əm/ *n* : the act or practice of so behaving as to attract undue attention sometimes by indecent exposure — **ex-hi-bi-tion-ist** \-ˈbish-(ə)-nəst/ *n or adj*

ex-hil-a-rate \ig-ˈzil-ə-rāt/ *vb* **-rat-ed**; **-rat-ing** : ENLIVEN, STIMULATE — **ex-hil-a-ra-tion** \-ˈzil-ə-ˈrā-shən/ *n*

ex-hort \ig-ˈzört/ *vb* : to urge, advise, or warn earnestly — **ex-hor-ta-tion** \ˈeks-ˈör-tā-shən, -egz-, -ər/ *n*

ex-hume \igz-ˈ(y)üm, iks-ˈ(h)yüm/ *vb* **ex-humed**; **ex-hum-ing** [F or ML; *exhumare*, fr. ML *exhumare*, fr. L *ex* out of + *humus* earth] : DISINTER — **ex-hu-ma-tion** \ˈeks-(h)yü-mā-shən, -egz-(y)ü-/ *n*

ex-i-gen-cy \ˈek-sə-jən-sē, ig-ˈzij-ən-/ *n*, *pl* **-cies** **1** : urgent need **2** *pl* : REQUIREMENTS — **ex-i-gent** \ˈek-sə-jənt/ *adj*

ex-i-g-u-ous \ig-ˈzig-yə-wəs/ *adj* : scanty in amount — **ex-i-gu-i-ty** \ˈeg-zī-gyü-ət-ē/ *n*

ex-ile \ˈeg-zil, ˈek-sil/ *n* **1** : BANISHMENT **2** : a person driven from his native place

exile *vb* **ex-iled**; **ex-il-ing** : BANISH, EXPEL *syn* expatriate, deport, ostracize

ex-ist \ig-ˈzist/ *vb* **1** : to have being **2** : to continue to be : LIVE

ex-is-tence \ig-ˈzis-təns/ *n* **1** : continuance in living **2** : actual occurrence **3** : something existing — **ex-is-tent** \-tənt/ *adj*

ex-is-ten-tial \ˈeg-zis-ˈten-chəl, ˈek-sis-/ *adj* **1** : of or relating to existence **2** : EMPIRICAL **3** : having being in time and space **4** : of or relating to existentialism or existentialists

ex-is-ten-tial-ism \ˈeg-zis-ˈten-chə-liz-əm/ *n* : a philosophy centered upon the analysis of existence and stressing the freedom, responsibility, and usu. the isolation of the individual — **ex-is-ten-tial-ist** \-ləst/ *adj or n*

ex-it \ˈeg-zət, ˈek-sət/ *n* **1** : a departure from a stage **2** : a going out or away; *also* : DEATH **3** : a way out of an enclosed space **4** : a point of departure from an expressway — **exit** *vb*

exo-bi-ol-o-gy \ˈek-sō-bī-äl-ə-jē/ *n* : biology concerned with life originating or existing outside the earth or its atmosphere — **exo-bi-ol-o-gist** \-bī-äl-ə-jəst/ *n*

exo-crine gland \ˈek-sə-krən-, -krīn-, -krēn-/ *n* : a gland (as a sweat gland or a kidney) that releases a secretion externally by means of a canal or duct

Exod *abbr* Exodus

ex-o-dus \ˈek-səd-əs/ *n* : a mass departure : EMIGRATION

Ex-o-dus *n* : see BIBLE table

ex of-fi-cio \ˈek-sə-ˈfish-ē-ō/ *adv or adj* : by virtue of or because of an office (*ex officio* chairman)

ex-og-e-nous \ˈek-sāj-ə-nəs/ *adj* : caused or produced by factors outside the organism or system — **ex-og-e-nous-ly** *adv*

ex-on-er-ate \ig-ˈzän-ə-rāt/ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** [ME *exoneraten*, fr. L *exonerare* to unburden, fr. *ex-* out + *onus* load] : to free from blame *syn* acquit, absolve, exculpate, vindicate — **ex-on-er-a-tion** \-ˈzän-ə-ˈrā-shən/ *n*

ex-or-bi-tant \ig-ˈzör-bət-ənt/ *adj* : exceeding what is usual or proper

ex-or-cise \ˈek-sör-ˈsīz, -sər-/ *vb* **-cised**; **-cis-ing** **1** : to get rid of by or as if by solemn command **2** : to free of an evil spirit — **ex-or-cism** \-ˈsiz-əm/ *n* — **ex-or-cist** \-ˈsist/ *n*

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart \əˈout \chˈchin \eˈbet \eˈeasy \əˈgo \iˈhit \iˈice \jˈjoo \ŋˈsing \dɔˈgo \dɔˈlaw \dɔˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \uˈloot \uˈfoot \yˈet \zhˈvision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

exo-sphere \ˈek-sō-ˌsfīə\ *n* : the outermost region of the atmosphere

exo-ther-mic \ˈek-sō-ˌthər-mik\ *adj* : characterized by or formed with evolution of heat

ex-ot-ic \ig-ˈzāt-ik\ *adj* : FOREIGN, STRANGE — **exotic** *n* — **ex-ot-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **ex-ot-i-cism** \-ˈzāt-ə-ˌsiz-əm\ *n*

exp *abbr* 1 **expense** 2 **experiment** 3 **export** 4 **express**
ex-pand \ik-ˈspand\ *vb* 1 : to open up : UNFOLD 2 : ENLARGE 3 : to develop in detail *syn* amplify, swell, distend, inflate, dilate — **ex-pand-er** *n*

ex-panse \ik-ˈspans\ *n* : a broad extent (as of land or sea)
ex-pan-sion \ik-ˈspan-shən\ *n* 1 : the act or process of expanding 2 : the quality or state of being expanded 3 : an expanded part or thing

ex-pan-sive \ik-ˈspan-siv\ *adj* 1 : tending to expand or to cause expansion 2 : warmly benevolent or emotional 3 : of large extent or scope — **ex-pan-sive-ly** *adv* — **ex-pan-sive-ness** *n*

ex-par-te \eks-ˈpärt-ē\ *adv* or *adj* [ML] : from a one-sided point of view

ex-pa-ti-ate \ek-ˈspā-shē-ˌāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to talk or write at length — **ex-pa-ti-a-tion** \ek-ˌspā-shē-ˈā-shən\ *n*

ex-pa-tri-ate \ek-ˈspā-trē-ˌāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : EXILE — **ex-pa-tri-a-tion** \ek-ˌspā-trē-ˈā-shən\ *n*

ex-pa-tri-ate \ek-ˈspā-trē-ˌāt, -trē-ət\ *adj* : living in a foreign country — **expatriate** *n*

ex-pect \ik-ˈspekt\ *vb* 1 : SUPPOSE, THINK 2 : to look forward to : ANTICIPATE 3 : to consider reasonable, due, or necessary 4 : to consider to be obliged

ex-pec-tan-cy \ˈspek-tən-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies 1 : EXPECTATION 2 : the expected amount (as of years of life)

ex-pec-tant \-tənt\ *adj* : EXPECTING; *esp* : expecting the birth of a child — **ex-pec-tant-ly** *adv*

ex-pec-ta-tion \ek-ˌspek-ˈtā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act or state of expecting 2 : prospect of good or bad fortune — *usu.* used in *pl.* 3 : something expected

ex-pec-to-rant \ik-ˈspek-t(ə)-rənt\ *n* : an agent that promotes the discharge or expulsion of mucus from the respiratory tract — **expectorant** *adj*

ex-pec-to-rate \-tə-, rāt\ *vb* -rat-ed; -rat-ing : SPIT — **ex-pec-to-ra-tion** \-spek-tə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

ex-pe-di-ence \ik-ˈspēd-ē-əns\ *n* : EXPEDIENCY

ex-pe-di-en-cy \-ən-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies 1 : fitness to some end 2 : use of expedient means and methods; *also* : something expedient

ex-pe-di-ent \ik-ˈspēd-ē-ənt\ *adj* [ME, fr. MF or L; MF, fr. L *expediens* prp. of *expedire* to extricate, arrange, be advantageous, fr. *ex-* out + *ped-, pes* foot] 1 : adapted for achieving a particular end 2 : marked by concern with what is advantageous; *esp* : governed by self-interest

expedient *n* : something expedient; *esp* : a temporary means to an end

ex-pe-dite \ˈek-spə-, dīt\ *vb* -dit-ed; -dit-ing : to carry out promptly; *also* : to speed up

ex-pe-dit-er \-dīt-ər\ *n* : one that expedites; *esp* : one employed to ensure efficient movement of goods or supplies in a business

ex-pe-di-tion \ˈek-spə-ˈdīsh-ən\ *n* 1 : a journey for a particular purpose; *also* : the persons making it 2 : efficient promptness

ex-pe-di-tion-ary \-dīsh-ə-, ner-ē\ *adj* : of, relating to, or constituting an expedition; *also* : sent on military service abroad

ex-pe-di-tious \ˈek-spə-ˈdīsh-əs\ *adj* : marked by or acting with prompt efficiency *syn* swift, fast, rapid, speedy
ex-pel \ik-ˈspel\ *vb* **ex-pelled**; **ex-pel-ling** : to drive or force out : EJECT

ex-pend \ik-ˈspend\ *vb* 1 : to pay out : SPEND 2 : UTILIZE; *also* : USE UP — **ex-pend-able** *adj*

ex-pen-di-ture \ik-ˈspen-dī-chər, -də-, chūr\ *n* 1 : the act or process of expending 2 : something expended

ex-pense \ik-ˈspens\ *n* 1 : EXPENDITURE 2 : COST 3 : a cause of expenditure 4 : SACRIFICE

ex-pen-sive \ik-ˈspen-siv\ *adj* : COSTLY, DEAR — **ex-pen-sive-ly** *adv*

ex-pe-ri-ence \ik-ˈspir-ē-əns\ *n* 1 : observation or practice resulting in or tending toward knowledge; *also* : the resulting state of enhanced comprehension and efficiency 2 : a state of being affected from without (as by events); *also* : an affecting event (a startling ~) 3 : something or the totality experienced (as by a person or community)

experience *vb* -enced; -enc-ing 1 : FIND OUT, DISCOVER 2 : to know as an experience : SUFFER, UNDERGO

ex-pe-ri-enced \-ənst\ *adj* : made capable by repeated experience

ex-per-i-ment \ik-ˈsper-ə-mənt\ *n* : a controlled procedure carried out to discover, test, or demonstrate something; *also* : the process of testing — **ex-per-i-men-tal** \-ˌsper-ə-ˈment-əl\ *adj*

ex-per-i-ment \-ˌsper-ə-ˈment-əl\ *vb* : to make experiments — **ex-per-i-men-ta-tion** \ik-ˌsper-ə-mən-ˈtā-shən\ *n* — **ex-per-i-men-ter** \-ˌsper-ə-, ment-ər\ *n*

ex-pert \ˈek-, spɔrt\ *adj* : showing special skill or knowledge — **ex-pert-ly** *adv* — **ex-pert-ness** *n*

ex-pert \ˈek-, spɔrt\ *n* : an expert person : SPECIALIST
ex-per-tise \ˈek-(ˌ)spɔr-ˈtēz\ *n* : the skill of an expert

ex-pi-ate \ˈek-spē-, āt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to make amends : ATONE — **ex-pi-a-tion** \ˈek-spē-ˈā-shən\ *n*

ex-pi-a-to-ry \ˈek-spē-ə-, tōr-ē\ *adj* : serving to expiate

ex-pire \ik-ˈspī(ə)r, ek-\ *vb* **ex-pired**; **ex-pir-ing** 1 : to breathe one's last breath : DIE 2 : to come to an end 3 : to breathe out from or as if from the lungs — **ex-pi-ra-tion** \ˈek-spə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

ex-plain \ik-ˈsplān\ *vb* [ME *explanen*, fr. L *explanare*, lit., to make level, fr. *planus* level, flat] 1 : to make clear 2 : to give the reason for — **ex-pla-na-tion** \ˈek-splə-ˈnā-shən\ *n* — **ex-plan-a-to-ry** \ik-ˈsplan-ə-, tōr-ē\ *adj*

ex-ple-tive \ˈek-splət-iv\ *n* : a *usu.* profane exclamation

ex-pli-ca-ble \ˈek-ˌsplik-ə-bəl, ˈek-(ˌ)splik-\ *adj* : capable of being explained

ex-pli-cate \ˈek-splə-, kāt\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing : to give a detailed explanation of

ex-pli-cit \ik-ˈsplis-ət\ *adj* : clearly and precisely expressed — **ex-pli-cit-ly** *adv* — **ex-pli-cit-ness** *n*

ex-plode \ik-ˈsplɒd\ *vb* **ex-plod-ed**; **ex-plod-ing** [L *explodere* to drive off the stage by clapping, fr. *ex-* out + *plaudere* to clap] 1 : DISCREDIT (~ a belief) 2 : to burst or cause to burst violently and noisily (~ a bomb) (the boiler *exploded*) 3 : to undergo a rapid chemical or nuclear reaction with production of heat and violent expansion of gas (~ dynamite) 4 : to give forth a sudden strong and noisy outburst of emotion (~ with rage)

ex-plod-ed \-əd\ *adj* : showing the parts separated but in correct relationship to each other (an ~ view of a carburetor)

ex-ploit \ˈek-, splɔit\ *n* : DEED; *esp* : a notable or heroic act

ex-ploit \ik-ˈsplɔit\ *vb* 1 : to put to productive use (~ resources); *also* : UTILIZE 2 : to use unfairly for one's own advantage — **ex-ploi-ta-tion** \ˈek-, splɔi-ˈtā-shən\ *n*
ex-plore \ik-ˈsplɔr\ *vb* **ex-plored**; **ex-plor-ing** 1 : to look into or travel over thoroughly 2 : to examine carefully (~ a wound) — **ex-plo-ra-tion** \ˈek-splə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* — **ex-plor-a-to-ry** \ik-ˈsplɔr-ə-, tōr-ē\ *adj* — **ex-plor-er** *n*
ex-plo-sion \ik-ˈsplɒ-zhən\ *n* : the act or an instance of exploding

ex-plo-sive \ik-ˈsplɒ-siv\ *adj* 1 : relating to or able to cause explosion 2 : tending to explode — **explosive** *n* — **ex-plo-sive-ly** *adv*

ex-po \ˈek-, spō\ *n*, *pl* **expos** : EXPOSITION 2

ex-po-nent \ik-ˈspō-nənt, ˈek-, spō-\ *n* 1 : a symbol written above and to the right of a mathematical expression to signify how many times it is to be used as a factor (in

^a the ~ 3 indicates that *a* is to be used three times in the product *a-a-a* 2 : INTERPRETER, EXPOUNDER 3 : ADVOCATE, CHAMPION — **ex-po-nen-tial** \ˈek-spə-ˈnən-chəl\ *adj* — **ex-po-nen-tial-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

ex-po-nen-ti-a-tion \ˈek-spə-ˈnən-chē-ˈā-shən\ *n* : the mathematical operation of raising a quantity to a power

¹**ex-port** \ˈek-ˈspɔrt, ˈek-ˈspɔrt\ *vb* : to send (as merchandise) to foreign countries — **ex-por-tation** \ˈek-spɔrt-ˈā-shən, -spɔrt-\ *n* — **ex-port-er** \ˈek-ˈspɔrt-ər, ˈek-spɔrt-\ *n*

²**ex-port** \ˈek-ˈspɔrt\ *n* 1 : something exported esp. for trade 2 : an act or the business of exporting

ex-pose \ˈik-ˈspɔz\ *vb* **ex-posed**; **ex-pos-ing** 1 : to deprive of shelter or protection 2 : to submit or subject to an action or influence; *esp* : to subject (as photographic film) to radiant energy (as light) 3 : to display esp. for sale 4 : to bring to light : DISCLOSE

ex-po-sé or **ex-po-se** \ˈek-spɔ-ˈzā\ *n* : an exposure of something discreditable

ex-po-si-tion \ˈek-spɔ-ˈzish-ən\ *n* 1 : a setting forth of the meaning or purpose (as of a writing); *also* : discourse designed to convey information 2 : a public exhibition

ex-pos-i-tor \ˈik-spāz-ət-ər\ *n* : one who explains : COMMENTATOR

ex post fac-to \ˈek-ˈspɔst-fak-tō\ *adv* or *adj* : after the fact

ex-pos-tu-late \ˈik-ˈspäs-chə-ˈlāt\ *vb* : to reason earnestly with a person esp. in dissuading : REMONSTRATE — **ex-pos-tu-la-tion** \-ˈspäs-chə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*

ex-po-sure \ˈik-ˈspɔ-zhər\ *n* 1 : the fact or condition of being exposed 2 : the act or an instance of exposing 3 : the length of time for which a film is exposed 4 : a section of a photographic film for one picture

ex-pound \ˈik-ˈspaʊnd\ *vb* 1 : STATE 2 : INTERPRET, EXPLAIN — **ex-pound-er** *n*

¹**ex-press** \ˈik-ˈspres\ *adj* 1 : EXPLICIT; *also* : EXACT, PRECISE 2 : SPECIFIC (his ~ purpose) 3 : traveling at high speed and esp. with few stops (~ train); *also* : adapted to high speed use (~ roads) — **ex-press-ly** *adv*

²**express** *adv* : by express (ship it ~)

³**express** *n* 1 : a system for the prompt transportation of goods; *also* : a company operating such a service or the shipments so transported 2 : an express vehicle

⁴**express** *vb* 1 : to make known : SHOW, STATE (~ regret); *also* : SYMBOLIZE 2 : to squeeze out : extract by pressing 3 : to send by express

ex-pres-sion \ˈik-ˈspresh-ən\ *n* 1 : UTTERANCE 2 : something that represents or symbolizes : SIGN; *esp* : a mathematical symbol or combination of signs and symbols representing a quantity or operation 3 : a significant word or phrase; *also* : manner of expressing (as in writing or music) 4 : facial aspect or vocal intonation indicative of feeling — **ex-pres-sion-less** *adj*

ex-pres-sion-ism \ˈik-ˈspresh-ə-ˈniz-əm\ *n* : a theory or practice in art of seeking to depict the artist's subjective responses to objects and events — **ex-pres-sion-ist** \-ˈspresh-ə-ˈnəst\ *n* or *adj* — **ex-pres-sion-is-tic** \-ˈspresh-ə-ˈnis-tik\ *adj*

ex-pres-sive \ˈik-ˈspres-iv\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to expression 2 : serving to express — **ex-pres-sive-ly** *adv* — **ex-pres-sive-ness** *n*

ex-press-way \ˈik-ˈspres-ˌwā\ *n* : a divided superhighway with limited access

ex-pro-pri-ate \ˈek-ˈsprɔ-prē-ˈāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to deprive of possession or the right to own — **ex-pro-pri-a-tion** \(ˌ)ek-ˈsprɔ-prē-ˈā-shən\ *n*

expt *abbr* experiment

ex-pul-sion \ˈik-ˈspəl-shən\ *n* : an expelling or being expelled : EJECTION

ex-punge \ˈik-ˈspən\ *vb* **ex-punged**; **ex-pung-ing** [L *expungere* to mark for deletion by dots, fr. *ex-out* + *pungere* to prick] : OBLITERATE, ERASE

ex-pur-gate \ˈek-spər-ˌgāt\ *vb* -gat-ed; -gat-ing : to clear

(as a book) of objectionable passages — **ex-pur-ag-tion** \ˈek-spər-ˌgā-shən\ *n*

ex-qui-site \ˈek-ˈskwiz-ət, ˈek-(ˌ)skwiz-\ *adj* [ME *exquisit*, fr. L *exquisitus*, fr. pp. of *exquirere* to search out, fr. *quaerere* to seek] 1 : excellent in form or workmanship 2 : keenly appreciative 3 : pleasingly beautiful or delicate 4 : INTENSE

ext *abbr* 1 extension 2 exterior 3 external 4 extra 5 extract

ex-tant \ˈek-stənt; ek-ˈstant\ *adj* : EXISTENT; *esp* : not lost or destroyed

ex-tem-po-ra-ne-ous \ˈek-ˌstem-pə-ˈrā-nē-əs\ *adj* : not planned beforehand : IMPROMPTU — **ex-tem-po-ra-ne-ous-ly** *adv*

ex-tem-po-rary \ˈik-ˌstem-pə-ˌrer-ē\ *adj* : EXTEMPORANEOUS

ex-tem-po-re \ˈik-ˌstem-pə-(ˌ)rē\ *adv* : EXTEMPORANEOUSLY

ex-tem-po-rize \ˈik-ˌstem-pə-ˌrīz\ *vb* -rized; -riz-ing : to do something extemporaneously

ex-tend \ˈik-ˈstend\ *vb* 1 : to spread or stretch forth or out (as in reaching or straightening) 2 : to exert or cause to exert to full capacity 3 : PROFFER (~ credit) 4 : PROLONG (~ a note) 5 : to make greater or broader (~ knowledge) (~ a business) 6 : to stretch out or reach across a distance, space, or time **syn** lengthen, elongate, protract — **ex-tend-able** or **ex-tend-ible** \-ˈstend-ə-bəl\ *adj*

ex-ten-sion \ˈik-ˈsten-chən\ *n* 1 : an extending or being extended 2 : educational programs (as correspondence courses) that reach beyond the campus of a school 3 : an additional part (~ on a house)

ex-ten-sive \ˈik-ˈsten-siv\ *adj* : of considerable extent : FAR-REACHING, BROAD — **ex-ten-sive-ly** *adv*

ex-tent \ˈik-ˈstent\ *n* 1 : the size, length, or bulk of something (a property of large ~) 2 : the degree or measure of something (the ~ of his guilt)

ex-ten-u-ate \ˈik-ˈsten-yə-, wāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to lessen the seriousness of — **ex-ten-u-a-tion** \-ˈsten-yə-ˈwā-shən\ *n*

¹**ex-te-ri-or** \ˈek-ˈstir-ē-ər\ *adj* 1 : EXTERNAL 2 : suitable for use on an outside surface (~ paint)

²**exterior** *n* : an exterior part or surface

ex-ter-mi-nate \ˈik-ˈstər-mə-, nāt\ *vb* -nat-ed; -nat-ing : to get rid of completely **syn** extirpate, eradicate, abolish, annihilate — **ex-ter-mi-na-tion** \-ˈstər-mə-ˈnā-shən\ *n*

ex-ter-mi-na-tor \ˈik-ˈstər-mə-, nāt-ər\ *n* : one that exterminates; *esp* : a person whose occupation is destroying household vermin with chemicals

¹**ex-ter-nal** \ˈek-ˈstɜrn-əl\ *adj* 1 : outwardly perceivable; *also* : SUPERFICIAL 2 : of, relating to, or located on the outside or an outer part 3 : arising or acting from without; *also* : FOREIGN (~ affairs) — **ex-ter-nal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

²**external** *n* : an external feature

ex-tinct \ˈik-ˈstɪŋkt\ *adj* 1 : EXTINGUISHED (with hope ~); *also* : no longer active (as a volcano) 2 : no longer existing (as a kind of plant or animal) or in use (as a language) — **ex-tinc-tion** \ˈik-ˈstɪŋk-shən\ *n*

ex-tin-guish \ˈik-ˈstɪŋ-ɡwɪʃ\ *vb* : to put out (as a fire); *also* : to bring to an end (as by destroying) — **ex-tin-guish-able** *adj* — **ex-tin-guish-er** *n*

ex-tir-pate \ˈek-stər-ˌpāt\ *vb* -pat-ed; -pat-ing [L *exstirpatus*, pp. *exstirpare*, fr. *ex-out* + *stirps* trunk, root] 1 : UPROOT 2 : to destroy completely **syn** exterminate, eradicate, abolish, annihilate — **ex-tir-pa-tion** \ˈek-stər-ˌpā-shən\ *n*

ex-tol *also* **ex-toll** \ˈik-ˈstōl\ *vb* **ex-tolled**; **ex-tol-ling** : to praise highly : GLORIFY **syn** laud, eulogize

ex-tort \ˈik-ˈstɔrt\ *vb* [L *extortus*, pp. of *extorquere* to wrench out, extort, fr. *ex-out* + *torquere* to twist] : to

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chain \ə\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \ʊ\foot
 \ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

obtain by force or improper pressure (∼ a bribe) — **ex-tor-tion** \ˈɪk-ˈstɔr-shən\ *n* — **ex-tor-tion-er** *n* — **ex-tor-tion-ist** *n*

ex-tor-tion-ate \ik-ˈstɔr-sh(ə)-nət\ *adj* : EXCESSIVE, EXORBITANT — **ex-tor-tion-ate-ly** *adv*

ex-tra \ˈek-strə\ *adj* 1 : ADDITIONAL 2 : SUPERIOR *syn* spare, surplus, superfluous

extra *n* 1 : something (as a charge) added 2 : a special edition of a newspaper 3 : an additional worker or performer (as in a group scene)

extra *adv* : beyond what is usual

ex-tract \ik-ˈstrakt, *esp* for 3 \ˈek-,strakt\ *vb* 1 : to draw out; *esp* : to pull out forcibly (∼ a tooth) 2 : to withdraw (as a juice or a constituent) by a physical or chemical process 3 : to select for citation : QUOTE — **ex-tract-able** *adj* — **ex-trac-tion** \ˈɪstrak-shən\ *n* — **ex-trac-tor** \-tər\ *n*

ex-tract \ˈek-,strakt\ *n* 1 : EXCERPT, CITATION 2 : a product (as a juice or concentrate) obtained by extracting

ex-tra-cur-ric-u-lar \ˈek-strə-kə-ˈrik-yə-lər\ *adj* : lying outside the regular curriculum; *esp* : of or relating to school-connected activities (as sports) carrying no academic credit

ex-tra-dite \ˈek-strə-,dīt\ *vb* -dit-ed; -dit-ing : to obtain by or deliver up to extradition

ex-tra-di-tion \ˈek-strə-ˈdīsh-ən\ *n* : surrendering an alleged criminal to a different jurisdiction for trial

ex-tra-mar-i-tal \ˈek-strə-ˈmar-ət-əl\ *adj* : of or relating to sexual intercourse by a married person with someone other than his or her spouse

ex-tra-mu-ral \ˈɪmyūr-əl\ *adj* : existing or functioning beyond the bounds of an organized unit

ex-tra-ne-ous \ˈek-ˈstrā-nē-əs\ *adj* 1 : coming from without (∼ moisture) 2 : not intrinsic (∼ incidents in a story); *also* : IRRELEVANT (∼ digressions) — **ex-tra-ne-ous-ly** *adv*

ex-tra-or-di-nary \ik-ˈstrɔrd-ən-,er-ē, ˈek-strə-ˈɔrd-əl\ *adj* 1 : notably unusual or exceptional 2 : employed on special service — **ex-tra-or-di-nari-ly** \ik-,strɔrd-ən-ˈer-ə-lē, ˈek-strə-ˈɔrd-əl\ *adv*

ex-trap-o-late \ik-ˈstrap-ə-,lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing : to infer (unknown data) from known data — **ex-trap-o-la-tion** \-,strap-ə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*

ex-tra-sen-so-ry \ˈek-strə-ˈsens-(ə)rē\ *adj* : not acting or occurring through the known senses (∼ perception)

ex-tra-ter-res-tri-al \-tə-ˈres-trē-əl\ *adj* : originating or existing outside the earth or its atmosphere (∼ life) — **extraterrestrial** *n*

ex-tra-ter-ri-to-ri-al \-,ter-ə-ˈtɔr-ē-əl\ *adj* : existing or taking place outside the territorial limits of a jurisdiction

ex-tra-ter-ri-to-ri-al-ity \-,tɔr-ē-əl-ət-ē\ *n* : exemption from the application or jurisdiction of local law or tribunals (diplomats enjoy ∼)

ex-trav-a-gant \ik-ˈstrav-i-gənt\ *adj* 1 : EXCESSIVE (∼ claims) 2 : unduly lavish : WASTEFUL 3 : too costly *syn* immoderate, exorbitant, extreme, inordinate, undue — **ex-trav-a-gance** \-gəns\ *n* — **ex-trav-a-gant-ly** *adv*

ex-trav-a-gan-za \ik-,strav-ə-ˈgan-zə\ *n* 1 : a literary or musical work marked by extreme freedom of style and structure 2 : a spectacular show

ex-tra-ve-hic-u-lar \ˈek-strə-vē-ˈhik-yə-lər\ *adj* : taking place outside a vehicle (as a spacecraft) (∼ activity)

ex-treme \ik-ˈstrēm\ *adj* 1 : very great or intense (∼ cold) 2 : very severe or drastic (∼ measures) 3 : going to great lengths or beyond normal limits (politically ∼) 4 : most remote (the ∼ end) 5 : UTMOST; *also* : MAXIMUM (an ∼ effort) — **ex-treme-ly** *adv*

extreme *n* 1 : something located at one end or the other of a range or series 2 : EXTREMITY 4

extremely high frequency *n* : a radio frequency in the highest range of the radio frequency spectrum

ex-trem-ism \ik-ˈstrē-,miz-əm\ *n* : the quality or state of

being extreme; *esp* : advocacy of extreme political measures

extremism — **ex-trem-ist** \-məst\ *n* or *adj*

ex-trem-i-ty \ik-ˈstrem-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : the most remote part or point 2 : a limb of the body; *esp* : a human hand or foot 3 : the greatest need or danger 4 : the utmost degree; *also* : a drastic or desperate measure

ex-tri-cate \ˈek-strə-,kāt\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing [L *extricatus*, pp. of *extricare*, fr. *ex-* out + *tricae* trifles, perplexities] : to free from an entanglement or difficulty *syn* disentangle, untangle, disencumber — **ex-tri-ca-ble** \ik-ˈstri-kə-bəl, ek-, ˈek-(ə)stri-k-əl\ *adj* — **ex-tri-ca-tion** \ˈek-strə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

ex-trin-sic \ˈek-ˈstrin-zik, -sik\ *adj* 1 : not forming part of or belonging to a thing 2 : EXTERNAL — **ex-trin-si-cal-ly** \-zi-k(ə)-lē, -si-əl\ *adv*

ex-tro-vert or **ex-tra-vert** \ˈek-strə-,vɜrt\ *n* : a person who is interested only or mostly in things outside the self — **ex-tro-ver-sion** or **ex-tra-ver-sion** \ˈek-strə-ˈvɜr-zhən\ *n* — **ex-tro-vert-ed** or **ex-tra-vert-ed** *adj*

ex-trude \ik-ˈstrud\ *vb* **ex-trud-ed**; **ex-trud-ing** 1 : to force, press, or push out 2 : to shape (as plastic) by forcing through a die — **ex-tru-sion** \ˈɪstru-zhən\ *n* — **ex-trud-er** *n*

ex-tru-sive \ik-ˈstru-siv\ *adj* : relating to or formed by geological extrusion from the earth in a molten state or as volcanic ash

ex-u-ber-ant \ig-ˈzū-b(ə)-rənt\ *adj* 1 : joyously unrestrained 2 : PROFUSE — **ex-u-ber-ance** \-b(ə)-rəns\ *n* — **ex-u-ber-ant-ly** *adv*

ex-ude \ig-ˈzud\ *vb* **ex-ud-ed**; **ex-ud-ing** [L *exsudare*, fr. *ex-* out + *sudare* to sweat] 1 : to discharge slowly through pores or cuts : Ooze 2 : to give off or out conspicuously or abundantly (∼s charm) — **ex-u-date** \ˈek-s(y)ū-,dāt\ *n* — **ex-u-da-tion** \ˈek-s(y)ū-ˈdā-shən\ *n*

ex-ult \ig-ˈzalt\ *vb* : to rejoice in triumph : GLORY — **ex-ul-tant** \-ˈzəlt-ənt\ *adj* — **ex-ul-tant-ly** *adv* — **ex-ul-ta-tion** \ˈek-(ə)zəl-ˈtā-shən, -eg-(ə)zəl-əl\ *n*

ex-urb \ˈek-,sərb, ˈeg-,zərb\ *n* : a region outside a city and its suburbs inhabited chiefly by well-to-do families — **ex-ur-bia** \ˈek-ˈsər-bē-ə, eg-,ˈzer-əl\ *n*

ex-ur-ban-ite \ˈek-ˈsər-bə-,nīt; eg-ˈzər-əl\ *n* : one who lives in an exurb

-ey — *see* -Y

eye \ˈi\ *n* 1 : an organ of sight typically consisting of a globular structure in a socket of the skull with thin movable covers bordered with hairs 2 : VISION, PERCEPTION; *also* : faculty of discrimination (a good ∼ for bargains) 3 : POINT OF VIEW, JUDGMENT — often used in pl. (an offender in the ∼s of the law) 4 : something suggesting an eye (the ∼ of a needle); *esp* : an undeveloped bud (as on a potato) — **eyed** \ˈid\ *adj*

eye *vb* **eyed**; **eye-ing** or **ey-ing** : to look at : WATCH

eye-ball \ˈi-,bɔl\ *n* : the globular capsule of the vertebrate eye

eye-brow \i-,braʊ\ *n* : the bony arch forming the upper edge of the eye socket; *also* : the hair growing on this

eye-drop-per \ˈi-,drɒp-ər\ *n* : DROPPER 2

eye-glass \ˈi-,glas\ *n* 1 : a lens variously mounted for personal use as an aid to vision 2 *pl* : GLASSES, SPECTACLES

eye-lash \ˈi-,lash\ *n* 1 : the fringe of hair edging the eyelid — *usu.* used in pl. 2 : a single hair of the eyelashes

eye-let \ˈi-lət\ *n* 1 : a small reinforced hole in material intended for ornament or for passage of something (as a cord or lace) 2 : a typically metal ring for reinforcing an eyelet : GROMMET

eye-lid \ˈi-,lid\ *n* : either of the movable lids of skin and muscle that can be closed over the eyeball

eye-lin-er \ˈi-,li-nər\ *n* : makeup used to emphasize the contour of the eyes

eye-open-er \ˈi-,ɒp-(ə)-nər\ *n* : something startling or surprising — **eye-open-ing** \-niŋ\ *adj*

eye-piece \ˈī-,pēs\ *n* : the lens or combination of lenses at the eye end of an optical instrument
eye shadow *n* : a colored cosmetic applied to the eyelids to accent the eyes
eye-sight \ˈī-,sīt\ *n* : SIGHT, VISION
eye-sore \ˈī-,sōr\ *n* : something offensive to view
eye-strain \ˈī-,strān\ *n* : weariness or a strained state of the eye
eye-tooth \ˈī-,tüth\ *n* : a canine tooth of the upper jaw
eye-wash \ˈī-,wōsh, -wāsh\ *n* 1 : an eye lotion 2 : misleading or deceptive statements, actions, or procedures

eye-wit-ness \ˈī-ˈwit-nəs\ *n* : a person who actually sees something happen
ey-rie \ˈī(ə)r-ē, or like AERIE\ *var of* AERIE
ey-rir \ˈā-,rīr\ *n*, *pl* **au-rar** \ˈā-,rār\ — see *krona* at MONEY table
Ez or **Ezr** *abbr* Ezra
Ezech *abbr* Ezechiel
Eze-chiel \i-ˈzē-kyəl\ *n* — see BIBLE table
Ezek *abbr* Ezekiel
Eze-kiel \i-ˈzē-kyəl\ *n* — see BIBLE table
Ez-ra \ˈez-rə\ *n* — see BIBLE table

F

f \ˈef\ *n*, *pl* **f's** or **fs** \ˈefs\ *often cap* 1 : the 6th letter of the English alphabet 2 : a grade rating a student's work as failing
f *abbr*, *often cap* 1 Fahrenheit 2 false 3 family 4 farad 5 female 6 feminine 7 forte 8 French 9 frequency
f *symbol* 1 focal length 2 the relative aperture of a photographic lens — *often written f* 3 function
F *symbol* fluorine
FAA *abbr* Federal Aviation Agency
Fa-bi-an \ˈfā-bē-ən\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being a society of socialists organized in England in 1884 to spread socialist principles gradually — **Fabian** *n* — **Fa-bi-an-ism** *n*
fa-ble \ˈfā-bəl\ *n* 1 : a legendary story of supernatural happenings 2 : a narration intended to teach a lesson; *esp* : one in which animals speak and act like people 3 : FALSEHOOD
fa-bled \ˈfā-bəld\ *adj* 1 : FICTITIOUS 2 : told or celebrated in fable
fab-ric \ˈfab-rik\ *n* [MF *fabrique*, fr. L *fabrica* workshop, structure] 1 : STRUCTURE, FRAMEWORK (the ~ of society) 2 : CLOTH; *also* : a material that resembles cloth
fab-ri-cate \ˈfab-ri-,kāt\ *vb* -**cat-ed**; -**cat-ing** 1 : CONSTRUCT, MANUFACTURE 2 : INVENT, CREATE 3 : to make up for the sake of deception — **fab-ri-ca-tion** \ˈfab-ri-ˈkā-shən\ *n*
fab-u-lous \ˈfab-yə-ləs\ *adj* 1 : resembling a fable : LEGENDARY 2 : told in or based on fable 3 : INCREDIBLE, MARVELOUS — **fab-u-lous-ly** *adv*
fac *abbr* 1 facsimile 2 faculty
fa-cade *also* **fa-çade** \fə-ˈsād\ *n* [F *façade*, fr. It *facciata*, fr. *faccia* face] 1 : the principal face or front of a building 2 : a false, superficial, or artificial appearance (a ~ of composure)
face \ˈfās\ *n* 1 : the front part of the head 2 : PRESENCE (in the ~ of danger) 3 : facial expression : LOOK (put a sad ~ on) 4 : GRIMACE (made a ~) 5 : outward appearance (looks easy on the ~ of it) 6 : BOLDNESS 7 : DIGNITY, PRESTIGE (afraid to lose ~) 8 : the surface of something; *esp* : the front or principal surface — **faced** \ˈfəst\ *adj* — **face-less** *adj* — **face-less-ness** *n*
face *vb* **faced**; **fac-ing** 1 : to confront brazenly 2 : to line near the edge *esp*. with a different material; *also* : to cover the front or surface of (~ a building with marble) 3 : to bring face to face (*faced* him with proof) 4 : to stand or sit with the face toward (~ the sun) 5 : to front on (a house *facing* the park) 6 : to oppose firmly (*faced* up to his foe) 7 : to turn the face or body in a specified direction
face-down \ˈfās-ˈdaʊn\ *adv* : with the face downward
face-lift-ing \-ˌlɪf-tɪŋ\ *n* 1 : a plastic operation for removal of facial defects (as wrinkles or sagging) usu. associated with aging 2 : MODERNIZATION
face-off \ˈfās-ˈɒf\ *n* 1 : a method of putting a puck in play

in ice hockey by dropping it between two opposing players each of whom attempts to control it 2 : CONFRONTATION
fac-et \ˈfas-ət\ *n* [F *facette*, dim. of *face*] 1 : one of the small plane surfaces of a cut gem 2 : ASPECT, PHASE
fa-ce-tious \fə-ˈsē-shəs\ *adj* 1 : FLIPPANT 2 : JOCULAR, JOCOSE — **fa-ce-tious-ly** *adv* — **fa-ce-tious-ness** *n*
fa-cial \ˈfā-shəl\ *adj* : of or relating to the face
fac-ial *n* : a facial treatment
fac-ile \ˈfas-əl\ *adj* 1 : easily accomplished, handled, or attained 2 : SUPERFICIAL 3 : readily manifested and often insincere (~ prose) 4 : READY, FLUENT (a ~ writer)
fa-cil-i-tate \fə-ˈsil-ə-,tāt\ *vb* -**tat-ed**; -**tat-ing** : to make easier
fa-cil-i-ty \fə-ˈsil-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**ties** 1 : the quality of being easily performed 2 : ease in performance : APTITUDE 3 : PLIANCY 4 : something that makes easier an action, operation, or course of conduct 5 : something (as a hospital) built or installed for a particular purpose
fac-ing \ˈfā-sɪŋ\ *n* 1 : a lining at the edge *esp*. of a garment 2 *pl* : the collar, cuffs, and trimmings of a uniform coat 3 : an ornamental or protective layer 4 : material for facing
fac-sim-i-le \fak-ˈsim-ə-lē\ *n* [L *fac simile* make similar] 1 : an exact copy 2 : the transmitting of printed matter or pictures by wire or radio for reproduction
fact \ˈfakt\ *n* 1 : DEED; *esp* : CRIME (accessory after the ~) 2 : the quality of being actual 3 : something that exists or occurs : EVENT; *also* : a piece of information about such a fact
fac-tion \ˈfak-shən\ *n* : a group or combination (as in a government) acting together within and usu. against a larger body : CLIQUE — **fac-tion-al-ism** \-sh(ə)-nə-ˌlɪz-əm\ *n*
fac-tious \ˈfak-shəs\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or caused by faction 2 : inclined to faction or the formation of factions : causing dissension
fac-ti-tious \fak-ˈtish-əs\ *adj* : ARTIFICIAL, SHAM (a ~ display of grief)
fac-tor \ˈfak-tər\ *n* 1 : AGENT 2 : something that actively contributes to a result 3 : GENE 4 : any of the numbers or symbols in mathematics that when multiplied together form a product; *esp* : any of the integers that divide a given integer without a remainder
factor *vb* **fac-tored**; **fac-tor-ing** \-t(ə)-rɪŋ\ 1 : to work as a factor 2 : to find the mathematical factors of and *esp*. the prime mathematical factors of
fac-to-ri-al \fak-ˈtōr-ē-əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being a factor

\ə\abut \ˈ\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
\ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

factorial *n* : the product of all the positive integers from one to a given integer

fac-to-ry \ˈfak-t(ə)rē/ *n, pl -ries* **1** : a trading post where resident factors trade **2** : a building or group of buildings used for manufacturing

fac-to-tum \fak-ˈtōt-əm/ *n* [NL, lit., do everything, fr. L *fac* do + *totum* everything] : an employee with numerous varied duties

facts of life : the physiological processes and behavior involved in sex and reproduction

fac-tu-al \fak-chə-(wə)/ *adj* : of or relating to facts; *also* : based on fact — **fac-tu-al-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

fac-ul-ty \ˈfak-əl-tē/ *n, pl -ties* **1** : ability to act or do : POWER; *also* : natural aptitude **2** : one of the powers of the mind or body (the ~ of hearing) **3** : the teachers in a school or college or one of its divisions

fad \ˈfad/ *n* : a practice or interest followed for a time with exaggerated zeal : CRAZE — **fad-dish** *adj* — **fad-dist** *n*

fade \ˈfād/ *vb* **fad-ed**; **fad-ing** **1** : WITHER **2** : to lose or cause to lose freshness or brilliance of color **3** : VANISH **4** : to grow dim or faint

FADM *abbr* fleet admiral

fae-cal, fae-ces *var* of **FECAL, FECES**

fa-er-ie *also* **fa-ery** \ˈfā-rē, ˈfɑ(ə)r-ē/ *n, pl fa-er-ies* **1** : FAIRYLAND **2** : FAIRY

fag \ˈfag/ *vb* **fag-ged**; **fag-ging** **1** : DRUDGE **2** : to act as a fag **3** : TIRE, EXHAUST

fag n 1 : an English public-school boy who acts as servant to another **2** : MENIAL, DRUDGE

fag n : CIGARETTE

fag end n 1 : the last part or coarser end of a web of cloth **2** : the untwisted end of a rope **3** : REMNANT **4** : the extreme end

fag-ot or **fag-got** \ˈfag-ət/ *n* : a bundle of sticks or twigs esp. as used for fuel

fag-ot-ing or **fag-got-ing** *n* : an embroidery produced by tying threads in hourglass-shaped clusters

Fah or **Fahr** *abbr* Fahrenheit

Fahr-en-heit \ˈfar-ən-ˈhīt/ *adj* : relating to, conforming to, or having a thermometer scale with the boiling point of water at 212 degrees and the freezing point at 32 degrees above zero

fa-i-ence or **fa-i-ence** \fā-ˈāns/ *n* [F] : earthenware decorated with opaque colored glazes

fail \ˈfāl/ *vb* **1** : to become feeble; *esp* : to decline in health **2** : to die away **3** : to stop functioning **4** : to fall short (~ed in his duty) **5** : to be or become absent or inadequate **6** : to be unsuccessful **7** : to become bankrupt **8** : DISAPPOINT, DESERT **9** : NEGLECT

fail n 1 : FAILURE (without ~)

fail-ing \ˈfā-līŋ/ *n* : WEAKNESS, SHORTCOMING

failing prep : in the absence or lack of

faile \ˈfēl/ *n* : a somewhat shiny closely woven ribbed silk, rayon, or cotton fabric

fail-safe \ˈfāl-,sāf/ *adj* **1** : incorporating a counteractive feature for a possible source of failure **2** : having no chance of failure

fail-ure \ˈfāl-yər/ *n* **1** : a failing to do or perform **2** : a state of inability to perform a normal function adequately (heart ~) **3** : a fracturing under or yielding to stress **4** : a lack of success **5** : BANKRUPTCY **6** : DEFICIENCY **7** : DETERIORATION, BREAKDOWN **8** : one that has failed

fain \ˈfān/ *adj, archaic* **1** : GLAD **2** : INCLINED **3** : OBLIGED

fain adv, archaic **1 : WILLINGLY **2** : RATHER**

faint \ˈfānt/ *adj* [ME *faint*, *feint*, fr. OF, fr. *faindre*, *feindre* to feign, shirk] **1** : COWARDLY, SPIRITLESS **2** : weak, dizzy, and likely to faint **3** : lacking vigor or strength : FEEBLE (~ praise) **4** : INDISTINCT, DIM — **faint-ly** *adv* — **faint-ness** *n*

faint vb : to lose consciousness

faint n : the action of fainting; *also* : the resulting condition

faint-heart-ed \ˈfānt-ˈhārt-əd/ *adj* : lacking courage : TIMID

fair \ˈfær/ *adj* **1** : attractive in appearance : BEAUTIFUL **2** : superficially pleasing : SPECIOUS **3** : CLEAN, PURE **4** : CLEAR, LEGIBLE **5** : not stormy or cloudy (~ weather) **6** : JUST **7** : conforming with the rules : ALLOWED; *also* : being within the foul lines (~ ball) **8** : open to legitimate pursuit or attack (~ game) **9** : PROMISING, LIKELY (a ~ chance of winning) **10** : favorable to a ship's course (a ~ wind) **11** : light in coloring : BLOND **12** : ADEQUATE — **fair-ness** *n*

fair adv : FAIRLY

fair n 1 : a gathering of buyers and sellers at a stated time and place for trade **2** : a competitive exhibition (as of farm products) **3** : a sale of assorted articles usu. for a charitable purpose

fair-ground \-ˈgraʊnd/ *n* : an area where outdoor fairs, circuses, or exhibitions are held

fair-ing \ˈfa(ə)r-ɪŋ/ *n* : a structure for producing a smooth outline and reducing drag (as on an airplane)

fair-ly \ˈfa(ə)r-lē/ *adv* **1** : HANDSOMELY, FAVORABLY (~ situated) **2** : QUITE, COMPLETELY **3** : in a fair manner : JUSTLY **4** : MODERATELY, TOLERABLY (a ~ easy job)

fair-spo-ken \ˈfær-ˈspō-kən/ *adj* : pleasant and courteous in speech

fair-trade \-ˈtrād/ *adj* : of, relating to, or being an agreement between a producer and a seller that branded merchandise will be sold at or above a specified price (~ items) — **fair-trade** *vb*

fair-way \-,wə/ *n* : the mowed part of a golf course between tee and green

fairy \ˈfa(ə)r-ē/ *n, pl fai-ries* [ME *fairie* fairyland, fairy people, fr. OF *faerie*, fr. *feie*, *fee* fairy, fr. L *Fata*, goddess of fate, fr. *fatum* fate] : an imaginary being of folklore and romance usu. having diminutive human form and magic powers

fairy-land \-,land/ *n* **1** : the land of fairies **2** : a beautiful or charming place

fairy tale n 1 : a simple children's story about fairies **2** : FIB

fait ac-com-pli \ˈfāt-,ak-,ōn-ˈplē/ *n, pl faits accomplis* [same, or -ˈplēz] [F, accomplished fact] : a thing accomplished and presumably irreversible

faith \ˈfāth/ *n, pl faiths* \ˈfāths, ˈfāthz/ [deriv. of L *fides*] **1** : allegiance to duty or a person : LOYALTY **2** : belief and trust in God **3** : complete trust **4** : a system of religious beliefs — **faith-ful** \-fəl/ *adj* — **faith-ful-ly** \-ē/ *adv* — **faith-ful-ness** *n*

faith-less \ˈfāth-ləs/ *adj* **1** : DISLOYAL **2** : not to be relied on : UNTRUSTWORTHY — **faith-less-ly** *adv* — **faith-less-ness** *n*

fake \ˈfak/ *adj* : COUNTERFEIT, SHAM

fake vb faked; **fak-ing** **1** : to treat so as to falsify **2** : COUNTERFEIT **3** : PRETEND, SIMULATE — **fak-er** *n*

fake n 1 : IMITATION, FRAUD, COUNTERFEIT **2** : IMPOSTOR

fak-ir \fə-ˈkiər/ *n* [Ar *faqir*, lit., poor man] **1** : a Muslim mendicant : DERVISH **2** : a wandering Hindu holy man who performs tricks

fal-chion \ˈfɒl-çən/ *n* : a broad-bladed slightly curved medieval sword

fal-con \ˈfal-kən, ˈfɒ(l)-/ *n* **1** : a hawk trained for use in falconry **2** : any of various swift long-winged dark-eyed hawks having a beak adapted to snapping the spine of prey

fal-con-ry \ˈfal-kən-rē, ˈfɒl-, ˈfō-/ *n* **1** : the art of training hawks to hunt in cooperation with a person **2** : the sport of hunting with hawks — **fal-con-er** \-ər/ *n*

fall \ˈfɒl/ *vb* **fell** \ˈfel/; **fall-en** \ˈfɒl-ən/; **fall-ing** **1** : to descend freely by the force of gravity **2** : to hang freely **3** : to come as if by descending (darkness *fell*) **4** : to become uttered **5** : to lower or become lowered : DROP (her eyes *fell*) **6** : to leave an erect position suddenly and involuntarily **7** : STUMBLE, STRAY **8** : to drop down

wounded or dead : die in battle **9** : to become captured or defeated **10** : to suffer ruin or failure **11** : to commit an immoral act **12** : to move or extend in a downward direction **13** : SUBSIDE, ABATE **14** : to decline in quality, activity, quantity, or value **15** : to assume a look of shame or dejection (her face *fell*) **16** : to occur at a certain time **17** : to come by chance **18** : DEVOLVE **19** : to have the proper place or station (the accent ~s on the first syllable) **20** : to come within the scope of something **21** : to pass from one condition to another (*fell ill*) **22** : to set about heartily or actively (~ to work) — **fall flat** : to produce no response or result — **fall for** **1** : to fall in love with **2** : to become a victim of — **fall foul** **1** : to have a collision **2** : to have a quarrel : CLASH — **fall from grace** : BACKSLIDE — **fall into line** : to comply with a certain course of action — **fall over oneself** or **fall over backward** : to display excessive eagerness — **fall short** **1** : to be deficient **2** : to fail to attain

fall *n* **1** : the act of falling **2** : a falling out, off, or away : DROPPING **3** : AUTUMN **4** : a thing or quantity that falls (a light ~ of snow) **5** : COLLAPSE, DOWNFALL **6** : the surrender or capture of a besieged place **7** : departure from virtue or goodness **8** : SLOPE **9** : WATERFALL — **usu.** used in pl. **10** : a decrease in size, quantity, degree, or value (a ~ in price) **11** : the distance which something falls **12** : an act of forcing a wrestler's shoulders to the mat; *also* : a bout of wrestling

fall-a-ci-ous \fə-'lā-shəs\ *adj* **1** : embodying a fallacy (a ~ argument) **2** : MISLEADING, DECEPTIVE

fall-a-cy \fə-'sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies **1** : a false or mistaken idea **2** : an often plausible argument using false or illogical reasoning

fall back \fɒl-'bak\ *vb* : RETREAT, RECEDE

fall guy *n* **1** : one that is easily duped **2** : SCAPEGOAT

fall-li-ble \fə-'lə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : liable to be erroneous **2** : capable of making a mistake

falling-out \fɒl-ɪŋ-'aʊt\ *n*, *pl* **fallings-out** or **falling-outs** : QUARREL

falling star *n* : METEOR

fal-lo-pi-an tube \fə-'lɒ-pē-ən\ *n*, *often* *cap F* : either of the pair of anatomical tubes that carry the egg from the ovary to the uterus

fall-out \fɒl-'aʊt\ *n* **1** : the often radioactive particles that result from a nuclear explosion and descend through the air **2** : an incidental result : BY-PRODUCT

fall out \fɒl-'aʊt\ *vb* : QUARREL

fal-low \fə-'lɒ\ *n* **1** : land for crops allowed to lie idle during the growing season **2** : the tilling of land without sowing it for a season — **fal-low vb** — **fallow** *adj*

false \fɒls\ *adj* **fals-er**; **fals-est** **1** : not genuine : ARTIFICIAL **2** : intentionally untrue **3** : adjusted or made so as to deceive (~ scales) **4** : tending to mislead : DECEPTIVE (~ promises) **5** : not true (~ concepts) **6** : not faithful or loyal : TREACHEROUS **7** : not essential or permanent (~ front) **8** : inaccurate in pitch **9** : based on mistaken ideas — **false-ly** *adv* — **false-ness** *n* — **fal-si-ty** \fɒl-sət-ē\ *n*

false-hood \fɒls-'hʊd\ *n* **1** : LIE **2** : absence of truth or accuracy **3** : the practice of lying

fal-set-to \fɒl-'set-ə\ *n*, *pl* -tos [It, fr. dim. of *false*] : an artificially high voice; *esp* : an artificial singing voice that overlaps and extends above the range of the full voice *esp.* of a tenor

fal-si-fy \fɒl-sə-'fi\ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing **1** : to make false : change so as to deceive **2** : LIE **3** : MISREPRESENT **4** : to prove to be false — **fal-si-fi-ca-tion** \fɒl-sə-fə-'kə-shən\ *n*

fal-ter \fɒl-tər\ *vb* **fal-tered**; **fal-ter-ing** \-(tə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to move unsteadily : STUMBLE, TOTTER **2** : to hesitate in speech : STAMMER **3** : to hesitate in purpose or action : WAVER, FLINCH — **fal-ter-ing-ly** \-(tə-)rɪŋ-lē\ *adv*

fam *abbr* **1** familiar **2** family

fame \fə'm\ *n* : public reputation : RENOWN — **famed** \fə'md\ *adj*

fa-mil-ial \fə-'mil-yəl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or characteristic of a family **2** : tending to occur in more members of a family than expected by chance alone (a ~ disorder)

fa-mil-iar \fə-'mil-yər\ *n* **1** : COMPANION **2** : a spirit held to attend and serve or guard a person **3** : one who frequents a place

familiar *adj* **1** : closely acquainted : INTIMATE **2** : of or relating to a family **3** : INFORMAL **4** : FORWARD, PRESUMPTUOUS **5** : frequently seen or experienced **6** : of everyday occurrence — **fa-mil-iar-ly** *adv*

fa-mil-iar-ity \fə-'mil-yar-ət-ē-, -mil-ē-(y)ar-\ *n*, *pl* -ties **1** : close friendship : INTIMACY **2** : INFORMALITY **3** : an unduly bold or forward act or expression : IMPROPRIETY **4** : close acquaintance with something

fa-mil-iar-ize \fə-'mil-yə-'rɪz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing **1** : to make known or familiar **2** : to make thoroughly acquainted : ACCUSTOM

fam-i-ly \fə-m(ə)-lē\ *n*, *pl* -lies [ME *familie*, fr. L *familia* household] **1** : a group of persons of common ancestry : CLAN **2** : a group of individuals living under one roof and under one head : HOUSEHOLD **3** : a group of things having common characteristics; *esp* : a group of related plants or animals ranking in biological classification above a genus and below an order **4** : a social group composed of parents and their children

family planning *n* : planning intended to determine the number and spacing of one's children through effective methods of birth control

family tree *n* : GENEALOGY; *also* : a genealogical diagram

fam-ine \fə-m-ən\ *n* **1** : an extreme scarcity of food **2** : a great shortage

fam-ish \fə-m-ish\ *vb* **1** : STARVE **2** : to suffer for lack of something necessary

fa-mous \fə-məs\ *adj* **1** : widely known **2** : honored for achievement **3** : EXCELLENT, FIRST-RATE *syn* renowned, celebrated, noted, notorious, distinguished, eminent, illustrious

fa-mous-ly *adv* : SPLENDIDLY, EXCELLENTLY

fan \fən\ *n* : a device (as a hand-waved triangular piece or a mechanism with blades) for producing a current of air

fan *vb* **fanned**; **fan-ning** **1** : to drive away the chaff from grain by winnowing **2** : to move (air) with or as if with a fan **3** : to direct a current of air upon (~ a fire) **4** : to stir up to activity : STIMULATE **5** : to spread like a fan **6** : to strike out in baseball

fan *n* : an enthusiastic follower or admirer

fa-nat-ic \fə-'nat-ik\ or **fa-nat-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* [L *fanaticus* inspired by a deity, frenzied, fr. *fanum* temple] : marked by excessive enthusiasm and often intense uncritical devotion — **fanatic** *n* — **fa-nat-i-cism** \fə-'nat-ə-, -sɪz-əm\ *n*

fan-ci-er \fən-sē-ər\ *n* : a person who breeds or grows some kind of animal or plant for points of excellence

fan-ci-ful \fən-si-fəl\ *adj* **1** : full of fancy : guided by fancy : WHIMSICAL **2** : coming from the fancy rather than from the reason **3** : curiously made or shaped — **fan-ci-ful-ly** \-(ə-)lē\ *adv*

fan-cy \fən-sē\ *n*, *pl* **fancies** [ME *fantasie*, *fantsy* fantasy, fancy, fr. MF *fantasie*, fr. L *phantasia*, fr. Gk, appearance, imagination] **1** : LIKING, INCLINATION; *also* : LOVE **2** : NOTION, IDEA, WHIM (a passing ~) **3** : IMAGINATION **4** : TASTE, JUDGMENT

fancy *vb* **fan-cied**; **fan-cy-ing** **1** : LIKE **2** : IMAGINE **3** : to believe without evidence **4** : to believe without being certain

fancy *adj* **fan-ci-er**; -est **1** : WHIMSICAL **2** : not plain : ORNA-

\ə'abʊt \ə'kɪtən \ə'fɜːrðər \ə'vʌʃ \ə'æʃ \ə'kɒt, kɑːt
 \ə'ʊt \tʃ'ɪn \eɪ'bet \eɪ'zi \gɒ \v'ɦɪt \v'ɪs \v'ɒb
 \ŋsɪŋ \dɒg \dɒ'law \dɒ'boɪ \tʰɪn \tʰe \tʰ'ʊt
 \ʊ'fʊt \v'et \zʰ'vɪʃən *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

MENTAL 3 : of particular excellence **4** : bred esp. for a showy appearance **5** : above the usual price or the real value : **EXTRAVAGANT 6** : executed with technical skill and superior grace — **fan-ci-ly** \ˈfæn-sə-lē\ *adv*

fancy dress *n* : a costume (as for a masquerade) chosen to suit a fancy

fan-cy-free \ˈfæn-sē-, frē\ *adj* : not centering the attention on any one person or thing; *esp* : not in love

fan-cy-work \ˈfæn-sē-, wɜrk\ *n* : ornamental needlework (as embroidery)

fan-dan-go \ˈfæn-ˈdæn-gō\ *n, pl -gos* : a lively Spanish or Spanish-American dance

fane \ˈfæn\ *n* : TEMPLE

fan-fare \ˈfæn-, fæər\ *n 1* : a flourish of trumpets **2** : a showy display

fang \ˈfæŋ\ *n* : a long sharp tooth; *esp* : a grooved or hollow tooth of a venomous snake

fan-jet \ˈfæn-, jet\ *n 1* : a jet engine having a fan in its forward end that draws in extra air whose compression and expulsion provide extra thrust **2** : an airplane powered by a fan-jet

fan-light \ˈfæn-, lit\ *n* : a semicircular window with radiating bars like the ribs of a fan set over a door or window

fan-tail \ˈfæn-, täl\ *n 1* : a fan-shaped tail or end **2** : an overhang at the stern of a ship

fan-ta-sia \ˈfæn-ˈtā-zhə-, -z(h)ē-ə; ˈfæn-ə-ˈzē-ə\ *also fan-ta-si-* \ˈfænt-ə-ˈzē\ *adj* : a musical composition free and fanciful in form

fan-ta-sic \ˈfænt-ə-, siz\ *vb -sized; -siz-ing* : IMAGINE, DAY-DREAM

fan-tas-tic \ˈfæn-ˈtas-tik\ *also fan-tas-ti-cal* \-ti-kəl\ *adj 1* : IMAGINARY, UNREAL, UNREALISTIC **2** : conceived by unrestrained fancy : GROTESQUE **3** : exceedingly or unbelievably great **4** : ECCENTRIC — **fan-tas-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

fan-ta-sy \ˈfænt-ə-sē\ *n, pl -sies 1* : IMAGINATION, FANCY **2** : a product of the imagination : ILLUSION **3** : FANTASIA — **fantasy** *vb*

far \fär\ *adv far-ther* \-thər\ *or fur-ther* \fär-; **far-thest** *or fur-thest* \-thəst\ **1** : at or to a considerable distance in space or time (~ from home) **2** : by a broad interval : WIDELY, MUCH (~ better) **3** : to or at a definite distance, point, or degree (as ~ as I know) **4** : to an advanced point or extent (go ~ in his field) — **by far** : GREATLY — **far and away** : DECIDEDLY — **so far** : until now

far *adj farther* *or further; farthest* *or furthest 1* : remote in space or time : DISTANT **2** : DIFFERENT (a ~ cry from former methods) **3** : LONG (a ~ journey) **4** : being the more distant of two (on the ~ side of the lake)

far-ad \ˈfär-, ad-, əd\ *n* : a unit of capacitance equal to the capacitance of a capacitor having a potential difference of one volt between its plates when it is charged with one coulomb of electricity

far-away \ˈfär-ə-, wä\ *adj 1* : DISTANT, REMOTE **2** : DREAMY

farce \färs\ *n 1* : a broadly satirical comedy with an improbable plot **2** : the humor characteristic of farce or pretense **3** : a ridiculous action, display, or pretense — **far-ci-cal** \ˈfär-si-kəl\ *adj*

fare \ˈfæər\ *vb fared; far-ing 1* : GO, TRAVEL **2** : GET ALONG, SUCCEED **3** : EAT, DINE

fare *n 1* : the price charged to transport a person **2** : a person paying a fare : PASSENGER **3** : range of food : DIET; *also* : material provided for use, consumption, or enjoyment

fare-well \ˈfæər-ˈwel\ *vb imper* : get along well — used interjectionally to or by one departing

farewell *n 1* : a wish of well-being at parting : GOOD-BYE **2** : LEAVE-TAKING

fare-well \ˈfæər-, wel\ *adj* : PARTING, FINAL (a ~ concert)

far-fetched \ˈfär-ˈfecht\ *adj* : not easily or naturally deduced or introduced : IMPROBABLE

far-flung \ˈfləŋ\ *adj* : widely spread or distributed

far-i-na \fə-ˈrē-nə\ *n* [L, meal, flour] : a fine meal (as of wheat) used in puddings or as a breakfast cereal

far-i-na-ceous \ˈfär-ə-ˈnā-shəs\ *adj 1* : containing or rich in starch **2** : having a mealy texture or surface

farm \ˈfärm\ *n* [ME *ferme* rent, lease, fr. OF, lease, fr. *fermer* to fix, make a contract, fr. L *firmare* to make firm, fr. *firmus* firm] **1** : a tract of land used for raising crops or livestock **2** : a minor-league subsidiary of a major-league baseball team

farm *vb* : to use (land) as a farm (~ed 200 acres); *also* : to raise crops or livestock esp. as a business — **farm-er** *n*

farm-hand \ˈfärm-, hand\ *n* : a farm laborer

farm-house \-, häus\ *n* : a dwelling on a farm

farm-ing \ˈfär-miŋ\ *n* : the practice of agriculture

farm-land \ˈfärm-, land\ *n* : land used or suitable for farming

farm out *vb* : to turn over (as a task) to another

farm-stead \ˈfärm-, sted\ *also farm-stead-ing* \-iŋ\ *n* : the buildings and adjacent service areas of a farm

farm-yard \-, yärd\ *n* : space around or enclosed by farm buildings

far-off \ˈfär-ˈof\ *adj* : remote in time or space : DISTANT

far-rouche \fə-ˈrūsh\ *adj* [F] **1** : marked by shyness and lack of polish **2** : WILD

far-out \ˈfär-ˈaüt\ *adj* : very unconventional : EXTREME (~ clothes)

far-ra-go \fə-ˈräg-ō, -rā-gō\ *n, pl -goes* [L, mixed fodder] : a confused collection : MIXTURE

far-reach-ing \ˈfär-ˈrē-çin\ *adj* : having a wide range or effect

far-ri-er \ˈfär-ē-ər\ *n* : one that shoes horses

far-row \ˈfär-ō\ *vb* : to give birth to a farrow

far-row *n* : a litter of pigs

far-seeing \ˈfär-ˈsē-iŋ\ *adj* : FARSIGHTED

far-sight-ed \ˈfär-ˈsit-əd\ *adj 1* : seeing or able to see to a great distance **2** : JUDICIOUS, WISE, SHREWD **3** : affected with an eye condition in which the image comes into focus behind the retina — **far-sight-ed-ness** *n*

far-ther \ˈfär-thər\ *adv 1* : at or to a greater distance or more advanced point **2** : more completely

farther *adj 1* : more distant **2** : ADDITIONAL

far-ther-most \-, möst\ *adj* : most distant

far-thest \ˈfär-thəst\ *adj* : most distant

farthest *adv 1* : to or at the greatest distance : REMOTEST **2** : to the most advanced point **3** : by the greatest degree or extent : MOST

far-thing \ˈfär-thiŋ\ *n* : a former British monetary unit equal to 1/4 of a penny; *also* : a coin representing this unit

far-thin-gale \ˈfär-thən-, gäl-, -thiŋ- \ *n* [modif. of MF *verdugale*, fr. Sp *verdugado*, fr. *verdugo* young shoot of a tree, fr. *verde* green, fr. L *viridis*] : a support (as of hoops) worn esp. in the 16th century to swell out a skirt

fas-ci-cle \ˈfas-i-kəl\ *n 1* : a small bundle or cluster (as of flowers or roots) **2** : one of the divisions of a book published in parts — **fas-ci-cled** \-kəld\ *adj*

fas-ci-nate \ˈfas-ˈn-, ät\ *vb -nat-ed; -nat-ing* [L *fascinare*, fr. *fascinum* witchcraft] **1** : to transfix and hold spell-bound by an irresistible power **2** : ALLURE **3** : to be irresistibly attractive — **fas-ci-na-tion** \ˈfas-ˈn-ə-ˈshən\ *n*

fas-cism \ˈfash-, iz-əm\ *n, often cap* : a political philosophy, movement, or regime that exalts nation and often race and stands for a centralized autocratic government headed by a dictatorial leader, severe economic and social regimentation, and forcible suppression of opposition — **fas-cist** \-əst\ *n or adj, often cap* — **fas-cis-tic** \ˈfa-ˈshis-tik\ *adj, often cap*

fash-ion \ˈfash-ən\ *n 1* : the make or form of something **2** : MANNER, WAY **3** : a prevailing custom, usage, or style **4** : the prevailing style (as in dress) **syn** mode, vogue, rage, trend

2fashion *vb* **fas**-hioned; **fash-ion-ing** \ˈfash-(ə-)nɪŋ\ **1** : MOLD, CONSTRUCT **2** : FIT, ADAPT
fash-ion-able \ˈfash-(ə-)nə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : dressing or behaving according to fashion : **STYLISH** **2** : of or relating to the world of fashion (~ resorts) — **fash-ion-ably** \-blē\ *adv*
1fast \ˈfæst\ *adj* **1** : firmly fixed **2** : tightly shut **3** : adhering firmly **4** : STUCK **5** : STAUNCH (~ friends) **6** : characterized by quick motion, operation, or effect (a ~ trip) (a ~ track) **7** : indicating ahead of the correct time (the clock is ~) **8** : not easily disturbed : SOUND (a ~ sleep) **9** : permanently dyed; *also* : being proof against fading (colors ~ to sunlight) **10** : DISSIPATED, WILD **11** : sexually promiscuous *syn* rapid, swift, fleet, quick, speedy, hasty
2fast *adv* **1** : in a firm or fixed manner (stuck ~ in the mud) **2** : SOUNDLY, DEEPLY (~ asleep) **3** : SWIFTLY **4** : RECKLESSLY
3fast *vb* **1** : to abstain from food **2** : to eat sparingly or abstain from some foods
4fast **n** **1** : the act or practice of fasting **2** : a time of fasting
fast-back \ˈfas(t)-bak\ *n* : an automobile having a roof with a long slope to the rear
fast-ball \ˈfas(t)-bɒl\ *n* : a baseball pitch thrown at full speed
fas-ten \ˈfas-ən\ *vb* **fas-tened**; **fas-ten-ing** \ˈfas-(ə-)nɪŋ\ **1** : to attach or join by or as if by pinning, tying, or nailing **2** : to make fast : fix securely **3** : to fix or set steadily (~ed his eyes on her) **4** : to become fixed or joined — **fas-ten-er** \ˈfas-(ə-)nər\ *n*
fas-ten-ing \ˈfas-(ə-)nɪŋ\ *n* : something that fastens : **FAS-TENER**
fast-food \ˈfas(t)-ˈfud\ *adj* : specializing in food that is prepared and served quickly (a ~ restaurant)
fas-tid-i-ous \ˈfas-tid-ē-əs\ *adj* **1** : overly difficult to please **2** : showing or demanding excessive delicacy or care — **fas-tid-i-ous-ly** *adv* — **fas-tid-i-ous-ness** *n*
fast-ness \ˈfas(t)-nəs\ *n* **1** : the quality or state of being fast **2** : a fortified or secure place : **STRONGHOLD**
fast-talk \ˈfas(t)-ˈtɒk\ *vb* : to influence by persuasive and usu. deceptive talk
1fat \ˈfat\ *adj* **fat-ter**; **fat-test** **1** : FLESHY, PLUMP **2** : OILY, GREASY **3** : well filled out : BIG **4** : well stocked : ABUNDANT **5** : PROFITABLE — **fat-ness** *n*
2fat **n** **1** : animal tissue rich in greasy or oily matter **2** : any of numerous energy-rich esters that occur naturally in animal fats and in plants and are soluble in organic solvents (as ether) but not in water **3** : the best or richest portion (lived on the ~ of the land) **4** : OBESITY **5** : excess matter
fa-tal \ˈfat-əl\ *adj* **1** : FATEFUL **2** : MORTAL, DEADLY, DISASTROUS — **fa-tal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
fa-tal-ism \-ˌiz-əm\ *n* : the belief that events are determined by fate — **fa-tal-ist** \-əst\ *n* — **fa-tal-is-tic** \ˈfæt-əl-ˈis-tik\ *adj*
fa-tal-i-ty \ˈfæt-əl-ət-ē, fə-, *n*, *pl* -ties **1** : DEADLINESS **2** : the quality or state of being destined for disaster **3** : FATE **4** : death resulting from a disaster or accident
fat-back \ˈfat-,bak\ *n* : a fatty strip from the back of the hog usu. cured by salting and drying
fat cat **n** **1** : a wealthy contributor to a political campaign **2** : a wealthy privileged person
fate \ˈfæt\ *n* [ME, fr. MF or L; fr. L *fatum*, lit., what has been spoken, fr. *fari* to speak] **1** : the cause beyond man's control that is held to determine events : DESTINY **2** : LOT, FORTUNE **3** : DISASTER; *esp* : DEATH **4** : END, OUTCOME **5** *cap*, *pl* : the three goddesses of classical mythology who determine the course of human life
fat-ed \ˈfæ-təd\ *adj* : decreed, controlled, or marked by fate
fate-ful \ˈfæt-fəl\ *adj* **1** : OMINOUS, PROPHETIC **2** : IMPORTANT, DECISIVE **3** : DEADLY, DESTRUCTIVE **4** : determined by fate — **fate-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
fath *abbr* fathom

fat-head \ˈfat-,hed\ *n* : a stupid person — **fat-head-ed** \-hed-əd\ *adj*
fa-ther \ˈfæθ-ər\ *n* **1** : a male parent **2** *cap* : God *esp.* as the first person of the Trinity **3** : FOREFATHER **4** : one deserving the respect and love given to a father **5** *often cap* : an early Christian writer accepted by the church as an authoritative witness to its teaching and practice **6** : ORIGINATOR (the ~ of modern radio); *also* : SOURCE **7** : PRIEST — *used esp.* as a title **8** : one of the leading men (city ~s) — **fa-ther-hood** \-hüd\ *n* — **fa-ther-less** *adj* — **fa-ther-ly** *adj*
2father *vb* **1** : BEGET **2** : to be the founder, producer, or author of **3** : to treat or care for as a father
father-in-law \ˈfæθ-(ə-)rən-,lə\ *n*, *pl* **fa-thers-in-law** \-ər-zən-\ : the father of one's husband or wife
fa-ther-land \ˈfæθ-ər-,lənd\ *n* **1** : one's native land **2** : the native land of one's ancestors
1fath-om \ˈfæθ-əm\ *n* [ME *fadme*, fr. OE *fæthm* outstretched arms, fathom] : a unit of length equal to 6 feet (about 1.8 meters) used *esp.* for measuring the depth of water
2fathom *vb* **1** : to measure by a sounding line **2** : PROBE **3** : to penetrate and come to understand — **fath-om-able** \ˈfæθ-əm-ə-bəl\ *adj*
fath-om-less \ˈfæθ-əm-ləs\ *adj* : incapable of being fathomed
1fa-tigue \fə-ˈtēg\ *n* [F] **1** : manual or menial work performed by military personnel **2** *pl* : the uniform or work clothing worn on fatigue and in the field **3** : weariness from labor or use **4** : the tendency of a material to break under repeated stress
2fatigue *vb* **fatigued**; **fa-tigu-ing** : WEARY, TIRE
fat-ten \ˈfat-ən\ *vb* : to make or grow fat
1fat-ty \ˈfat-ē\ *adj* **fat-ti-er**; -est **1** : containing fat *esp.* in unusual amounts **2** : GREASY
2fatty *n*, *pl* **fatties** : a fat person
fatty acid *n* : any of numerous acids that contain only carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen and that occur naturally in fats and various oils
fa-tu-ity \fə-ˈt(y)ü-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ities : FOOLISHNESS, STUPIDITY
fat-u-ous \ˈfach-(ə-)wəs\ *adj* : FOOLISH, INANE, SILLY — **fat-u-ous-ly** *adv*
fau-bourg \fō-ˈbūr\ *n* **1** : SUBURB; *esp* : a suburb of a French city **2** : a city quarter
fau-ces \ˈfō-,sēz\ *n*, *pl* [L, throat] : the narrow passage located between the soft palate and the base of the tongue that joins the mouth to the pharynx
fau-cet \ˈfös-ət, ˈfäs-\ *n* : a fixture for drawing off a liquid (as from a pipe)
1fault \ˈfölt\ *n* **1** : a weakness in character : FAILING **2** : IMPERFECTION, IMPAIRMENT **3** : an error *esp.* in service in a net or racket game **4** : MISDEMEANOR; *also* : MISTAKE **5** : responsibility for something wrong **6** : a fracture in the earth's crust accompanied by a displacement of one side relative to the other — **fault-i-ly** \ˈfölt-tə-lē\ *adv* — **fault-less** *adj* — **fault-less-ly** *adv* — **faulty** *adj*
2fault *vb* **1** : to commit a fault : ERR **2** : to fracture so as to produce a geologic fault **3** : to find a fault in
fault-find-er \ˈfölt-,fɪn-dər\ *n* : a person who tends to find fault or complain — **fault-find-ing** \-dɪŋ\ *n* or *adj*
faun \ˈfön\ *n* : a Roman god of fields and herds represented as part goat and part man
fau-na \ˈfön-ə\ *n*, *pl* **faunas** *also* **fau-nae** \-ē, -ī\ [LL *Fauna*, sister of Faunus (the Roman god of animals)] : animals or animal life *esp.* of a region, period, or environment — **fau-nal** \-əl\ *adj*
fau-ism \ˈfō-,viz-əm\ *n*, *often cap* : a movement in

\ə\about \əˈkitten \ər\farther \əˈlāsh \əˈlāce \əˈlācot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \et\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \o\go \l\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
\ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

painting characterized by vivid colors, free treatment of form, and a vibrant and decorative effect — **fau-vist** \-vəst\ *n*, *often cap*

faux pas \'fō-'pā\ *n*, *pl faux pas* \-'pā(z)\ [F, lit., false step] : BLUNDER; *esp* : a social blunder

fa-vor \'fā-vər\ *n* **1** : friendly regard shown toward another *esp.* by a superior **2** : APPROVAL **3** : PARTIALITY **4** : POPULARITY **5** : gracious kindness; *also* : an act of such kindness **6** *pl* : effort in one's behalf : ATTENTION **7** : a token of love (as a ribbon) *usu.* worn conspicuously **8** : a small gift or decorative item given out at a party **9** : a special privilege **10** *archaic* : LETTER **11** : BEHALF, INTEREST

favor *vb* **fa-vored**; **fa-vor-ing** \'fāv-(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to regard or treat with favor **2** : OBLIGE **3** : ENDOW (<~ed by nature) **4** : to treat gently or carefully : SPARE (<~ a lame leg) **5** : PREFER **6** : SUPPORT, SUSTAIN **7** : FACILITATE (darkness <~s attack) **8** : RESEMBLE (he <~s his father)

fa-vor-able \'fāv-(ə-)rə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : APPROVING **2** : HELPFUL, PROMISING, ADVANTAGEOUS (<~ weather) — **fa-vor-ably** \-blē\ *adv*

fa-vor-ite \'fāv-(ə-)rət\ *n* **1** : a person or a thing that is favored above others **2** : a competitor regarded as most likely to win — **favorite** *adj*

favorite son *n* : a candidate supported by the delegates of his state at a presidential nominating convention

fa-vor-it-ism \'fāv-(ə-)rət-,iz-əm\ *n* : PARTIALITY, BIAS

fa-vour chiefly *Brit var* of FAVOR

fawn \'fɒn, 'fān\ *n* **1** : a young deer **2** : a variable color averaging a light grayish brown

fawn *vb* **1** : to show affection (a dog <~ing on its master) **2** : to court favor by a cringing or flattering manner

fax \'faks\ *n* : FACSIMILE **2**

fay \'fā\ *n* : FAIRY, ELF — **fay** *adj*

faze \'fāz\ *vb* **fazed**; **faz-ing** : to disturb the composure or courage of : DAUNT

FBI *abbr* Federal Bureau of Investigation

FCC *abbr* Federal Communications Commission

FD *abbr* fire department

FDA *abbr* Food and Drug Administration

FDIC *abbr* Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Fe *symbol* [L. *ferrum*] iron

fe-al-ty \'fē-(ə)-lē\ *n*, *pl -ties* : LOYALTY, ALLEGIANCE

fear \'fi(ə)r\ *vb* **1** : to have a reverent awe of (<~ God) **2** : to be afraid of : have fear **3** : to be apprehensive

fear *n* **1** : an unpleasant often strong emotion caused by expectation or awareness of danger; *also* : an instance of or a state marked by this emotion **2** : anxious concern : SOLICITUDE **3** : profound reverence *esp.* toward God *syn* dread, fright, alarm, panic, terror, trepidation

fear-ful \-fəl\ *adj* **1** : causing fear **2** : filled with fear **3** : showing or caused by fear **4** : extremely bad, intense, or large — **fear-ful-ly** \-lē\ *adv*

fear-less \-ləs\ *adj* : free from fear : BRAVE — **fear-less-ly** *adv* — **fear-less-ness** *n*

fear-some \-səm\ *adj* **1** : causing fear **2** : TIMID

fea-si-ble \'fē-zə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : capable of being done or carried out (a <~ plan) **2** : SUITABLE **3** : REASONABLE, LIKELY — **fea-si-bil-i-ty** \,fē-zə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **fea-si-bly** \'fē-zə-blē\ *adv*

feast \'fēst\ *n* **1** : an elaborate meal : BANQUET **2** : FESTIVAL **1**

feast *vb* **1** : to take part in a feast; *also* : to give a feast for **2** : to enjoy some unusual pleasure or delight **3** : DELIGHT, GRATIFY

feat \'fēt\ *n* : DEED, EXPLOIT, ACHIEVEMENT; *esp* : an act notable for courage, skill, endurance, or ingenuity

feath-er \'feth-ər\ *n* **1** : one of the light horny outgrowths that form the external covering of the body of a bird **2** : PLUME **3** : PLUMAGE **4** : KIND, NATURE (birds of a <~) **5** : ATTIRE, DRESS (in full <~) **6** : CONDITION, MOOD (in fine <~) — **feath-ered** \-ərd\ *adj* — **feath-er-less** *adj* — **feath-**

ery *adj* — **a feather in one's cap** : a mark of distinction : HONOR

feather *vb* **1** : to furnish with a feather (<~ an arrow) **2** : to cover, clothe, line, or adorn with feathers — **feather one's nest** : to provide for oneself *esp.* while in a position of trust

feath-er-bed-ding \'feth-ər-,bed-ɪŋ\ *n* : the requiring of an employer *usu.* under a union rule or safety statute to employ more workers than are needed

feath-er-edge \-,ej\ *n* : a very thin sharp edge; *esp* : one that is easily broken or bent over

feath-er-weight \-,wāt\ *n* : one that is very light in weight; *esp* : a boxer weighing more than 118 but not over 126 pounds

fea-ture \'fē-čər\ *n* **1** : the shape or appearance of the face or its parts **2** : a part of the face : LINEAMENT **3** : a prominent part or characteristic **4** : a special attraction (as in a motion picture or newspaper) **5** : something offered to the public or advertised as particularly attractive — **fea-ture-less** *adj*

feature *vb* **1** : to picture in the mind : IMAGINE **2** : to give special prominence to (<~ a story in a newspaper) **3** : to play an important part

feaze \'fēz, 'fāz\ *var* of FAZE

Feb *abbr* February

feb-ri-fuge \'feb-rə-,fyūj\ *n* : a medicine for relieving fever — **febrifuge** *adj*

fe-brile \'feb-rəl, -,rɪl; 'fēb-ə\ *adj* : FEVERISH

Feb-ru-ary \'feb-(y)ə-,wer-ē, 'feb-rə-ə\ *n* [ME *Februarie*, fr. L *Februarius*, fr. *Februa*, pl., feast of purification] : the second month of the year having 28 and in leap years 29 days

fe-ces \'fē-,sēz\ *n pl* : bodily waste discharged from the intestine — **fe-cal** \-kəl\ *adj*

feck-less \'fek-ləs\ *adj* **1** : WEAK, INEFFECTIVE **2** : WORTHLESS, IRRESPONSIBLE

fe-cund \'fek-ənd, 'fēk-ə\ *adj* : FRUITFUL, PROLIFIC — **fe-cun-di-ty** \fi-'kən-dət-ē, fe-ə\ *n*

fe-cun-date \'fek-ən-,dāt, 'fēk-ən-ə\ *vb -dat-ed; -dat-ing* **1** : to make fecund **2** : IMPREGNATE — **fe-cun-da-tion** \,fek-ən-'dā-shən, 'fēk-ən-ə\ *n*

fed *abbr* federal; federation

fed-er-al \'fed-(ə)-rəl\ *adj* **1** : formed by a compact between political units that surrender individual sovereignty to a central authority but retain certain limited powers **2** : of or constituting a form of government in which power is distributed between a central authority and constituent territorial units **3** : of or relating to the central government of a federation **4** *cap* : FEDERALIST **5** *often cap* : of, relating to, or loyal to the federal government or the Union armies of the U.S. in the American Civil War — **fed-er-al-ly** \-lē\ *adv*

Federal *n* : a supporter of the U.S. government in the Civil War; *esp* : a soldier in the federal armies

federal district *n* : a district (as the District of Columbia) set apart as the seat of the central government of a federation

fed-er-al-ism \'fed-(ə)-rə-,liz-əm\ *n* **1** *often cap* : the distribution of power in an organization (as a government) between a central authority and the constituent units **2** : support or advocacy of federalism **3** *cap* : the principles of the Federalists

fed-er-al-ist \-ləst\ *n* **1** : an advocate of federalism **2** *often cap* : an advocate of a federal union between the American colonies after the Revolution and of adoption of the U.S. Constitution **3** *cap* : a member of a major political party in the early years of the U.S. favoring a strong centralized national government — **federalist** *adj, often cap*

fed-er-al-ize \'fed-(ə)-rə-,liz\ *vb -ized; -iz-ing* **1** : to unite in or under a federal system **2** : to bring under the jurisdiction of a federal government

fed-er-ate \fēd-ə-,rāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to join in a federation
fed-er-a-tion \fēd-ə-'rā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of federating; *esp* : the forming of a federal union 2 : a federal government 3 : a union of organizations
fedn *abbr* federation
fe-do-ra \fī-'dōr-ə\ *n* : a low soft felt hat with the crown creased lengthwise
fed up *adj* : satiated, tired, or disgusted beyond endurance
fee \fē\ *n* 1 : an estate in land held from a feudal lord 2 : an inherited or heritable estate in land 3 : a fixed charge; *also* : a charge for a professional service 4 : TIP
fee-ble \fē-bəl\ *adj* **fee-ble** \-b(ə-)lər\; **fee-blest** \-b(ə-)ləst\ [ME *feble*, fr. OF, fr. L *flebilis* lamentable, wretched, fr. *flere* to weep] 1 : DECREPIT, FRAIL 2 : INEFFECTIVE, INADEQUATE (a ~ protest) — **fee-ble-ness** *n* — **fee-bly** \-blē\ *adv*
fee-ble-mind-ed \fē-bəl-'mīn-dəd\ *adj* : lacking normal intelligence — **fee-ble-mind-ed-ness** *n*
feed \fēd\ *vb* **fed** \fēd\; **feed-ing** 1 : to give food to; *also* : to give as food 2 : EAT 1; *also* : PREY 3 : to furnish what is necessary to the growth or function of — **feed-er** *n*
feed *n* 1 : a usu. large meal 2 : food for livestock 3 : material supplied (as to a furnace) 4 : a mechanism for feeding material to a machine
feed-back \fēd-,bak\ *n* 1 : the return to the input of a part of the output of a machine, system, or process 2 : response *esp.* to one in authority about an activity or policy
feed-lot \fēd-,lāt\ *n* : land on which cattle are fattened for market
feed-stuff \-,stəf\ *n* : ²FEED 2
feel \fēl\ *vb* **felt** \fēlt\; **feel-ing** 1 : to perceive or examine through physical contact : TOUCH, HANDLE 2 : EXPERIENCE; *also* : to suffer from 3 : to ascertain by cautious trial (~ out public sentiment) 4 : to be aware of 5 : to be conscious of an inward impression, state of mind, or physical condition 6 : BELIEVE, THINK 7 : to search for something with the fingers : GROPE 8 : to seem *esp.* to the touch 9 : to have sympathy or pity
feel *n* 1 : the sense of touch 2 : SENSATION, FEELING 3 : the quality of a thing as imparted through touch
feel-er \fē-lər\ *n* 1 : one that feels; *esp* : a tactile organ (as on the head of an insect) 2 : a proposal or remark made to find out the views of other people
feeling \fē-līŋ\ *n* 1 : the sense of touch; *also* : a sensation perceived by this 2 : a state of mind (a ~ of loneliness) 3 *pl* : general emotional condition : SENSIBILITIES (hurt their ~s) 4 : OPINION, BELIEF, SENTIMENT 5 : capacity to respond emotionally
feeling *adj* 1 : SENSITIVE; *esp* : easily moved emotionally 2 : expressing emotion or sensitivity — **feeling-ly** *adv*
feet *pl* of FOOT
feign \fēn\ *vb* 1 : to give a false appearance of : SHAM (~ illness) 2 : to assert as if true : PRETEND
feint \fēnt\ *n* : something feigned; *esp* : a mock blow or attack intended to distract attention from the real point of attack — **feint** *vb*
feld-spar \fel(d)-,spär\ *n* : any of a group of crystalline minerals consisting of silicates of aluminum with either potassium, sodium, calcium, or barium
fel-ic-i-tate \fī-'lis-ə-,tāt\ *vb* -tat-ed; -tat-ing : CONGRATULATE — **fel-ic-i-ta-tion** \-,lis-ə-'tā-shən\ *n*
fel-ic-i-tous \fī-'lis-ət-əs\ *adj* 1 : suitably expressed : APT 2 : PLEASANT, DELIGHTFUL — **fel-ic-i-tous-ly** *adv*
fel-ic-i-ty \fī-'lis-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : the quality or state of being happy; *esp* : great happiness 2 : something that causes happiness 3 : a pleasing manner or quality *esp.* in art or language : APTNESS 4 : an apt expression
fe-line \fē-,līn\ *adj* [L *felinus*, fr. *felis* cat] 1 : of or relating to cats or their kin 2 : SLY, TREACHEROUS 3 : STEALTHY — **feline** *n*

fell \fel\ *n* : SKIN, HIDE, PELT
fell *vb* 1 : to cut, beat, or knock down (~ trees); *also* : KILL 2 : to sew (a seam) by folding one raw edge under ~ the other
fell *past* of FALL
fell *adj* : CRUEL, FIERCE; *also* : DEADLY
fel-lah \fel-ə-,fə-'lā\ *n*, *pl* **fel-la-hin** or **fel-la-heen** \fel-ə-'hēn\ : a peasant or agricultural laborer in Arab countries (as Egypt or Syria)
fel-la-tio \fə-'lā-shē-,ō\ *also* **fel-la-tion** \-'lā-shən\ *n* [deriv. of L *fellare* to suck] : oral stimulation of the penis
fel-low \fel-ō\ *n* [ME *felawe*, fr. OE *fēolaga*, fr. ON *fēlagi*, fr. *fēlag* partnership, fr. *fē* cattle, money + *lag* act of laying] 1 : COMRADE, ASSOCIATE 2 : EQUAL, PEER 3 : one of a pair : MATE 4 : a member of an incorporated literary or scientific society 5 : MAN, BOY 6 : BOYFRIEND 7 : a person granted a stipend for advanced study
fel-low-man \fel-ō-'mān\ *n* : a kindred human being
fel-low-ship \fel-ō-,ship\ *n* 1 : the condition of friendly relationship existing among persons : COMRADESHIP 2 : a community of interest or feeling 3 : a group with similar interests 4 : the position of a fellow (as of a university) 5 : the stipend granted a fellow
fellow traveler *n* : a person who sympathizes with and often furthers the ideals and program of an organized group (as the Communist party) without joining it or regularly participating in its activities
fel-on \fel-ən\ *n* 1 : one who has committed a felony 2 : WHITLOW
fel-o-ny \fel-ə-nē\ *n*, *pl* -nies : a serious crime punishable by a heavy sentence — **fel-o-ni-ous** \fə-'lō-nē-əs\ *adj*
felt \felt\ *n* 1 : a cloth made of wool and fur often mixed with natural or synthetic fibers 2 : a material resembling felt
felt *past* and *past part* of FEEL
fem *abbr* 1 female 2 feminine
fe-male \fē-,māl\ *adj* [ME, alter. of *femel*, deriv. of ML *femella*, fr. L, girl, dim. of *femina* woman] : of, relating to, or being the sex that bears young; *also* : PISTILLATE *syn* feminine, womanly, womanlike, womanish, effeminate — **female** *n*
fem-i-nine \fem-ə-nən\ *adj* 1 : of the female sex; *also* : characteristic of or appropriate or peculiar to women 2 : of, relating to, or constituting the gender that includes most words or grammatical forms referring to females — **fem-i-nin-i-ty** \fem-ə-'nin-ət-ē\ *n*
feminine *n* : a noun, pronoun, adjective, or inflectional form or class of the feminine gender; *also* : the feminine gender
fem-i-nism \fem-ə-,niz-əm\ *n* 1 : the theory of the political, economic, and social equality of the sexes 2 : organized activity on behalf of women's rights and interests — **fem-i-nist** \-nəst\ *n* or *adj*
femme fa-tale \fem-fə-'tal\ *n*, *pl* **femmes fa-tales** \-'tal(z)\ [F, lit., disastrous woman] : a seductive woman : SIREN
fe-mur \fē-mər\ *n*, *pl* **fe-murs** or **fem-o-ra** \fem-(ə-)rə\ : the long bone of the thigh — **fem-o-ral** \fem-(ə-)rəl\ *adj*
fen \fen\ *n* : low swampy land
fen \fən\ *n*, *pl* **fen** — see *yuan* at MONEY table
fence \fens\ *n* [ME *fens*, short for *defens* defense] 1 : a barrier (as of wood or wire) to prevent escape or entry or to mark a boundary 2 : a person who receives stolen goods; *also* : a place where stolen goods are disposed of — **on the fence** : in a position of neutrality or indecision
fence *vb* **fenced**; **fenc-ing** 1 : to enclose with a fence 2 : to keep in or out with a fence 3 : to practice fencing 4 : to use tactics of attack and defense *esp.* in debate — **fencer** *n*

\ə\abut \ʔ\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \a\out \ch\chin \eb\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

fenc-ing \ˈfɛn-sɪŋ\ *n* 1 : the art or practice of attack and defense with the foil, épée, or saber 2 : the fences of a property or region 3 : material used for building fences
fend \ˈfɛnd\ *vb* 1 : to keep or ward off : REPEL 2 : SHIFT (~ for himself)

fend-er \ˈfɛn-dər\ *n* : a protective device (as a guard over the wheel of an automobile or as a screen before a fire)
fen-es-tra-tion \ˈfɛn-ə-ˈstrā-shən\ *n* : the arrangement and design of windows and doors in a building

Fe-ni-an \ˈfɛ-nē-ən\ *n* : a member of a secret 19th century Irish and Irish-American organization dedicated to the overthrow of British rule in Ireland

fen-əl \ˈfɛn-əl\ *n* : a garden plant related to the carrot and grown for its aromatic foliage and seeds

FEP *abbr* Fair Employment Practices Commission

fer-al \ˈfɪr-əl, ˈfɛr-əl\ *adj* 1 : SAVAGE 2 : WILD 1 3 : having escaped from domestication and become wild

fer-de-lance \ˈfɛr-dɪ-ˈlɑns\ *n*, *pl* **fer-de-lance** [F, lit., lance iron, spearhead] : a large venomous pit viper of Central and So. America

fer-ment \fər-ˈment\ *vb* 1 : to cause or undergo fermentation 2 : to be or cause to be in a state of agitation or intense activity

2fer-ment \ˈfər-,ment\ *n* 1 : a living organism (as a yeast) causing fermentation by its enzymes; *also* : ENZYME 2 : AGITATION, TUMULT

fer-men-ta-tion \ˈfər-mən-ˈtā-shən, -men-\ *n* 1 : chemical decomposition of an organic substance (as in the souring of milk or the formation of alcohol from sugar) in the absence of oxygen by enzymatic action often with formation of gas 2 : AGITATION, UNREST

fer-mi-um \ˈfɛr-mē-əm, ˈfər-\ *n* : an artificially produced radioactive metallic chemical element — *see* ELEMENT table

fern \fɜrn\ *n* : any of an order of vascular plants resembling seed plants in having root, stem, and leaflike fronds but reproducing by spores instead of by flowers and seeds

fern-ery \ˈfɜrn-(ə)rē\ *n*, *pl* **-er-ies** 1 : a place for growing ferns 2 : a collection of growing ferns

fer-ocious \fə-ˈrō-shəs\ *adj* 1 : FIERCE, SAVAGE 2 : extremely intense (~ heat) — **fer-ocious-ly** *adv* — **fer-ocious-ness** *n*

fer-oc-i-ty \fə-ˈrās-ət-ē\ *n* : the quality or state of being ferocious

fer-ret \ˈfɛr-ət\ *n* : a partially domesticated usu. white European mammal related to the weasels and used esp. for hunting rodents

2fer-ret *vb* 1 : to hunt game with ferrets 2 : to drive out of a hiding place 3 : to find and bring to light by searching (~ out the truth)

fer-ric \ˈfɛr-ik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or containing iron
ferric oxide *n* : an oxide of iron that is found in nature as hematite and as rust and that is used as a pigment and for polishing

Fer-ris wheel \ˈfɛr-əs-\ *n* : an amusement device consisting of a large upright power-driven wheel carrying seats that remain horizontal around its rim

fer-ro-mag-net-ic \ˈfɛr-ō-mag-ˈnet-ik\ *adj* : of or relating to substances that are easily magnetized

fer-rous \ˈfɛr-əs\ *adj* : of, relating to, or containing iron

fer-rule \ˈfɛr-əl\ *n* : a metal ring or cap around a slender wooden shaft to prevent splitting

1fer-ry \ˈfɛr-ē\ *vb* **fer-ried**; **fer-ry-ing** [ME *ferien*, fr. OE *ferian* to carry, convey] 1 : to carry by boat over a body of water 2 : to cross by a ferry 3 : to convey from one place to another

2ferry *n*, *pl* **ferries** 1 : a place where persons or things are ferried 2 : FERRYBOAT

fer-ry-boat \ˈfɛr-ē-,bōt\ *n* : a boat used in ferrying

fer-tile \ˈfɛrt-əl\ *adj* 1 : producing plentifully : PRODUCTIVE (~ soils) 2 : capable of developing or reproducing (~

eggs) (a ~ family) **syn** fruitful, prolific, fecund, productive — **fer-til-i-ty** \ˌfɛr-ˈtɪl-ət-ē\ *n*

fer-til-ize \ˈfɛrt-əl-,iz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing 1 : to unite with in the process of fertilization (one sperm ~s each egg) 2 : to apply fertilizer to — **fer-til-iza-tion** \ˌfɛrt-əl-ə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*

fer-til-iz-er \-i-zər\ *n* : material (as manure or a chemical mixture) for enriching land

fer-ule \ˈfɛr-əl\ *also* **fer-u-la** \ˈfɛr-(y)ə-lə\ *n* : a rod or ruler used to punish children

fer-ven-cy \ˈfɛr-vən-sē\ *n*, *pl* **-cies** : FERVOR

fer-vent \ˈfɛr-vənt\ *adj* 1 : very hot : GLOWING 2 : marked by great intensity of feeling — **fer-vent-ly** *adv*

fer-vid \-vəd\ *adj* 1 : very hot 2 : ARDENT, ZEALOUS — **fer-vid-ly** *adv*

fer-vor \ˈfɛr-vər\ *n* 1 : intense heat 2 : intensity of feeling or expression

fes-tal \ˈfɛst-əl\ *adj* : FESTIVE

1fes-ter \ˈfɛs-tər\ *n* : a pus-filled sore

2fester *vb* **fes-tered**; **fes-ter-ing** \-t(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to form pus 2 : PUTREFY, ROT 3 : RANKLE

fes-ti-val \ˈfɛs-tə-vəl\ *n* 1 : a time of celebration marked by special observances; *esp* : an occasion marked with religious ceremonies 2 : a periodic season or program of cultural events or entertainment (a dance ~)

fes-tive \ˈfɛs-tɪv\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or suitable for a feast or festival 2 : JOYFUL, GAY — **fes-tive-ly** *adv*

fes-tiv-i-ty \ˈfɛs-ˈtɪv-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** 1 : FESTIVAL 1 2 : the quality or state of being festive 3 : festive activity

1fes-toon \ˈfɛs-ˈtūn\ *n* [F *feston*, fr. It *festone*, fr. *festa* festival] 1 : a decorative chain or strip hanging between two points 2 : a carved, molded, or painted ornament representing a decorative chain

2festoon *vb* 1 : to hang or form festoons on 2 : to shape into festoons

fe-tal \ˈfɛt-əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being a fetus

fetal position *n* : a resting position with body curved, legs bent and drawn toward the chest, head bowed forward, and arms tucked in in the manner of the fetus in the womb that is assumed in some forms of psychic disorder

fetch \ˈfɛch\ *vb* 1 : to go or come after and bring or take back (teach a dog to ~ a stick) 2 : to cause to come : bring out (~ed tears from the eyes) 3 : to sell for 4 : to give by striking (~ him a blow)

fetch-ing \ˈfɛch-ɪŋ\ *adj* : ATTRACTIVE, PLEASING — **fetch-ing-ly** *adv*

1fete or fête \ˈfât, ˈfet\ *n* [F *fête*, fr. OF *feste*] 1 : FESTIVAL 2 : a large elaborate entertainment or party

2fete or fête *vb* **fet-ed** or **fêt-ed**; **fet-ing** or **fêt-ing** 1 : to honor or commemorate with a fete 2 : to pay high honor to

fet-id \ˈfet-əd\ *adj* : having an offensive smell : STINKING
fe-tish *also* **fe-tich** \ˈfet-ish, ˈfêt-\ *n* [F & Pg; F *fétiche*, fr. Pg *feitiço*, fr. *feitico* artificial, false, fr. L *facticius* factitious] 1 : an object (as an idol or image) believed to have magical powers (as in curing disease) 2 : an object of unreasoning devotion or concern 3 : an object whose real or fantasied presence is psychologically necessary for sexual gratification

fe-tish-ism \-ish-,iz-əm\ *n* : belief in, devotion to, or pathological attachment to fetishes — **fe-tish-ist** \-ish-əst\ *n* — **fe-tish-is-tic** \ˈfet-ish-ˈis-tik, ˈfêt-\ *adj*

fet-lock \ˈfet-,læk\ *n* : a projection on the back of a horse's leg above the hoof; *also* : a tuft of hair on this

fet-ter \ˈfet-ər\ *n* 1 : a chain or shackle for the feet 2 : something that confines : RESTRAINT — **fetter** *vb*

fet-tle \ˈfet-əl\ *n* : a state of fitness or order : CONDITION (in fine ~)

fe-tus \ˈfɛt-əs\ *n* : an unborn or unhatched vertebrate esp. after its basic structure is laid down; *esp* : a developing human being in the uterus from usu. three months after pregnancy occurs to birth

feud \ˈfyüd\ *n* : a prolonged quarrel; *esp* : a lasting con-

flict between families or clans marked by violent attacks undertaken for revenge — **feud** *vb*

feu-dal \ˈfyü-dəl\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or having the characteristics of a medieval fee 2 : of, relating to, or characteristic of feudalism

feu-dal-ism \ˈfyü-dəl-iz-əm\ *n* : a system of political organization prevailing in medieval Europe in which a vassal renders service to a lord and receives protection and land in return; *also* : a similar political or social system — **feu-dal-is-tic** \ˈfyü-dəl-iz-istik\ *adj*

ˈfeu-da-to-ry \ˈfyü-də-tōr-ē\ *adj* : owing feudal allegiance

ˈfeudatory *n*, *pl* **-ries** 1 : a person who holds lands by feudal law or usage 2 : FIEF

fe-ver \ˈfē-vər\ *n* 1 : a rise in body temperature above the normal; *also* : a disease of which this is a chief symptom 2 : a state of heightened emotion or activity 3 : CRAZE — **fe-ver-ish** *adj* — **fe-ver-ish-ly** *adv*

few \ˈfyü\ *pron* : not many : a small number

few *adj* 1 : consisting of or amounting to a small number 2 : not many but some (caught a ~ fish) — **few-ness** *n*

ˈfew n 1 : a small number of units or individuals (a ~ of them) 2 : a special limited number (among the ~)

few-er \ˈfyü-ər\ *pron* : a smaller number of persons or things

fey \ˈfä\ *adj* 1 *chiefly Scot* : fated to die; *also* : marked by a foreboding of death or calamity 2 : able to see into the future : VISIONARY 3 : marked by an otherworldly air or attitude 4 : CRAZY, TOUCHED

fez \ˈfez\ *n*, *pl* **fez-zes** *also* **fez-es** : a round red felt hat that has a flat top and a tassel but no brim

ff *abbr* 1 folios 2 [following] and the following ones 3 fortissimo

FHA *abbr* Federal Housing Administration

fi-an-cé \fē-,än-ˈsā\ *n* [F, fr. MF, fr. *fiancer* to promise, betroth, fr. OF *fiancier*, fr. *fiance* promise, trust, fr. *fier* to trust, fr. L *fidere*] : a man engaged to be married

fi-an-cée \fē-,än-ˈsā\ *n* : a woman engaged to be married

fi-as-co \fē-ˈas-kō\ *n*, *pl* **-coes** [F] : a complete failure

fi-at \ˈfē-ət, -at, -ät, -ät\ *n* [L, let it be done] : an authoritative and often arbitrary order or decree

fiat money *n* : paper currency backed only by the authority of the government and not by metal

ˈfib \ˈfib\ *n* : a trivial or childish lie

ˈfib *vb* **fibbed**; **fib-bing** : to tell a fib — **fib-ber** *n*

fi-ber or **fi-bre** \ˈfi-bər\ *n* 1 : a threadlike substance or structure (as a muscle cell or fine root); *esp* : a natural (as wool or flax) or artificial (as rayon) filament capable of being spun or woven 2 : ROUGHAGE 3 : an element that gives texture or substance 4 : basic toughness : STRENGTH — **fi-brous** \-brəs\ *adj*

fi-ber-board \-bōrd\ *n* : a material made by compressing fibers (as of wood) into stiff sheets

fi-ber-fill \-fil\ *n* : man-made fibers used as a filling material (as for cushions)

fi-ber-glass \-glas\ *n* : glass in fibrous form used in making various products (as yarn and insulation)

fiber optics *n* 1 *pl* : thin transparent fibers of glass or plastic that are enclosed by a less refractive material and that transmit light by internal reflection; *also* : a bundle of such fibers used in an instrument 2 : the technique of the use of fiber optics — **fiber-optic** *adj*

fi-bril \ˈfib-rəl, ˈfib-\ *n* : a small fiber

fi-bril-la-tion \ˈfib-rə-ˈlā-shən, ˈfib-\ *n* : rapid irregular contractions of muscle fibers (as of the heart) — **fib-ril-late** \ˈfib-rə-,lāt, ˈfib-\ *vb*

fi-brin \ˈfi-brən\ *n* : a white insoluble fibrous protein formed from fibrinogen in the clotting of blood

fi-brin-o-gen \fi-ˈbrin-ə-jən\ *n* : a globulin produced in the liver, present *esp*. in blood plasma, and converted into fibrin during clotting of blood

fi-broid \ˈfib-rōid, ˈfib-\ *adj* : resembling, forming, or consisting of fibrous tissue (~ tumors)

fi-bro-sis \fi-ˈbrō-səs\ *n* : a condition marked by abnormal increase of fiber-containing tissue

fib-u-la \ˈfib-yə-lə\ *n*, *pl* **-lae** \-lē, -lā\ or **-las** : the outer and usu. the smaller of the two bones of the hind limb below the knee — **fib-u-lar** \-lər\ *adj*

FICA *abbr* Federal Insurance Contributions Act

fiche \ˈfēsh, ˈfīsh\ *n*, *pl* **fiche** : MICROFICHE

fi-chu \ˈfīsh-ü\ *n* [F] : a woman's light triangular scarf draped over the shoulders and fastened in front

fick-le \ˈfik-əl\ *adj* : not firm or steadfast in disposition or character : INCONSTANT — **fick-le-ness** *n*

fic-tion \ˈfik-shən\ *n* 1 : something (as a story) invented by the imagination 2 : fictitious literature (as novels) — **fic-tion-al** \-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj* — **fic-tion-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

fic-ti-tious \ˈfik-ˈtish-əs\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or characteristic of fiction : IMAGINARY 2 : FEIGNED *syn* chimerical, fanciful, fantastic, unreal

ˈfid-dle \ˈfid-əl\ *n* : VIOLIN

ˈfiddle *vb* **fid-dled**; **fid-dling** \ˈfid-(ə-)lɪŋ\ 1 : to play on a fiddle 2 : to move the hands or fingers restlessly 3 : PUTTER 4 : MEDDLE, TAMPER — **fid-dler** \ˈfid-(ə-)lər\ *n*

fiddler crab *n* : a burrowing crab with one claw much enlarged in the male

fid-dle-stick \ˈfid-əl-,stɪk\ *n* 1 *archaic* : a violin bow 2 *pl* : NONSENSE — used as an interjection

fi-del-i-ty \fə-ˈdel-ət-ē, fi-\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** 1 : the quality or state of being faithful 2 : ACCURACY (~ of a news report) (~ in sound reproduction) *syn* allegiance, loyalty, devotion, fealty

ˈfid-et \ˈfɪ-ət\ *n* 1 *pl* : uneasiness or restlessness as shown by nervous movements 2 : one that fidgets — **fidg-ety** *adj*

ˈfidget *vb* : to move or cause to move or act restlessly or nervously

fi-du-ci-ary \fə-ˈdɪ(y)-ü-shē-,er-ē, -shə-rē\ *adj* 1 : involving a confidence or trust 2 : held or holding in trust for another (~ accounts) — **fiduciary** *n*

fie \ˈfi\ *interj* — used to express disgust or disapproval

fief \ˈfēf\ *n* : a feudal estate : FEE

ˈfield \ˈfēld\ *n* 1 : open country 2 : a piece of cleared land for cultivation or pasture 3 : a piece of land yielding some special product 4 : the place where a battle is fought; *also* : BATTLE 5 : an area, division, or sphere of activity (the ~ of science) (salesmen in the ~) 6 : an area for military exercises 7 : an area for sports 8 : a background on which something is drawn or projected (a flag with white stars on a ~ of blue) 9 : a region or space in which a given effect (as magnetism) exists — **field** *adj*

ˈfield *vb* 1 : to handle a batted or thrown baseball while on defense 2 : to put into the field 3 : to answer satisfactorily (~ a tough question) — **field-er** *n*

field day *n* 1 : a day devoted to outdoor sports and athletic competition 2 : a time of extraordinary pleasure or opportunity

field event *n* : a track-and-field event (as weight-throwing) other than a race

field glass *n* : a hand-held binocular telescope — *usu.* used in *pl.*

field hockey *n* : a field game played between two teams of 11 players each whose object is to knock a ball into the opponent's goal with a curved stick

field marshal *n* : an officer (as in the British army) of the highest rank

field-test \-,test\ *vb* : to test (as a new product) in a natural environment — **field test** *n*

fiend \ˈfēnd\ *n* 1 : DEVIL 1 2 : DEMON 3 : an extremely wicked or cruel person 4 : a person excessively devoted

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \i\job
\ŋ\sing \d\dog \d\law \d\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\lout
\ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see* Pronunciation Symbols page

ed to a pursuit 5 : ADDICT (dope ~) — **fiend-ish** *adj* — **fiend-ish-ly** *adv*

fierce \ˈfɪərs\ *adj* **fierc-er**; **fierc-est** 1 : violently hostile or aggressive in temperament 2 : PUGNACIOUS 3 : INTENSE 4 : furiously active or determined 5 : wild or menacing in appearance **syn** ferocious, barbarous, savage, cruel — **fiercely** *adv* — **fierce-ness** *n*

fiery \ˈfi(ə)-rē\ *adj* **fi-er-i-er**; **-est** 1 : consisting of fire 2 : BURNING, BLAZING 3 : FLAMMABLE 4 : hot like a fire : INFLAMED, FEVERISH 5 : RED 6 : full of emotion or spirit 7 : IRRITABLE — **fi-er-i-ness** \ˈfi(ə)-rē-nəs\ *n*

fi-es-ta \fē-ˈes-tə\ *n* [Sp] : FESTIVAL

fife \ˈfɪf\ *n* [G *pfeife* pipe, fife] : a small shrill flutelike musical instrument



fife

FIFO *abbr* first in, first out

fif-teen \fɪf-ˈtēn\ *n* : one more than 14 — **fifteen** *adj* or *pron* — **fif-teenth** \-ˈtēnth\ *adj* or *pron*

fifth \ˈfɪfth\ *n* 1 : one that is number five in a countable series 2 : one of five equal parts of something 3 : a unit of measure for liquor equal to 1/5 U.S. gallon (about 0.75 liter) — **fifth** *adj* or *adv*

fifth column *n* : a group of secret supporters of a nation's enemy that engage in espionage or sabotage within the country — **fifth col-um-nist** \-ˈkäl-əm-(n)əst\ *n*

fifth wheel *n* : one that is unnecessary and often burdensome

fif-ty \ˈfɪf-tē\ *n*, *pl* **fifties** : five times 10 — **fif-ti-eth** \-tē-əth\ *adj* or *n* — **fifty** *adj* or *pron*

fif-ty-fif-ty \ˌfɪf-tē-ˈfɪf-tē\ *adj* 1 : shared equally (a ~ proposition) 2 : half favorable and half unfavorable

fig \ˈfɪg\ *n* : a usu. pear-shaped edible fruit of warm regions; *also* : a tree related to the mulberry that bears this fruit

fig *abbr* 1 figurative; figuratively 2 figure

fight \ˈfɪt\ *vb* **fought**; **fight-ing** 1 : to contend against another in battle or physical combat 2 : BOX 3 : to put forth a determined effort 4 : STRUGGLE, CONTEND 5 : to attempt to prevent the success or effectiveness of 6 : WAGE 7 : to gain by struggle

fight *n* 1 : a hostile encounter : BATTLE 2 : a boxing match 3 : a verbal disagreement 4 : a struggle for a goal or an objective 5 : strength or disposition for fighting (full of ~)

fight-er \-ər\ *n* 1 : one that fights; *esp* : WARRIOR 2 : BOXER 3 : a fast maneuverable airplane armed for destroying enemy aircraft

fig-ment \ˈfɪg-mənt\ *n* : something imagined or made up **fig-u-ra-tion** \ˌfɪg-(y)ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* 1 : FORM, OUTLINE 2 : an act or instance of representation in figures and shapes

fig-u-ra-tive \ˈfɪg-(y)ə-rə-tiv\ *adj* 1 : EMBLEMATIC 2 : SYMBOLIC, METAPHORICAL (~ language) 3 : characterized by figures of speech — **fig-u-ra-tive-ly** *adv*

fig-ure \ˈfɪg-yər\ *n* 1 : NUMERAL 2 *pl* : arithmetical calculations 3 : a written or printed character 4 : PRICE, AMOUNT 5 : SHAPE, FORM, OUTLINE 6 : the graphic representation of a form and *esp.* of a person 7 : a diagram or pictorial illustration of textual matter 8 : a combination of points, lines, or surfaces in geometry (a circle is a closed plane ~) 9 : PATTERN, DESIGN 10 : appearance made or impression produced (they cut quite a ~) 11 : a series of movements (as in a dance) 12 : PERSONAGE

figure *vb* **fig-ured**; **fig-ur-ing** \ˈfɪg-yə-rɪŋ\ 1 : to represent by or as if by a figure or outline : PORTRAY 2 : to decorate with a pattern 3 : to indicate or represent by numerals 4 : REGARD, CONSIDER 5 : to be or appear important or conspicuous 6 : COMPUTE, CALCULATE

fig-ure-head \ˈfɪg-(y)ər-,hed\ *n* 1 : a figure on the bow of a ship 2 : a head or chief in name only

figure of speech : a form of expression (as a simile or metaphor) that uses words in other than a plain or literal way

figure out *vb* 1 : FIND OUT, DISCOVER 2 : SOLVE

fig-u-rine \ˌfɪg-(y)ə-ˈrɪn\ *n* : a small carved or molded figure

Fi-ji-an \ˈfɪ-jē-ən, fi-ˈjē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of the Pacific island country of Fiji — **Fijian** *adj*

fil-a-ment \ˈfɪl-ə-mənt\ *n* : a fine thread or threadlike object, part, or process — **fil-a-men-tous** \ˌfɪl-ə-ˈment-əs\ *adj*

fil-bert \ˈfɪl-bərt\ *n* : the sweet thick-shelled nut of either of two European hazels; *also* : a shrub or small tree bearing filberts

filch \ˈfɪlch\ *vb* : to steal furtively

file \ˈfɪl\ *n* : a usu. steel tool with a ridged or toothed surface used *esp.* for smoothing a hard substance

file *vb* **filed**; **fil-ing** : to rub, smooth, or cut away with a file

file *vb* **filed**; **fil-ing** [ME *filen*, fr. MF *filer* to string documents on a string or wire, fr. *fil* thread, fr. L *filum*] 1 : to arrange in order 2 : to enter or record officially or as prescribed by law (~ a lawsuit) 3 : to send (copy) to a newspaper

file *n* 1 : a device (as a folder or cabinet) by means of which papers may be kept in order 2 : a collection of papers or publications usu. arranged or classified

file *n* : a row of persons, animals, or things arranged one behind the other

file *vb* **filed**; **fil-ing** : to march or proceed in file

fil-et *mignon* \ˌfɪl-(ɹ)ä-mən-ˈyɒn, fi-ˈlä-ä\ *n*, *pl* **filets mignons** \-(ɹ)ä-mən-ˈyɒnz, -ˈlä-ä\ [F, lit., dainty fillet] : a fillet of beef cut from the thick end of a beef tenderloin **fil-ial** \ˈfɪl-ē-əl, ˈfɪl-yəl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or befitting a son or daughter

fil-i-bus-ter \ˈfɪl-ə-,bəs-tər\ *n* [Sp *filibustero*, lit., freebooter] 1 : a military adventurer; *esp* : an American engaged in fomenting 19th century Latin American uprisings 2 : the use of delaying tactics (as extremely long speeches) *esp.* in a legislative assembly; *also* : an instance of this practice — **filibuster** *vb* — **fil-i-bus-ter-er** *n*

fil-i-gree \ˈfɪl-ə-,grē\ *n* [F *filigrane*] : ornamental openwork (as of fine wire)

fil-ing \ˈfɪl-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : the act of one who files 2 : a small piece scraped off by a file (iron ~s)

Fil-i-pi-no \ˌfɪl-ə-ˈpē-nō\ *n*, *pl* **Filipinos** : a native or inhabitant of the Philippines — **Filipino** *adj*

fil \ˈfɪl\ *vb* 1 : to make or become full 2 : to stop up : PLUG (~ a cavity) 3 : FEED, SATIATE 4 : SATISFY, FULFILL (~ all requirements) 5 : to occupy fully 6 : to spread through (laughter ~ed the room) 7 : OCCUPY (~ the office of president) 8 : to put a person in (~ a vacancy) 9 : to supply as directed (~ a prescription)

fil *n* 1 : a full supply; *esp* : a quantity that satisfies or satiates 2 : material used *esp.* for filling a low place

fil-ler \ˈfɪl-ər\ *n* 1 : one that fills 2 : a substance added to another substance (as to increase bulk or weight) 3 : a material used for filling cracks and pores in wood before painting

fil-ler \ˈfɪl-,eər\ *n*, *pl* **fillers** or **filler** — see *forint* at MONEY table

fil-let \ˈfɪl-ət, in sense 2 fi-ˈlä, ˈfɪl-(ɹ)ä\ *also* **fi-let** \fi-ˈlä, ˈfɪl-(ɹ)ä\ *n* [ME *filet*, fr. MF, dim. of *fil* thread] 1 : a narrow band, strip, or ribbon 2 : a piece or slice of boneless meat or fish; *esp* : the tenderloin of beef

fil-let \ˈfɪl-ət, in sense 2 also fi-ˈlä, ˈfɪl-(ɹ)ä\ *vb* 1 : to bind or adorn with or as if with a fillet 2 : to cut into fillets

fill \ˈfɪl\ *in* *vb* 1 : to provide necessary or recent information 2 : to serve as a temporary substitute

fill-ing \ˈfɪl-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : material used to fill something (a ~

for a tooth) **2** : the yarn interlacing the warp in a fabric **3** : a food mixture used to fill pastry or sandwiches
filling station *n* : SERVICE STATION
fil-lip \fɪl-əp\ *n* **1** : a blow or gesture made by a flick or snap of the finger across the thumb **2** : something that serves to arouse or stimulate — **fil-lip** *vb*
fil-ly \fɪl-ē\ *n*, *pl* **fillies** : a young female horse usu. less than four years old
film \fɪlm\ *n* **1** : a thin skin or membrane **2** : a thin coating or layer **3** : a flexible strip of chemically treated material used in taking pictures **4** : MOTION PICTURE — **filmy** *adj*
film *vb* **1** : to cover with a film **2** : to make a motion picture of
film-dom \fɪlm-dəm\ *n* : the motion-picture industry
film-og-ra-phy \fɪl-mäg-rə-fē\ *n*, *pl* -**phies** : a list or catalog of motion pictures relating usu. to a particular actor or director
film-strip \fɪlm-,stri:p\ *n* : a strip of film bearing images to be projected on a screen as still pictures
film \fɪls\ *n*, *pl* **films** — see *dinar*, *dirham*, *rial* at **MONEY** table
fil-ter \fɪl-tər\ *n* **1** : a porous material through which a fluid is passed to separate out matter in suspension; *also* : a device containing such material **2** : a device for suppressing waves of certain frequencies; *esp* : one (as for a camera) that absorbs light of certain colors
filter *vb* **fil-tered**; **fil-ter-ing** \-t(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to remove by means of a filter **2** : to pass through a filter — **fil-ter-able** *also* **fil-tra-ble** \-t(ə-)rə-bəl\ *adj* — **fil-tra-tion** \fɪl-ˈtrā-shən\ *n*
filter bed *n* : a bed of sand or gravel for filtering water or sewage
filth \fɪlθ\ *n* [ME, fr. OE *fylth*, fr. *fīl* foul] **1** : foul matter; *esp* : loathsome dirt or refuse **2** : moral corruption **3** : OBSCENITY — **filth-i-ness** \fɪl-θē-nəs\ *n* — **filthy** \fɪl-θē\ *adj*
fil-trate \fɪl-,trāt\ *n* : material that has passed through a filter
fin \fɪn\ *n* **1** : one of the thin external processes by which an aquatic animal (as a fish) moves through water **2** : a fin-shaped part (as on an airplane) **3** : FLIPPER **2** — **finned** \fɪnd\ *adj*
fin *abbr* **1** finance; financial **2** finish
fi-na-gle \fə-ˈnā-gəl\ *vb* -**gled**; -**gling** \-g(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to obtain by indirect or dishonest means; **WANGLE** **2** : to use devious dishonest methods to achieve one's ends — **fi-na-gler** \-g(ə-)ləɹ\ *n*
fi-nal \fɪn-əl\ *adj* **1** : not to be altered or undone **2** : ULTIMATE **3** : relating to or occurring at the end or conclusion — **fi-nal-i-ty** \fɪ-nal-ət-ē, fə-ˈ\ *n* — **fi-nal-ly** \fɪn-(ə-)lē\ *adv*
final *n* **1** : a deciding match, game, or trial — usu. used in pl. **2** : the last examination in a course — usu. used in pl.
fi-na-le \fə-ˈnal-ē, fɪ-ˈnāl-ē\ *n* : the close or end of something; *esp* : the last section of a musical composition
fi-nal-ist \fɪn-əl-əst\ *n* : a contestant in the finals of a competition
fi-nal-ize \fɪn-əl-,īz\ *vb* -**ized**; -**iz-ing** : to put in final or finished form
fi-nance \fə-ˈnans, ˈfɪ-,ˈnans\ *n* [ME, payment, ransom, fr. MF, fr. *finer* to end, pay, fr. *fin* end, fr. L *finis* boundary, end] **1 pl** : money resources available *esp*. to a government or business **2** : management of money affairs
finance *vb* **fi-nanced**; **fi-nanc-ing** **1** : to raise or provide funds for **2** : to furnish with necessary funds **3** : to sell or supply on credit
finance company *n* : a company that makes usu. small short-term loans usu. to individuals
fi-nan-cial \fə-ˈnan-chəl, fɪ-ˈ\ *adj* : having to do with fi-

nance or financiers (in ~ circles) — **fi-nan-cial-ly** \-ˈnanch-(ə-)lē\ *adv*
fi-nan-cier \fɪn-ən-ˈsɪər, ˈfɪ-,ˈnan-ˈ\ *n* **1** : a person skilled in managing public moneys **2** : a person who invests large sums of money
finch \ˈfɪntʃ\ *n* : any of numerous songbirds (as sparrows, linnets, or buntings) with strong conical bills
find \faɪnd\ *vb* **found** \ˈfaʊnd\; **find-ing** **1** : to meet with either by chance or by searching or study; **ENCOUNTER**, **DISCOVER** **2** : to obtain by effort or management (~ time to read) **3** : to arrive at; **REACH** (the bullet *found* its mark) **4** : **EXPERIENCE**, **DETECT**, **PERCEIVE**, **FEEL** **5** : to gain or regain the use of (*found* his voice again) **6** : **PROVIDE**, **SUPPLY** **7** : to settle upon and make a statement about (~ a verdict)
find *n* **1** : an act or instance of finding **2** : something found; *esp* : a valuable item of discovery
find-er \ˈfɪn-dər\ *n* : one that finds; *esp* : a device on a camera showing the view being photographed
fin de siè-cle \fə-ˈdə-sē-ˈekl\ *adj* [F, end of century] : of, relating to, or characteristic of the close of the 19th century
find-ing \ˈfɪn-dɪŋ\ *n* **1** : the act of finding **2** : **FIND** **2** **3** : the result of a judicial proceeding or inquiry
find out *vb* : to learn by study, observation, or search — **DISCOVER**
fine \faɪn\ *n* : money exacted as a penalty for an offense
fine *vb* **fin-ed**; **fin-ing** : to impose a fine on : punish by a fine
fine *adj* **fin-er**; **fin-est** **1** : free from impurity **2** : very thin in gauge or texture **3** : not coarse **4** : **SUBTLE**, **SENSITIVE** (a ~ distinction) **5** : superior in quality, conception, or appearance **6** : **ELEGANT**, **REFINED** — **fine-ly** *adv* — **fine-ness** \ˈfɪn-nəs\ *n*
fine *adv* : FINELY
fine art *n* : art (as painting, sculpture, or music) concerned primarily with the creation of beautiful objects — usu. used in pl.
fin-ery \fɪn-(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* -**er-ies** : ORNAMENT, DECORATION; *esp* : showy clothing and jewels
fine-spun \fɪn-ˈspʊn\ *adj* : developed with extremely or excessively fine delicacy or detail
fi-nesse \fə-ˈnes\ *n* **1** : refinement or delicacy of workmanship, structure, or texture **2** : **CUNNING**, **SUBTLETY** — **finesse** *vb*
fine-tune \ˈfɪn-ˈtūn\ *vb* : to adjust so as to bring to the highest level of performance or effectiveness
fin-fish \fɪn-,fɪʃ\ *n* : FISH **2**
fin-ger \ˈfɪŋ-ɡər\ *n* **1** : any of the five divisions at the end of the hand; *esp* : one other than the thumb **2** : something that resembles or does the work of a finger **3** : a part of a glove into which a finger is inserted
finger *vb* **fin-gered**; **fin-ger-ing** \-g(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to perform with the fingers or with a certain fingering **2** : to mark the notes of a piece of music as a guide in playing **3** : to touch or feel with the fingers; **HANDLE** **4** : to point out
fin-ger-board \ˈfɪŋ-ɡər-,bɔrd\ *n* : the part of a stringed instrument against which the fingers press the strings to vary the pitch
finger bowl *n* : a basin to hold water for rinsing the fingers at table
fin-ger-ing \ˈfɪŋ-g(ə-)rɪŋ\ *n* **1** : handling or touching with the fingers **2** : the act or method of using the fingers in playing an instrument **3** : the marking of the method of fingering
fin-ger-ling \ˈfɪŋ-ɡər-lɪŋ\ *n* : a small fish
fin-ger-nail \ˈfɪŋ-ɡər-,nāl\ *n* : the nail of a finger
fin-ger-print \-,prɪnt\ *n* : the pattern of marks made by

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\ago \i\hit \i\vice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ə\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

- pressing the tip of a finger or thumb on a surface; *esp* : an ink impression of such a pattern taken for the purpose of identification — **fingerprint** *vb*
- fin-ger-tip** \-ˌtɪp\ *n* : the tip of a finger
- fin-i-al** \ˈfɪn-ē-əl\ *n* : an ornamental projection or end (as on a spire)
- fin-ick-ing** \ˈfɪn-i-kiŋ\ *adj* : FINICKY
- fin-icky** \ˈfɪn-i-kē\ *adj* : excessively particular in taste or standards
- fi-nis** \ˈfɪn-əs\ *n* : END, CONCLUSION
- fin-ish** \ˈfɪn-ish\ *vb* **1** : TERMINATE **2** : to use or dispose of entirely **3** : to bring to completion : ACCOMPLISH; *also* : PERFECT **4** : to put a final coat or surface on **5** : to come to the end of a course or undertaking — **fin-ish-er** *n*
- finish** *n* **1** : END, CONCLUSION **2** : something that completes or perfects **3** : the final treatment or coating of a surface
- fi-nite** \ˈfɪ-nīt\ *adj* **1** : having definite or definable limits **2** : having a limited nature or existence **3** : being neither infinite nor infinitesimal
- fink** \ˈfɪŋk\ *n* **1** : a contemptible person **2** : STRIKEBREAKER **3** : INFORMER
- Finn** \ˈfɪn\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Finland
- fin-nan had-die** \ˌfɪn-ən-ˈhəd-ē\ *n* : smoked haddock
- Finn-ish** \ˈfɪn-ish\ *adj* : of or relating to Finland, the Finns, or Finnish
- Finnish** *n* : the language of Finland
- fin-ny** \ˈfɪn-ē\ *adj* **1** : having or characterized by fins **2** : relating to or being fish
- fiord** *var of* FJORD
- fir** \ˈfər\ *n* : an erect evergreen tree related to the pines; *also* : its light soft wood
- fire** \ˈfɪ(ə)r\ *n* **1** : the light or heat and *esp.* the flame of something burning **2** : ENTHUSIASM, ZEAL **3** : fuel that is burning (as in a stove or fireplace) **4** : destructive burning of something (as a house) **5** : the discharge of firearms — **fire-less** *adj*
- fire** *vb* **fired**; **fir-ing** **1** : KINDLE, IGNITE (∼ a house) **2** : STIR, ENLIVEN (∼ the imagination) **3** : to dismiss from employment **4** : SHOOT (∼ a gun) (∼ an arrow) **5** : BAKE (*firing* pottery in a kiln) **6** : to apply fire or fuel to something (∼ a furnace)
- fire ant** *n* : either of two small fiercely stinging South American ants that are pests in the southeastern U.S. *esp.* in fields used to grow crops
- fire-arm** \ˈfɪ(ə)r-ˌärm\ *n* : a weapon (as a rifle or pistol) from which a shot is discharged by an explosion of gunpowder
- fire-ball** \ˈfɪ(ə)r-bôl\ *n* **1** : a ball of fire **2** : a very bright meteor **3** : the highly luminous cloud of vapor and dust created by a nuclear explosion **4** : a highly energetic person
- fire-boat** \ˈfɪ(ə)r-bô\ *n* : a boat equipped for fighting fires
- fire-bomb** \-ˌbām\ *n* : an incendiary bomb — **firebomb** *vb*
- fire-box** \-ˌbāks\ *n* **1** : a chamber (as of a furnace) that contains a fire **2** : a box containing a fire alarm
- fire-brand** \-ˌbrand\ *n* **1** : a piece of burning wood **2** : a person who creates unrest or strife : AGITATOR
- fire-break** \-ˌbrāk\ *n* : a barrier of cleared or plowed land intended to check a forest or grass fire
- fire-brick** \-ˌbrik\ *n* : a brick capable of withstanding great heat and used for lining furnaces or fireplaces
- fire-bug** \ˈfɪ(ə)r-bəg\ *n* : a person who deliberately sets destructive fires
- fire-clay** \-ˌklā\ *n* : clay capable of withstanding high temperatures and used *esp.* for firebrick and crucibles
- fire-crack-er** \ˈfɪ(ə)r-krak-ər\ *n* : a paper tube containing an explosive and a fuse and usu. set off for amusement
- fire-damp** \-ˌdamp\ *n* : a combustible mine gas that consists chiefly of methane
- fire engine** *n* : a motor vehicle with equipment for extinguishing fires
- fire escape** *n* : a stairway or ladder for escape from a burning building
- fire-fly** \ˈfɪ(ə)r-ˌfli\ *n* : any of various small night-flying beetles that produce flashes of light for courtship purposes
- fire-house** \ˈfɪ(ə)r-ˌhaʊs\ *n* : FIRE STATION
- fire irons** *n pl* : tools for tending a fire *esp.* in a fireplace
- fire-man** \-ˌmən\ *n* **1** : a member of a company organized to put out fires **2** : STOKER
- fire-place** \ˈfɪ(ə)r-ˌplās\ *n* **1** : a framed opening made in a chimney to hold an open fire : HEARTH **2** : an outdoor structure of brick or stone for an open fire
- fire-plug** \-ˌpləg\ *n* : HYDRANT
- fire-pow-er** \-ˌpaʊ(ə)r\ *n* : the ability to deliver gunfire or warheads on a target
- fire-proof** \-ˌprūf\ *adj* : proof against or resistant to fire
- fireproof** *vb* : to make fireproof
- fire screen** *n* : a protecting wire screen before a fireplace
- fire-side** \ˈfɪ(ə)r-sīd\ *n* **1** : a place near the fire or hearth **2** : HOME
- fireside** *adj* : having an informal or intimate quality
- fire station** *n* : a building housing fire engines and usu. firemen
- fire tower** *n* : a tower (as in a forest) from which a watch for fires is kept
- fire-trap** \ˈfɪ(ə)r-ˌtrap\ *n* : a building or place apt to catch on fire or difficult to escape from in case of fire
- fire truck** *n* : FIRE ENGINE
- fire-wa-ter** \ˈfɪ(ə)r-ˌwät-ər, -ˌwät-\ *n* : intoxicating liquor
- fire-wood** \-ˌwʊd\ *n* : wood cut for fuel
- fire-work** \-ˌwɜrk\ *n* : a device designed to produce a display of light, noise, and smoke by the burning of explosive or flammable materials
- firing line** *n* **1** : a line from which fire is delivered against a target **2** : the forefront of an activity
- firm** \ˈfɜrm\ *adj* **1** : securely fixed in place **2** : SOLID, VIGOROUS (a ∼ handshake) **3** : having a solid or compact texture (∼ flesh) **4** : not subject to change of fluctuation : STEADY (∼ prices) **5** : STEADFAST **6** : indicating firmness or resolution (a ∼ mouth) — **firm-ly** *adv* — **firm-ness** *n*
- firm** *vb* : to make or become firm
- firm** *n* [G *firma*, fr. It. signature, deriv. of L *firmare* to make firm, confirm] **1** : the name under which a company transacts business **2** : a business partnership of two or more persons **3** : a business enterprise
- fir-ma-ment** \ˈfɜr-mə-mənt\ *n* : the arch of the sky : HEAVENS
- firm-ware** \ˈfɜrm-ˌwær\ *n* : computer programs contained permanently in a hardware device (as read-only memory)
- first** \ˈfɜrst\ *adj* : preceding all others as in time, order, or importance
- first** *adv* **1** : before any other **2** : for the first time **3** : in preference to something else
- first** *n* **1** : number one in a countable series **2** : something that is first **3** : the lowest forward gear in an automotive vehicle
- first aid** *n* : emergency care or treatment given an injured or ill person
- first-born** \ˈfɜrs(t)-ˌbɔrn\ *adj* : ELDEST — **firstborn** *n*
- first class** *n* : the best or highest group in a classification — **first-class** *adj or adv*
- first-hand** \ˈfɜrst-ˌhand\ *adj* : coming directly from the original source (∼ knowledge) — **firsthand** *adv*
- first lady** *n*, *often cap F&L* : the wife or hostess of the chief executive of a political unit (as a country)
- first lieutenant** *n* : a commissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a captain
- first-ling** \ˈfɜrst-liŋ\ *n* : one that comes or is produced first
- first-ly** \-ˌlē\ *adv* : in the first place : FIRST

first-rate \ˈfɪr-ət\ *adj* : of the first order of size, importance, or quality — **first-rate** *adv*

first sergeant *n* 1 : a noncommissioned officer serving as the chief assistant to the commander of a military unit (as a company) 2 : a rank in the army below a command sergeant major and in the marine corps below a sergeant major

first-string \ˈfɜrs(t)-tɪstriŋ\ *adj* : being a regular as distinguished from a substitute

firth \ˈfɜrθ\ *n* [ME, fr. ON *fjörthr*] : a narrow arm of the sea

fiscal \ˈfɪs-kəl\ *adj* [L *fiscalis*, fr. *fiscus* basket, treasury] 1 : of or relating to taxation, public revenues, or public debt 2 : of or relating to financial matters

fish \ˈfɪʃ\ *n*, *pl* **fish** or **fish-es** 1 : a water-dwelling animal — usu. used in combination (starfish) (shellfish) 2 : any of numerous cold-blooded water-breathing vertebrates with fins, gills, and usu. scales 3 : the flesh of fish used as food

fish *vb* 1 : to attempt to catch fish 2 : to seek something by roundabout means (∼ for praise) 3 : to search for something underwater 4 : to engage in a search by groping 5 : to draw forth

fish-and-chips \ˌfɪʃ-ən-ˈtʃɪps\ *n pl* : fried fish and french fried potatoes

fish-bowl \ˈfɪʃ-ˌbɒl\ *n* 1 : a bowl for the keeping of live fish 2 : a place or condition that affords no privacy

fish-er \ˈfɪʃ-ər\ *n* 1 : one that fishes 2 : a large dark brown No. American arboreal carnivorous mammal related to the weasels

fish-er-man \ˈmən\ *n* : a person engaged in fishing; *also* : a fishing boat

fish-ery \ˈfɪʃ-(ə)-rē\ *n*, *pl* **-er-ies** : the business of catching fish; *also* : a place for catching fish

fish-hook \ˈfɪʃ-ˌhʊk\ *n* : a usu. barbed hook for catching fish

fish-ing \ˈfɪʃ-ɪŋ\ *n* : the business or sport of catching fish

fish ladder *n* : an arrangement of pools by which fish can pass around a dam

fish protein concentrate *n* : flour made of pulverized dried fish

fish-wife \ˈfɪʃ-ˌwɪf\ *n* 1 : a woman who sells fish 2 : a vulgar abusive woman

fishy \ˈfɪʃ-ē\ *adj* **fish-i-er**; **-est** 1 : of or resembling fish 2 : QUESTIONABLE

fission \ˈfɪʃ-ən, ˈfɪz-ən\ *n* [L *fissio*, fr. *fissus*, pp. of *findere* to split] 1 : a cleaving into parts 2 : a method of reproduction in which a living cell or body divides into two or more parts each of which grows into a whole new individual 3 : the splitting of an atomic nucleus resulting in the release of large amounts of energy — **fission-able** \ˈfɪʃ-(ə)-nə-bəl, ˈfɪz-ən\ *adj*

fis-sure \ˈfɪʃ-ər\ *n* : a narrow opening or crack

fist \ˈfɪst\ *n* 1 : the hand with fingers doubled into the palm 2 : INDEX 6

fit-ful \-ˌfʊl\ *n* : HANDFUL

fit-i-cuffs \ˈfɪs-ti-, ˌkʊfs\ *n pl* : a fight with usu. bare fists **fit-tu-la** \ˈfɪs-tʃə-lə\ *n*, *pl* **-las** or **-lae** : an abnormal passage leading from an abscess or hollow organ — **fit-tu-lous** \-ləs\ *adj*

fit \ˈfɪt\ *adj* **fit-ter**; **fit-test** 1 : adapted to a purpose : APPROPRIATE 2 : PROPER, RIGHT, BECOMING 3 : PREPARED, READY 4 : physically and mentally sound — **fit-ly** *adv* — **fit-ness** *n*

fit *n* 1 : a sudden violent attack (as of bodily disorder) 2 : a sudden outburst (as of laughter)

fit *vb* **fit-ted** *also* **fit**; **fit-ting** 1 : to be suitable for or to : BEFIT 2 : to be correctly adjusted to or shaped for 3 : to insert or adjust until correctly in place 4 : to make a place or room for 5 : to be in agreement or accord with 6 : PREPARE 7 : ADJUST 8 : SUPPLY, EQUIP 9 : BELONG — **fit-ter** *n*

fit *n* : the fact, condition, or manner of fitting or being fitted

fit-ful \ˈfɪt-fəl\ *adj* : not regular : INTERMITTENT (∼ sleep) — **fit-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

fit-ting \ˈfɪt-ɪŋ\ *adj* : APPROPRIATE, SUITABLE — **fit-ting-ly** *adv*

fitting *n* 1 : the action or act of one that fits; *esp* : a trying on of clothes being made or altered 2 : a small often standardized part (a plumbing ∼)

five \ˈfɪv\ *n* 1 : one more than four 2 : the 5th in a set or series 3 : something having five units; *esp* : a basketball team — **five** *adj* or *pron*

fix \ˈfiks\ *vb* 1 : to make firm, stable, or fast 2 : to give a permanent or final form to (∼ a photographic film) 3 : AFFIX, ATTACH 4 : to hold or direct steadily (∼es his eyes on the horizon) 5 : ESTABLISH (∼ a date) 6 : ASSIGN (∼ blame) 7 : to set in order : ADJUST 8 : PREPARE 9 : to make whole or sound again 10 : to get even with 11 : to influence by improper or illegal methods (∼ a horse race) — **fix-er** *n*

fix *n* 1 : PREDICATION 2 : a determination of position (as of a ship) 3 : an accurate determination or understanding 4 : an act of improper influence (as bribery) 5 : a shot of a narcotic 6 : something that fixes or restores

fix-a-tion \ˈfɪk-sə-shən\ *n* : an obsessive or unhealthy preoccupation or attachment — **fix-ate** \ˈfɪk-, ˈsæt\ *vb*

fix-a-tive \ˈfɪk-sət-ɪv\ *n* : something (as a varnish for crayon drawings) that stabilizes or sets

fixed \ˈfɪkst\ *adj* 1 : securely placed or fastened : STATIONARY 2 : not volatile 3 : SETTLED, FINAL 4 : INTENT, CONCENTRATED (a ∼ stare) 5 : supplied with a definite amount of something needed (as money) — **fixed-ly** \ˈfɪk-səd-lē\ *adv* — **fixed-ness** \-nəs\ *n*

fixed star *n* : a star so distant that its motion can be measured only by very precise observations over long periods

fix-i-ty \ˈfɪk-sət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** : the quality or state of being fixed or stable

fix-ture \ˈfɪks-tʃər\ *n* : something firmly attached as a permanent part of some other thing (an electrical ∼)

fizz \ˈfɪz\ *vb* : to make a hissing or sputtering sound

fizz *n* : an effervescent beverage

fiz-zle \ˈfɪz-əl\ *vb* **fiz-zled**; **fiz-zling** \-(ə)-lɪŋ\ 1 : FIZZ 2 : to fail after a good start

fizzle *n* : FAILURE

fjord \ˈfɛ-ˈɔrd\ *n* : a narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or steep slopes

fl *abbr* 1 [L *floruit*] flourished 2 fluid

FL or **Fla** *abbr* Florida

flab \ˈflab\ *n* : soft flabby body tissue

flab-ber-gast \ˈflab-ər-, ˈgast\ *vb* : ASTOUND

flab-by \ˈflab-ē\ *adj* **flab-bi-er**; **-est** : lacking firmness and substance : FLACCID (∼ muscles) — **flab-bi-ness** \ˈflab-ē-nəs\ *n*

flac-cid \ˈflak-səd, ˈflas-əd\ *adj* : deficient in firmness (∼ plant stems)

fla-con \ˈflak-ən\ *n* : a small usu. ornamental bottle with a tight cap

flag \ˈflæg\ *n* : any of various irises; *esp* : a wild iris

flag *n* 1 : a usu. rectangular piece of fabric of distinctive design that is used as a symbol (as of a nation) or as a signaling device 2 : something used like a flag to signal or attract attention 3 : one of the cross strokes of a musical note less than a quarter note in value

flag *vb* **flagged**; **flag-ging** 1 : to signal with or as if with a flag; *esp* : to signal to stop (∼ a taxi) 2 : to put a flag on

flag *vb* **flagged**; **flag-ging** 1 : to be loose, yielding, or limp 2 : DROOP 2 : to become unsteady, feeble, or spiritless (his

\əˈbʊt \əˈkɪtən \ərˈfʊrðər \əˈvʌʃ \əˈvʌs \əˈvɒt, ˌkɑrt \əʊˈaʊt \tʃˈhɪn \eɪˈbet \eɪˈeɪsɪ \gˈɡo \iˈhɪt \iˈlɪs \iˈjɒb \ŋˈsɪŋg \əˈɡo \əˈlɒw \əɪˈbɔɪ \θˈθɪn \ðˈθɪe \ʊˈlʊt \ʊˈfʊt \jˈyɛt \zˈhɪʃən see also Pronunciation Symbols page

- interest *flagged* 3 : to decline in interest or attraction (the topic *flagged*)
- flag** *n* : a hard flat stone suitable for paving
- flag-el-late** \ˈflaj-ə-lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing : to punish by whipping — **flag-el-la-tion** \ˈflaj-ə-lā-shən\ *n*
- flag-gel-lum** \ˈflaj-ə-ləm\ *n*, *pl* -la-ə\ also -lums : a tapering process that projects singly or in groups from a cell and is the primary organ of motion of many microorganisms — **flag-gel-lar** \ˈflaj-ə-lər\ *adj*
- flag-geo-let** \ˈflaj-ə-let-, -lā\ *n* [F] : a small woodwind instrument belonging to the flute class
- flag-gi-tious** \ˈflaj-ə-jish-əs\ *adj* : grossly wicked : VILLAINOUS
- flag-on** \ˈflaj-ən\ *n* : a container for liquids usu. with a handle, spout, and lid
- flag-pole** \ˈflaj-, pōl\ *n* : a pole to raise a flag on
- flag-grant** \ˈflaj-grənt\ *adj* [L *flagrans*, *prp.* of *flagrare* to burn] : conspicuously bad — **flag-grant-ly** *adv*
- flag-gran-te-de-lic-to** \ˈflaj-grant-ē-di-lik-tō\ *adv* [ML, lit., while the crime is blazing] : in the very act of committing a misdeed
- flag-ship** \ˈflaj-, ship\ *n* 1 : the ship that carries the commander of a fleet or subdivision thereof and flies his flag 2 : the most important one of a group (a ~ store)
- flag-staff** \-, staf\ *n* : FLAGPOLE
- flag-stone** \-, stōn\ *n* : FLAG
- flail** \ˈflāl\ *n* : a tool for threshing grain by hand
- flail** *vb* 1 : to beat with or as if with a flail 2 : to move as if swinging a flail
- flair** \ˈflaər\ *n* [F, lit., sense of smell, fr. OF, odor, fr. *flairier* to give off an odor, fr. LL *flagrare*, fr. L *fragrare*] 1 : discriminating sense 2 : natural aptitude : BENT (a ~ for acting)
- flak** \ˈflak\ *n*, *pl* **flak** [G, fr. *fliegerabwehrkanonen*, fr. *flieger* flyer + *abwehr* defense + *kanonen* cannons] : antiaircraft guns or bursting shells fired from them
- flake** \ˈflāk\ *n* 1 : a small loose mass or bit 2 : a thin flattened piece or layer : CHIP — **flaky** *adj*
- flake** *vb* **flaked**; **flak-ing** : to form or separate into flakes
- flam-beau** \ˈflam-, bō\ *n*, *pl* **flambeaux** \-, bōz\ or **flambeaus** [F, fr. MF, fr. *flambe* flame] : a flaming torch
- flam-boy-ant** \ˈflam-bōi-ənt\ *adj* : FLORID, SHOWY — **flam-boy-ance** \-əns\ *n* — **flam-boy-an-cy** \-ən-sē\ *n* — **flam-boy-ant-ly** *adv*
- flame** \ˈflām\ *n* 1 : the glowing gaseous part of a fire 2 : a state of blazing combustion 3 : a flamelike condition 4 : burning zeal or passion 5 : BRILLIANCE 6 : SWEETHEART — **flame** *vb* — **flam-ing** \ˈflā-miŋ\ *adj*
- fla-men-co** \ˈflə-men-kō\ *n*, *pl* -cos [Sp, Flemish, like a Gypsy, fr. Dutch *Vlaming* Fleming] : a vigorous rhythmic dance style of the Spanish Gypsies
- flame-throw-er** \ˈflām-, thrō(-ə)r\ *n* : a device that expels from a nozzle a burning stream of liquid or semiliquid fuel under pressure
- fla-min-go** \ˈflə-miŋ-gō\ *n*, *pl* -gos also -goes : any of several long-legged long-necked tropical water birds with scarlet wings and a broad bill bent downward
- flam-ma-bile** \ˈflam-ə-bəl\ *adj* : easily ignited and quick-burning — **flam-ma-bil-i-ty** *n* — **flammable** *n*
- flange** \ˈflanj\ *n* : a rim used for strengthening or guiding something or for attachment to another object
- flank** \ˈflank\ *n* 1 : the fleshy part of the side between the ribs and the hip; also : the side of a quadruped 2 : SIDE 3 : the right or left of a formation
- flank** *vb* 1 : to attack or threaten the flank of 2 : to be situated on the side of : BORDER
- flank-er** \ˈflank-ər\ *n* : a football player stationed wide of the formation slightly behind the line of scrimmage as a pass receiver
- flan-nel** \ˈflan-əl\ *n* 1 : a soft twilled wool or worsted fabric with a napped surface 2 : a stout cotton fabric napped on one side 3 *pl* : flannel underwear or trousers
- flan-nel-ette** \ˈflan-əl-ē-tē\ *n* : a lightweight cotton flannel
- flap** \ˈflap\ *n* 1 : a stroke with something broad : SLAP 2 : something broad, limber, or flat and usu. thin that hangs loose (the ~ of a pocket) 3 : the motion or sound of something broad and limber as it swings to and fro 4 : a state of excitement or confusion
- flap** *vb* **flapped**; **flap-ping** 1 : to beat with something broad and flat 2 : FLING 3 : to move (as wings) with a beating motion 4 : to sway loosely usu. with a noise of striking
- flap-jack** \-, jak\ *n* : PANCAKE
- flap-per** \ˈflap-ər\ *n* 1 : one that flaps 2 : a young woman of the 1920s who showed freedom from conventions (as in conduct)
- flare** \ˈflaər\ *vb* **flared**; **flar-ing** 1 : to flame with a sudden unsteady light 2 : to become suddenly excited or angry (~ up) 3 : to spread outward
- flare** *n* 1 : an unsteady glaring light 2 : a blaze of light used to signal or illuminate; also : a device for producing such a blaze
- flare-up** \-, əp\ *n* : a sudden outburst or intensification
- flash** \ˈflaʃ\ *vb* 1 : to break forth in or like a sudden flame 2 : to appear or pass suddenly or with great speed 3 : to send out in or as if in flashes (~ a message) 4 : to make a sudden display (as of brilliance or feeling) 5 : to gleam or glow intermittently 6 : to fill by a sudden rush of water 7 : to expose to view very briefly (~ a badge) *syn* glance, glint, sparkle, twinkle — **flash-er** *n*
- flash** *n* 1 : a sudden burst of light 2 : a movement of a flag or light in signaling 3 : a sudden and brilliant burst (as of wit) 4 : a brief time 5 : SHOW, DISPLAY; *esp* : ostentatious display 6 : one that attracts notice; *esp* : an outstanding athlete 7 : GLIMPSE, LOOK 8 : a first brief news report 9 : a device for producing a brief and very bright flash of light for taking photographs 10 : a quick-spreading flame or momentary intense outburst of radiant heat
- flash** *adj* 1 : of sudden origin and short duration (a ~ fire) 2 : involving brief exposure to an intense agent (as heat or cold) (~ freezing of food)
- flash-back** \ˈflaʃ-, bak\ *n* : introduction into the chronological sequence of events (as in a literary or theatrical work) of an event of earlier occurrence
- flash-bulb** \-, bəlb\ *n* : an electric light bulb in which metal foil or wire is burned to produce a brief and very bright flash of light for taking photographs
- flash card** *n* : a card bearing words, numbers, or pictures briefly displayed usu. by a teacher as a learning aid
- flash-cube** \ˈflaʃ-, kyüb\ *n* : a cubical device incorporating four flashbulbs
- flash-gun** \-, gən\ *n* : a device for holding and operating a flashbulb
- flash-ing** \ˈflaʃ-iŋ\ *n* : sheet metal used in waterproofing roof valleys or the angle between a chimney and a roof
- flash-light** \ˈflaʃ-, lit\ *n* : a small battery-operated portable electric light
- flash point** *n* : the lowest temperature at which vapors above a volatile combustible substance ignite in air when exposed to flame
- flashy** \ˈflaʃ-ē\ *adj* **flash-i-er**; -est 1 : momentarily dazzling 2 : BRIGHT 3 : SHOWY — **flash-i-ly** \ˈflaʃ-ē-lē\ *adv* — **flash-i-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*
- flask** \ˈflask\ *n* : a flattened bottle-shaped container (a whiskey ~)
- flat** \ˈflat\ *n* 1 : a level surface of land : PLAIN 2 : a flat part or surface 3 : a musical tone one half step lower than a specified tone; also : a character b on the musical staff indicating a flat 4 : something flat 5 : an apartment on one floor 6 : a deflated tire
- flat** *adj* **flat-ter**; **flat-test** 1 : having a smooth, level, or even surface 2 : spread out along a surface; also : being or characterized by a horizontal line 3 : having a broad smooth surface and little thickness 4 : DOWNRIGHT, POSITIVE (a ~ refusal) 5 : FIXED, UNCHANGING (charge a ~

rate) **6** : EXACT, PRECISE (in four minutes ~) **7** : DULL, UNINTERESTING (a ~ story); *also* : INSIPID (a ~ taste) **8** : DEFLATED **9** : lower than the true pitch; *also* : lower by a half step (a ~ note) **10** : free from gloss — **flat-ly** *adv* — **flat-ness** *n*

flat *adv* **1** : FLATLY **2** : COMPLETELY (~ broke) **3** : below the true musical pitch

flat *vb* **flat-ten**; **flat-ting** **1** : FLATTEN **2** : to lower in pitch esp. by a half step **3** : to sing or play below the true pitch **flat-bed** \ˈflæt-,bed\ *n* : a truck or trailer with a body in the form of a platform or shallow box

flat-boat \-,bōt\ *n* : a flat-bottomed boat used esp. for carrying bulky freight

flat-car \-,kār\ *n* : a railroad freight car without sides or roof

flat-fish \-,fish\ *n* : any of a group of flattened bony sea fishes with both eyes on the upper side

flat-foot \-,füt-, ˈfüt\ *n*, *pl* **flat-feet** \-,fēt-, ˈfēt\ : a condition in which the arch of the foot is flattened so that the entire sole rests upon the ground — **flat-foot-ed** \-ˈfüt-əd\ *adj*

Flat-head \-,hed\ *n*, *pl* **Flatheads** or **Flathead** : a member of an American Indian people of Montana

flat-iron \-,ī(-ə)rn\ *n* : IRON **3**

flat-land \-,land\ *n* : land lacking significant variation in elevation

flat out \-ˈaʊt\ *adv* **1** : BLUNTLY, DIRECTLY **2** : at top speed

flat-ten \ˈflæt-n\ *vb* **flat-tened**; **flat-ten-ing** \ˈflæt(-ə-)nɪŋ\ : to make or become flat

flat-ter \ˈflæt-ər\ *vb* [ME *flateren*, fr. OF *flater* to lick, flatter] **1** : to praise too much or without sincerity **2** : to represent too favorably (the picture ~s her) **3** : to judge (oneself) favorably or too favorably — **flat-ter-er** *n*

flat-tery \ˈflæt-ə-rē\ *n*, *pl* **-ter-ies** : flattering speech or attentions : insincere or excessive praise

flat-top \ˈflæt-,tāp\ *n* **1** : AIRCRAFT CARRIER **2** : CREW CUT

flat-u-lent \ˈflach-ə-lənt\ *adj* **1** : full of gas (a ~ stomach)

2 : TURGID (~ oratory) — **flat-u-lence** \-ləns\ *n*

fla-tus \ˈflāt-əs\ *n* : gas formed in the intestine or stomach

flat-ware \ˈflæt-,wəər\ *n* : eating and serving utensils (as forks, spoons, and knives)

flat-worm \-,würm\ *n* : any of a phylum of flattened mostly parasitic segmented worms (as trematodes and tapeworms)

flaunt \ˈflɔ̃nt\ *vb* **1** : to display oneself to public notice **2** : to wave or flutter showily **3** : to display ostentatiously or impudently : PARADE — **flaunt** *n*

flau-tist \ˈflōt-əst-, ˈflaʊt-\ *n* [It *flautista*] : FLUTIST

fla-vor \ˈflā-vər\ *n* **1** : the quality of something that affects the sense of taste or of taste and smell; *also* : the resulting sensation **2** : a substance that adds flavor **3** : characteristic or predominant quality — **fla-vor-ful** *adj* — **fla-vor-less** *adj* — **fla-vor-some** *adj*

flavor *vb* **fla-vored**; **fla-vor-ing** \ˈflāv(-ə-)rɪŋ\ : to give or add flavor to

fla-vor-ing *n* : FLAVOR **2**

fla-vour chiefly Brit *var* of FLAVOR

flaw \ˈflō\ *n* : a small often hidden defect — **flaw-less** *adj*

flax \ˈflaks\ *n* : a fiber that is the source of linen; *also* : a blue-flowered plant grown for this fiber and its oily seeds

flax-en \ˈflak-sən\ *adj* **1** : made of flax **2** : resembling flax esp. in pale soft straw color

flay \ˈflā\ *vb* **1** : to strip off the skin or surface of **2** : to criticize harshly

flea \ˈfle\ *n* : any of an order of small wingless leaping bloodsucking insects

flea-bane \-,bān\ *n* : any of various plants of the daisy family once believed to drive away fleas

flea-bit-ten \-,bit-n\ *adj* : bitten by or infested with fleas **flea market** *n* : a usu. open-air market for secondhand articles and antiques

fleck \ˈflek\ *vb* : STREAK, SPOT

2 **fleck** *n* **1** : SPOT, MARK **2** : FLAKE, PARTICLE

fledg-ling \ˈflej-lɪŋ\ *n* **1** : a young bird with flight feathers newly developed **2** : an immature or inexperienced person

flee \ˈfle\ *vb* **fled** \ˈfled\; **flee-ing** **1** : to run away often from danger or evil **2** : to run away from **3** : VANISH

fleece \ˈfleš\ *n* **1** : the woolly coat of an animal and esp. a sheep **2** : a soft or woolly covering — **fleecy** *adj*

fleece *vb* **fleeced**; **fleece-ing** **1** : to strip of money or property by fraud or extortion **2** : SHEAR

flee \ˈfliər\ *vb* : to laugh or grimace in a coarse manner : SNEER

fleet \ˈflet\ *vb* : to pass rapidly

2 **fleet** *n* [ME *flete*, fr. OE *fleot* ship, fr. *fleotan* to float] **1** : a group of warships under one command **2** : a group of ships or vehicles (as trucks or airplanes) under one management

3 **fleet** *adj* **1** : SWIFT, NIMBLE **2** : not enduring : FLEETING — **fleet-ness** *n*

fleet admiral *n* : a commissioned officer of the highest rank in the navy

fleet-ing \ˈflet-ɪŋ\ *adj* : passing swiftly

Flem-ing \ˈflem-ɪŋ\ *n* : a member of a Germanic people inhabiting chiefly northern Belgium

Flem-ish \ˈflem-ɪsh\ *n* **1** : the Germanic language of the Flemings **2** **Flemish** *pl* : FLEMINGS — **Flemish** *adj*

flesh \ˈflesh\ *n* **1** : the soft parts of an animal's body; *esp* : muscular tissue **2** : MEAT **3** : the physical being of man as distinguishing from the soul **4** : human beings; *also* : living beings **5** : STOCK, KINDRED **6** : fleshy plant tissue (as fruit pulp) — **fleshed** \ˈflesh-t\ *adj*

flesh fly *n* : a two-winged fly whose maggots feed on flesh

flesh-ly \ˈflesh-lē\ *adj* **1** : CORPOREAL, BODILY **2** : CARNAL, SENSUAL **3** : not spiritual : WORLDLY

flesh-pot \ˈflesh-,pāt\ *n* **1** *pl* : bodily comfort : LUXURY **2** : a place of lascivious entertainment — *usu.* used in *pl.*

fleshy \ˈflesh-ē\ *adj* **flesh-i-er**; **-est** **1** : consisting of or resembling animal flesh **2** : PLUMP, FAT

flex *past of FLY*

flex \ˈfleks\ *vb* : to bend esp. repeatedly

flex-i-ble \ˈflek-sə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : capable of being flexed : PLIANT **2** : yielding to influence : TRACTABLE **3** : readily changed or changing : ADAPTABLE *syn* elastic, supple, resilient, springy — **flex-i-bil-i-ty** \ˈflek-sə-bil-ə-tē\ *n*

flex-ure \ˈfleks-shər\ *n* : TURN, FOLD, BEND

flib-ber-ti-gib-bet \ˈflib-ər-tē-ˈjīb-ət\ *n* : a silly flighty person

1 **flick** \ˈflik\ *n* **1** : a light sharp jerky stroke or movement **2** : a sound produced by a flick **3** : FLICKER

2 **flick** *vb* **1** : to strike lightly with a quick sharp motion **2** : FLUTTER, DART, FLIT

1 **flick-er** \ˈflik-ər\ *vb* **flick-ered**; **flick-er-ing** \(-ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to move irregularly or unsteadily : FLUTTER **2** : to burn fitfully or with a fluctuating light (a ~ing candle)

2 **flicker** *n* **1** : an act of flickering **2** : a sudden brief movement (a ~ of an eyelid) **3** : a momentary stirring (a ~ of interest) **4** : a slight indication : HINT **5** : a wavering light

3 **flicker** *n* : a large insect-eating North American woodpecker with yellow or red on the underside of the wings and tail

flied *past of FLY*

fli-er \ˈfli(-ə)r\ *n* **1** : one that flies; *esp* : PILOT **2** : a reckless or speculative undertaking **3** : an advertising circular for mass distribution

1 **flight** \ˈflīt\ *n* **1** : an act or instance of flying **2** : the ability to fly **3** : a passing through the air or through space **4** : the distance covered in a flight **5** : swift movement **6**

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: a trip made by or in an airplane or spacecraft 7 : a group of similar individuals (as birds or airplanes) flying as a unit 8 : a passing (as of the imagination) beyond ordinary limits 9 : a series of stairs from one landing to another — **flight-less** *adj*

flight *n* : an act or instance of running away
flight bag *n* 1 : a lightweight traveling bag with zippered outside pockets 2 : a small canvas satchel

flight line *n* : a parking and servicing area for airplanes

flighty *\flit-ē* *adj* **flight-i-er**; -**est** 1 : easily upset : VOLATILE 2 : easily excited : SKITTISH 3 : IRRESPONSIBLE, SILLY

flim-flam *\flim-,flam* *n* : DECEPTION, FRAUD

flim-sy *\flim-zē* *adj* **flim-si-er**; -**est** 1 : lacking strength or substance 2 : of inferior materials and workmanship 3 : having little worth or plausibility (a ~ excuse) — **flim-sily** *\flim-zə-lē* *adv* — **flim-si-ness** *\zē-nəs* *n*

flinch *\flinch* *vb* [MF *flenchir* to bend] : to shrink from or as if from physical pain : WINCE

fling *\fling* *vb* **flung** *\flŋ*; **fling-ing** *\fling-ig* 1 : to move hastily, brusquely, or violently (*flung* out of the room) 2 : to kick or plunge vigorously 3 : to throw with force or recklessness : HURL; *also* : to cast as if by throwing 4 : to put suddenly into a state or condition

fling *n* 1 : an act or instance of flinging 2 : a casual try : ATTEMPT 3 : a period of self-indulgence

flint *\flint* *n* 1 : a hard quartz that produces a spark when struck by steel 2 : an alloy used for producing a spark in lighters — **flinty** *adj*

flint glass *n* : heavy glass containing an oxide of lead that is used for optical structures (as lenses)

flint-lock *\flint-,lāk* *n* 1 : a lock for a firearm using a flint to ignite the charge 2 : a firearm fitted with a flintlock

flip *\flip* *vb* **flipped**; **flip-ping** 1 : to turn by tossing (~ a coin) 2 : to turn over; *also* : to leaf through 3 : FLICK, JERK (~ a light switch) 4 : to lose self-control — **flip** *n*

flip *adj* : FLIPPANT, IMPERTINENT
flip-pant *\flip-ənt* *adj* : lacking proper respect or seriousness — **flip-pan-cy** *\flip-ən-sē* *n*

flip-per *\flip-ər* *n* 1 : a broad flat limb (as of a seal) adapted for swimming 2 : a paddlelike shoe used in skin diving

flip side *n* : the reverse and usu. less popular side of a phonograph record

flirt *\flört* *vb* 1 : to move erratically : FLIT 2 : to behave amorously without serious intent 3 : to show casual interest (~ed with the idea of quitting) — **flirt-a-tion** *\flör-ˈtā-shən* *n* — **flirt-a-tious** *\shəs* *adj*

flirt *n* 1 : an act or instance of flirting 2 : a person who flirts

flit *\flit* *vb* **flit-ted**; **flit-ting** : to pass or move quickly or abruptly from place to place : DART

flitch *\flitch* *n* : a side of pork cured and smoked as bacon

fliv-ver *\fliv-ər* *n* : a small cheap usu. old automobile

float *\flōt* *n* 1 : something (as a raft) that floats 2 : a cork buoying out the baited end of a fishing line 3 : a hollow ball that floats at the end of a lever in a cistern or tank and regulates the level of the liquid 4 : a vehicle with a platform to carry an exhibit 5 : a soft drink with ice cream floating in it

float *vb* 1 : to rest on the surface of or be suspended in a fluid 2 : to move gently on or through a fluid 3 : to cause to float 4 : to wander esp. without a permanent home (the ~ing population) 5 : FLOOD 6 : to offer (securities) in order to finance an enterprise 7 : to finance by floating an issue of stocks or bonds 8 : to arrange for (~ a loan) — **float-er** *n*

flock *\fläk* *n* 1 : a group of birds or mammals assembled or herded together 2 : a group of people under the guidance of a leader; *esp* : CONGREGATION 3 : a large number

flock *vb* : to gather or move in a flock

floe *\flō* *n* : a flat mass of floating ice

flog *\fläg* *vb* **flogged**; **flog-ging** : to beat severely with a rod or whip : LASH — **flog-ger** *n*

flood *\fləd* *n* 1 : a great flow of water over the land 2 : the flowing in of the tide 3 : an overwhelming volume

flood *vb* 1 : to cover or become filled with a flood 2 : to fill abundantly or excessively; *esp* : to supply (a carburetor) with too much fuel 3 : to pour forth in a flood

flood-gate *\fləd-,gät* *n* : a gate for controlling a body of water : SLUICE

flood-light *\-liht* *n* : a lamp that throws a broad beam of light; *also* : the beam itself — **floodlight** *vb*

flood-plain *\-,plān* *n* : a plain that may be submerged by floodwaters

flood tide *n* 1 : a rising tide 2 : an overwhelming quantity 3 : a high point : PEAK

flood-wa-ter *\fləd-,wät-ər,-,wät-* *n* : the water of a flood

floor *\flör* *n* 1 : the bottom of a room on which one stands 2 : a ground surface 3 : a story of a building 4 : a main level space (as in a legislative chamber) distinguished from a platform or gallery 5 : AUDIENCE 6 : the right to speak from one's place in an assembly 7 : a lower limit (put a ~ under wheat prices) — **floor-ing** *\-ig* *n*

floor *vb* 1 : to furnish with a floor 2 : to knock down 3 : SHOCK, OVERWHELM 4 : DEFEAT

floor-board *\-,börd* *n* 1 : a board in a floor 2 : the floor of an automobile

floor leader *n* : a member of a legislative body who has charge of a party's organization and strategy on the floor

floor show *n* : a series of acts presented in a nightclub

floor-walk-er *\flör-,wō-kər* *n* : a person employed in a retail store to oversee the sales force and aid customers

floo-zy or **floo-zie** *\flü-zē* *n*, *pl* **floo-zies** : a tawdry or immoral woman

flop *\fläp* *vb* **flopped**; **flop-ping** 1 : FLAP 2 : to throw oneself down heavily, clumsily, or in a relaxed manner (*flopped* into a chair) 3 : FAIL — **flop** *n*

flop-house *\fläp-,häus* *n* : a cheap hotel

flop-py *\fläp-ē* *adj* **flop-pi-er**; -**est** : tending to flop; *esp* : soft and flexible

floppy disk *n* : a small flexible disk with a magnetic coating on which computer data can be stored

flo-ra *\flör-ə* *n*, *pl* **floras** *also* **flo-rae** *\-ē,-,ī* [L *Flora*, Roman goddess of flowers] : plants or plant life *esp.* of a region or period

flor-al *\flör-əl* *adj* : of or relating to flowers or a flora

flo-res-cence *\flō-res-əns,flə-* *n* : a state or period of being in bloom or flourishing — **flo-res-cent** *\-ənt* *adj*

flor-id *\flör-əd* *adj* 1 : excessively flowery in style : ORNATE (~ writing) 2 : tinged with red : RUDDY

flor-in *\flör-ən* *n* 1 : an old gold coin first struck at Florence in 1252 2 : a gold coin of a European country patterned after the Florentine florin 3 : a modern silver coin in the Netherlands and in Great Britain 4 : GULDEN

flor-ist *\flör-əst* *n* : one who deals in flowers

floss *\fläs* *n* 1 : waste or short silk fibers that cannot be reeled 2 : soft thread of silk or mercerized cotton used for embroidery; *also* : DENTAL FLOSS 3 : a lightweight wool knitting yarn 4 : a fluffy filamentous mass *esp.* of plant fiber (milkweed ~)

floss *vb* : to use dental floss on (one's teeth)

flossy *\fläs-ē* *adj* **floss-i-er**; -**est** 1 : of, relating to, or having the characteristics of floss; *also* : DOWNY 2 : STYLISH, GLAMOROUS

flor-a-tion *\flō-ˈtā-shən* *n* : the process or an instance of floating

flo-til-la *\flō-ˈtil-ə* *n* [Sp, dim. of *flota* fleet] : FLEET 1; *esp* : a fleet of small ships

flot-sam *\flät-səm* *n* : floating wreckage of a ship or its cargo

flounce *\flauns* *vb* **flounced**; **flounc-ing** 1 : to move with

exaggerated jerky motions **2** : to go with sudden determination

flounce *n* : an act or instance of flouncing

flounce *n* : a strip of fabric attached by one edge (as to a skirt)

floun-der \flaʊn-dər\ *n*, *pl* **flounder** or **flounders** : FLAT-FISH; *esp* : one important as food

flounder *vb* **floun-dered**; **floun-der-ing** \-d(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to struggle to move or obtain footing **2** : to proceed clumsily (∼*ed* through his speech)

flour \flaʊ(ə)r\ *n* : finely ground and sifted meal of a grain (as wheat); *also* : a fine soft powder — **floury** *adj*

flour *vb* : to coat with or as if with flour

flour-ish \flər-ɪʃ\ *vb* **1** : THRIVE, PROSPER **2** : to be in a state of activity or production (∼*ed* about 1850) **3** : to reach a height of development or influence **4** : to make bold and sweeping gestures **5** : BRANDISH

flourish *n* **1** : a florid embellishment or passage (a ∼ of drums) **2** : WAVE (with a ∼ of his cane) **3** : a dramatic action (introduced her with a ∼)

flout \flaʊt\ *vb* **1** : SCORN **2** : to indulge in scornful behavior : MOCK

flout *n* : INSULT, MOCKERY

flow \fləʊ\ *vb* **1** : to issue or move in a stream **2** : RISE (the tide ebbs and ∼s) **3** : ABOUND **4** : to proceed smoothly and readily **5** : to have a smooth continuity **6** : to hang loose and billowing **7** : COME, ARISE **8** : MENSTRUATE

flow *n* **1** : an act of flowing **2** : FLOOD **1, 2, 3** : a smooth uninterrupted movement **4** : STREAM; *also* : a mass of material that has flowed when molten **5** : the quantity that flows in a certain time **6** : MENSTRUATION **7** : YIELD, PRODUCTION **8** : a continuous flow of energy

flow-chart \fləʊ-çhɑrt\ *n* : a symbolic diagram showing step-by-step progression through a procedure

flow diagram *n* : FLOWCHART

flower \flaʊ(ə)r\ *n* **1** : a plant branch modified for seed production and bearing leaves specialized into floral organs (as petals) **2** : a plant cultivated or outstanding for its blossoms **3** : the best part or example **4** : the finest most vigorous period **5** : a state of blooming or flourishing — **flowered** \flaʊ(ə)r-d\ *adj* — **flower-less** *adj*

flower *vb* **1** : to produce flowers : BLOOM **2** : DEVELOP; *also* : FLOURISH

flower girl *n* : a little girl who carries flowers at a wedding
flower head *n* : a very short compact flower cluster suggesting a single flower

flower-pot \flaʊ(ə)r-ˈpɑt\ *n* : a pot in which to grow plants

flow-ery \flaʊ(ə)r-ē\ *adj* **1** : full of or covered with flowers **2** : full of fine words or phrases — **flower-i-ness** *n*

flown \fləʊn\ *past part* of FLY

fl oz *abbr* fluidounce

flu \flū\ *n* **1** : INFLUENZA **2** : any of several minor virus ailments usu. with respiratory symptoms

flub \fləb\ *vb* **flubbed**; **flub-bing** : BOTCH, BLUNDER — **flub** *n*

fluc-tu-ate \flək-çə-, wāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing **1** : to move up and down or back and forth **2** : WAVER, VACILLATE — **fluc-tu-a-tion** \flək-çə-ˈwā-shən\ *n*

flue \flū\ *n* : a passage (as in a chimney) for directing a current (as of smoke or gases)

flu-ent \flū-ənt\ *adj* **1** : capable of flowing : FLUID **2** : ready or facile in speech (∼ in French) **3** : effortlessly smooth and rapid (∼ speech) — **flu-en-cy** \-ən-sē\ *n* — **flu-ent-ly** *adv*

fluff \flʌf\ *n* **1** : NAP, DOWN (∼ from a pillow) **2** : something fluffy **3** : something inconsequential **4** : BLUNDER; *esp* : an actor's lapse of memory

fluff *vb* **1** : to fluff or become fluffy (∼ up a pillow) **2** : to make a mistake

fluffy \flʌf-ē\ *adj* **fluff-i-er**; -est **1** : having, covered with,

or resembling fluff or down **2** : being light and soft or airy (a ∼ omelet) **3** : FATUOUS, SILLY

flu-id \flū-əd\ *adj* **1** : CAPABLE of flowing like a liquid or gas **2** : likely to change or move **3** : showing a smooth easy style (∼ movements) **4** : available for a different use; *esp* : easily converted into cash (∼ assets) — **flu-id-i-ty** \flū-ˈid-ət-ē\ *n*

fluid *n* : a substance tending to flow or take the shape of its container (liquids and gases are ∼s)

flu-id-ounce \flū-əd-ˈaʊns\ *n* — see WEIGHT table

flu-idram \flū-əd(d)-ˈdrəm\ *n* — see WEIGHT table

fluke \flūk\ *n* : any of various trematode flatworms

fluke *n* **1** : the part of an anchor that fastens in the ground **2** : a barbed head (as of a harpoon) **3** : a lobe of a whale's tail

fluke *n* : a stroke of luck (won by a ∼)

flume \flüm\ *n* **1** : an inclined channel for carrying water (as for power) **2** : a ravine or gorge with a stream running through it

flung *past and past part* of FLING

flunk \flŋk\ *vb* : to fail *esp.* in an examination or course

flun-ky or **flun-key** \flŋg-kē\ *n*, *pl* **flunkies** or **flunkies** **1** : a liveried servant; *also* : one performing menial duties **2** : YES-MAN

flu-o-res-cence \flū(ə)r-ˈes-əns\ *n* : emission of radiation usu. as visible light during exposure to radiation from some other source; *also* : the emitted radiation — **flu-o-resce** \-ˈes\ *vb* — **flu-o-res-cent** \-ˈes-ənt\ *adj*

fluorescent lamp *n* : a tubular electric lamp in which light is produced by the action of ultraviolet light on a fluorescent material that coats the inner surface of the lamp

flu-o-ri-date \flūr-ə-, dāt\ *vb* -dat-ed; -dat-ing : to add a fluoride to (as drinking water) to reduce tooth decay — **flu-o-ri-da-tion** \flūr-ə-ˈdā-shən\ *n*

flu-o-ride \flū(ə)r-, ɪd\ *n* : a compound of fluorine with another chemical element or group

flu-o-ri-nate \flūr-ə-, nāt\ *vb* -nat-ed; -nat-ing : to treat or cause to combine with fluorine or a compound of fluorine — **flu-o-ri-na-tion** \flūr-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n*

flu-q-rine \flū(ə)r-, ɛn-, ən\ *n* : a pale yellowish flammable irritating toxic gaseous chemical element — see ELEMENT table

flu-o-rite \flū(ə)r-, ɪt\ *n* : a mineral that consists of a fluoride of calcium used as a flux and in making glass
flu-o-ro-car-bon \flū(ə)r-ə-ˈkār-bən\ *n* : a compound containing fluorine and carbon used chiefly as a lubricant, refrigerant, or nonstick-coating material

flu-o-ro-scope \flūr-ə-, sköp\ *n* : an instrument for observing the internal structure of an opaque object (as the living body) by means of X rays — **flu-o-ro-scop-ic** \flūr-ə-ˈskāp-ɪk\ *adj* — **flu-o-ro-s-co-py** \-pē\ *n*

flu-o-ro-sis \flūr-ˈō-səs\ *n* : an abnormal condition (as spotting of the tooth enamel) caused by fluorine or its compounds

flur-ry \flər-ē\ *n*, *pl* **flurries** **1** : a gust of wind **2** : a brief light snowfall **3** : COMMOTION, BUSTLE **4** : a brief outburst of activity (a ∼ of trading) — **flurry** *vb*

flush \fləʃ\ *vb* : to cause (a bird) to take wing suddenly

flush *n* : a hand of cards all of the same suit

flush *n* **1** : a sudden flow (as of water) **2** : a surge *esp.* of emotion (a ∼ of triumph) **3** : a tinge of red : BLUSH **4** : a fresh and vigorous state (in the ∼ of youth) **5** : a passing sensation of extreme heat

flush *vb* **1** : to flow and spread suddenly and freely **2** : to glow brightly **3** : BLUSH **4** : to wash out with a rush of fluid **5** : INFLAME, EXCITE **6** : to cause to blush

flush *adj* **1** : full of life and vigor **2** : of a ruddy healthy

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ə\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ð\go \ð\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \ʊ\oot
\ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

color 3 : filled to overflowing 4 : AFFLUENT 5 : readily available : ABUNDANT 6 : having an unbroken or even surface 7 : directly abutting : immediately adjacent 8 : set even with the left edge of the type page or column

flush *adv* 1 : in a flush manner 2 : SQUARELY (a blow ~ on the chin)

flush *vb* : to make flush

flush-ter \ˈflʌs-tər\ *vb* : to put into a state of agitated confusion : UPSET — **fluster** *n*

flute \ˈflʊt\ *n* 1 : a hollow pipelike musical instrument 2 : a grooved pleat 3 : CHANNEL, GROOVE — **flute** *vb* — **fluted** *adj*



flute 1

flut-ing \ˈflʊt-ɪŋ\ *n* : fluted decoration

flut-ist \ˈflʊt-əst\ *n* : a flute player

flut-ter \ˈflʌt-ər\ *vb* [ME *floteren* to float, flutter, fr. OE *floterian*, fr. *flotian* to float] 1 : to flap the wings rapidly 2 : to move with quick wavering or flapping motions 3 : to vibrate in irregular spasms 4 : to move about or behave in an agitated aimless manner — **flut-tery** \-ə-rē\ *adj*

flutter *n* 1 : an act of fluttering 2 : a state of nervous confusion 3 : FLURRY, COMMOTION

flux \ˈflʌks\ *n* 1 : an act of flowing 2 : a state of continuous change 3 : a substance used to aid in fusing metals

flux *vb* : FUSE

fly \ˈfli\ *vb* **flew** \ˈflu\; **flown** \ˈflɒn\; **fly-ing** 1 : to move in or pass through the air with wings 2 : to move through the air or before the wind 3 : to float or cause to float, wave, or soar in the air 4 : FLEE 5 : to fade and disappear : VANISH 6 : to move or pass swiftly 7 : to become expended or dissipated rapidly 8 : to pursue or attack in flight 9 : to operate or travel in an aircraft or spacecraft 10 : to journey over by flying 11 : AVOID, SHUN 12 : to transport by flying

fly *n*, *pl* **flies** 1 : the action or process of flying : FLIGHT 2 *pl* : the space over a theater stage 3 : a garment closing concealed by a fold of cloth extending over the fastener 4 : the outer canvas of a tent with a double top 5 : the length of an extended flag from its staff or support 6 : a baseball hit high into the air — **on the fly** : while still in the air

fly *vi* **flied**; **fly-ing** : to hit a fly in baseball

fly *n*, *pl* **flies** 1 : a winged insect — usu. used in combination (butterfly) 2 : TWO-WINGED FLY; *esp* : one (as a housefly) that is large and stout-bodied 3 : a fishhook dressed to suggest an insect

fly-able \ˈfli-ə-bəl\ *adj* : suitable for flying or being flown

fly ball *n* : ²FLY 6

fly-blown \ˈfli-blɒn\ *adj* : not pure : TAINTED, CORRUPT

fly-by \ˈfli-bi\ *n*, *pl* **flybys** 1 : a usu. low-altitude flight past a designated point by an aircraft 2 : a flight of a spacecraft past a heavenly body (as Jupiter) close enough to obtain scientific data; *also* : a spacecraft that makes a flyby

fly-by-night \ˈfli-bə-nīt\ *adj* 1 : seeking a quick profit usu. by shady acts 2 : TRANSITORY, PASSING

fly casting *n* : the act or practice of throwing the lure in angling with artificial flies

fly-catch-er \ˈfli-kach-ər, -ˌkech-\ *n* : a small bird that feeds on insects caught in flight

fly-er *var of* FLIER

flying boat *n* : a seaplane with a hull designed for floating

flying buttress *n* : a projecting arched structure to support a wall or building

flying fish *n* : any of numerous fishes with long fins suggesting wings that enable them to glide some distance through the air

flying saucer *n* : an unidentified flying object reported to be saucer-shaped or disk-shaped

flying squirrel *n* : any of several No. American squirrels with folds of skin connecting the forelegs and hind legs that enable them to make long gliding leaps

fly-leaf \ˈfli-lēf\ *n* : a blank leaf at the beginning or end of a book

fly-pa-per \-,pā-pər\ *n* : paper poisoned or coated with a sticky substance for killing or catching flies

fly-speck \-,spek\ *n* 1 : a speck of fly dung 2 : something small and insignificant — **flyspeck** *vb*

fly-way \-,wā\ *n* : an established air route of migratory birds

fly-wheel \-,hwēl\ *n* : a heavy wheel for regulating the speed of machinery

fm *abbr* fathom

Fm *symbol* fermium

FM \ˈef-ˌem\ *n* : a broadcasting system using frequency modulation; *also* : a radio receiver of such a system — **FM** *adj*

fn *abbr* footnote

fo or **fol** *abbr* folio

FO *abbr* foreign office

foal \ˈfōl\ *n* : the young of a horse or related animal; *esp* : one under one year — **foal** *vb*

foam \ˈfōm\ *n* 1 : a mass of bubbles formed on the surface of a liquid : FROTH, SPUME 2 : material (as rubber) in a lightweight cellular form — **foamy** *adj*

foam *vb* : to form foam : FROTH

fob \ˈfäb\ *n* 1 : a short strap, ribbon, or chain attached *esp.* to a pocket watch 2 : a small ornament worn on a fob

FOB *abbr* free on board

fob off *vb* 1 : to put off with a trick, excuse, or inferior substitute 2 : to pass or offer as genuine 3 : to put aside

FOC *abbr* free of charge

focal length *n* : the distance of a focus from a lens or concave mirror

fo-c'sle *var of* FORECASTLE

fo-cus \ˈfō-kəs\ *n*, *pl* **fo-ci** \-,sī\ *also* **fo-cus-es** [L, *hear*th] 1 : a point at which rays (as of light, heat, or sound) meet or diverge or appear to diverge; *esp* : the point at which an image is formed by a mirror, lens, or optical system 2 : FOCAL LENGTH 3 : adjustment (as of eyes or eyeglasses) that gives clear vision 4 : central point : CENTER — **fo-cal** \ˈfō-kəl\ *adj* — **fo-cal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

focus *vb* **-cused** *also* **-cussed**; **-cusing** *also* **cus-sing** 1 : to bring or come to a focus (~ rays of light) 2 : CENTER (~ attention on a problem) 3 : to adjust the focus of

fod-der \ˈfäd-ər\ *n* : coarse dry food (as cornstalks) for livestock

foe \ˈfō\ *n* [ME *fo*, fr. OE *fāh*, fr. *fāh* hostile] : ENEMY

FOE *abbr* Fraternal Order of Eagles

foehn or **föhn** \ˈfə(r)n, ˈfæn, ˈfän\ *n* [G *föhn*] : a warm dry wind blowing down a mountainside

foe-man \ˈfō-mən\ *n* : FOE

foe-tal, **foe-tus** chiefly *Brit* *var of* FETAL, FETUS

fog \ˈfɒg, ˈfäg\ *n* 1 : fine particles of water suspended in the lower atmosphere 2 : mental confusion — **fog-gy** *adj*

fog *vb* **fogged**; **fog-ging** : to obscure or become obscured with or as if with fog

fog-horn \-,hörn\ *n* : a horn sounded in a fog to give warning

fo-gy also **fo-gey** \fō-gē\ *n*, *pl* **fogies** also **fogeys** : a person with old-fashioned ideas (he's an old ~)

foi-ble \fōi-bəl\ *n* : a minor failing or weakness in character or behavior

foil \fōil\ *vb* [ME *foilen* to trample, full cloth, fr. MF *fouler*] **1** : to prevent from attaining an end : DEFEAT **2** : to bring to naught : THWART

foil *n* : a fencing weapon with a light flexible blade tapering to a blunt point

foil *n* [ME, leaf, fr. MF *feuille*, *foil*, fr. L *folium*] **1** : a very thin sheet of metal **2** : one that serves as a contrast to another

foist \fōist\ *vb* : to pass off (something false or worthless) as genuine

fold \fōld\ *n* **1** : an enclosure for sheep **2** : a group of people, with a common faith, belief, or interest

fold *vb* : to house (sheep) in a fold

fold *vb* **1** : to lay one part over or against another part **2** : to clasp together **3** : EMBRACE **4** : to bend (as a layer of rock) into folds **5** : to incorporate into a mixture by overturning repeatedly without stirring or beating **6** : to become doubled or pleated **7** : FAIL, COLLAPSE

fold *n* **1** : a doubling or folding over **2** : a part doubled or laid over another part

fold-away \fōl-də-,wə\ *adj* : designed to fold out of the way or out of sight

fold-er \fōl-dər\ *n* **1** : one that folds **2** : a folded printed circular **3** : a folded cover or large envelope for loose papers

fol-de-rol \fāl-də-,rāl\ *n* **1** : a useless trifle **2** : NONSENSE

fold-out \fōld-,aūt\ *n* : a folded leaf (as in a magazine) larger in some dimensions than the page

foliage \fōl-(ē)-ij\ *n* : a mass of leaves (as of a plant or forest)

fo-li-at-ed \fō-lē-,āt-əd\ *adj* : separable into layers

fo-lio \fō-lē-,ō\ *n*, *pl* **fo-li-os** **1** : a leaf of a book; *also* : a page number **2** : the size of a piece of paper cut two from a sheet **3** : a book printed on folio pages

folk \fōk\ *n*, *pl* **folk** or **folks** **1** : a group of people forming a tribe or nation; *also* : the largest number or most characteristic part of such a group **2 pl** : PEOPLE, PERSONS (country ~) (old ~s) **3 folks pl** : the persons of one's own family

folk *adj* : of, relating to, or originating among the common people (~ music)

folk-lore -,lōr\ *n* : customs, beliefs, stories, and sayings of a people handed down from generation to generation — **folk-lor-ist** \-əst\ *n*

folk mass *n* : a mass in which traditional liturgical music is replaced by folk music

folk-sing-er \fōk-,sɪŋ-ər\ *n* : a singer of folk songs — **folk-sing-ing** \-,sɪŋ-ɪŋ\ *n*

folksy \fōk-sē\ *adj* **folks-i-er**; -est **1** : SOCIABLE, FRIENDLY **2** : informal, casual, or familiar in manner or style

folk-way \fōk-,wā\ *n* : a way of thinking, feeling, or acting common to a given group of people; *esp* : a traditional social custom

fol-li-cle \fāl-i-kəl\ *n* **1** : a small anatomical cavity or gland (a hair ~) **2** : a small fluid-filled cavity in the ovary of a mammal enclosing a developing egg

fol-low \fāl-ō\ *vb* **1** : to go or come after **2** : PURSUE **3** : OBEY **4** : to proceed along **5** : to engage in as a way of life (~ the sea) (~ a profession) **6** : to come after in order or rank or natural sequence **7** : to keep one's attention fixed on **8** : to result from syn succeed, ensue, supervene — **fol-low-er** *n* — **follow suit** **1** : to play a card of the same suit as the card led **2** : to follow an example set

fol-low-ing \fāl-ə-wɪŋ\ *adj* **1** : next after : SUCCEEDING **2** : that immediately follows

following *n* : a group of followers, adherents, or partisans

following *prep* : subsequent to : AFTER

follow-up \fāl-ə-,wəp\ *n* : a system or instance of pursuing an initial effort by supplementary action

fol-ly \fāl-ē\ *n*, *pl* **follies** [ME *folie*, fr. OF, fr. *fol* fool] **1** : lack of good sense **2** : a foolish act or idea : FOOLISHNESS **3** : an excessively costly or unprofitable undertaking

fo-ment \fō-'ment\ *vb* : to stir up : INSTIGATE

fo-men-ta-tion \fō-mən-'tā-shən, -,men-\ *n* **1** : a hot moist material (as a damp cloth) applied to the body to ease pain **2** : the act of fomenting : INSTIGATION

fond \fānd\ *adj* [ME, fr. *fonne* fool] **1** : FOOLISH, SILLY (~ pride) **2** : prizing highly : DESIROUS (~ of praise) **3** : strongly attracted or predisposed (~ of music) **4** : foolishly tender : INDULGENT; *also* : LOVING, AFFECTIONATE **5** : CHERISHED, DEAR (his ~est hopes) — **fond-ly** \fān-(d)lē\ *adv* — **fond-ness** \fān(d)-nəs\ *n*

fond-dant \fān-dənt\ *n* : a creamy preparation of sugar used as a basis for candies or icings

fond-le \fān-dl\ *vb* **fond-led**; **fond-ling** \-(d)lɪŋ, -dʒl-ɪŋ\ : to touch or handle lovingly : CARESS, PET

fond-due *also* **fond-du** \fān-'d(y)ü\ *n* [F] : a preparation of melted cheese usu. flavored with wine or brandy

font \fānt\ *n* **1** : a receptacle for baptismal or holy water **2** : FOUNTAIN, SOURCE

font *n* : an assortment of printing type of one size and style

food \fūd\ *n* **1** : material taken into an organism and used for growth, repair, and vital processes and as a source of energy; *also* : organic material produced by green plants and used by them as food **2** : solid nutritive material as distinguished from drink **3** : something that nourishes, sustains, or supplies (~ for thought)

food chain *n* : a hierarchical arrangement of organisms in an ecological community such that each uses the next usu. lower member as a food source

food poisoning *n* : a digestive illness caused by bacteria or by chemicals in food

food-stuff \fūd-,stəf\ *n* : something with food value; *esp* : a specific nutrient (as fat or protein)

food web *n* : the interacting food chains of an ecological community

fool \fūl\ *n* [ME, fr. OF *fol*, fr. LL *follis*, fr. L, bellows, bag] **1** : a person who lacks sense or judgment **2** : JESTER **3** : DUPE **4** : IDIOT

fool *vb* **1** : to spend time idly or aimlessly **2** : to meddle or tamper thoughtlessly or ignorantly **3** : JOKE **4** : DECEIVE **5** : FRITTER (~ed away his time)

fool-ery \fūl-(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* -eries **1** : the habit of fooling : the behavior of a fool **2** : a foolish act : HORSEPLAY

fool-hard-y \fūl-,hārd-ē\ *adj* : foolishly daring : RASH — **fool-hard-i-ness** \-,hārd-ē-nəs\ *n*

fool-ish \fū-lɪʃ\ *adj* **1** : showing or arising from folly or lack of judgment **2** : ABSURD, RIDICULOUS **3** : ABASHED — **fool-ish-ly** *adv* — **fool-ish-ness** *n*

fool-proof \fūl-,pruf\ *adj* : so simple or reliable as to leave no opportunity for error, misuse, or failure

fools-cap \fūl-,skəp\ *n* [fr. the watermark of a fool's cap formerly applied to such paper] : a size of paper typically 16 × 13 inches

foot \fūt\ *n*, *pl* **feet** \fēt\ *also* **foot** **1** : the terminal part of a leg on which one stands **2** — see WEIGHT table **3** : a group of syllables forming the basic unit of verse meter **4** : something resembling an animal's foot in position or use **5 foot pl**, chiefly *Brit* : INFANTRY **6** : the lowest part : BOTTOM **7** : the part at the opposite end from the head **8** : the part (as of a stocking) that covers the foot

foot *vb* **1** : DANCE **2** : to go on foot **3** : to add up **4** : to pay or provide for paying

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \aʊ\out \ch\chin \et\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\vice \j\job
 \k\sing \o\go \ō\law \ō\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot
 \ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

foot-age \ˈfüt-ij\ *n* : length expressed in feet

foot-ball \ˈfüt-,bɒl\ *n* 1 : any of several games played by two teams on a rectangular field with goalposts at each end; *esp* : one in which the ball is in possession of one team at a time and is advanced by running or passing 2 : the ball used in football

foot-board \-,bɔrd\ *n* 1 : a narrow platform on which to stand or brace the feet 2 : a board forming the foot of a bed

foot-bridge \-,brij\ *n* : a bridge for pedestrians

foot-ed \ˈfüt-əd\ *adj* : having a foot or feet of a specified kind or number (flat-footed) (four-footed)

foot-er \ˈfüt-ər\ *comb form* : one that is a specified number of feet in height, length, or breadth (a six-footer)

foot-fall \ˈfüt-,fɒl\ *n* : the sound of a footstep

foot-hill \-,hɪl\ *n* : a hill at the foot of higher hills or mountains

foot-hold \-,hɔld\ *n* 1 : a hold for the feet : FOOTING 2 : a position usable as a base for further advance

foot-ing \ˈfüt-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : the placing of one's feet in a stable position 2 : the act of moving on foot 3 : a place or space for standing : FOOTHOLD 4 : position with respect to one another : STATUS 5 : BASIS 6 : the sum of a column of figures

foot-less \ˈfüt-ləs\ *adj* 1 : having no feet 2 : INEPT

foot-lights \-,lɪts\ *n pl* 1 : a row of lights along the front of a stage floor 2 : the stage as a profession

foot-ling \ˈfüt-lɪŋ\ *adj* 1 : INEPT 2 : TRIVIAL

foot-lock-er \ˈfüt-,lɒk-ər\ *n* : a small trunk designed to be placed at the foot of a bed (as in a barracks)

foot-loose \-,lʊs\ *adj* : having no ties : FREE, UNTRAMMELED

foot-man \-mən\ *n* : a male servant who attends a carriage, waits on table, admits visitors, and runs errands

foot-note \-,nɒt\ *n* 1 : a note of reference, explanation, or comment placed usu. at the bottom of a page 2 : COMMENTARY

foot-pad \-,pad\ *n* : a round somewhat flat foot on the leg of a spacecraft for distributing weight to minimize sinking into a surface

foot-path \ˈfüt-,path, -,pæθ\ *n* : a narrow path for pedestrians

foot-print \-,prɪnt\ *n* : an impression of the foot

foot-race \-,ræs\ *n* : a race run on foot

foot-rest \-,rest\ *n* : a support for the feet

foot-sore \-,sɔr\ *adj* : having sore or tender feet (as from much walking)

foot-step \-,step\ *n* 1 : the mark of the foot : TRACK 2 : TREAD 3 : distance covered by a step : PACE 4 : a step on which to ascend or descend 5 : a way of life, conduct, or action

foot-stool \-,stʊl\ *n* : a low stool to support the feet

foot-wear \-,wær\ *n* : apparel (as shoes or boots) for the feet

foot-work \-,wɜrk\ *n* : the management of the feet (as in boxing)

fop \ˈfɒp\ *n* : DANDY 1 — **fop-pery** \-(ə-)rē\ *n* — **fop-pish** *adj*

for \fər, (ˈ)fɔr\ *prep* 1 : as a preparation toward (dress ~ dinner) 2 : toward the purpose or goal of (need time ~ study) (money ~ a trip) 3 : so as to reach or attain (run ~ cover) 4 : as being (took him ~ a fool) 5 : because of (cry ~ joy) 6 — used to indicate a recipient (a letter ~ you) 7 : in support of (fought ~ his country) 8 : directed at : AFFECTING (a cure ~ what ails you) 9 — used with a noun or pronoun followed by an infinitive to form the equivalent of a noun clause (~ you to go would be silly) 10 : in exchange as equal to : so as to return the value of (a lot of trouble ~ nothing) (pay \$10 ~ a hat) 11 : CONCERNING (a stickler ~ detail) 12 : CONSIDERING (tall ~ his age) 13 : through the period of (served ~ three years) 14 : in honor of

for conj : BECAUSE

for abbr 1 foreign 2 forestry

fora *pl of FORUM*

for-age \ˈfɔr-ij\ *n* 1 : food for animals esp. when taken by browsing or grazing 2 : a search for provisions

forage *vb* **for-aged**; **for-ag-ing** 1 : to collect forage from 2 : to wander in search of provisions 3 : to get by foraging 4 : to make a search : RUMMAGE

for-ay \ˈfɔr-,ā\ *vb* : to raid esp. in search of plunder : PIL-LAGE — **foray** *n*

for-bear \fɔr-ˈbær\ *vb* **-bore** \-ˈbɔr\; **-borne** \-ˈbɔrn\; **-bear-ing** 1 : to refrain from : ABSTAIN 2 : to be patient — **for-bear-ance** \-ˈbær-əns\ *n*

forbear *var of FOREBEAR*

for-bid \fər-ˈbɪd\ *vb* **-bade** \-ˈbad, -ˈbād\ or **-bad** \-ˈbad\; **-bid-den** \-ˈbɪd-n\; **-bid-ding** 1 : to command against : PROHIBIT 2 : HINDER, PREVENT *syn* enjoin, interdict, inhibit, ban

for-bid-ding \-ɪŋ\ *adj* : DISAGREEABLE, REPELLENT

forbode *var of FOREBODE*

force \ˈfɔrs\ *n* 1 : strength or energy esp. of an exceptional degree : active power 2 : capacity to persuade or convince 3 : military strength; *also*, *pl* : the whole military strength (as of a nation) 4 : a body (as of persons or ships) available for a particular purpose 5 : VIOLENCE, COMPULSION 6 : an influence (as a push or pull) that causes motion or a change of motion — **force-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **force-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **in force** 1 : in great numbers 2 : VALID, OPERATIVE

force *vb* **forced**; **forc-ing** 1 : COMPEL, COERCE 2 : to cause through necessity (forced to admit defeat) 3 : to press, attain to, or effect against resistance or inertia (~ your way through) 4 : to raise or accelerate to the utmost (~ the pace) 5 : to produce with unnatural or unwilling effort (forced laughter) 6 : to hasten (as in growth) by artificial means

for-ceps \fɔr-səps\ *n, pl forceps* [L] : a hand-held instrument for grasping, holding, or pulling objects esp. for delicate operations (as by a surgeon)

forc-ible \fɔr-sə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : obtained or done by force 2 : showing force or energy : POWERFUL — **forc-i-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

ford \ˈfɔrd\ *n* : a place where a stream may be crossed by wading

ford *vb* : to cross (a body of water) by wading

for-ward \fɔr-əd\ *adv* : in, toward, or adjacent to the front : FORWARD

fore *adj* : being or coming before in time, order, or space

fore *n* : something that occupies a front position

fore *interj* — used by a golfer to warn anyone within range of the probable line of flight of his ball

fore-and-aft \fɔr-ə-naft\ *adj* : lying, running, or acting along the length of a structure (as a ship)

fore-arm \ˈfɔr-ˈɑrm\ *vb* : to arm in advance : PREPARE

fore-arm \ˈfɔr-ˈɑrm\ *n* : the part of the arm between the elbow and the wrist

fore-bear or **for-bear** \-,bær\ *n* : ANCESTOR, FOREFATHER **fore-bode** *also* **for-bode** \fɔr-ˈbɔd, fɔr-ˈvɪ\ 1 : to have a premonition esp. of misfortune 2 : FORETELL, PREDICT *syn* augur, bode, foreshadow, portend, promise — **fore-bod-ing** *n*

fore-cast \ˈfɔr-,kast\ *vb* **-cast** *also* **-cast-ed**; **-cast-ing** 1 : PREDICT, CALCULATE (~ weather conditions) 2 : to indicate as likely to occur — **fore-cast** *n* — **fore-cast-er** *n*

fore-cas-tle \ˈfɔk-səl\ *n* 1 : the forward part of the upper deck of a ship 2 : the living area for the crew in the forward part of a ship

fore-close \fɔr-ˈklɔz\ *vb* 1 : to shut out : PRECLUDE 2 : to take legal measures to terminate a mortgage and take possession of the mortgaged property

fore-clo-sure \-ˈklɔ-zhər\ *n* : the act of foreclosing; *esp* : the legal procedure of foreclosing a mortgage

fore-doom \fɔr-ˈdum\ *vb* : to doom beforehand

fore-fa-ther \fôr-,fâth-ər\ *n* **1** : ANCESTOR **2** : a person of an earlier period and common heritage

forefend *var* of **FORFEND**

fore-fin-ger \-,fîn-gər\ *n* : the finger next to the thumb

fore-foot \-,fût\ *n* : either of the front feet of a quadruped

fore-front \-,frənt\ *n* : the foremost part or place : VANGUARD

fore-gath-er *var* of **FORGATHER**

fore-gone \fôr-,gō\ *vb* -went \-went\; -gone \-gòn\; -go-ing \-gō-îŋ\ : PRECEDE

forego *var* of **FORGO**

fore-go-ing \-gō-îŋ\ *adj* : PRECEDING

fore-gone \-,fôr-,gòn\ *adj* : determined in advance (a ~ conclusion)

fore-ground \fôr-,graund\ *n* **1** : the part of a scene or representation that appears nearest to and in front of the spectator **2** : a position of prominence

fore-hand \-,hand\ *n* : a stroke (as in tennis) made with the palm of the hand turned in the direction in which the hand is moving; *also* : the side on which such a stroke is made — **forehand** *adj*

fore-hand-ed \-han-dəd\ *adj* : mindful of the future : THRIFTY, PRUDENT

fore-head \fôr-əd, fôr-,hed\ *n* : the part of the face above the eyes

for-eign \fôr-ən\ *adj* [ME *forein*, fr. OF, fr. LL *foranus* on the outside, fr. L *foris* outside] **1** : situated outside a place or country and esp. one's own country **2** : born in, belonging to, or characteristic of some place or country other than the one under consideration (~ language) **3** : not connected or pertinent **4** : related to or dealing with other nations (~ affairs) **5** : occurring in an abnormal situation in the living body (a ~ body in the eye)

for-eign-er \fôr-ə-nər\ *n* : a person belonging to or owing allegiance to a foreign country

foreign minister *n* : a governmental minister for foreign affairs

fore-know \fôr-,nō\ *vb* -knew \-n(y)ū\; -known \-nōn\; -know-ing : to have previous knowledge of — **fore-knowl-edge** \-nāl-îj\ *n*

fore-la-dy \fôr-,lād-ē\ *n* : a woman who acts as a foreman

fore-leg \-,leg\ *n* : a front leg

fore-limb \-,lim\ *n* : either of an anterior pair of limbs (as wings, arms, or fins)

fore-lock \-,lāk\ *n* : a lock of hair growing from the front part of the head

fore-man \fôr-mən\ *n* **1** : a spokesperson of a jury **2** : a person in charge of a group of workers

fore-mast \-,mast\ *n* : the mast nearest the bow of a ship **fore-most** \-,mōst\ *adj* : first in time, place, or order : most important : PREEMINENT — **foremost** *adv*

fore-name \-,nām\ *n* : a first name

fore-named \-,nāmd\ *adj* : previously named : AFORESAID

fore-noon \-,nūn\ *n* : MORNING

fo-ren-sic \fə-'ren-sik\ *adj* [L *forensis* public, forensic, fr. *forum* forum] : depending to, used in, or suitable to courts of law or to public speaking or debate

forensic *n* **1** : an argumentative exercise **2 pl** : the art or study of argumentative discourse

fore-or-dain \fôr-ər-'dān\ *vb* : to ordain or decree beforehand : PREDESTINE

fore-part \fôr-,pärt\ *n* **1** : the anterior part of something **2** : the earlier part of a period of time

fore-quar-ter \-,kwört-ər\ *n* : the front half of a lateral half of the body or carcass of a quadruped (a ~ of beef)

fore-run-ner \fôr-,rən-ər\ *n* **1** : one that goes before to give notice of the approach of others : HARBINGER **2** : PREDECESSOR, ANCESTOR *syn* precursor, herald

fore-sail \fôr-,sāl, -səl\ *n* : the largest sail on the foremost of a square-rigged ship or schooner

fore-see \fôr-'sē\ *vb* -saw \-sō\; -seen \-'sēn\; -see-ing : to see or realize beforehand : EXPECT *syn* foreknow, divine, apprehend, anticipate — **fore-see-able** *adj*

fore-shad-ow \-'shad-ō\ *vb* : to give a hint or suggestion of beforehand

fore-short-en \fôr-'shört-ən\ *vb* : to shorten (a detail) in a drawing or painting so that it appears to have depth

fore-sight \fôr-'sīt\ *n* **1** : the act or power of foreseeing **2** : an act of looking forward; *also* : a view forward **3** : care or provision for the future : PRUDENCE — **fore-sight-ed** \-əd\ *adj* — **fore-sight-ed-ness** *n*

fore-skin \-,skin\ *n* : a fold of skin enclosing the end of the penis

for-est \fôr-əst\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. ML *forestis*, fr. L *foris* outside] : a large thick growth of trees and underbrush — **for-est-ed** \fôr-ə-stəd\ *adj* — **for-est-land** \fôr-əst-'land\ *n*

fore-stall \fôr-'stól, fôr-ə\ *vb* **1** : to keep out, hinder, or prevent by measures taken in advance **2** : ANTICIPATE

forest ranger *n* : a person in charge of the management and protection of a portion of a forest

for-est-ry \fôr-ə-strē\ *n* : the science of growing and caring for forests — **for-est-er** \fôr-ə-stər\ *n*

foreswear *var* of **FORSWEAR**

fore-taste \fôr-'tāst\ *n* : an advance indication, warning, or notion

fore-taste \fôr-'tāst\ *vb* : to taste beforehand : ANTICIPATE

fore-tell \fôr-'tel\ *vb* -told \-'töld\; -tell-ing : to tell of beforehand : PREDICT *syn* forecast, prophesy, prognosticate

fore-thought \fôr-'thót\ *n* **1** : PREMEDITATION **2** : consideration for the future

fore-to-ken \fôr-'tō-kən\ *vb* -kened; -ken-ing \-'tōk-(ə)-niŋ\ : to indicate in advance

fore-top \fôr-'tāp\ *n* : a platform near the top of a ship's foremast

for-ev-er \fôr-ev-ər\ *adv* **1** : for a limitless time **2** : at all times : ALWAYS

for-ev-er-more \-,ev-ər-'mōr\ *adv* : FOREVER

fore-warn \fôr-'wörn\ *vb* : to warn beforehand

forewent *past* of **FOREGO**

fore-wing \fôr-,wiŋ\ *n* : either of the anterior wings of a 4-winged insect

fore-wom-an \fôr-,wùm-ən\ *n* : FORELADY

fore-word \-,wörd\ *n* : PREFACE

for-feit \fôr-fət\ *n* **1** : something forfeited : PENALTY, FINE

2 : FORFEITURE **3** : something deposited and then redeemed on payment of a fine **4 pl** : a game in which forfeits are exacted

forfeit *vb* : to lose or lose the right to by some error, offense, or crime

for-fei-ture \fôr-fē-,chūr\ *n* **1** : the act of forfeiting **2** : something forfeited : PENALTY

for-fend \fôr-'fend\ *vb* **1** : PREVENT **2** : PROTECT, PRESERVE

for-gath-er or **fore-gath-er** \fôr-'gath-ər, fôr-,-'gəth-ə\ *vb* **1** : to come together : ASSEMBLE **2** : to meet someone usu. by chance

forge \fôrj\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. L *fabrica*, fr. *faber* smith] : a furnace or shop with its furnace where metal is heated and worked

forge *vb* forged; **forg-ing** **1** : to form (metal) by heating and hammering **2** : FASHION, SHAPE (~ an agreement) **3** : to make or imitate falsely esp. with intent to defraud (~ a signature) — **forg-er** *n* — **forg-ery** \fôrj-(ə)-rē\ *n*

3 *forge* *vb* forged; **forg-ing** : to move ahead steadily but gradually

for-get \fər-'get\ *vb* -got \-'gät\; -got-ten \-'gät-ən\ or -got; -get-ting **1** : to be unable to think of or recall **2** : to fail to become mindful of at the proper time **3** : NEGLECT, DISREGARD — **for-get-ful** \-'get-fəl\ *adj* — **for-get-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ə\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

for-get-me-not \fər-'get-mē-nät\ *n* : any of a genus of small herbs having bright-blue or white flowers usu. arranged in a curving spike

forg-ing \fər-'jɪŋ\ *n* : a piece of forged work

for-give \fər-'gɪv\ *vb* -gave \-'gāv\; -giv-en \-'gɪv-ən\; -giv-ing 1 : PARDON, ABSOLVE 2 : to give up resentment of 3 : to grant relief from payment of — **for-giv-able** *adj* — **for-give-ness** *n*

for-giv-ing \-'ɪŋ\ *adj* 1 : showing forgiveness : inclined or ready to forgive 2 : allowing room for error or weakness

for-go or **fore-go** \fər-'gō, fōr-'v\ *vb* -went \-'went\; -gone \-'gōn\; -go-ing \-'gō-ɪŋ\ : to abstain from : GIVE UP, RENOUNCE

for-rint \fər-'ɪnt\ *n*, *pl* **forints** also **forint** — see **MONEY** table

fork \fɔrk\ *n* 1 : an implement with two or more prongs for taking up (as in eating), piercing, pitching, or digging 2 : a forked part, tool, or piece of equipment 3 : a dividing into branches or a place where something branches; *also* : a branch of such a fork

fork *vb* 1 : to divide into two or more branches 2 : to give the form of a fork to (<ing her fingers>) 3 : to raise or pitch with a fork (<~ hay>)

forked \fɔrkt, 'fɔr-kəd\ *adj* : having a fork : shaped like a fork (<~ lightning>)

fork-lift \fɔrk-'lɪft\ *n* : a machine for hoisting heavy objects by means of steel fingers inserted under the load

for-lorn \fɔr-'lɔrn\ *adj* 1 : sad and lonely because of isolation or desertion 2 : WRETCHED 3 : nearly hopeless — **for-lorn-ly** *adv*

forlorn hope *n* [modif. of Dutch *verloren hoop*, lit., lost band] 1 : a body of men selected to perform a perilous service 2 : a desperate or extremely difficult enterprise

form \fɔrm\ *n* 1 : SHAPE, STRUCTURE 2 : a body esp. of a person : FIGURE 3 : the essential nature of a thing 4 : established manner of doing or saying something 5 : FORMULA 6 : a document with blank spaces for insertion of information (tax ~) 7 : CEREMONY, CONVENTIONALITY 8 : manner of performing according to recognized standards 9 : a long seat : BENCH 10 : a model of the human figure used for displaying clothes 11 : MOLD (a ~ for concrete) 12 : type or plates in a frame ready for printing 13 : MODE, KIND, VARIETY (coal is a ~ of carbon) 14 : orderly method of arrangement; *also* : a particular kind or instance of such arrangement (the sonnet ~ in poetry) 15 : the structural element, plan, or design of a work of art 16 : a bounded surface or volume 17 : a grade in a British secondary school or in some American private schools 18 : RACING FORM 19 : known ability to perform; *also* : condition (as of an athlete) suitable for performing 20 : one of the ways in which a word is changed to show difference in use (the plural ~ of a noun)

form *vb* 1 : to give form or shape to : FASHION, MAKE 2 : TRAIN, INSTRUCT 3 : DEVELOP, ACQUIRE (<~ a habit>) 4 : CONSTITUTE, COMPOSE 5 : to arrange in order (<~ a battle line>) 6 : to take form : ARISE (clouds are ~ing) 7 : to take a definite form, shape, or arrangement

for-mal \fɔr-'mæl\ *adj* 1 : based on conventional forms and rules; *also* : being or requiring elegant dress and manners (a ~ reception) 2 : done in due or lawful form (a ~ contract) 3 : CEREMONIOUS, PRIM (a ~ manner) 4 : NOMINAL — **for-mal-ly** \-'ē\ *adv*

formal *n* : something (as a social event) formal in character

form-al-de-hyde \fɔr-'mal-də-'hɪd\ *n* : a colorless pungent gas used in water solution as a preservative and disinfectant

for-mal-ism \fɔr-'mæ-'lɪz-əm\ *n* : strict adherence to set forms

for-mal-i-ty \fɔr-'mal-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : the quality or state of being formal 2 : compliance with formal or conventional rules 3 : an established form that is required or conventional

for-mal-ize \fɔr-'mæ-'lɪz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing 1 : to give a certain or definite form to 2 : to make formal; *also* : to give formal status or approval to

for-mat \fɔr-'mat\ *n* 1 : the general composition or style of a publication 2 : the general plan or arrangement of something

format *vb* **for-mat-ted**; **for-mat-ting** : to produce (as a book, printed matter, or data) in a particular form

for-ma-tion \fɔr-'mā-shən\ *n* 1 : a giving form to something : DEVELOPMENT 2 : something that is formed 3 : STRUCTURE, SHAPE 4 : an arrangement of persons, ships, or airplanes

for-ma-tive \fɔr-'mæt-ɪv\ *adj* 1 : giving or capable of giving form : CONSTRUCTIVE 2 : of, relating to, or characterized by important growth or formation (a child's ~ years)

for-mer \fɔr-'mər\ *adj* 1 : PREVIOUS, EARLIER 2 : FOREGOING 3 : being first mentioned or in order of two things

for-mer-ly \-'lē\ *adv* : in time past : HERETOFORE, PREVIOUSLY

form-fit-ting \fɔrm-'fɪt-ɪŋ\ *adj* : conforming to the outline of the body

for-mi-da-ble \fɔr-'məd-ə-bəl, fɔr-'mɪd-\ *adj* 1 : exciting fear, dread, or awe 2 : imposing serious difficulties — **for-mi-da-bly** \-'blē\ *adv*

form-less \fɔrm-'ləs\ *adj* : having no definite shape or form

form letter *n* 1 : a letter on a frequently recurring topic that can be sent to different people at different times 2 : a letter sent out in many printed copies to a large number of people

for-mu-la \fɔr-'myə-lə\ *n*, *pl* -las or -lae \-'lē, -'lā\ 1 : a set form of words for ceremonial use 2 : RECIPE, PRESCRIPTION 3 : a milk mixture or substitute for a baby 4 : a group of symbols or figures joined to express information concisely 5 : a prescribed or set form or method

for-mu-late \-'lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing 1 : to express in a formula 2 : to state definitely and clearly 3 : to prepare according to a formula — **for-mu-la-tion** \fɔr-'myə-'lā-shən\ *n*

for-ni-ca-tion \fɔr-'nə-'kā-shən\ *n* : human sexual intercourse other than between a man and his wife — **for-ni-cate** \fɔr-'nə-'kāt\ *vb* — **for-ni-ca-tor** \-'kāt-ər\ *n*

for-sake \fɔr-'sāk\ *vb* **for-sook** \-'suk\; **for-sak-en** \-'sāk-ən\; **for-sak-ing** [ME *forsaken*, fr. OE *forsacan*, fr. *sacan* to dispute] 1 : GIVE UP, RENOUNCE 2 : to quit or leave entirely : ABANDON

for-sooth \fɔr-'sūth\ *adv* : in truth : INDEED

for-swear or **fore-swear** \fɔr-'swær\ *vb* -swore \-'swɔr\; -sworn \-'swɔrn\; -swear-ing 1 : to renounce earnestly or under oath 2 : to deny under oath 3 : to swear falsely : commit perjury

for-syth-ia \fɔr-'sɪth-ē-ə\ *n* : any of a genus of shrubs related to the olive and having yellow bell-shaped flowers appearing before the leaves in early spring

fort \fɔrt\ *n* [ME *forte*, fr. MF *fort*, fr. *fort* strong, fr. L *fortis*] 1 : a fortified place 2 : a permanent army post

forte \fɔrt, 'fɔr-'tā\ *n* [F *fort*, fr. *fort*, *adj.*, strong] : something in which a person excels

for-te \fɔr-'tā\ *adv* or *adj* [It. fr. *forte* strong] : LOUDLY, POWERFULLY — used as a direction in music

forth \fɔrth\ *adv* 1 : FORWARD, ONWARD (from that day ~) 2 : out into view (put ~ leaves)

forth-com-ing \fɔrth-'kəm-ɪŋ\ *adj* : coming or available soon (the ~ holidays) (the funds will be ~)

forth-right \fɔrth-'rɪt\ *adj* : free from ambiguity or evasiveness : going straight to the point (a ~ answer) — **forth-right-ly** *adv* — **forth-right-ness** *n*

forth-with \fɔrth-'wɪth\ *adv* : IMMEDIATELY

for-ti-fy \fɔrt-ə-'fɪ\ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing 1 : to strengthen by military defenses 2 : to give physical strength or endurance to 3 : ENCOURAGE 4 : ENRICH (<~ bread with vitamins>) — **for-ti-fi-ca-tion** \fɔrt-ə-fə-'kā-shən\ *n*

for-tis-si-mo \fôr-'tis-ə-,mō\ *adv* or *adj* : very loud — used as a direction in music
for-ti-tude \fôr-ə-,t(y)üd\ *n* : strength of mind that enables a person to meet danger or bear pain or adversity with courage **syn** grit, backbone, pluck, guts
fort-night \fôr-,nit\ *n* [ME *fourtenight*, fr. *fourtene night* fourteen nights] : two weeks — **fort-night-ly** \-lē\ *adj* or *adv*
for-tress \fôr-trəs\ *n* : **FORT** 1
for-tu-itous \fôr-'t(y)ü-ət-əs\ *adj* 1 : happening by chance 2 : **FORTUNATE**
for-tu-ity \-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ities 1 : the quality or state of being fortuitous 2 : a chance event or occurrence
for-tu-nate \fôrçh-(ə-)nət\ *adj* 1 : coming by good luck 2 : **LUCKY** — **for-tu-nate-ly** *adv*
for-tune \fôr-çhən\ *n* 1 : an apparent cause of something that happens to one suddenly and unexpectedly : **CHANCE**, **LUCK** 2 : what happens to a person : good or bad luck 3 : **FATE**, **DESTINY** 4 : **RICHES**, **WEALTH**
fortune hunter *n* : a person who seeks wealth esp. by marriage
for-tune-tell-er \-,tel-ər\ *n* : a person who professes to tell future events — **for-tune-tell-ing** \-iŋ\ *n* or *adj*
for-ty \fôr-ē\ *n*, *pl* **forties** : four times 10 — **for-ti-eth** \fôr-ē-ə\ *adj* or *n* — **forty** *adj* or *pron*
for-ty-five \fôr-ē-'fiv\ *n* 1 : a .45 caliber handgun — usu. written .45 2 : a phonograph record designed to be played at 45 revolutions per minute
for-ty-nin-er \fôr-ē-'ni-nər\ *n* : a person in the rush to California for gold in 1849
forty winks *n* *sing* or *pl* : a short sleep
fo-rum \fôr-əm\ *n*, *pl* **forums** also **fo-ra** \-ə\ [L] 1 : the marketplace or central meeting place of an ancient Roman city 2 : a medium (as a publication) of open discussion 3 : **COURT** 4 : a public assembly, lecture, or program involving audience or panel discussion
for-ward \fôr-wərd\ *adj* 1 : being near or at or belonging to the front 2 : **EAGER**, **READY** 3 : **BRASH**, **BOLD** 4 : notably advanced or developed : **PRECOCIOUS** 5 : moving, tending, or leading toward a position in front (a ~ movement) 6 : **EXTREME**, **RADICAL** 7 : of, relating to, or getting ready for the future — **for-ward-ness** *n*
forward *adv* : to or toward what is before or in front
forward *n* : a player stationed near the front of his team (as in hockey) or in the corner (as in basketball)
forward *vb* 1 : to help onward : **ADVANCE** 2 : to send forward : **TRANSMIT** 3 : to send or ship onward
for-ward-er \-wərd-ər\ *n* : one that forwards; esp : an agent who forwards goods — **for-ward-ing** \-iŋ\ *n*
for-wards \fôr-wərdz\ *adv* : **FORWARD**
foss-il \fäs-əl\ *adj* [L *fossilis* dug up, fr. *fossus*, pp. of *fodere* to dig] 1 : being or resembling a fossil (~ plants) 2 : of or relating to fossil fuels
fossil *n* 1 : a trace or impression or the remains of a plant or animal preserved in the earth's crust from past ages 2 : a person whose ideas are out-of-date — **foss-il-ize** *vb*
fossil fuel *n* : a fuel (as coal or oil) that is formed in the earth from plant or animal remains
fos-ter \fös-tər\ *adj* [ME, fr. OE *fōstor*, fr. *fōstor* food, feeding] : affording, receiving, or sharing nourishment or parental care for though not related by blood or legal ties (~ parent) (~ child)
foster *vb* **fos-tered**; **fos-ter-ing** \-t(ə-)riŋ\ 1 : to give parental care to : **NURTURE** 2 : to promote the growth or development of : **ENCOURAGE**
fos-ter-ling \-tər-liŋ\ *n* : a foster child
Fou-cault pendulum \fû-'kô-\ *n* : a device that consists of a heavy weight hung by a long wire and that swings in a constant direction which appears to change showing that the earth rotates
fought *past* and *past part* of **FIGHT**
foul \fau\ *adj* 1 : offensive to the senses : **LOATHSOME**; also : clogged with dirt 2 : **ODIOUS**, **DETESTABLE** 3 : OB-

SCENE, ABUSIVE 4 : **DISAGREEABLE**, **STORMY** (~ weather) 5 : **TREACHEROUS**, **DISHONORABLE**, **UNFAIR** 6 : marking the bounds of a playing field (~ lines); also : being outside the foul line (~ ball) (~ territory) 7 : containing marked-up corrections 8 : **ENTANGLED** — **foul-ly** \-lē\ *adv* — **foul-ness** *n*
foul *n* 1 : an entanglement or collision in fishing or sailing 2 : an infraction of the rules in a game or sport; also : a baseball hit outside the foul line
foul *vb* 1 : to make or become foul or filthy 2 : to make or hit a foul 3 : to entangle or become entangled 4 : **OBSTRUCT**, **BLOCK** 5 : to collide with
foul *adv* : in a foul manner
fou-lard \fû-'lărd\ *n* : a lightweight silk of plain or twill weave usu. decorated with a printed pattern
foul-mouthed \fau-'maüthd, -'maütht\ *adj* : given to the use of obscene, profane, or abusive language
foul play *n* : **VIOLENCE**; esp : **MURDER**
foul-up \fau\l-əp\ *n* 1 : a state of being fouled up 2 : a mechanical difficulty
foul up \(')fau\l-əp\ *vb* 1 : to spoil by mistakes or poor judgment 2 : to make a mistake : **BUNGLE**
found \faund\ *past* and *past part* of **FIND**
found *vb* 1 : to take the first steps in building (~ a colony) 2 : to set or ground on something solid : **BASE** 3 : to establish and often to provide for the future maintenance of (~ a college) — **found-er** *n*
found *vb* : to melt (metal) and pour into a mold — **found-er** *n*
foun-da-tion \faun-'dā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of founding 2 : a basis upon which something stands or is supported (suspicions without ~) 3 : funds given for the permanent support of an institution : **ENDOWMENT**; also : an institution so endowed 4 : supporting structure : **BASE** 5 : **CORSET** — **foun-da-tion-al** \-sh(ə-)nəl\ *adj*
foun-der \faun-dər\ *vb* **foun-dered**; **foun-der-ing** \-d(ə-)riŋ\ 1 : to make or become lame (~ a horse) 2 : **COLLAPSE** 3 : **SINK** (a ~ing ship) 4 : **FAIL**
found-ling \faun-(d)liŋ\ *n* : an infant found after its unknown parents have abandoned it
found-ry \faun-drē\ *n*, *pl* **foundries** : a building or works where metal is cast
fount \faunt\ *n* : **SOURCE**, **FOUNTAIN**
foun-tain \faunt-'n\ *n* 1 : a spring of water 2 : **SOURCE** 3 : an artificial jet of water 4 : a container for liquid that can be drawn off as needed
foun-tain-head \-,hed\ *n* : **SOURCE**
fountain pen *n* : a pen with a reservoir that feeds the writing point with ink
four \fôr\ *n* 1 : one more than three 2 : the 4th in a set or series 3 : something having four units — **four** *adj* or *pron*
four-flush \-,fləsh\ *vb* : to make a false claim : **BLUFF** — **four-flush-er** \-ər\ *n*
four-fold \-,fôld, -'fôld\ *adj* 1 : being four times as great or as many 2 : having four units or members — **four-fold** \-fôld\ *adv*
4-H \fôr-'äch\ *adj* : of or relating to a program set up by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help young people become productive citizens — **4-H-er** \-ər\ *n*
Four Hundred or 400 *n* : the exclusive social set of a community — used with *the*
four-in-hand \fôr-ən-'hand\ *n* 1 : a necktie tied in a slipknot with long ends overlapping vertically in front 2 : a team of four horses driven by one person; also : a vehicle drawn by such a team
four-o'clock \fôr-ə-,klāk\ *n* : a garden plant with fra-

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ce \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

grant yellow, red, or white flowers without petals that open late in the afternoon

four-post-er \fôr-'pō-stər\ *n* : a bed with tall corner posts orig. designed to support curtains or a canopy

four-score \fôr-'skôr\ *adj* : being four times twenty : EIGHTY

four-some \fôr-səm\ *n* 1 : a group of four persons or things 2 : a golf match between two pairs of partners

four-square \-'skwær\ *adj* 1 : SQUARE 2 : marked by boldness and conviction; *also* : FORTHRIGHT — **four-square** *adv*

four-teen \fôr-'tēn\ *n* : one more than 13 — **fourteen** *adj* or *pron* — **four-tenth** \-'tēnth\ *adj* or *n*

fourth \fôrth\ *n* 1 : one that is number four in a countable series 2 : one of four equal parts of something — **fourth** *adj* or *adv*

fourth estate *n*, *often* *cap* *F&E* : the public press

4WD *abbr* four-wheel drive

four-wheel \fôr-'hwēl\ or **four-wheeled** \-'hwēld\ *adj* : acting on or by means of four wheels of an automotive vehicle

fowl \fau\ *n*, *pl* **fowl** or **fowls** 1 : BIRD 2 : a cock or hen of the domestic chicken; *also* : the flesh of these used as food

fowl *vb* : to hunt wildfowl

fox \fäks\ *n*, *pl* **fox-es** *also* **fox** 1 : any of various flesh-eating mammals related to the wolves but smaller and with shorter legs and a more pointed muzzle; *also* : the fur of a fox 2 : a clever crafty person 3 *cap* : a member of an American Indian people formerly living in Wisconsin

fox *vb* : TRICK, OUTWIT

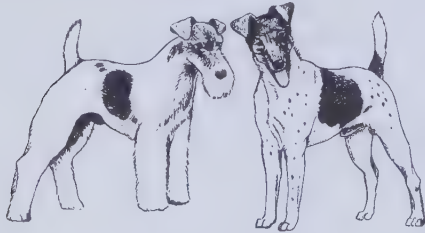
foxed \fäkst\ *adj* : discolored with yellowish brown stains

fox-glove \fäks-'glöv\ *n* : a plant related to the snapdragons and grown for its showy spikes of dotted white or purple tubular flowers and as a source of digitalis

fox-hole \-'höl\ *n* : a pit dug for protection against enemy fire

fox-hound \-'haund\ *n* : any of various large swift powerful hounds used in hunting foxes

fox terrier *n* : a small lively terrier that occurs in varieties with smooth dense coats or with harsh wiry coats



fox terrier

fox-trot \fäks-'trät\ *n* 1 : a short broken slow trotting gait 2 : a ballroom dance in duple time

foxy \fäk-sē\ *adj* **fox-i-er**; -**est** 1 : resembling or suggestive of a fox 2 : WILY; *also* : CLEVER

foy-er \föi-'ər, 'föi-(y)ä\ *n* [F, lit., fireplace, fr. ML *focarius*, fr. L *focus* hearth] : LOBBY; *also* : an entrance hallway

FPC *abbr* fish protein concentrate

fpm *abbr* feet per minute

FPO *abbr* fleet post office

fps *abbr* feet per second

fr *abbr* 1 father 2 franc 3 friar 4 from

Fr *abbr* French

Fr *symbol* francium

fra-cas \fräk-'əs, 'fräk-\ *n*, *pl* **fra-cas-es** \-ə-səz\ [F, din, row, fr. It *fracasso*, fr. *fraccassare* to shatter] : BRAWL

frac-tion \frak-shən\ *n* 1 : a number (as $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$) indicating one or more equal parts or the division of one number by another; *also* : a number (as 3.323) consisting of a whole number and a decimal 2 : FRAGMENT 3 : PORTION

— **frac-tion-al** \-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj* — **frac-tion-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

frac-tious \frak-shəs\ *adj* 1 : tending to be troublesome : hard to handle or control 2 : QUARRELSOME, IRRITABLE

frac-ture \frak-chor\ *n* 1 : a breaking of something and esp. a bone 2 : CRACK, CLEFT — **fracture** *vb*

frag-ile \fraj-əl, -jīl\ *adj* : easily broken : DELICATE — **fra-gil-i-ty** \frə-'jil-ət-ē\ *n*

frag-ment \frag-mənt\ *n* : a part broken off, detached, or incomplete

frag-ment \-,ment\ *vb* : to break into fragments — **frag-men-ta-tion** \frag-mən-'tā-shən, -,mən-\ *n*

frag-men-tary \frag-mən-,ter-ē\ *adj* : made up of fragments : INCOMPLETE

fra-grant \frā-grənt\ *adj* : sweet or agreeable in smell — **fra-grance** \-grəns\ *n* — **fra-grant-ly** *adv*

frail \frāl\ *adj* 1 : morally or physically weak 2 : FRAGILE, DELICATE

frail-ty \frā(-ə)l-tē\ *n*, *pl* **frailties** 1 : the quality or state of being frail 2 : a fault due to weakness

frame \frām\ *vb* **framed**; **fram-ing** 1 : PLAN, CONTRIVE 2 : FORMULATE 3 : SHAPE, CONSTRUCT 4 : DRAW UP (~ a constitution) 5 : to fit or adjust for a purpose : ARRANGE

6 : to provide with or enclose in a frame 7 : to make appear guilty — **fram-er** *n*

frame *n* 1 : something made of parts fitted and joined together 2 : the physical makeup of the body 3 : an arrangement of structural parts that gives form or support 4 : a supporting or enclosing border or open case (as for a window or picture) 5 : a particular state or disposition (as of mind) : MOOD 6 : one picture of a series (as on a length of motion-picture film or of television images) 7 : FRAME-UP

frame *adj* : having a wood frame

frame-up \frām-,əp\ *n* : a scheme to cause an innocent person to be accused of a crime; *also* : the action resulting from such a scheme

frame-work \-,wörk\ *n* : a basic supporting part or structure

franc \fränk\ *n* — see MONEY table

fran-chise \fran-'chiz\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. *franchir* to free, fr. *franc* free] 1 : a special privilege granted to an individual or group (a ~ to operate a ferry) 2 : a constitutional or statutory right or privilege; *esp* : the right to vote

fran-chi-see \fran-,chī-'zē, -chə-\ *n* : one who is granted a marketing franchise

fran-chis-er \fran-,chī-zər\ *n* 1 : FRANCHISEE 2 : FRANCHISOR

fran-chi-sor \fran-,chī-'zör, -chə-\ *n* : one that grants a marketing franchise

fran-ci-um \fran-sē-əm\ *n* : a radioactive metallic chemical element — see ELEMENT table

Fran-co-Amer-i-can \fran-kō-ə-'mer-ə-kən\ *n* : an American of French or esp. French-Canadian descent — **Franco-American** *adj*

fran-gi-bile \fran-jə-bəl\ *adj* : BREAKABLE — **fran-gi-bil-i-ty** \fran-jə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n*

frank \fränk\ *adj* : marked by free, forthright, and sincere expression — **frank-ly** *adv* — **frank-ness** *n*

frank *vb* : to mark (a piece of mail) with an official signature or sign indicating that it can be mailed free; *also* : to mail in this manner

frank *n* 1 : a signature, mark, or stamp on a piece of mail indicating that it can be mailed free 2 : the privilege of sending mail free of charge

Fran-ken-stein \fran-kən-,stīn\ *n* 1 : a creation that ruins its originator 2 : a monster in the shape of a man

frank-furt-er or **frank-fort-er** \fränk-fə(r)t-ər, -fört-\ or

frank-furt or **frank-fort** \-fərt\ *n* : a seasoned sausage (as of beef or pork and pork)
frank-in-cense \ˈfrɑŋ-kən-sens\ *n* : a fragrant resin burned as incense
frant-ic \ˈfrant-ik\ *adj* : wildly excited — **franti-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **frant-ic-ly** \-i-klē\ *adv*
frap-pé \fra-ˈpā\ or **frappe** \ˈfrap, fra-ˈpā\ [F *frappé*, fr. pp. of *frapper* to strike, chill] *n* 1 : an iced or frozen mixture or drink 2 : a thick milk shake — **frap-pé** or **frap-pe** \fra-ˈpā\ *adj*
frat-er-nal \frə-ˈtərn-əl\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or involving brothers 2 : of, relating to, or being a fraternity or society 3 : FRIENDLY, BROTHERLY — **fra-ter-nal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
frat-er-ni-ty \frə-ˈtər-nət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**ties** 1 : a social, honorary, or professional organization; *esp* : a social club of male college students 2 : BROTHERLINESS, BROTHERHOOD 3 : men of the same class, profession, or tastes
frat-er-nize \ˈfrat-ər-,nīz\ *vb* -**nized**; -**niz-ing** 1 : to mingle as friends 2 : to associate on intimate terms with citizens or troops of a hostile nation — **frat-er-ni-za-tion** \ˈfrat-ər-nə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*
frat-ri-cide \fra-trə-,sīd\ *n* 1 : one that kills his brother or sister 2 : the act of a fratricide — **frat-ri-cid-al** \fra-trə-ˈsīd-əl\ *adj*
fraud \ˈfrɒd\ *n* 1 : DECEIT, TRICKERY 2 : TRICK 3 : IMPOSTOR, CHEAT
fraud-u-lent \ˈfrɒ-jə-lənt\ *adj* : characterized by, based on, or done by fraud : DECEITFUL — **fraud-u-lent-ly** *adv*
fraught \ˈfrɒt\ *adj* : full of or accompanied by something specified (~ with danger)
fray \ˈfrā\ *n* : BRAWL, FIGHT; *also* : DISPUTE
fray *vb* 1 : to wear (as an edge of cloth) by rubbing 2 : to separate the threads at the edge of 3 : STRAIN, IRRITATE (~ed nerves)
fraz-zle \ˈfraz-əl\ *vb* **fraz-zled**; **fraz-zling** \ˈfraz-(ə-)liŋ\ 1 : FRAY 2 : to put in a state of extreme physical or nervous fatigue — **fraz-zle** *n*
freak \ˈfrɛk\ *n* 1 : WHIM, CAPRICE 2 : a strange, abnormal, or unusual person or thing 3 : a person who uses an illicit drug 4 : an ardent enthusiast — **freak-ish** *adj*
freak *vb* 1 : to experience or appear to experience the effects (as hallucinations) of taking illicit drugs — often used with *out* 2 : to disturb one's calmness of mind : UPSET — often used with *out* — **freak-out** \ˈfrɛk-,aʊt\ *n*
freck-le \ˈfrɛk-əl\ *n* : a brownish spot on the skin — **freckle** *vb*
free \frē\ *adj* **fre-er**; **fre-est** 1 : having liberty 2 : not controlled by others : INDEPENDENT; *also* : not allowing slavery 3 : made or done voluntarily : SPONTANEOUS 4 : released or not suffering from something unpleasant 5 : not subject to a duty, tax, or other charge 6 : not obstructed : CLEAR 7 : not being used or occupied 8 : not fastened 9 : LAVISH 10 : OPEN, FRANK 11 : given without charge 12 : not literal or exact 13 : not restricted by conventional forms — **free-ly** *adv*
free *vb* **freed**; **free-ing** 1 : to set free 2 : RELIEVE, RID 3 : DISENTANGLE, CLEAR *syn* release, liberate, discharge, emancipate, loose
free *adv* 1 : FREELY 2 : without charge
free-bie or **free-bee** \frē-bē\ *n* : something given without charge
free-board \frē-,bɔrd\ *n* : the vertical distance between the waterline and the upper edge of the side of a boat
free-boo-ter \frē-,būt-ər\ *n* [D *vrijbuit*, fr. *vrijbuit* plunder, fr. *vrij* free + *buit* booty] : PLUNDERER, PIRATE
free-born \-ˈbɔrn\ *adj* 1 : not born in vassalage or slavery 2 : of, relating to, or befitting one that is freeborn
freed-man \ˈfrēd-mən, -ˈman\ *n* : a man freed from slavery
free-dom \ˈfrēd-əm\ *n* 1 : the quality or state of being free : INDEPENDENCE 2 : EXEMPTION, RELEASE 3 : EASE, FACILI-

TY 4 : FRANKNESS 5 : unrestricted use 6 : a political right; *also* : FRANCHISE, PRIVILEGE
free-for-all \ˈfrē-fə-,rɒl\ *n* : a competition or fight open to all comers and usu. with no rules : BRAWL — **free-for-all** *adj*
free-hand \ˈfrē-,hand\ *adj* : done without mechanical aids or devices
free-hold \ˈfrē-,hɒld\ *n* : ownership of an estate for life usu. with the right to bequeath it to one's heirs; *also* : an estate thus owned — **free-hold-er** *n*
free lance *n* : one who pursues a profession (as writing) without long-term contractual commitments to any one employer — **free-lance** *adj* or *vb*
free-living \ˈfrē-ˈliv-iŋ\ *adj* : being neither parasitic nor symbiotic (~ organisms)
free-load \ˈfrē-,lɒd\ *vb* : to impose upon another's generosity or hospitality — **free-load-er** *n*
free love *n* : the practice of living openly with one of the opposite sex without marriage
free-man \ˈfrē-mən, -ˈman\ *n* 1 : one who has civil or political liberty 2 : one having the full rights of a citizen
Free-mason \-,mās-n\ *n* : a member of a secret fraternal society called Free and Accepted Masons — **Free-mason-ry** \-rē\ *n*
free-standing \ˈfrē-ˈstan-diŋ\ *adj* : standing alone or on its own foundation
free-stone \ˈfrē-,stɒn\ *n* 1 : a stone that may be cut freely without splitting 2 : a fruit stone to which the flesh does not cling; *also* : a fruit (as a peach or cherry) having such a stone
free-thinker \-ˈθiŋ-kər\ *n* : one who forms opinions on the basis of reason independently of authority; *esp* : one who doubts or denies religious dogma — **free-think-ing** *n* or *adj*
free trade *n* : trade between nations without restrictions (as high taxes on imports)
free verse *n* : verse whose meter is irregular or whose rhythm is not metrical
free-way \ˈfrē-,wā\ *n* : an expressway with fully controlled access
free-wheel \-ˈhwēl\ *vb* : to move, live, or drift along freely or irresponsibly
free-will \ˈfrē-,wīl\ *adj* : VOLUNTARY
free will *n* : voluntary choice or decision
freeze \frēz\ *vb* **froze** \ˈfrɒz\; **fro-zen** \ˈfrɒz-n\; **freez-ing** 1 : to harden or cause to harden into a solid (as ice) by loss of heat 2 : to chill or become chilled with cold 3 : to become coldly formal in manner; *also* : to act toward in a stiff and formal way 4 : to damage by frost 5 : to adhere solidly by freezing 6 : to cause to grip tightly or remain in immovable contact 7 : to become clogged with ice 8 : to become fixed or motionless 9 : to fix at a certain stage or level
freeze *n* 1 : a state of weather marked by low temperature 2 : an act or instance of freezing (a price ~) 3 : the state of being frozen
freeze-dry \ˈfrēz-,dri\ *vb* : to dry in a frozen state under vacuum *esp.* for preservation — **freeze-dried** *adj*
freez-er \ˈfrē-zər\ *n* : a compartment, device, or room for freezing food or keeping it frozen
freight \ˈfrāt\ *n* 1 : payment for carrying goods 2 : CARGO 3 : BURDEN 4 : the carrying of goods by a common carrier 5 : a train that carries freight
freight *vb* 1 : to load with goods for transportation 2 : BURDEN, CHARGE 3 : to ship or transport by freight
freight-er \ˈfrāt-ər\ *n* : a ship or airplane used chiefly to carry freight
French \ˈfrench\ *n* 1 : the language of France 2 **French** *pl*

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \et\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\jog
\ŋ\sing \ə\go \d\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
\ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

: the people of France — **French** *adj* — **French-man** \-mən\ *n* — **French-woman** \-,wʊm-ən\ *n*
french fry *vb*, *often cap 1st F* : to fry (as strips of potato) in deep fat until brown — **french fry** *n*, *often cap 1st F*
French horn *n* : a curved brass instrument with a funnel-shaped mouthpiece and a flaring bell
fre-net-ic \fri-'net-ik\ *adj* : FRENZIED, FRANTIC — **fre-net-ical-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
fren-zy \'fren-zē\ *n*, *pl frenzies* : temporary madness or a violently agitated state — **fren-zied** \-zēd\ *adj*
frequ *abbr* frequency, frequent, frequently
fre-quent-cy \'frē-kwən-sē\ *n*, *pl -cies* 1 : the fact or condition of occurring frequently 2 : rate of occurrence 3 : the number of cycles per second of an alternating current 4 : the number of waves (as of sound or electromagnetic energy) that pass a fixed point each second
frequency modulation *n* : variation of the frequency of a carrier wave according to another signal; *also* : a broadcasting system using such modulation
'fre-quent \'frē-kwənt\ *adj* 1 : happening often or at short intervals 2 : HABITUAL — **fre-quent-ly** *adv*
²fre-quent \'frē-'kwent, 'frē-kwənt\ *vb* : to associate with, be in, or resort to habitually — **fre-quent-er** *n*
fres-co \'fres-kō\ *n*, *pl frescoes* [It, fr. *fresco* fresh] : the art of painting on fresh plaster; *also* : a painting done by this method
fresh \'fresʰ\ *adj* 1 : not salt (~ water) 2 : PURE, INVIGORATING 3 : fairly strong : BRISK (~ breeze) 4 : not altered by processing (as freezing or canning) 5 : VIGOROUS, REFRESHED 6 : not stale, sour, or decayed (~ bread) 7 : not faded 8 : not worn or rumpled 9 : experienced, made, or received newly or anew 10 : ADDITIONAL, ANOTHER (made a ~ start) 11 : ORIGINAL, VIVID 12 : INEXPERIENCED 13 : newly come or arrived (~ from school) 14 : IMPUDENT — **fresh-ly** *adv* — **fresh-ness** *n*
fresh-en \'fres-ən\ *vb* **fresh-ened**; **fresh-en-ing** \-(ə-)niŋ\ : to make, grow, or become fresh
fresh-et \'fres-ət\ *n* : an overflowing of a stream (as by heavy rains)
fresh-man \'fres-mən\ *n* 1 : BEGINNER, NEWCOMER 2 : a 1st-year student
fresh-wa-ter \'fres-,wōt-ər, -,wāt-\ *adj* : of, relating to, or living in fresh water
'fret \'fret\ *vb* **fret-ted**; **fret-t-ing** [ME *frēten* to devour, fret, fr. OE *frētan* to devour] 1 : to become irritated : WORRY, VEX 2 : WEAR, CORRODE; *also* : FRAY 3 : RUB, CHAFE 4 : to make by wearing away 5 : GRATE (the siren *fretted* at their nerves) 6 : AGITATE, RIPPLE
²fret *n* : an irritated or worried state (in a ~)
³fret *n* : ornamental work esp. of straight lines in symmetrical patterns
⁴fret *n* : one of a series of ridges across the fingerboard of a stringed musical instrument — **fret-ted** *adj*
fret-ful \'fret-fəl\ *adj* : IRRITABLE — **fret-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **fret-ful-ness** *n*
fret-saw \-,sō\ *n* : a narrow-bladed saw used for cutting curved outlines
fret-work \-,wɜrk\ *n* 1 : decoration consisting of frets 2 : ornamental openwork or work in relief
Fri *abbr* Friday
fri-a-ble \'fri-ə-bəl\ *adj* : easily pulverized (~ soil)
fri-ar \'fri-(ə)-r\ *n* [ME *frere*, *fryer*, fr. OF *frere*, lit., brother, fr. L. *frater*] : a member of a mendicant religious order
fri-ary \'fri-(ə)-r-ē\ *n*, *pl -ar-ies* : a monastery of friars
'fric-as-see \'frik-ə-,sē, 'frik-ə-'sē\ *n* : a dish made of meat (as chicken or veal) cut into pieces and stewed in a gravy
²fricassee *vb* -seed; -see-ing : to cook as a fricassee
fric-tion \'frik-shən\ *n* 1 : the rubbing of one body against another 2 : the force that resists motion between bodies in contact 3 : clash in opinions between persons or groups : DISAGREEMENT — **fric-tion-al** *adj*

friction tape *n* : a usu. cloth tape impregnated with insulating material and an adhesive and used esp. to protect and insulate electrical conductors
Fri-day \'frid-ē\ *n* : the sixth day of the week
fried-cake \'frid-,kāk\ *n* : DOUGHNUT, CRULLER
friend \'frend\ *n* 1 : a person attached to another by respect or affection 2 : ACQUAINTANCE 3 : one who is not hostile 4 : one who supports or favors something (a ~ of art) 5 *cap* : a member of the Society of Friends : QUAKER — **friend-less** \'fren-(d)ləs\ *adj* — **friend-li-ness** \'fren-(d)lē-nəs\ *n* — **friend-ly** *adj* — **friend-ship** \'fren(d)-,ʃip\ *n*
frieze \'frēz\ *n* : an ornamental often sculptured band extending around something (as a building or room)
frig-ate \'frig-ət\ *n* 1 : a square-rigged warship 2 : a warship smaller than a destroyer used for escort and patrol duties
fright \'frit\ *n* 1 : sudden terror : ALARM 2 : something that is ugly or shocking
fright-en \'frit-ən\ *vb* **fright-ened**; **fright-en-ing** \'frit-(ə-)niŋ\ 1 : to make afraid 2 : to drive away or out by frightening 3 : to become frightened — **fright-en-ing-ly** *adv*
fright-ful \'frit-fəl\ *adj* 1 : TERRIFYING 2 : STARTLING 3 : EXTREME (~ thirst) — **fright-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **fright-ful-ness** *n*
frig-id \'frij-əd\ *adj* 1 : intensely cold 2 : lacking warmth or ardor : INDIFFERENT 3 : abnormally averse to or unable to achieve orgasm during sexual intercourse — used esp. of women — **fri-gid-i-ty** \'frij-'id-ət-ē\ *n*
frigid zone *n* : the area or region between the arctic circle and the north pole or between the antarctic circle and the south pole
frill \'fril\ *n* 1 : a gathered, pleated, or ruffled edging 2 : an ornamental addition : something unessential — **frilly** \-ē\ *adj*
fringe \'frinj\ *n* 1 : an ornamental border consisting of short threads or strips hanging from an edge or band 2 : something that resembles a fringe : BORDER 3 : something on the margin of an activity, process, or subject matter — **fringe** *vb*
fringe benefit *n* 1 : an employment benefit paid for by an employer without affecting basic wage rates 2 : any additional benefit
frip-pery \'frip-(ə)-rē\ *n*, *pl -per-ies* [MF *friperie*] 1 : cheap showy finery 2 : pretentious display
frisk \'frisk\ *vb* 1 : to leap, skip, or dance in a lively or playfully way : GAMBOLE 2 : to search (a person) esp. for concealed weapons by running the hand rapidly over the clothing
frisky \'fris-kē\ *adj* **frisk-i-er**; -est : FROLICSOME — **frisk-i-ly** \'fris-kə-lē\ *adv* — **frisk-i-ness** \-kē-nəs\ *n*
'frit-ter \'frit-ər\ *n* : a small lump of fried batter often containing fruit or meat
²fritter *vb* 1 : to reduce or waste piecemeal 2 : to break into small fragments
fritz \'frits\ *n* : a state of disorder or disrepair — used in the phrase *on the fritz*
friv-o-lous \'friv-(ə-)ləs\ *adj* 1 : of little importance : TRIVIAL 2 : lacking in seriousness — **fri-vol-i-ty** \'friv-'äl-ət-ē\ *n* — **friv-o-lous-ly** *adv*
frizz \'friz\ *vb* : to curl in small tight curls — **frizz** *n* — **frizzly** *adj*
'friz-zle \'friz-əl\ *vb* **friz-zled**; **friz-zling** \-(ə-)liŋ\ : FRIZZ, CURL — **frizzle** *n*
²frizzle *vb* **friz-zled**; **friz-zling** 1 : to fry until crisp and curled 2 : to cook with a sizzling noise
fro \'frō\ *adv* : BACK, AWAY — used in the phrase *to and fro*
frock \'fräk\ *n* 1 : an outer garment worn by monks and friars 2 : an outer garment worn esp. by men 3 : a woman's or girl's dress

frock coat *n* : a man's usu. double-breasted coat with knee-length skirts

frog \ˈfrɒɡ, ˈfræg\ *n* **1** : any of various largely aquatic smooth-skinned tailless leaping amphibians **2** : an ornamental braiding for fastening the front of a garment by a loop through which a button passes **3** : a condition in the throat causing hoarseness **4** : a small holder (as of metal, glass, or plastic) with perforations or spikes that is placed in a bowl or vase to keep cut flowers in position

frog-man \ˈfrɒɡ-mən, ˈfræg-, -mən\ *n* : a swimmer equipped to work underwater for long periods of time

frol-ic \ˈfräl-ik\ *vb* **frol-icked**; **frol-ick-ing** **1** : to make merry **2** : to play about happily : ROMP

frol-ic *n* **1** : a playful or mischievous action **2** : FUN, MERRIMENT — **frol-ic-some** \-səm\ *adj*

from \(')frəm, ˈfräm\ *prep* **1** — used to show a starting point (a letter ~ home) **2** — used to show removal or separation (subtract 3 ~ 9) **3** — used to show a material, source, or cause (suffering ~ a cold)

frond \ˈfränd\ *n* : a usu. large divided leaf esp. of a fern or palm tree

front \ˈfrənt\ *n* **1** : FOREHEAD; *also* : the whole face **2** : external and often feigned appearance **3** : a region of active fighting; *also* : a sphere of activity **4** : a political coalition **5** : the side of a building containing the main entrance **6** : the forward part or surface **7** : FRONTAGE **8** : a boundary between two dissimilar air masses **9** : a position directly before or ahead of something else **10** : a person, group, or thing used to mask the identity or true character or activity of the actual controlling agent

front *vb* **1** : FACE **2** : to serve as a front **3** : CONFRONT

front-age \ˈfrənt-ij\ *n* **1** : a piece of land that fronts something (as on a river or road) **2** : the front side of a building **3** : the extent or measure of a frontage

front-al \ˈfrənt-əl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or next to the forehead **2** : of, relating to, or directed at the front (a ~ attack) — **front-al-ly** \-l-ē\ *adv*

front-tier \ˈfrən-tiər\ *n* **1** : a border between two countries **2** : a region that forms the margin of settled territory **3** : the outer limits of knowledge or achievement (the ~s of science) — **front-tiers-man** \-ˈtiəz-mən\ *n*

front-tis-ice \ˈfrənt-ə-, spēs\ *n* : an illustration preceding and usu. facing the title page of a book

front man *n* : a person serving as a front or figurehead

front-ward \ˈfrənt-wərd\ or **front-wards** \-wərdz\ *adv* or *adj* : toward the front

frost \ˈfrɒst\ *n* **1** : freezing temperature **2** : a covering of tiny ice crystals on a cold surface — **frosty** *adj*

frost *vb* **1** : to cover with frost **2** : to put icing on (as a cake) **3** : to produce a slightly roughened surface on (as glass) **4** : to injure or kill by frost

frost-bite \ˈfrɒs(t)-bit\ *vb* **-bit** \-bit\; **-bit-ten** \-ˌbit-n\; **-bit-ing** \-bit-ɪŋ\ : to injure by frost or frostbite

frostbite *n* : the freezing or the local effect of a partial freezing of some part of the body

frost heave *n* : an upthrust of pavement caused by freezing of moist soil

frost-ing \ˈfrɒ-stɪŋ\ *n* **1** : ICING **2** : dull finish on metal or glass

froth \ˈfrɒθ\ *n*, *pl* **froths** \ˈfrɒθs, ˈfrɒθz\ **1** : bubbles formed in or on a liquid **2** : something light or frivolous — **frothy** *adj*

frou-frou \ˈfrü-frü\ *n* [F] **1** : a rustling esp. of a woman's skirts **2** : frilly ornamentation esp. in women's clothing

frow-ard \ˈfrɒ-wərd\ *adj* : DISOBEDIENT, WILLFUL

frown \ˈfraʊn\ *vb* **1** : to wrinkle the forehead (as in anger, displeasure, or thought); SCOWL **2** : to look with disapproval **3** : to express with a frown — **frown** *n*

frow-sy or **frow-zy** \ˈfraʊ-zē\ *adj* **frow-si-er** or **frow-zi-er**; **-est** : having a slovenly or uncared-for appearance

froze *past* of FREEZE

fro-zen \ˈfrɒz-n\ *adj* **1** : treated, affected, or crusted over

by freezing **2** : subject to long and severe cold **3** : expressing or characterized by cold unfriendliness **4** : incapable of being changed, moved, or undone : FIXED (~ wages) **5** : not available for present use (~ capital)

FRS *abbr* Federal Reserve System

frt *abbr* freight

fruc-ti-fy \ˈfrək-tə-,fi-, ˈfrük-ə\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** **1** : to bear fruit **2** : to make fruitful or productive

fru-gal \ˈfrü-gəl\ *adj* : ECONOMICAL, THRIFTY — **fru-gal-i-ty** \ˈfrü-gal-ət-ē\ *n* — **fru-gal-ly** \ˈfrü-gal-lē\ *adv*

fruit \ˈfrüt\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. L *fructus* fruit, use, fr. *frui* to enjoy, have the use of] **1** : a usu. useful product of plant growth; *esp* : a usu. edible and sweet reproductive body (as a strawberry or apple) of a seed plant **2** : a product of fertilization in a plant; *esp* : the ripe ovary of a seed plant with its contents and appendages **3** : CONSEQUENCE, RESULT — **fruit-ed** \-əd\ *adj*

fruit *vb* : to bear or cause to bear fruit

fruit-cake \ˈfrüt-,kək\ *n* : a rich cake containing nuts, dried or candied fruits, and spices

fruit fly *n* : any of various small two-winged flies whose larvae feed on fruit or decaying vegetable matter

fruit-ful \ˈfrüt-fəl\ *adj* **1** : yielding or producing fruit **2** : very productive (a ~ soil); *also* : bringing results (a ~ idea) — **fruit-ful-ly** \-fəl-lē\ *adv* — **fruit-ful-ness** *n*

frui-tion \frü-ˈish-ən\ *n* **1** : ENJOYMENT **2** : the state of bearing fruit **3** : REALIZATION, ACCOMPLISHMENT

fruit-less \ˈfrüt-ləs\ *adj* **1** : not bearing fruit **2** : producing no good results : UNSUCCESSFUL (a ~ attempt) — **fruit-less-ly** *adv*

fruity \ˈfrüt-ē\ *adj* **fruit-i-er**; **-est** : resembling a fruit esp. in flavor

frumpy \ˈfrəm-pē\ *adj* **frump-i-er**; **-est** : DRAB, DOWDY

frus-trate \ˈfrəs-,trät\ *vb* **frus-trat-ed**; **frus-trat-ing** **1** : to balk in an endeavor : BLOCK **2** : to bring to nothing **3** : to fill with dissatisfaction due to unresolved problems or unfulfilled needs — **frus-trat-ing-ly** \-ɪŋ-lē\ *adv* — **frus-tra-tion** \ˈfrəs-trä-shən\ *n*

frus-tum \ˈfrəs-təm\ *n*, *pl* **frustums** or **frus-ta** \-tə\ : the part of a cone or pyramid formed by cutting off the top by a plane parallel to the base

frwy *abbr* freeway

fry \ˈfri\ *vb* **fried**; **fry-ing** **1** : to cook in a pan or on a griddle over a fire esp. with the use of fat **2** : to undergo frying

fry *n*, *pl* **fries** **1** : a dish of something fried **2** : a social gathering where fried food is eaten

fry *n*, *pl* **fry** **1** : recently hatched fishes; *also* : very small adult fishes **2** : members of a group or class (small ~)

fry-er \ˈfri(-ə)r\ *n* **1** : something (as a young chicken) suitable for frying **2** : a deep utensil for frying foods

FSLIC *abbr* Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation

ft *abbr* **1** feet; **foot** **2** fort

FTC *abbr* Federal Trade Commission

fuch-sia \ˈfyü-shə\ *n* **1** : any of a genus of shrubs related to the evening primrose and grown for their showy nodding often red or purple flowers **2** : a vivid reddish purple

fud-dle \ˈfəd-əl\ *vb* **fud-dled**; **fud-dling** : MUDDLE, CONFUSE

fud-dy-dud-dy \ˈfəd-ē-, dād-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-dies** : a person who is old-fashioned, pompous, unimaginative, or fussy

fudge \ˈfəj\ *vb* **fudged**; **fudg-ing** **1** : to cheat or exaggerate by blurring or overstepping a boundary **2** : to avoid coming to grips with something

fudge *n* **1** : NONSENSE **2** : a soft creamy candy of milk, sugar, butter, and flavoring

fu-el \ˈfyü-əl\ *n* : a substance (as coal) used to produce

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- heat or power by combustion; *also* : a substance from which nuclear energy can be liberated
- 2** **fuel** *vb* -eled or -elled; -el-ing or -el-ling : to provide with or take in fuel
- fuel cell** *n* : a device that continuously changes the chemical energy of a fuel directly into electrical energy
- 1** **fu-gi-tive** \f'yu-jət-iv\ *n* **1** : one who flees or tries to escape **2** : something elusive or hard to find
- 2** **fugitive** *adj* **1** : running away or trying to escape **2** : likely to vanish suddenly : not fixed or lasting
- fugue** \f'yu:g\ *n* **1** : a musical composition in which different parts successively repeat the theme **2** : a disturbed state of consciousness characterized by acts that are not recalled upon recovery
- füh-er** or **fueh-er** \f'yür-ər, 'fir-\ *n* : LEADER — used chiefly of the leader of the German Nazis
- 1** **ful** \fəl\ *adj* suffix, sometimes -ful-ler; sometimes -ful-est **1** : full of (eventful) **2** : characterized by (peaceful) **3** : having the qualities of (masterful) **4** : tending, given, or liable to (mournful)
- 2** **ful** \fəl\ *n* suffix : number or quantity that fills or would fill (roomful)
- ful-crum** \f'ül-krəm, 'fəl-\ *n*, *pl* **ful-crums** or **ful-cra** \-krə\ [LL, fr. L, bedpost] : the support on which a lever turns
- ful-fill** or **ful-fil** \f'ül-'fil\ *vb* **ful-filled**; **ful-fill-ing** **1** : to put into effect **2** : to bring to an end **3** : SATISFY — **ful-fill-ment** *n*
- 1** **full** \f'ül\ *adj* **1** : FILLED **2** : complete esp. in detail, number, or duration **3** : having all the distinguishing characteristics (a ~ member) **4** : MAXIMUM **5** : rounded in outline (a ~ figure) **6** : possessing or containing an abundance (~ of wrinkles) **7** : having an abundance of material (a ~ skirt) **8** : satisfied esp. with food or drink **9** : having volume or depth of sound **10** : completely occupied with a thought or plan — **full-ness** *also* **ful-ness** \f'ül-nəs\ *n*
- 2** **full** *adv* **1** : VERY, EXTREMELY **2** : ENTIRELY **3** : STRAIGHT, SQUARELY (hit him ~ in the face)
- 3** **full** *n* **1** : the utmost extent **2** : the highest or fullest state or degree **3** : the requisite or complete amount
- 4** **full** *vb* : to shrink and thicken (woolen cloth) by moistening, heating, and pressing — **full-er** *n*
- full-back** \f'ül-,bak\ *n* : a football back stationed between the halfbacks
- full-blood-ed** \f'ül-'bləd-əd\ *adj* : of unmixed ancestry : PUREBRED
- full-blown** \-'blōn\ *adj* **1** : being at the height of bloom **2** : fully mature or developed
- full-bod-ied** \-'bäd-əd\ *adj* : marked by richness and fullness
- full dress** *n* : the style of dress worn for ceremonial or formal occasions
- full-fledged** \f'ül-'flejd\ *adj* **1** : fully developed **2** : having full plumage
- full house** *n* : a poker hand containing three of a kind and a pair
- full moon** *n* : the moon with its whole disk illuminated
- full-scale** \f'ül-'skāl\ *adj* **1** : identical to an original in proportion and size (~ drawing) **2** : involving full use of available resources (a ~ revolt)
- full tilt** *adv* : at high speed
- full-time** \f'ül-'tim\ *adj* or *adv* : involving or working a full or regular schedule
- ful-ly** \f'ül-ē\ *adv* **1** : in a full manner or degree : COMPLETELY **2** : at least
- ful-mi-nate** \f'ül-mə-,nāt, 'fəl-\ *vb* -nat-ed; -nat-ing [ME *fulminaten*, fr. ML *fulminare*, fr. L, to flash with lightning, strike with lightning, fr. *fulmen* lightning] **1** : to utter or send out censure or invective : condemn severely **2** : EXPLODE — **ful-mi-na-tion** \f'ül-mə-'nā-shən, 'fəl-\ *n*
- ful-some** \f'ül-səm\ *adj* **1** : COPIOUS, ABUNDANT (~ detail)
- 2** : OFFENSIVE, DISGUSTING **3** : excessively flattering (~ praise)
- fu-ma-role** \f'yu-mə-,rōl\ *n* : a hole in a volcanic region from which hot gases issue
- fum-ble** \f'əm-bəl\ *vb* **fum-bled**; **fum-bling** \-b(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : to grope about clumsily **2** : to fail to hold, catch, or handle properly — **fumble** *n*
- 1** **fume** \f'yu:m\ *n* : a usu. irritating smoke, vapor, or gas
- 2** **fume** *vb* **fumed**; **fum-ing** **1** : to treat with fumes **2** : to give off fumes **3** : to express anger or annoyance
- fu-mi-gant** \f'yu-mi-gənt\ *n* : a substance used for fumigation
- fu-mi-gate** \f'yu-mə-,gāt\ *vb* -gat-ed; -gat-ing : to treat with fumes to disinfect or destroy pests — **fu-mi-ga-tion** \f'yu-mə-'gā-shən\ *n* — **fu-mi-ga-tor** \f'yu-mə-,gāt-ər\ *n*
- fun** \fən\ *n* [E dial. *fun* to hoax] **1** : something that provides amusement or enjoyment **2** : ENJOYMENT
- 1** **function** \f'əŋk-shən\ *n* **1** : OCCUPATION **2** : special purpose **3** : the particular purpose for which a person or thing is specially fitted or used or for which a thing exists (the ~ of a knife is cutting); *also* : the natural or proper action of a bodily part in a living thing (the ~ of the heart) **4** : a formal ceremony or social affair **5** : the mathematical relationship that assigns to each element of a set one and only one element of the same or another set **6** : a variable (as a quality, trait, or measurement) that depends on and varies with another (height is a ~ of age in children) — **function-al** \-sh(ə-)nəl\ *adj* — **function-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **function-less** *adj*
- 2** **function** *vb* **functioned**; **function-ing** \-sh(ə-)niŋ\ **1** : SERVE **2** : OPERATE, WORK
- function-ary** \f'əŋk-shə-,ner-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ar-ies** : one who performs a certain function; *esp* : OFFICIAL
- function word** *n* : a word (as a preposition, auxiliary verb, or conjunction) expressing the grammatical relationship between other words
- 1** **fund** \fənd\ *n* [L *fundus* bottom, piece of landed property] **1** : STORE, SUPPLY **2** : a sum of money or resources intended for a special purpose **3** *pl* : available money **4** : an organization administering a special fund
- 2** **fund** *vb* **1** : to provide funds for **2** : to convert (a short-term obligation) into a long-term interest-bearing debt
- fun-da-men-tal** \fən-də-'ment-əl\ *adj* **1** : serving as an origin : PRIMARY **2** : BASIC, ESSENTIAL **3** : RADICAL (~ change) **4** : of central importance : PRINCIPAL — **fundamental** *n* — **fun-da-men-tal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
- fun-da-men-tal-ism** \-'iz-əm\ *n*, *often cap* : a Protestant religious movement emphasizing the literal infallibility of the Bible — **fun-da-men-tal-ist** \-əst\ *adj* or *n*
- 1** **fu-ner-al** \f'yu:n-(ə-)rəl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or constituting a funeral **2** : FUNERAL **2**
- 2** **funeral** *n* : the ceremonies held for a dead person usu. before burial
- fu-ner-ary** \f'yu-nə-,rer-ē\ *adj* : of, used for, or associated with burial
- fu-ne-re-al** \f'yu-'nir-ē-əl\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to a funeral **2** : suggesting a funeral
- fun-gi-cide** \fən-jə-,sīd, 'fəŋ-gə-\ *n* : an agent that kills or checks the growth of fungi — **fun-gi-cid-al** \fən-jə-'sīd-əl, 'fən-gə-\ *adj*
- fun-gus** \f'əŋ-gəs\ *n*, *pl* **fun-gi** \fən-'ji, 'fəŋ-'gi\ *also* **fun-gus-es** \f'əŋ-gə-səz\ : any of a large group of lower plants that lack chlorophyll and include molds, mildews, mushrooms, and yeasts — **fun-gal** \-gəl\ *adj* — **fun-gous** \-gəs\ *adj*
- fu-nic-u-lar** \f'yu-'nik-yə-lər, fə-\ *n* : a cable railway ascending a mountain
- funk** \fəŋk\ *n* : a depressed state of mind
- funky** \f'əŋ-kē\ *adj* **funk-i-er**; -est **1** : having an earthy, unsophisticated style and feeling; *esp* : having the style and feeling of blues **2** : odd or quaint in appearance or style

fun-nel \ˈfʌn-əl/ *n* 1 : a cone-shaped utensil with a tube used for catching and directing a downward flow (as of liquid) 2 : FLUE, SMOKESTACK

funnel *vb* -neled *also* -nelled; -nel-*ing* *also* -nel-*ling* 1 : to pass through or as if through a funnel 2 : to move to a central point or into a central channel

fun-ny \ˈfʌn-ē/ *adj* fun-ni-er; -est 1 : AMUSING 2 : FACETIOUS 3 : QUEER, ODD 4 : UNDERHANDED

funny *n*, *pl* **funnies** : a comic strip or a comic section (as of a newspaper)

funny bone *n* : a place at the back of the elbow where a blow compresses a nerve and causes a painful tingling sensation

fur \ˈfʊr/ *n* 1 : an article of clothing made of or with fur 2 : the hairy coat of a mammal esp. when fine, soft, and thick; *also* : this coat dressed for human use — **fur** *adj* — **furred** \ˈfɜrd/ *adj*

fur *abbr* furlong

fur-be-low \ˈfɜr-bə-,lō/ *n* 1 : FLOUNCE, RUFFLE 2 : showy trimming

fur-bish \ˈfɜr-bish/ *vb* 1 : to make lustrous : POLISH 2 : to give a new look to : RENOVATE

fur-ri-ous \ˈfjʊr-ē-əs/ *adj* 1 : FIERCE, ANGRY, VIOLENT 2 : BOISTEROUS 3 : INTENSE — **fu-ri-ous-ly** *adv*

furl \ˈfɜrl/ *vb* 1 : to wrap or roll (as a sail or a flag) close to or around something 2 : to curl in furls — **furl** *n*

fur-long \ˈfɜr-,lɔŋ/ *n* [ME, fr. OE *furlang*, fr. *furh* furrow + *lang* long] : a unit of length equal to 220 yards (about 201 meters)

fur-lough \ˈfɜr-lō/ *n* [Dutch *verlof*, lit., permission] : a leave of absence from duty granted esp. to a soldier — **furlough** *vb*

fur-nace \ˈfɜr-nəs/ *n* : an enclosed structure in which heat is produced

fur-nish \ˈfɜr-nish/ *vb* 1 : to provide with what is needed : EQUIP 2 : SUPPLY, GIVE

fur-nish-ings \-ɪŋs/ *n pl* 1 : articles or accessories of dress 2 : FURNITURE

fur-ni-ture \ˈfɜr-ni-čər/ *n* : equipment that is necessary, useful, or desirable; *esp* : movable articles (as chairs, tables, or beds) for a room

fur-ror \ˈfjʊr-,ɔr/ *n* 1 : ANGER, RAGE 2 : a contagious excitement; *esp* : a fashionable craze 3 : UPROAR

fu-rore \-,ɔr/ *n* [It] : FUROR 2, 3

fur-ri-er \ˈfɜr-ē-ər/ *n* : one who prepares or deals in fur

fur-ring \ˈfɜr-ɪŋ/ *n* : wood or metal strips applied to a wall or ceiling to form a level surface or an air space

fur-row \ˈfɜr-ō/ *n* 1 : a trench in the earth made by or as if by a plow 2 : a narrow groove or wrinkle — **furrow** *vb*

fur-ry \ˈfɜr-ē/ *adj* fur-ri-er; -est 1 : resembling or consisting of fur 2 : covered with fur

fur-ther \ˈfɜr-θər/ *adv* 1 : FARTHER 1 2 : in addition : MOREOVER 3 : to a greater extent or degree

further *vb* furthered; fur-ther-*ing* \ˈfɜrθ-(ə-)ɪŋ/ : to help forward — **fur-ther-ance** \ˈfɜrθ-(ə-)rəns/ *n*

further *adj* 1 : FARTHER 1 2 : ADDITIONAL

fur-ther-more \ˈfɜr-θə(r)-,mɔr/ *adv* : in addition to what precedes : BESIDES

fur-ther-most \-θər-,mɔst/ *adj* : most distant : FARTHEST

fur-thest \ˈfɜrθəst/ *adv* or *adj* : FARTHEST

fur-tive \ˈfɜrt-iv/ *adj* [F or L; F *furtif*, fr. L *furtivus*, fr. *furtum* theft, fr. *fur* thief] : done by stealth : SLY — **fur-tive-ly** *adv* — **fur-tive-ness** *n*

fu-ry \ˈfjʊr-ē/ *n*, *pl* **furies** 1 : violent anger : RAGE 2 : extreme fierceness or violence 3 : FRENZY

furze \ˈfɜrz/ *n* : GORSE

fuse \ˈfyʊz/ *n* 1 : a cord or cable that is set afire to ignite an explosive charge 2 *usu* **fuze** : a mechanical or electrical device for setting off the explosive charge of a projectile, bomb, or torpedo

fuse or **fuze** \ˈfyʊz/ *vb* fused or fused; fus-*ing* or fuz-*ing* : to equip with a fuse

fuse *vb* fused; fus-*ing* 1 : MELT 2 : to unite by or as if by melting together — **fus-ible** *adj*

fuse *n* : an electrical safety device having a metal wire or strip that melts and interrupts the circuit when the current becomes too strong

fu-se-lage \ˈfyʊ-sə-,lāzh-,zə-/ *n* : the central body portion of an airplane that holds the crew, passengers, and cargo

fu-sil-lade \ˈfyʊ-sə-,lād-,lād/ *n* : a number of shots fired simultaneously or in rapid succession

fu-sion \ˈfyʊ-zhən/ *n* 1 : the act or process of melting or making plastic by heat 2 : union by or as if by melting 3 : the union of light atomic nuclei to form heavier nuclei with the release of huge quantities of energy

fuss \ˈfəs/ *n* 1 : needless bustle or excitement : COMMO-TION 2 : effusive praise 3 : a state of agitation 4 : OBJEC-TION, PROTEST 5 : DISPUTE

fuss *vb* : to make a fuss

fuss-bud-get \ˈfəs-,bəj-ət/ *n* : one who fusses about trifles

fussy \ˈfəs-ē/ *adj* fuss-i-er; -est 1 : IRRITABLE 2 : requiring or giving close attention to details 3 : revealing a sometimes extreme concern for niceties : FASTIDIOUS (not ~ about food) — **fuss-i-ly** \ˈfəs-ə-lē/ *adv* — **fuss-i-ness** \-ē-nəs/ *n*

fus-tian \ˈfəs-čən/ *n* 1 : a strong cotton and linen cloth 2 : pretentious writing or speech

fus-ty \ˈfəs-tē/ *adj* fus-ti-er; -est [ME, fr. *fast* wine cask, fr. MF, club, cask, fr. L *fastis*] 1 : MUSTY 2 : OLD-FASH-IONED

fut *abbr* future

fu-tile \ˈfyüt-,l, ˈfyü-,tīl/ *adj* 1 : USELESS, VAIN 2 : FRIVO-LOUS, TRIVIAL — **fu-til-i-ty** \ˈfyü-,tīl-ət-/ *n*

fu-ture \ˈfyü-čər/ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or constituting a verb tense that expresses time yet to come 2 : coming after the present

future *n* 1 : time that is to come 2 : what is going to happen 3 : an expectation of advancement or progres-sive development 4 : the future tense; *also* : a verb form in it

fu-tur-ism \ˈfyü-čə-,riz-əm/ *n* : a modern movement in art, music, and literature that tries esp. to express the energy and activity of mechanical processes — **fu-tur-ist** \ˈfyüch-(ə-)rəst/ *n*

fu-tur-is-tic \ˈfyü-čə-,ris-tik/ *adj* : of or relating to the future or to futurism; *also* : very modern

fu-tu-ri-ty \ˈfyü-,t(ɪ)ūr-ət-/ *n*, *pl* -**ties** 1 : FUTURE 2 : the quality or state of being future 3 *pl* : future events or prospects

fuze *var* of FUSE

fuzz \ˈfəz/ *n* : fine light particles or fibers (as of down or fluff)

fuzzy \ˈfəz-ē/ *adj* fuzz-i-er; -est 1 : having or resembling fuzz 2 : INDISTINCT — **fuzz-i-ness** \ˈfəz-ē-nəs/ *n*

fwd *abbr* forward

FWD *abbr* front-wheel drive

FY *abbr* fiscal year

-**fy** \,fi/ *vb* suffix : make : form into (dandify)

FYI *abbr* for your information

\ə/abut \ə/kitten \ər/further \ə/ash \ə/ace \ə/cot, cart
 \ə/out \ch/chin \ə/bet \ə/easy \g/go \i/hit \i/ice \i/job
 \ŋ/sing \d/dgo \d/law \d/boy \th/thin \th/the \ū/loot
 \ū/foot \y/yet \zh/vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

G

¹**g** \jē\ *n*, *pl* **g's** or **gs** \jēz\ *often cap* **1** : the 7th letter of the English alphabet **2** : a unit of force equal to the force exerted by gravity on a body at rest and used to indicate the force to which a body is subjected when accelerated **3** *slang* : a sum of \$1000

²**g** *abbr*, *often cap* **1** game **2** gauge **3** good **4** gram **5** gravity
ga *abbr* gauge

¹**Ga** *abbr* Georgia

²**Ga** *symbol* gallium

GA *abbr* **1** general assembly **2** general average **3** general of the army **4** Georgia

gab \ˈgab\ *vb* **gabb**ed; **gab-bing** : to talk in a rapid or thoughtless manner : CHATTER — **gab** *n*

gab-ar-dine \ˈgab-ər-,dēn\ *n* **1** : GABERDINE **1**, **2** **2** : a firm durable twilled fabric having diagonal ribs and made of various fibers; *also* : a garment of gabardine

gab-ble \ˈgab-əl\ *vb* **gab-bled**; **gab-bling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : JABBER, BABBLE

gab-by \ˈgab-ē\ *adj* **gab-bi-er**; -**est** : TALKATIVE, GARRULOUS
gab-er-dine \ˈgab-ər-,dēn\ *n* **1** : a long coat or smock worn chiefly by Jews in medieval times **2** : an English laborer's smock **3** : GABARDINE

gab-fest \ˈgab-,fest\ *n* **1** : an informal gathering for general talk **2** : an extended conversation

gable \ˈgä-bəl\ *n* : the triangular part of the end of a building formed by the sides of the roof sloping from the ridgepole down to the eaves — **ga-bled** \-bæld\ *adj*



gable

gad \ˈgad\ *vb* **gad-ded**; **gad-ding** : to be on the go to little purpose — *usu.* used with *about* — **gad-der** *n*

gad-about \ˈgad-ə-,baʊt\ *n* : a person who flits about in social activity

gad-fly \ˈgad-,fli\ *n* **1** : a fly that bites or harasses livestock **2** : a *usu.* intentionally annoying and persistently critical person

gad-get \ˈgaj-ət\ *n* : DEVICE, CONTRIVANCE — **gad-ge-teer** \,gaj-ə-ˈtiər\ *n* — **gad-get-ry** \ˈgaj-ə-trē\ *n*

gad-o-lin-i-um \,gad-ə-ˈlɪn-ē-əm\ *n* : a magnetic metallic chemical element — *see* ELEMENT table

¹**Gael** \ˈgäl\ *n* : a Celtic inhabitant of Ireland or Scotland

²**Gael** *abbr* Gaelic

Gael-ic \ˈgä-lik\ *adj* : of or relating to the Gaels or their languages — **Gaelic** *n*

gaff \ˈgaf\ *n* **1** : a spear used in taking fish or turtles; *also* : a metal hook for holding or lifting heavy fish **2** : the spar supporting the top of a fore-and-aft sail **3** : rough treatment : ABUSE — **gaff** *vb*

gaffe \ˈgaf\ *n* : a social blunder

gaf-fer \ˈgaf-ər\ *n* : an old man

¹**gag** \ˈgag\ *vb* **gagged**; **gag-ging** **1** : to prevent from speaking or crying out by stopping up the mouth **2** : to prevent from speaking freely **3** : to retch or cause to retch **4** : OBSTRUCT, CHOKES **5** : BALK **6** : to make quips

²**gag** *n* **1** : something thrust into the mouth *esp.* to prevent speech or outcry **2** : an official check or restraint on free speech **3** : a laugh-provoking remark or act **4** : PRANK, TRICK

¹**gage** \ˈgāj\ *n* **1** : a token of defiance; *esp.* : a glove or cap cast on the ground as a pledge of combat **2** : SECURITY

²**gage** *var of* GAUGE

gag-gle \ˈgag-əl\ *n* [ME *gagyll*, fr. *gagelen* to cackle] **1** : a flock of geese **2** : GROUP, CLUSTER

gai-ety \ˈgä-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**eties** **1** : MERRYMAKING **2** : MERRIMENT **3** : FINERY

gai-ly \ˈgä-lē\ *adv* : in a gay manner

¹**gain** \ˈgān\ *n* **1** : PROFIT **2** : ACQUISITION, ACCUMULATION **3** : INCREASE

²**gain** *vb* **1** : to get possession of : EARN **2** : WIN (< a victory) **3** : ACHIEVE (< strength) **4** : to arrive at **5** : PERSUADE **6** : to increase in (< momentum) **7** : to run fast (the watch < a minute a day) **8** : PROFIT **9** : INCREASE **10** : to improve in health — **gain-er** *n*

gain-ful \ˈgān-fəl\ *adj* : PROFITABLE — **gain-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

gain-say \ˈgān-ˈsā\ *vb* -**said** \-ˈsād, -ˈsed\; -**say-ing** \-ˈsā-ɪŋ\; -**says** \-ˈsāz, -ˈsez\ [ME *gainsayen*, fr. *gain-* against + *-sayen* to say] **1** : DENY, DISPUTE **2** : to speak against — **gain-say-er** *n*

gait \ˈgāt\ *n* : manner of moving on foot; *also* : a particular pattern or style of such moving — **gait-ed** \-əd\ *adj*
gai-ter \ˈgāt-ər\ *n* **1** : a leg covering reaching from the instep to ankle, mid-calf, or knee **2** : an ankle-high shoe with elastic gores in the sides **3** : an overshoe with a fabric upper

¹**gal** \ˈgal\ *n* : GIRL

²**gal** *abbr* gallon

Gal *abbr* Galatians

ga-la \ˈgä-lə, ˈgal-ə, ˈgäl-ə\ *n* : a gay celebration : FESTIVITY — **gala** *adj*

ga-lac-tose \gə-ˈlak-,tōs\ *n* : a sugar less soluble and less sweet than glucose

Ga-la-tians \gə-ˈlā-shənz\ *n* — *see* BIBLE table

gal-axy \ˈgal-ək-sē\ *n*, *pl* -**ax-ies** [ME *galaxie*, *galaxias*, fr. LL *galaxias*, fr. Gk. fr. *galakt-*, *gala* milk] **1** *often cap* : MILKY WAY GALAXY — used with *the* **2** : a very large group of stars **3** : an assemblage of brilliant or famous persons or things — **ga-lac-tic** \gə-ˈlak-tik\ *adj*

gale \ˈgāl\ *n* **1** : a strong wind **2** : an emotional outburst (as of laughter)

ga-le-na \gə-ˈlĕ-nə\ *n* : a lustrous bluish gray mineral that consists of the sulfide of lead and is the chief ore of lead

¹**gall** \ˈgɔl\ *n* **1** : BILE **2** : something bitter to endure **3** : RANCOR **4** : IMPUDENCE

²**gall** *n* : a sore on the skin caused by chafing

³**gall** *vb* **1** : CHAFE; *esp.* : to become sore or worn by rubbing **2** : VEX, HARASS

⁴**gall** *n* : a swelling of plant tissue caused by parasites (as fungi or mites)

¹**gal-lant** \gə-ˈlānt, gə-ˈlānt, ˈgal-ənt\ *n* **1** : a young man of fashion **2** : a man who shows a marked fondness for the company of women and who is *esp.* attentive to them **3** : SUITOR

²**gal-lant** \ˈgal-ənt\ (*usual for* **2**, **3**, **4**); gə-ˈlant, gə-ˈlānt (*usual for* **5**) *adj* **1** : showy in dress or bearing : SMART **2** : SPLENDID, STATELY **3** : SPIRITED, BRAVE **4** : CHIVALROUS, NOBLE **5** : polite and attentive to women — **gal-lant-ly** *adv*

gal-lant-ry \ˈgal-ən-trē\ *n*, *pl* -**ries** **1** *archaic* : gallant appearance **2** : an act of marked courtesy **3** : courteous attention to a woman **4** : conspicuous bravery

gal-blad-der \ˈgɔl-,blad-ər\ *n* : a membranous muscular sac attached to the liver in which bile is stored

gal-le-on \ˈgal-ē-əm\ *n* : a large square-rigged sailing ship formerly used *esp.* by the Spanish

gal-le-ria \,gal-ə-ˈrē-ə\ *n* [It] : a roofed and *usu.* glass-enclosed promenade or court

gal-ler-y \ˈgæl-(ə)-rē n, pl -ler-ies 1 : an outdoor balcony; *also* : PORCH, VERANDA 2 : a long narrow room or hall; *esp* : one with windows along one side 3 : a narrow passage (as one made underground by a miner or through wood by an insect) 4 : a room where works of art are exhibited; *also* : an organization dealing in works of art 5 : a balcony in a theater, auditorium, or church; *esp* : the highest one in a theater 6 : a body of spectators (as at a tennis match) 7 : a photographer's studio — **gal-ler-ied** \-rēd\ *adj*

gal-ley \ˈgæl-ē n, pl galleys 1 : a long low ship propelled *esp.* by oars and formerly used *esp.* in the Mediterranean sea 2 : the kitchen *esp.* of a boat or airplane 3 : a tray to hold printer's type that has been set; *also* : proof from type in such a tray

Gal-lic \ˈgæl-ik\ *adj* : of or relating to Gaul or France **gal-li-mau-fry** \ˈgæl-ə-ˈmō-frē n, pl -fries [MF *galimafree* hash] : HODGEPODGE

gal-li-nule \ˈgæl-ə-n(y)(ə)l n : any of several aquatic birds related to the rails

gal-li-um \ˈgæl-ē-əm n : a rare bluish white metallic chemical element — see ELEMENT table

gal-li-vant \ˈgæl-ə-ˈvənt v b : to go roaming about for pleasure

gal-lon \ˈgæl-ən n — see WEIGHT table

gal-lop \ˈgæl-əp\ v b 1 : to go or cause to go at a gallop 2 : to run fast — **gal-lop-er** n

gallop n 1 : a springing gait of a quadruped; *esp* : a fast 3-beat gait of a horse 2 : a ride or run at a gallop

gal-lows \ˈgæl-ōz n, pl gallows or gal-lows-es : a frame usu. of two upright posts and a crosspiece from which criminals are hanged

gal-l-stone \ˈgəl-stōn n : an abnormal concretion occurring in the gallbladder or bile passages

gal-lus-es \ˈgæl-ə-səz n pl, chiefly dial : SUSPENDERS

gal-lore \ˈgə-ˈlōr\ *adj* [IrGael *go leor* enough] : ABUNDANT, PLENTIFUL

ga-losh \ˈgə-ˈlāsh n : a high overshoe

galv *abbr* galvanized

gal-va-nize \ˈgæl-və-nīz\ v b -nized; -niz-ing 1 : to stimulate as if by an electric shock 2 : to coat (iron or steel) with zinc — **gal-va-ni-za-tion** \,gæl-və-nə-ˈzā-shən n — **gal-va-niz-er** \ˈgæl-və-nī-zər n

gal-va-nom-e-ter \,gæl-və-ˈnām-ət-ər n : an instrument for detecting or measuring a small electric current

Gam-bi-an \ˈgam-bē-ən n : a native or inhabitant of **Gambia** — **Gambian** *adj*

gam-bit \ˈgam-bəl n [It *gambetto*, lit., act of tripping someone, fr. *gamba* leg] 1 : a chess opening in which a player risks one or more minor pieces to gain an advantage in position 2 : a calculated move : STRATAGEM

gam-ble \ˈgam-bəl v b **gam-bled**; **gam-bling** \-b(ə-)liŋ\ 1 : to play a game for money or other stakes 2 : SPECULATE, BET, WAGER 3 : VENTURE, HAZARD — **gam-bler** \-blər n

gamble n : a risky undertaking

gam-bol \ˈgam-bəl v b -balled or -bolled; -bol-ing or -bol-ling \-b(ə-)liŋ\ : to skip about in play : FRISK — **gambol** n **gam-brel** roof \,gam-brəl- n : a roof with a lower steeper slope and an upper flatter one on each side

game \ˈgām n 1 : AMUSEMENT, DIVERSION 2 : SPORT, FUN 3 : SCHEME, PROJECT 4 : a line of work : PROFESSION 5 : CONTEST 6 : animals hunted for sport or food; *also* : the flesh of a game animal

game v b **gamed**; **gam-ing** : to play for a stake : GAMBLE

game *adj* : PLUCKY — **game-ly** *adv* — **game-ness** n

game *adj* : LAME (a ~ leg)

game-cock \ˈgām-,kāk n : a rooster trained for fighting **game fish** n : SPORT FISH

game-keep-er \ˈgām-,kē-pər n : a person in charge of the breeding and protection of game animals or birds on a private preserve

game-some \ˈgām-səm\ *adj* : MERRY

game-ster \ˈgām-stər n : GAMBLER

gam-ete \ˈgam-,ēt n : a matured germ cell — **ga-met-ic** \gə-ˈmet-ik\ *adj*

game theory n : the analysis of a situation involving conflicting interests (as in business) in terms of gains and losses among opposing players

gam-in \ˈgam-ən\ n [F] 1 : a boy who hangs out on the streets 2 : GAMINE 2

ga-mine \ga-ˈmēn n 1 : a girl who hangs out on the streets 2 : a small playfully mischievous girl

gam-ma globulin \ˈgam-ə-ə n : a blood protein fraction rich in antibodies; *also* : a solution of this from human blood donors that is given to provide immunity against some infectious diseases (as measles)

gamma rays n pl : very penetrating radiation similar to X rays but of shorter wavelength

gam-mer \ˈgam-ər n, archaic : an old woman

gam-mon \ˈgam-ən n, chiefly Brit : a cured ham or side of bacon

gam-ut \ˈgam-ət n [ML *gamma*, lowest note of a medieval scale (fr. LL, 3d letter of the Greek alphabet) + *ut*, lowest of each series of six tones in the scale] : an entire range or series

gamy or **gam-ey** \ˈgā-mē\ *adj* **gam-i-er**; -est 1 : GAME, PLUCKY 2 : having the flavor of game *esp.* when slightly tainted (~ meat) 3 : SCANDALOUS; *also* : DISREPUTABLE — **gam-i-ness** \-mē-nəs n

gan-der \ˈgan-dər n : a male goose

gander n : LOOK, GLANCE

gang \ˈgæŋ n 1 : a set of implements or devices arranged to operate together 2 : a group of persons working or associated together; *esp* : a group of criminals or young delinquents

gang v b 1 : to attack in a gang — usu. used with *up* 2 : to form into or move or act as a gang

gang-land \ˈgæŋ-,land n : the world of organized crime

gan-gling \ˈgæŋ-ɡliŋ\ *adj* : LANKY, SPINDLING

gan-gli-on \ˈgæŋ-ɡlē-ən n, pl -glia \-glē-ə\ *also* -gli-ons : a mass of nerve cells outside the central nervous system; *also* : NUCLEUS 3 — **gan-gli-on-ic** \,gæŋ-ɡlē-ˈän-ik\ *adj*

gan-g-plank \ˈgæŋ-,plaŋk n : a movable bridge from a ship to the shore

gan-g-plow \-,plaʊ n : a plow that turns two or more furrows at one time

gan-grene \ˈgæŋ-,grēn, ɡæŋ-ˈgrēn n : the death of soft tissues in a local area of the body due to loss of the blood supply — **gangrene** v b — **gan-gre-nous** \ˈgæŋ-grē-nəs\ *adj*

gang-ster \ˈgæŋ-stər n : a member of a gang of criminals : RACKETEER

gan-g-way \ˈgæŋ-,wä n 1 : a passage into, through, or out of an enclosed place 2 : GANGPLANK

gan-net \ˈgan-ət n, pl gannets *also* gannet : any of several large fish-eating usu. white and black marine birds that breed on offshore islands

gant-let \ˈɡönt-lət\ *var* of GAUNTLET

gan-try \ˈgan-trē n, pl gantries : a frame structure on side supports over or around something

GAO *abbr* General Accounting Office

gaol \ˈjāl, ˈgaol-er \ˈjā-lər\ *chiefly Brit var* of JAIL, JAILER

gap \ˈɡæp n 1 : BREACH, CLEFT 2 : a mountain pass 3 : a blank space 4 : a wide difference in character or attitude

gape \ˈɡæp, ˈɡæp\ v b **gaped**; **gap-ing** 1 : to open the mouth wide 2 : to open or part widely 3 : to stare with mouth open 4 : YAWN — **gape** n

gar \ˈɡär n : any of several fishes that have a long body resembling that of a pike and long narrow jaws

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ä\cot, cart
\au\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ce \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ð\go \ð\law \ó\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
\ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

gar *abbr* garage**GAR** *abbr* Grand Army of the Republic**gar-age** \gə-'rāzh, -'rāj\ *n* [F] : a building for housing or repairing automobiles**garage** *vb* **ga-raged**; **ga-rag-ing** : to keep or put in a garage
garage sale *n* : a sale of used household articles held on one's own premises**garb** \gärb\ *n* 1 : style of dress 2 : outward form : APPEARANCE — **garb** *vb***gar-bage** \gärb-ij\ *n* 1 : food waste 2 : unwanted or useless material**gar-ble** \gär-bəl\ *vb* **gar-bled**; **gar-bling** \-b(ə)-liŋ\ [ME *garbelen*, fr. It *garbellare* to sift, fr. Ar *ghirbāl* sieve] : to distort the meaning or sound of (~ a story) (~ words)**gar-çon** \gär-'sō\ *n*, *pl* **garçons** \-'sō(z)\ [F, boy, waiter] : WAITER**gar-den** \gärd-'n\ *n* 1 : a plot for growing fruits, flowers, or vegetables 2 : a public recreation area; *esp* : one for displaying plants or animals**garden** *vb* **gar-dened**; **gar-den-ing** \gärd-(ə)-niŋ\ : to develop or work in a garden — **gar-den-er** \gärd-(ə)-nər\ *n*
gar-de-nia \gär-'dē-nyə\ *n* [NL, genus name, fr. Alexander Garden †1791 Scot. naturalist] : the fragrant white or yellow flower of any of a genus of trees or shrubs of the madder family; *also* : one of these trees**garden-variety** *adj* : COMMONPLACE, ORDINARY**gar-fish** \gär-'fish\ *n* : GAR**gar-gan-tuan** \gär-'ganch-(ə)-wən\ *adj*, *often cap* : of tremendous size or volume**gar-gle** \gär-gəl\ *vb* **gar-gled**; **gar-gling** \-g(ə)-liŋ\ : to rinse the throat with liquid agitated by air forced through it from the lungs — **gargle** *n***gar-goyle** \gär-'göil\ *n* 1 : a waterspout in the form of a grotesque human or animal figure projecting from the roof or eaves of a building 2 : a grotesquely carved figure**gar-ish** \gə(ə)-r-ish\ *adj* : FLASHY, GLARING, SHOWY, GAUDY**gar-land** \gär-lənd\ *n* : a wreath or rope of leaves or flowers**garland** *vb* : to form into or deck with a garland**gar-lic** \gär-lik\ *n* [ME *garlek*, fr. OE *gārleac*, fr. *gār* spear + *lēac* leek] : an herb related to the lilies and grown for its pungent bulbs used in cooking; *also* : its bulb — **gar-licky** \-li-kē\ *adj***gar-ment** \gär-mənt\ *n* : an article of clothing**gar-ner** \gär-nər\ *vb* **gar-nered**; **gar-ner-ing** \gärn-(ə)-riŋ\ 1 : to gather into storage 2 : to acquire by effort 3 : ACCUMULATE, COLLECT**gar-net** \gär-nət\ *n* [ME *grenat*, fr. MF, fr. *grenat*, *adj.*, red like a pomegranate, fr. (*pomme*) *grenate* pomegranate] : a transparent deep red mineral sometimes used as a gem**gar-nish** \gär-nish\ *vb* 1 : DECORATE, EMBELLISH 2 : to add decorative or savory touches to (food) — **garnish** *n*
gar-nish-ee \gär-nə-'shē\ *vb* -**eed**; -**ee-ing** 1 : to serve with a garnishment 2 : to take (as a debtor's wages) by legal authority**gar-nish-ment** \gär-nish-mənt\ *n* 1 : GARNISH 2 : a legal warning to the holder of property of a debtor to give it to a creditor; *also* : the attachment of such property to satisfy a creditor**gar-ni-ture** \-ni-chər, -nə-'chü(ə)r\ *n* : EMBELLISHMENT, TRIMMING**gar-ret** \gar-ət\ *n* [ME *garett* watchtower, fr. MF *gar-rite*] : the part of a house just under the roof : ATTIC
gar-ri-son \gar-ə-sən\ *n* 1 : a military post; *esp* : a permanent military installation 2 : the troops stationed at a garrison — **garrison** *vb***garrison state** *n* : a state organized on a primarily military basis**gar-rote** or **ga-rotte** \gə-'rät, -'rōt\ *n* [Sp *garrote*] 1 : a method of execution by strangling with an iron collar;*also* : the iron collar used 2 : strangulation *esp.* for the purpose of robbery; *also* : an implement for this purpose — **garrote** or **garotte** *vb***gar-ru-lous** \gar-ə-ləs\ *adj* : CHATTERING, TALKATIVE, WORDY — **gar-ru-li-ty** \gə-'rü-lət-ē\ *n* — **gar-ru-lous-ly** \gar-ə-ləs-lē\ *adv* — **gar-ru-lous-ness** *n***gar-ter** \gärt-ər\ *n* : a band or strap worn to hold up a stocking or sock**garter snake** *n* : any of numerous harmless American snakes with longitudinal stripes on the back**gas** \gas\ *n*, *pl* **gas-es** *also* **gas-es** [NL, alter. of L *chaos* space, chaos] 1 : a fluid (as hydrogen or air) that tends to expand indefinitely 2 : a gas or mixture of gases used as a fuel or anesthetic 3 : a substance that can be used to produce a poisonous, asphyxiating, or irritant atmosphere 4 : GASOLINE — **gas-cous** \-ē-əs, 'gash-əs\ *adj***gas** *vb* **gassed**; **gas-sing** 1 : to treat with gas; *also* : to poison with gas 2 : to fill with gasoline**gash** \gash\ *n* : a deep long cut — **gash** *vb***gas-ket** \gas-kət\ *n* : material (as rubber or metal) used to prevent a joint from leaking**gas-light** \gas-, lit\ *n* 1 : light made by burning illuminating gas 2 : a gas flame; *also* : a gas lighting fixture**gas mask** *n* : a mask connected to a chemical air filter and used to protect the face and lungs against poison gases**gas-o-line** *also* **gas-o-lene** \gas-ə-, lēn, 'gas-ə-'lēn\ *n* : a flammable liquid made *esp.* by blending products from natural gas and petroleum and used as a motor fuel**gasp** \gasp\ *vb* 1 : to catch the breath with emotion (as shock) 2 : to breathe laboriously : PANT 3 : to utter in a gasping manner — **gasp** *n***gas-tric** \gas-trik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or located near the stomach**gastric juice** *n* : the acid digestive secretion of the stomach**gas-tri-tis** \gas-'trīt-əs\ *n* : inflammatory disorder of the stomach**gas-tro-en-ter-ol-o-gy** \gas-trō-, ent-ə-'räl-ə-jē\ *n* : a branch of medicine dealing with the alimentary canal — **gas-tro-en-ter-ol-o-gist** \-jəst\ *n***gas-tro-in-tes-ti-nal** \gas-trō-in-'tes-tən-'l\ *adj* : of, relating to, affecting, or including both stomach and intestine**gas-tron-o-my** \gas-'trän-ə-mē\ *n* [F *gastronomie*, fr. Gk *Gastronomia*, title of a 4th cent. B.C. poem, fr. *gastēr* belly] : the art of good eating — **gas-tro-nom-ic** \gas-trə-'nām-ik\ *also* **gas-tro-nom-ic-al** \-i-kəl\ *adj***gas-tro-pod** \gas-trə-, päd\ *n* : any of a large class of mollusks (as snails, whelks, and slugs) with a muscular foot and a spiral shell or none**gas-works** \gas-, wərk\ *n* *pl* : a plant for manufacturing gas**gate** \gät\ *n* 1 : an opening for passage in a wall or fence 2 : a city or castle entrance often with defensive structures 3 : the frame or door that closes a gate 4 : a device (as a valve) for controlling the passage of a fluid or signal 5 : the total admission receipts or the number of people at an event**gate-crash-er** \gät-, krash-ər\ *n* : one who enters without paying admission or attends without invitation**gate-keep-er** \-, kē-pər\ *n* : a person who tends or guards a gate**gate-post** \gät-, pöst\ *n* : the post to which a gate is hung or the one against which it closes**gate-way** \-, wä\ *n* 1 : an opening for a gate 2 : a means of entrance or exit**gath-er** \gath-ər\ *vb* **gath-ered**; **gath-er-ing** \-(ə)-riŋ\ 1 : to bring together : COLLECT 2 : PICK, HARVEST 3 : to pick up little by little 4 : to gain or win by gradual increase : ACCUMULATE (~ speed) 5 : to summon up (~ courage to dive) 6 : to draw about or close to something 7 : to pull (fabric) along a line of stitching into puckers 8 : GUESS, DEDUCE, INFER 9 : ASSEMBLE 10 : to swell out and

: a commissioned officer of the highest rank in the marine corps — **in general** : for the most part
general assembly *n* 1 : a legislative assembly; *esp* : a U.S. state legislature 2 *cap* *G&A* : the supreme deliberative body of the United Nations
gen-er-a-lis-si-mo \jən-(ə)rə-ˈlɪs-ə-,mō/ *n*, *pl* -mos [It, fr. *generale* general] : COMMANDER IN CHIEF
gen-er-al-ity \jən-ə-ˈræl-ət-ē/ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : the quality or state of being general 2 : GENERALIZATION 2 3 : a vague or inadequate statement 4 : the greatest part : BULK
gen-er-al-iza-tion \jən-(ə)rə-lə-ˈzā-shən/ *n* 1 : the act or process of generalizing 2 : a general statement, law, principle, or proposition
gen-er-al-ize \jən-(ə)rə-ˈlɪz/ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing 1 : to make general 2 : to draw general conclusions from 3 : to reach a general conclusion *esp.* on the basis of particular instances 4 : to extend throughout the body
general of the air force : a commissioned officer of the highest rank in the air force
general of the army : a commissioned officer of the highest rank in the army
general practitioner *n* : a physician or veterinarian who does not limit his practice to a specialty
gen-er-al-ship \jən-(ə)rəl-ˈʃɪp/ *n* 1 : office or tenure of office of a general 2 : military skill as a high commander 3 : LEADERSHIP
general store *n* : a retail store that carries a wide variety of goods but is not divided into departments
gen-er-ate \jən-ə-,rāt/ *vb* -ated; -at-ing : to bring into existence : PRODUCE
gen-er-a-tion \jən-ə-ˈrā-shən/ *n* 1 : a body of living beings constituting a single step in the line of descent from an ancestor; *also* : the average period between generations 2 : PRODUCTION (~ of electric current)
gen-er-a-tive \jən-(ə)rət-iv, ˈjən-ə-,rāt-iv/ *adj* : having the power or function of generating, originating, producing, or reproducing (~ organs)
gen-er-a-tor \jən-ə-,rāt-ər/ *n* : one that generates; *esp* : a machine by which mechanical energy is changed into electrical energy
gen-er-ic \jə-ˈner-ik/ *adj* 1 : not specific : GENERAL 2 : not protected by a trademark (a ~ drug) 3 : of or relating to a genus — **generic** *n*
gen-er-ous \jən-(ə)rəs/ *adj* 1 : free in giving or sharing 2 : HIGH-MINDED, NOBLE 3 : ABUNDANT, AMPLE, COPIOUS — **gen-er-os-i-ty** \jən-ə-ˈrās-ət-ē/ *n* — **gen-er-ous-ly** \jən-(ə)rəs-lē/ *adv* — **gen-er-ous-ness** *n*
gen-e-sis \jən-ə-səs/ *n*, *pl* -eses \-,sēz/ : the origin or coming into existence of something
Gen-e-sis \jən-ə-səs/ *n* — see BIBLE table
gene-splic-ing \-,splɪ-sɪŋ/ *n* : the technique by which recombinant DNA is produced and made to function in an organism
ge-net-ic \jə-ˈnet-ik/ *adj* : of or relating to the origin, development, or causes of something; *also* : of or relating to genetics — **ge-net-ic-al-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē/ *adv*
genetic code *n* : the chemical code that is the basis of genetic inheritance and consists of triplets of three linked chemical groups which specify particular kinds of amino acids used to make proteins or which start or stop the process of making proteins
genetic engineering *n* : the directed alteration of genetic material by intervention in genetic processes; *esp* : GENE-SPLICING
ge-net-ics \jə-ˈnet-iks/ *n* : a branch of biology dealing with heredity and variation — **ge-net-ic-ist** \-ˈnet-ə-səst/ *n*
ge-nial \jē-nyə/ *adj* 1 : favorable to growth or comfort (~ sunshine) 2 : CHEERFUL, KINDLY (a ~ host) — **ge-nial-i-ty** \jē-nē-ˈal-ət-ē, jē-n-ˈyal-/ *n* — **ge-nial-ly** \jē-nyə-lē/ *adv*
-gen-ic \jən-ik/ *adj comb form* 1 : producing : forming 2 : produced by : formed from 3 : suitable for production or reproduction by (such) a medium

ge-nie \jē-nē/ *n*, *pl* **ge-nies** *also* **ge-nii** \jē-nē-,ī/ [F *génie*, fr. Ar *jinnīy*] : a supernatural spirit that often takes human form
gen-i-tal \jən-ə-təl/ *adj* 1 : concerned with reproduction (~ organs) 2 : of, relating to, or characterized by the stage of psychosexual development in which oral and anal impulses are subordinated to adaptive interpersonal mechanisms — **gen-i-tal-ly** \-tə-lē/ *adv*
gen-i-ta-lia \jən-ə-ˈtāl-yə/ *n pl* : reproductive organs; *esp* : the external genital organs — **gen-i-ta-lic** \-təl-ik, -ˈtāl-/ *adj*
gen-i-tals \jən-ə-tɪz/ *n pl* : GENITALIA
gen-i-tive \jən-ət-iv/ *adj* : of, relating to, or constituting a grammatical case marking typically a relationship of possessor or source — **genitive** *n*
gen-i-to-uri-nary \jən-ə-tō-ˈyūr-ə-,ner-ē/ *adj* : of or relating to the genital and urinary organs or functions
ge-nius \jē-nyəs/ *n*, *pl* **ge-nius-es** or **ge-nii** \-nē-,ī/ [L, tutelary spirit, fondness for social enjoyment, fr. *gignere* to beget] 1 *pl* **genii** : an attendant spirit of a person or place; *also* : a person who influences another for good or evil 2 : a strong leaning or inclination 3 : a peculiar or distinctive character or spirit (as of a nation or a language) 4 *pl* **usui genii** : SPIRIT, GENIE 5 : a single strongly marked capacity or aptitude 6 : extraordinary intellectual power; *also* : a person having such power
genl *abbr* general
geno-cide \jən-ə-,sɪd/ *n* : the deliberate and systematic destruction of a racial, political, or cultural group
-ge-nous \jə-nəs/ *adj comb form* 1 : producing : yielding 2 : having (such) an origin
genre \zhān-r, ˈzhā-, ˈzhā-(ə)r/ *n* 1 : a distinctive type or category *esp.* of literary composition 2 : a style of painting in which everyday subjects are treated realistically
gens \jenz, ˈgens/ *n*, *pl* **gen-tes** \jən-,tēz, ˈgen-,tās/ : a Roman clan embracing the families of the same stock in the male line
gent *n* : GENTLEMAN
gen-teel \jən-ˈtēl/ *adj* 1 : ARISTOCRATIC 2 : ELEGANT, STYLISH 3 : POLITE, REFINED 4 : maintaining the appearance of superior or middle-class social status 5 : marked by false delicacy, prudery, or affectation
gen-tian \jən-çən/ *n* : any of numerous herbs with opposite leaves and showy usu. blue flowers in the fall
gen-tile \jən-,tɪl/ *n* [LL *gentilis* heathen, pagan, lit., belonging to the nations, fr. L *gent-, gens* family, clan, nation] 1 *often cap* : a person who is not Jewish 2 : HEATHEN, PAGAN — **gentile** *adj*, *often cap*
gen-til-i-ty \jən-ˈtɪl-ət-ē/ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : good birth and family 2 : the qualities characteristic of a well-bred person 3 : good manners 4 : maintenance of the appearance of superior or middle-class social status
1gent-le \jənt-əl/ *adj* **gen-tler** \jənt-(ə-)lər/; **gen-tlest** \jənt-(ə-)ləst/ 1 : belonging to a family of high social station 2 : of, relating to, or characteristic of a gentleman 3 : KIND, AMIABLE 4 : TRACTABLE, DOCILE 5 : not harsh, stern, or violent 6 : SOFT, DELICATE 7 : MODERATE — **gen-tly** \jənt-lē/ *adv*
2gent-le *vb* **gen-tled**; **gen-tling** \jənt-(ə-)lɪŋ/ 1 : to make mild, docile, soft, or moderate 2 : MOLLIFY, PLACATE
gen-tle-folk \jənt-əl-,fōk/ *also* **gen-tle-folks** \-,fōks/ *n* : persons of good family and breeding
gen-tle-man \jənt-əl-mən/ *n* 1 : a man of good family 2 : a well-bred man 3 : MAN — used in pl. as a form of address — **gen-tle-man-ly** *adj*
gen-tle-wom-an \jənt-əl-,wʊm-ən/ *n* 1 : a woman of good family 2 : a woman attending a lady of rank 3 : a woman with very good manners : LADY
gen-tri-fi-ca-tion \jən-trə-fə-ˈkā-shən/ *n* : the immigration of middle-class people into a run-down or recently renewed city area — **gen-tri-fy** \jən-trə-fɪ/ *vb*
gen-try \jən-trē/ *n*, *pl* **gentries** 1 : people of good birth,

breeding, and education : **ARISTOCRACY** 2 : the class of English people between the nobility and the yeomanry
3 : PEOPLE; *esp* : persons of a designated class
gen-u-flect \ˈjɛn-yə-ˈflek-t\ *vb* : to bend the knee *esp.* in worship — **gen-u-flection** \ˈjɛn-yə-ˈflek-shən\ *n*
gen-u-ine \ˈjɛn-yə-wən\ *adj* 1 : AUTHENTIC, REAL 2 : SINCERE, HONEST — **gen-u-ine-ly** *adv* — **gen-u-ine-ness** \-wən-(n)əs\ *n*
ge-nus \ˈjɛ-nəs\ *n*, *pl* **gen-era** \ˈjɛn-ə-rə\ [L, birth, race, kind] : a category of biological classification that ranks between the family and the species and contains related species
geo-cen-tric \ˈjɛ-ō-ˈsen-trik\ *adj* 1 : relating to or measured from the earth's center 2 : having or relating to the earth as a center
geo-chem-is-try \ˈkɛm-ə-strē\ *n* : a branch of geology that deals with the chemical composition of and chemical changes in the earth — **geo-chem-i-cal** \ˈkɛm-i-kəl\ *adj* — **geo-chem-ist** \ˈkɛm-əst\ *n*
ge-ode \ˈjɛ-ōd\ *n* : a nodule of stone having a cavity lined with mineral matter
1 **ge-o-de-sic** \ˈjɛ-ə-ˈdes-ik\ *adj* : made of a framework of light straight-sided polygons in tension (a ~ dome)
2 **geodesic** *n* : the shortest line between two points on a surface
ge-od-es-y \ˈjɛ-əd-ə-sē\ *n* : a branch of applied mathematics that determines the exact positions of points and the figures and areas of large portions of the earth's surface, the shape and size of the earth, and the variations of terrestrial gravity and magnetism — **geo-det-ic** \ˈjɛ-ə-ˈdet-ik\ *adj*
geodetic survey *n* : a survey of a large land area in which corrections are made for the curving of the earth's surface
geog *abbr* geographic; geographical; geography
ge-og-ra-phy \ˈjɛ-ˈäg-rə-fē\ *n*, *pl* **-phies** 1 : a science that deals with the natural features of the earth and the climate; products, and inhabitants 2 : the natural features of a region — **ge-og-ra-pher** \-fər\ *n* — **geo-graph-ic** \ˈjɛ-ə-ˈgräf-ik\ *or* **geo-graph-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **geo-graph-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
geol *abbr* geologic; geological; geology
ge-o-l-o-g-y \ˈjɛ-ˈäl-ə-jē\ *n*, *pl* **-gies** 1 : a science that deals with the history of the earth and its life *esp.* as recorded in rocks; *also* : a study of the solid matter of a celestial body (as the moon) 2 : the geologic features of an area — **ge-o-log-ic** \ˈjɛ-ə-ˈläj-ik\ *or* **ge-o-log-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **ge-o-log-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **ge-o-l-o-gist** \ˈjɛ-ˈäl-ə-jəst\ *n*
geom *abbr* geometric; geometrical; geometry
geo-mag-net-ic \ˈjɛ-ō-mag-ˈnet-ik\ *adj* : of or relating to the magnetism of the earth — **geo-mag-ne-tism** \-ˈmag-nə-ˈtiz-əm\ *n*
geometric mean *n* : the *n*th root of the product of *n* numbers; *esp* : a number that is the second term of three consecutive terms of a geometric progression (the *geometric mean* of 9 and 4 is 6)
geometric progression *n* : a progression (as 1, 1/2, 1/4) in which the ratio of a term to its predecessor is always the same
ge-om-e-try \ˈjɛ-ˈäm-ə-trē\ *n*, *pl* **-tries** : a branch of mathematics dealing with the relations, properties, and measurements of solids, surfaces, lines, points, and angles — **ge-om-e-ter** \ˈäm-ət-ər\ *n* — **ge-o-met-ric** \ˈjɛ-ə-ˈme-trik\ *or* **ge-o-met-ri-cal** \-tri-kəl\ *adj*
geo-phys-ics \ˈjɛ-ə-ˈfiz-iks\ *n* : the physics of the earth — **geo-phys-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **geo-phys-ic-ist** \ˈfiz-ə-səst\ *n*
geo-pol-i-tics \ˈpäl-ə-ˈtik-s\ *n* : a combination of political and geographic factors relating to a state
geo-ther-mal \ˈthər-məl\ *also* **geo-ther-mic** \-mik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or using the heat of the earth's interior
ger *abbr* gerund
Ger *abbr* German; Germany

ge-ra-ni-um \ˈjə-ˈrā-nē-əm\ *n* [L, fr. Gk *geranion*, fr. *geranos* crane] 1 : any of a genus of herbs with usu. deeply cut leaves and pink, purple, or white flowers followed by long slender dry fruits 2 : any of a genus of herbs of the same family as the geraniums that have clusters of scarlet, pink, or white flowers with the sepals joined at the base into a hollow tube closed at one end
ger-bil *also* **ger-bile** \ˈjər-bəl\ *n* : any of numerous Old World burrowing desert rodents with long hind legs
ge-ri-at-ric \ˈjɛr-ē-ˈa-trik\ *adj* : of or relating to aging, the aged, or geriatrics
ge-ri-at-rics \-ˈtriks\ *n* : a branch of medicine dealing with the problems and diseases of old age and aging
germ \ˈjərm\ *n* 1 : a bit of living matter capable of growth and development (as into an organism) 2 : SOURCE, RUDIMENTS 3 : MICROORGANISM; *esp* : one causing disease
Ger-man \ˈjər-mən\ *n* 1 : a native or inhabitant of Germany 2 : the language of Germany, Austria, and parts of Switzerland — **German** *adj* — **Ger-man-ic** \ˈjər-ˈman-ik\ *adj*
ger-mane \ˈjər-ˈmān\ *adj* [ME *germain*, lit., having the same parents, fr. MF] : RELEVANT, PERTINENT
ger-ma-ni-um \ˈjər-ˈmā-nē-əm\ *n* : a grayish white hard chemical element used as a semiconductor — see ELEMENT table
German measles *n* *sing* *or* *pl* : an acute contagious virus disease milder than typical measles but damaging to the fetus when occurring early in pregnancy
German shepherd *n* : an intelligent responsive working dog often used in police work and as a guide dog for the blind
germ cell *n* : an egg or sperm or one of their antecedent cells
ger-mi-cide \ˈjər-mə-ˈsɪd\ *n* : an agent that destroys germs — **ger-mi-cid-al** \ˈjər-mə-ˈsɪd-əl\ *adj*
ger-mi-nal \ˈjərm-(ə)-nəl\ *adj* : of or relating to a germ or germ cell; *also* : EMBRYONIC
ger-mi-nate \ˈjər-mə-ˈnāt\ *vb* **-nat-ed**; **-nat-ing** 1 : to begin to develop : SPROUT 2 : to come into being : EVOLVE — **ger-mi-na-tion** \ˈjər-mə-ˈnā-shən\ *n*
ger-on-tol-o-gy \ˈjɛr-ən-ˈtäl-ə-jē\ *n* : a scientific study of aging and the problems of the aged — **ge-ron-to-log-i-cal** \ˈjə-ränt-əl-ˈäj-i-kəl\ *adj* — **ger-on-tol-o-gist** \ˈjɛr-ən-ˈtäl-ə-jəst\ *n*
ger-ry-man-der \ˈjɛr-ē-ˈman-dər\ *vb* **-man-dered**; **-man-der-ing** \-d(ə)-rɪŋ\ : to divide into election districts so as to give one political party an advantage — **gerry-mander** *n*
ger-und \ˈjɛr-ənd\ *n* : a word having the characteristics of both verb and noun
ge-sta-po \ˈgə-ˈstäp-ō\ *n*, *pl* **-pos** [G, fr. *Geheime Staatspolizei*, lit., secret state police] : a secret-police organization operating *esp.* against suspected political criminals
ges-ta-tion \ˈjɛ-ˈstā-shən\ *n* : PREGNANCY, INCUBATION — **ges-tate** \ˈjes-, ˈtāt\ *vb*
ges-tic-u-late \ˈjɛ-ˈstik-yə-, ˈlāt\ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** : to make gestures *esp.* when speaking — **ges-tic-u-la-tion** \-ˈstik-yə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*
ges-ture \ˈjes-ʃər\ *n* 1 : a movement usu. of the body or limbs that expresses or emphasizes an idea, sentiment, or attitude 2 : something said or done by way of formality or courtesy, as a symbol or token, or for its effect on the attitudes of others — **ges-tur-al** \-ʃə-rəl\ *adj* — **gesture** *vb*
ge-sund-heit \gə-ˈzunt-, hīt\ *interj* [G, lit., health] — used to wish good health *esp.* to one who has just sneezed
1 **get** \ˈget\ *vb* **got** \ˈgät\; **got** *or* **got-ten** \ˈgät-ən\; **get-ting** 1

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈash \əˈace \äˈcot, cart
 \äʊˈout \chˈchin \əˈbet \ēˈeasy \gəˈgo \iˈhit \iˈice \jˈjob
 \jʊˈsing \əˈgo \əˈlaw \əiˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \üˈloot
 \üˈfoot \yˈyet \zhˈvision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

: to gain possession of (as by receiving, acquiring, earning, buying, or winning) : PROCURE, OBTAIN, FETCH **2** : to succeed in coming or going (*got* home early) **3** : to cause to come or go (*got* the car to the station) **4** : BEGET **5** : to cause to be in a certain condition or position (don't ~ wet) **6** : BECOME (~ sick) **7** : PREPARE **8** : SEIZE **9** : to move emotionally; *also* : IRRITATE **10** : BAFFLE, PUZZLE **11** : HIT **12** : KILL **13** : to be subjected to (~ the measles) **14** : to receive as punishment **15** : to find out by calculation **16** : HEAR; *also* : UNDERSTAND **17** : PERSUADE, INDUCE **18** : HAVE (he's *got* no money) **19** : to have as an obligation or necessity (he has *got* to come) **20** : to establish communication with **21** : to be able : CONTRIVE, MANAGE **22** : to leave at once

²**get** \ˈɡet/ *n* : OFFSPRING, PROGENY

get along *vb* **1** : GET BY **2** : to be on friendly terms

get-away \ˈɡet-ə-, wə/ *n* **1** : START **2** : ESCAPE

get by *vb* : to meet one's needs

get-to-geth-er \ˈɡet-tə-, ɡeth-ər/ *n* : an informal social gathering

get-up \ˈɡet-əp/ *n* **1** : general composition or structure **2** : OUTFIT, COSTUME

gew-gaw \ˈɡy(ü)-, ɡō/ *n* : a showy trifle : BAUBLE, TRINKET
gey-ser \ˈgi-zər/ *n* [Icelandic *geysir* gusher] : a spring that intermittently shoots up hot water and steam

Gha-na-ian \gə-ˈnā-(y)ən/ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Ghana — **Ghanaian** *adj*

ghast-ly \ˈɡast-lē/ *adj* **ghast-li-er**; -**est** **1** : HORRIBLE, SHOCKING **2** : resembling a ghost : DEATHLIKE, PALE *syn* gruesome, grim, lurid, grisly, macabre

ghat \ˈɡot/ *n* [Hindi] : a broad flight of steps that is situated on an Indian riverbank and provides access to the water

gher-kin \ˈɡər-kən/ *n* : a small young cucumber used to make pickles; *also* : a small prickly fruit of a vine related to the cucumber used for the same purpose

ghet-to \ˈɡet-ō/ *n, pl* **ghettos** or **ghettoes** : a quarter of a city in which members of a minority group live because of social, legal, or economic pressure

¹**ghost** \ˈɡöst/ *n* **1** : the seat of life : SOUL **2** : a disembodied soul; *esp* : the soul of a dead person believed to be an inhabitant of the unseen world or to appear in bodily form to living people **3** : SPIRIT, DEMON **4** : a faint trace (a ~ of a smile) **5** : a false image in a photographic negative or on a television screen — **ghost-ly** *adv*

²**ghost** *vb* : GHOSTWRITE

ghost-write \-, rīt/ *vb* -**wrote** \-, rōt/, -**writ-ten** \-, rit-ˈn/ : to write for and in the name of another — **ghost-writ-er** *n*
ghoul \ˈɡül/ *n* [Ar *ghūl*] : a legendary evil being that robs graves and feeds on corpses — **ghoul-ish** *adj*

GHQ *abbr* general headquarters

gi *abbr* gill

¹**GI** \ˈ(ɔ)jē-ɪ/ *adj* [galvanized iron; fr. *abbr.* used in listing such articles as garbage cans, but taken as *abbr.* for government issue] **1** : provided by an official U.S. military supply department (~ shoes) **2** : of, relating to, or characteristic of U.S. military personnel **3** : conforming to military regulations or customs (a ~ haircut)

²**GI** *n, pl* **GI's** or **GIs** \-ɪz/ : a member or former member of the U.S. armed forces; *esp* : an enlisted man

³**GI** *abbr* **1** galvanized iron **2** gastrointestinal **3** general issue **4** government issue

gi-ant \ˈji-ənt/ *n* **1** : a huge legendary manlike being of great strength **2** : a living being or thing of extraordinary size or powers — **giant** *adj*

gi-ant-ess \-əs/ *n* : a female giant

gib-ber \ˈjib-ər/ *vb* **gib-bered**; **gib-ber-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ/ : to speak rapidly, inarticulately, and often foolishly
gib-ber-ish \ˈjib-(ə-)rɪʃ/ *n* : unintelligible or confused speech or language

¹**gib-bet** \ˈjib-ət/ *n* : GALLOWS

²**gibbet** *vb* **1** : to hang on a gibbet **2** : to expose to public scorn **3** : to execute by hanging

gib-bon \ˈɡib-ən/ *n* : any of several tailless apes of southeastern Asia and the East Indies

gib-bous \ˈjib-əs, ˈɡib-/ *adj* **1** : convexly rounded in form : PROTUBERANT **2** : seen with more than half but not all of the apparent disk illuminated (~ moon) **3** : having a hump : HUMPBACKED

gibe \ˈjib/ *vb* **gibed**; **gib-ing** : to utter taunting words : SNEER — **gibe** *n*

gib-lets \ˈjib-ləts/ *n pl* : the edible viscera of a fowl

Gib-son \ˈɡib-sən/ *n* : a martini with a small onion

gid-dy \ˈgid-ē/ *adj* **gid-di-er**; -**est** **1** : DIZZY **2** : causing dizziness **3** : not serious : FRIVOLOUS, SILLY — **gid-diness** \ˈgid-ē-nəs/ *n*

gift \ˈɡɪft/ *n* **1** : a special ability : TALENT **2** : something given : PRESENT **3** : the act or power of giving

gift-ed \ˈɡɪf-təd/ *adj* : TALENTED

¹**gig** \ˈɡɪg/ *n* **1** : a long light ship's boat **2** : a light 2-wheeled one-horse carriage

²**gig** *n* : a pronged spear for catching fish — **gig** *vb*

³**gig** *n* : JOB; *esp* : an entertainer's engagement for a specified time

⁴**gig** *n* : a military demerit — **gig** *vb*

gi-gan-tic \ˈji-ˈɡant-ik/ *adj* : resembling a giant : IMMENSE, HUGE

gig-gle \ˈɡig-əl/ *vb* **gig-gled**; **gig-gling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ/ : to laugh with repeated short catches of the breath — **giggle** *n* — **gig-gly** \-(ə-)lē/ *adj*

GIGO *abbr* garbage in, garbage out

gig-o-lo \ˈjig-ə-, lō/ *n, pl* -**los** **1** : a man supported by a woman usu. in return for his attentions **2** : a professional dancing partner or male escort

Gi-la monster \ˈhi-lə-/ *n* : a large orange and black venomous lizard of the southwestern U.S.



Gila monster

¹**gild** \ˈɡɪld/ *vb* **gild-ed** \ˈɡɪl-dəd/ or **gilt** \ˈɡɪlt/; **gild-ing** **1** : to overlay with or as if with a thin covering of gold **2** : to give an attractive but often deceptive outward appearance to — **gild-ing** *n*

²**gild** *var of* GUILD

¹**gill** \ˈjɪl/ *n* — see WEIGHT table

²**gill** \ˈɡɪl/ *n* : an organ (as of a fish) for obtaining oxygen from water

¹**gilt** \ˈɡɪlt/ *adj* : of the color of gold

²**gilt** *n* : gold or a substance resembling gold laid on the surface of an object

³**gilt** *n* : a young female swine

gim-crack \ˈjim-i-krak/ *n* : a showy object of little use or value

gim-let \ˈɡim-lət/ *n* : a small tool with screw point and cross handle for boring

gim-mick \ˈɡim-ɪk/ *n* **1** : CONTRIVANCE, GADGET **2** : an important feature that is not immediately apparent : CATCH **3** : a new and ingenious scheme — **gim-micky** \-i-kē/ *adj*

gim-mick-ry \ˈɡim-i-krē/ *n, pl* -**ries** : an array of or the use of gimmicks

gimpy \ˈɡim-pē/ *adj* : CRIPPLED, LAME

¹**gin** \ˈjɪn/ *n* [ME *gin*, modif. of OF *engin*] **1** : TRAP, SNARE **2** : a machine to separate seeds from cotton — **gin** *vb*

²**gin** \ˈjɪn/ *n* [by shortening & alter. fr. *geneva*] : a liquor distilled from a grain mash and flavored with juniper berries

gin-ger \ˈjɪn-jər/ *n* : the pungent aromatic rootstock of a

tropical plant used esp. as a spice and in medicine; *also* : the spice or the plant

ginger ale *n* : a carbonated soft drink flavored with ginger

gin-ger-bread \ˈjɪn-jər-,brəd\ *n* 1 : a cake made with molasses and flavored with ginger 2 : tawdry, gaudy, or superfluous ornament

gin-ger-ly \ˈjɪn-jər-lē\ *adj* : very cautious or careful — *gingerly adv*

gin-ger-snap \-,snaɪp\ *n* : a thin brittle molasses cookie flavored with ginger

ging-ham \ˈɡɪŋ-əm\ *n* : a clothing fabric usu. of yarn-dyed cotton in plain weave

gin-gi-vi-tis \ˌjɪn-jə-ˈvɪt-əs\ *n* : inflammation of the gums

gink-go *also* **ging-ko** \ˈɡɪŋ-(ɪ)kō\ *n, pl* **ginkgoes** or **ginkgos** : a tree of eastern China with fan-shaped leaves often grown as a shade tree

gin-seng \ˈjɪn-,sɛŋ\ *n* : an aromatic root of a Chinese or No. American herb used esp. in Oriental medicine; *also* : one of these herbs

Gipsy *var of* **GYPSY**

gi-raffe \jə-ˈraf\ *n, pl* **giraffes** [It *giraffa*, fr. Ar *zīrāfah*] : an African ruminant mammal with an extraordinarily long neck

gird \ˈɡɜrd\ *vb* **gird-ed** \ˈɡɜrd-əd\ or **girt** \ˈɡɜrt\; **gird-ing** 1 : to encircle or fasten with or as if with a belt : **GIRDLE** (◊ on a sword) 2 : to clothe or invest esp. with power or authority 3 : **PREPARE**, **BRACE**

gird-er \ˈɡɜrd-ər\ *n* : a horizontal main supporting beam

girl-dle \ˈɡɜrd-əl\ *n* 1 : something (as a belt or sash) that encircles or confines 2 : a woman's supporting undergarment that extends from the waist to below the hips — **girdle** *vb*

girl \ˈɡɜrl\ *n* 1 : a female child 2 : a typically young woman 3 : a female servant or employee 4 : **SWEET-HEART** — **girl-hood** \-,hʊd\ *n* — **girl-ish** *adj*

girl Friday *n* : a female assistant (as in an office) entrusted with a wide variety of tasks

girlfriend *n* 1 : a female friend 2 : a frequent or regular female companion of a boy or man

Girl Scout *n* : a member of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America

girth \ˈɡɜrθ\ *n* 1 : a band around an animal by which something (as a saddle) may be fastened on its back 2 : a measure around something

gist \ˈdʒɪst\ *n* [MF, it lies, fr. *gesir* to lie, fr. L *jacēre*] : the main point of a matter

give \ˈɡɪv\ *vb* **gave** \ˈɡæv\; **giv-en** \ˈɡɪv-ən\; **giv-ing** 1 : to make a present of 2 : to bestow by formal action 3 : to accord or yield to another 4 : to put into the possession or keeping of another 5 : **PROFFER** 6 : **DELIVER**; *esp* : to deliver in exchange 7 : **PAY** 8 : to present in public performance or to view 9 : **PROVIDE** 10 : **ATTRIBUTE** 11 : to make, form, or yield as a product or result (cows ◊ milk) 12 : to deliver by some bodily action (*gave me a push*) 13 : **UTTER**, **PRONOUNCE** 14 : **DEVOTE** 15 : to cause to have or receive 16 : **CONTRIBUTE**, **DONATE** 17 : to yield to force, strain, or pressure

give *n* 1 : capacity or tendency to yield to force or strain 2 : the quality or state of being springy

give-and-take \ˌɡɪv-ən-ˈtāk\ *n* : an exchange (as of remarks or ideas) esp. on fair or equal terms

give-away \ˈɡɪv-ə-,wə\ *n* 1 : an unintentional revelation or betrayal 2 : something given away free; *esp* : **PREMIUM**

give in *vb* : **SUBMIT**, **SURRENDER**

giv-en \ˈɡɪv-ən\ *adj* 1 : **DISPOSED**, **INCLINED** (◊ to swearing) 2 : **SPECIFIED**, **FIXED** (at a ◊ time) 3 : granted as true : **ASSUMED**

given name *n* : a name that precedes one's surname

give out *vb* 1 : **EMIT** 2 : to become exhausted : **COLLAPSE** 3 : **BREAK DOWN**

give up *vb* 1 : **SURRENDER** 2 : to abandon (oneself) to a feeling, influence, or activity 3 : **QUIT**

giz-mo or **gis-mo** \ˈɡɪz-mō\ *n, pl* **gizmos** or **gismos** : **GADGET**

giz-zard \ˈɡɪz-ərd\ *n* : a muscular usu. horny-lined enlargement of the alimentary canal of a bird used for churning and grinding up food

gla-brous \ˈglā-brəs\ *adj* : **SMOOTH**; *esp* : having a surface without hairs or projections (a ◊ leaf)

gla-cial \ˈglā-shəl\ *adj* 1 : extremely cold 2 : of or relating to glaciers 3 : being or relating to a past period of time when a large part of the earth was covered by glaciers 4 *cap* : **PLEISTOCENE** — **gla-cial-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

gla-ci-ate \ˈglā-shē-,āt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** 1 : to subject to glacial action 2 : to produce glacial effects in or on — **gla-ci-a-tion** \ˈglā-s(h)ē-ˈā-shən\ *n*

gla-cier \ˈglā-shər\ *n* : a large body of ice moving slowly down a slope or spreading outward on a land surface

glad \ˈɡlād\ *adj* **glad-der**; **glad-dest** 1 : experiencing pleasure, joy, or delight 2 : **PLEASED** 3 : very willing 4 : **PLEASANT**, **JOYFUL** 5 : **CHEERFUL** — **glad-ly** *adv* — **glad-ness** *n*

glad *n* : **GLADIOLUS**

glad-den \ˈɡlād-ən\ *vb* : to make glad

glade \ˈɡlād\ *n* : a grassy open space surrounded by woods

glad-i-a-tor \ˈɡlād-ē-,āt-ər\ *n* 1 : a person engaged in a fight to the death for public entertainment in ancient Rome 2 : a person engaging in a fierce fight or controversy — **glad-i-a-to-ri-al** \ˈglād-ē-ə-ˈtōr-ē-əl\ *adj*

glad-i-o-lus \ˈglād-ē-ˈō-ləs\ *n, pl* **-li** \-(ɪ)lē-,ˌlɪ\ [L, fr. dim. of *gladius* sword] : any of a genus of chiefly African plants related to the irises and having erect sword-shaped leaves and stalks of brilliantly colored flowers

glad-some \ˈɡlād-səm\ *adj* : giving or showing joy : **CHEERFUL**

glad-stone \ˈɡlād-,stōn\ *n, often cap* : a traveling bag with flexible sides on a rigid frame that opens flat into two compartments

glam-or-ize *also* **glam-our-ize** \ˈɡlam-ə-,rɪz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to make or look upon as glamorous

glam-our or **glam-or** \ˈɡlam-ər\ *n* [Sc *glamour*, alter. of E *grammar*; fr. the popular association of erudition with occult practices] : an exciting and often illusory and romantic attractiveness; *esp* : alluring personal attraction — **glam-or-ous** *also* **glam-our-ous** \-(ə-)rəs\ *adj*

glance \ˈɡlɑns\ *vb* **glanced**; **glanc-ing** 1 : to strike and fly off to one side 2 : **GLEAM** 3 : to give a quick look

glance *n* 1 : a quick intermittent flash or gleam 2 : a glancing impact or blow 3 : a quick look

gland \ˈɡlænd\ *n* : a cell or group of cells that prepares and secretes a substance (as saliva or sweat) for further use in or discharge from the body — **glan-du-lar** \ˈɡlan-jə-lər\ *adj*

glans \ˈɡlanz\ *n, pl* **glan-des** \ˈɡlan-dēz\ [L, lit., acorn] : a conical vascular body forming the extremity of the penis or clitoris

glare \ˈɡlaər\ *vb* **glared**; **glar-ing** 1 : to shine with a harsh dazzling light 2 : to stare fiercely or angrily — **glar-ing** \ˈɡla(ə)r-ɪŋ\ *adj* — **glar-ingly** *adv*

glare *n* 1 : a harsh dazzling light 2 : an angry or fierce stare

glass \ˈɡlas\ *n* 1 : a hard brittle usu. transparent or translucent substance made by melting sand and other materials and cooling to hardness 2 : something made of glass 3 *pl* : a pair of lenses used to correct defects of vision : **SPECTACLES** 4 : the quantity held by a glass — **glass** *adj* — **glass-ful** \-,fʊl\ *n* — **glass-ware** \-,wəər\ *n* — **glassy** *adj*

glass-blow-ing \-,blō-ɪŋ\ *n* : the art of shaping a mass of

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \θ\toot
 \ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

glass that has been softened by heat by blowing air into it through a tube — **glass-blow-er** \-ˌblō-(ə)r\ *n*

glau-co-ma \ˈglau-ˈkō-mə, glō-ˈ\ *n* : a disease of the eye marked by increased pressure within the eyeball resulting in damage to the retina and gradual loss of vision

glaze \ˈglāz\ *vb* **glazed**; **glaz-ing** **1** : to furnish (as a window frame) with glass **2** : to apply glaze to

glaze *n* : a glassy coating or surface

glazier \ˈglā-zhər\ *n* : a person who sets glass in window frames

gleam \ˈglēm\ *n* **1** : a transient subdued or partly obscured light **2** : GLINT **3** : a faint trace (a ~ of hope)

gleam *vb* **1** : to shine with subdued light or moderate brightness **2** : to appear briefly or faintly

glean \ˈglēm\ *vb* **1** : to gather grain left by reapers **2** : to collect little by little or with patient effort — **glean-able** *adj* — **glean-er** *n*

glean-ings \ˈglē-nīŋz\ *n pl* : things acquired by gleaning

glee \ˈglē\ *n* [ME, fr. OE *glēo* entertainment, music] **1** : JOY, HILARITY **2** : an unaccompanied song for three or more solo usu. male voices — **glee-ful** *adj*

glee club *n* : a chorus organized for singing usu. short choral pieces

glen \ˈglen\ *n* : a secluded narrow valley

glen-gar-ry \ˈglen-ˈgar-ē\ *n, pl -ries* often *cap* : a woolen cap of Scottish origin

glib \ˈglīb\ *adj* **glib-ber**; **glib-best** : speaking or spoken with careless ease — **glib-ly** *adv*

glide \ˈglīd\ *vb* **glid-ed**; **glid-ing** **1** : to move smoothly and effortlessly **2** : to descend gradually without engine power (~ in an airplane) — **glide** *n*

glid-er \ˈglīd-ər\ *n* **1** : one that glides **2** : an aircraft resembling an airplane but having no engine **3** : a porch seat suspended from an upright framework by short chains or straps

glim-mer \ˈglīm-ər\ *vb* **glim-mered**; **glim-mer-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to shine faintly or unsteadily

glimmer *n* **1** : a faint unsteady light **2** : INKLING **3** : a small amount : BIT

glimpse \ˈglɪmps\ *vb* **glimpsed**; **glimps-ing** : to take a brief look : see momentarily or incompletely

glimpse *n* **1** : a faint idea : GLIMMER **2** : a short hurried look

glint \ˈglɪnt\ *vb* **1** : to shine by reflection : SPARKLE, GLITTER, GLEAM **2** : to appear briefly or faintly — **glint** *n*

glis-san-do \ˈgli-ˈsän-(ˌ)ˈdō\ *n, pl -di* \-(ˌ)dē\ or *-dos* : a rapid sliding up or down the musical scale

glis-ten \ˈglɪs-ən\ *vb* **glis-tened**; **glis-ten-ing** \ˈglɪs-(ə-)nɪŋ\ : to shine by reflection with a soft luster or sparkle

glister *n* : GLITTER, SPARKLE

glis-ter \ˈglɪs-tər\ *vb* : GLITTER

glitch \ˈɡlɪtʃ\ *n* : MALFUNCTION; *also* : SNAG **2**

glit-ter \ˈglɪt-ər\ *vb* **1** : to shine with brilliant or metallic luster : SPARKLE **2** : to shine with strong emotion : FLASH (eyes ~ing in anger) **3** : to be brilliantly attractive esp. in a superficial way

glitter *n* **1** : sparkling brilliancy, showiness, or attractiveness **2** : small glittering objects used for ornamentation — **glit-tery** \ˈglɪt-ə-rē\ *adj*

gloom-ing \ˈglō-mɪŋ\ *n* : TWILIGHT, DUSK

gloat \ˈglōt\ *vb* : to think about something with great and often malicious delight

glob \ˈglɒb\ *n* **1** : a small drop **2** : a large rounded mass

glob-al \ˈglō-bəl\ *adj* **1** : WORLDWIDE **2** : COMPREHENSIVE, GENERAL — **glob-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

globe \ˈglɒb\ *n* **1** : BALL, SPHERE **2** : EARTH; *also* : a spherical representation of the earth

globe-trot-ter \-ˌträt-ər\ *n* : one that travels widely — **globe-trot-ting** \-ˌträt-ɪŋ\ *n or adj*

glob-u-lar \ˈglɒb-yə-lər\ *adj* : having the shape of a globe or globule

glob-ule \ˈglɒb-yūl\ *n* : a tiny globe or ball

glob-u-lin \ˈglɒb-yə-lən\ *n* : any of a class of simple pro-

teins insoluble in pure water but soluble in dilute salt solutions that occur widely in plant and animal tissues

glock-en-spiel \ˈglɒk-ən-ˌs(h)pēl\ *n* [G, fr. *glocke* bell + *spiel* play] : a percussion musical instrument consisting of a series of metal bars played with two hammers

gloom \ˈglüm\ *n* **1** : partial or total darkness **2** : lowness of spirits : DEJECTION **3** : an atmosphere of despondency — **gloom-i-ly** \ˈglü-mə-lē\ *adv* — **gloom-i-ness** \-mē-nəs\ *n* — **gloomy** \ˈglü-mē\ *adj*

glop \ˈglɒp\ *n* : a messy mass or mixture

glo-ri-fy \ˈglɔr-ə-,fɪ\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** **1** : to raise to heavenly glory **2** : to light up brilliantly **3** : EXTOL **4** : to give glory to (as in worship) — **glo-ri-fi-ca-tion** \ˈglɔr-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

glo-ri-ous \ˈglɔr-ē-əs\ *adj* **1** : possessing or deserving glory : PRAISEWORTHY **2** : conferring glory **3** : RESPLENDENT, MAGNIFICENT **4** : DELIGHTFUL, WONDERFUL — **glo-ri-ous-ly** *adv*

glory \ˈglɔr-ē\ *n, pl glories* **1** : RENOWN **2** : honor and praise rendered in worship **3** : something that secures praise or renown **4** : a distinguishing quality or asset **5** : RESPLENDENCE, MAGNIFICENCE **6** : heavenly bliss **7** : a height of prosperity or achievement

glory *vb* **glor-ied**; **glor-ying** : to rejoice proudly : EXULT

gloss \ˈglɒs, ˈglɔs\ *n* **1** : LUSTER, SHEEN, BRIGHTNESS **2** : outward show — **glossy** *adj*

gloss *vb* **1** : to give a deceptive appearance to **2** : to deal with too lightly or not at all (~ over inadequacies)

gloss *n* [ME *glose*, fr. OF, fr. L *glossa* unusual word requiring explanation, fr. Gk *glōssa*, *glōtta* tongue, language, unusual word] **1** : an explanatory note (as in the margin of a text) **2** : GLOSSARY **3** : an interlinear translation **4** : a continuous commentary accompanying a text

gloss *vb* : to furnish glosses for

glos-sa-ry \ˈglɒs-(ə-)rē, ˈglɔs-ˌ\ *n, pl -ries* : a collection of difficult or specialized terms with their meanings — **glos-sar-i-al** \ˈglɒ-sar-ē-əl, glɔ-ˌ\ *adj*

glos-so-la-lia \ˈglɒs-ə-ˈlā-lē-ə, ˈglɔs-ˌ\ *n* [Gk *glōssa* tongue, language + *lalia* chatter, fr. *lalein* to chatter, talk] : TONGUE **6**

glossy \ˈglɒs-ē, ˈglɔs-ˌ\ *adj* **gloss-i-er**; **-est** : having a surface luster or brightness — **gloss-i-ly** \-ə-lē\ *adv* — **gloss-i-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*

glossy *n, pl glossy-ies* : a photograph printed on smooth shiny paper

glot-tis \ˈglɒt-əs\ *n, pl glot-tis-es or glot-ti-des* \-ə-,dēz\ : the slitlike opening between the vocal cords in the larynx — **glot-tal** \-əl\ *adj*

glove \ˈglɒv\ *n* **1** : a covering for the hand having separate sections for each finger **2** : a padded leather covering for the hand for use in a sport

glow \ˈglō\ *vb* **1** : to shine with or as if with intense heat **2** : to have a rich warm usu. ruddy color : FLUSH, BLUSH **3** : to feel hot **4** : to show exuberance or elation (~ with pride)

glow *n* **1** : brightness or warmth of color; *esp* : REDNESS **2** : warmth of feeling or emotion **3** : a sensation of warmth **4** : light such as is emitted from a heated substance

glow-er \ˈglɒ-(ə)r\ *vb* : to stare angrily : SCOWL — **glower** *n*

glow-worm \ˈglō-,wɜrm\ *n* : any of various insect larvae or adults that give off light

glox-in-ia \ˈglɒk-ˌsɪn-ē-ə\ *n* : any of a genus of Brazilian herbs related to the African violets; *esp* : one with showy bell-shaped or slipper-shaped flowers

glaze \ˈglɒz\ *vb* **glazed**; **glaz-ing** : to make appear right or acceptable

glu-cose \ˈglü-,kōs\ *n* **1** : a sugar known in three different forms; *esp* : DEXTROSE **2** : a sweet light-colored syrup made from cornstarch

glue \ˈglü\ *n* : a jellylike protein substance made from animal materials and used for sticking things together;

also : any of various other strong adhesives — **glue** *vb*
 — **glue-ey** \ˈglü-ē/ *adj*
glum \ˈgləm/ *adj* **glum-mer**; **glum-mest** **1** : MOROSE, SULLEN **2** : DREARY, GLOOMY
glut \ˈglət/ *vb* **glut-ted**; **glut-ting** **1** : to fill esp. with food to satiety : SATIATE **2** : OVERSUPPLY
glut *n* : an excessive supply
glu-ten \ˈglüt-ən/ *n* : a gluey protein substance that causes dough to be sticky
glu-ti-nous \ˈglüt-(ə-)nəs/ *adj* : STICKY
glut-ton \ˈglət-n/ *n* : one that eats to excess — **glut-ton-ous** \ˈglət-(ə-)nəs/ *adj* — **glut-tony** \ˈglət-(ə-)nē/ *n*
glyc-er-in or **glyc-er-ine** \ˈglis-(ə-)rən/ *n* : GLYCEROL
glyc-er-ol \ˈglis-ə-, -rəl/ *n* : a sweet colorless syrupy liquid obtained from fats or synthesized and used as a solvent, moistener, and lubricant
gly-co-gen \ˈgli-kə-jən/ *n* : a white tasteless substance that is the chief storage carbohydrate of animals
gm *abbr* gram
GM *abbr* **1** general manager **2** guided missile
G-man \ˈjē-, man/ *n* : a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
GMT *abbr* Greenwich mean time
gnarled \ˈnär-əld/ *adj* **1** : KNOTTY **2** : GLOOMY, SULLEN
gnash \ˈnash/ *vb* : to grind (as teeth) together
gnat \ˈnat/ *n* : any of various small usu. biting two-winged flies
gnaw \ˈnə/ *vb* **1** : to consume, wear away, or make by persistent biting or nibbling **2** : to affect as if by gnawing — **gnaw-er** \ˈnə-(ə)r/ *n*
gneiss \ˈnīs/ *n* : a layered granitelike rock
gnome \ˈnöm/ *n* : a dwarf of folklore who lives inside the earth and guards precious ore or treasure — **gnom-ish** \ˈnō-mish/ *adj*
GNP *abbr* gross national product
gnu \ˈnu/ *n*, *pl* **gnu** or **gnus** : any of several large African antelopes with an oxlike head and horns and a horselike mane and tail
go \ˈgō/ *vb* **went** \ˈwent/; **gone** \ˈgɒn/, ˈgān/; **go-ing** \ˈgō-ɪŋ/;
goes \ˈgōz/ **1** : to move on a course : PROCEED (~ slow) **2** : LEAVE, DEPART **3** : to take a certain course or follow a certain procedure **4** : EXTEND, RUN (his land ~es to the river); *also* : LEAD (that door ~es to the cellar) **5** : to be habitually in a certain state (~es armed after dark) **6** : to become lost, consumed, or spent; *also* : DIE **7** : ELAPSE, PASS **8** : to pass by sale (*went* for a good price) **9** : to become impaired or weakened **10** : to give way under force or pressure : BREAK **11** : HAPPEN (what's ~ing on) **12** : to be in general or on an average (cheap, as yachts ~) **13** : to become esp. as the result of a contest (the decision *went* against him) **14** : to put or subject oneself (~ to great expense) **15** : RESORT (*went* to court to recover damages) **16** : to begin or maintain an action or motion (here ~es) **17** : to function properly (the clock doesn't ~) **18** : to have currency : CIRCULATE (the report ~es) **19** : to be or act in accordance (a good rule to ~ by) **20** : to come to be applied **21** : to pass by award, assignment, or lot **22** : to contribute to a result (qualities that ~ to make a hero) **23** : to be about, intending, or expecting something (is ~ing to leave town) **24** : to arrive at a certain state or condition (~ to sleep) **25** : to come to be (the tire *went* flat) **26** : to be capable of being sung or played (the tune ~es like this) **27** : to be suitable or becoming : HARMONIZE **28** : to be capable of passing, extending, or being contained or inserted (this coat will ~ in the trunk) **29** : to have a usual or proper place or position : BELONG (these books ~ on the top shelf) **30** : to be capable of being divided (3 ~es into 6 twice) **31** : to have a tendency (that ~es to show that he is honest) **32** : to be acceptable, satisfactory, or adequate **33** : to proceed along or according to : FOLLOW **34** : TRAVERSE **35** : BET, BID (willing to ~ \$50) **36** : to assume the function or obligation of (~ bail

for a friend) **37** : to participate to the extent of (~ halves) **38** : WEIGH **39** : ENDURE, TOLERATE **40** : AFFORD (can't ~ the price) — **go at** **1** : ATTACK, ATTEMPT **2** : UNDERTAKE — **go back on** **1** : ABANDON **2** : BETRAY **3** : FAIL — **go by the board** : to be discarded — **go down the line** : to give wholehearted support — **go for** **1** : to pass for or serve as **2** : to try to secure **3** : FAVOR — **go one better** : OUTDO, SURPASS — **go over** **1** : EXAMINE **2** : REPEAT **3** : STUDY, REVIEW — **go places** : to be on the way to success — **go to bat for** : DEFEND, CHAMPION — **go to town** **1** : to work or act efficiently **2** : to be very successful

go \ˈgō/ *n*, *pl* **goes** **1** : the act or manner of going **2** : the height of fashion (boots are all the ~) **3** : a turn of affairs : OCCURRENCE **4** : ENERGY, VIGOR **5** : ATTEMPT, TRY **6** : a spell of activity — **no go** : USELESS, HOPELESS — **on the go** : constantly active

go *adj* : functioning properly

GO *abbr* general order

goad \ˈgōd/ *n* [ME *gode*, fr. OE *gād* spear, goad] **1** : a pointed rod used to urge on an animal **2** : something that urges : SPUR — **goad** *vb*

go-ahead \ˈgō-ə-, hed/ *n* : authority to proceed

goal \ˈgōl/ *n* **1** : the mark set as limit to a race; *also* : an area to be reached safely in children's games **2** : AIM, PURPOSE **3** : an area or object toward which play is directed in order to score; *also* : a successful attempt to score

goal-ie \ˈgō-lē/ *n* : GOALKEEPER

goal-keep-er \ˈgōl-, kē-pər/ *n* : a player who defends the goal in various games

goal-post \ˈgōl-, pōst/ *n* : one of the two vertical posts with a crossbar that constitute the goal (as in soccer)

goat \ˈgōt/ *n*, *pl* **goats** or **goat** : any of various hollow-horned ruminant mammals related to the sheep that have backward-curving horns, a short tail, and usu. straight hair

goa-tee \ˈgō-tē/ *n* : a small trim pointed or tufted beard on a man's chin

goat-herd \ˈgōt-, hərd/ *n* : one who tends goats

goat-skin \-, skɪn/ *n* : the skin of a goat or a leather made from it

gob \ˈgāb/ *n* : LUMP, MASS

gob *n* : SAILOR

gob-bet \ˈgāb-ət/ *n* : LUMP, MASS

gob-ble \ˈgāb-əl/ *vb* **gob-bled**; **gob-bling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ/ **1** : to swallow or eat greedily **2** : to take eagerly : GRAB

gobble *vb* **gob-bled**; **gob-bling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ/ : to make the natural guttural noise of a male turkey

gob-ble-dy-gook or **gob-ble-de-gook** \ˈgāb-əl-dē-, gūk-, -gūk/ *n* : generally unintelligible jargon

gob-bler \ˈgāb-lər/ *n* : a male turkey

go-between \ˈgō-bə-, twēn/ *n* : an intermediate agent : BROKER

gob-let \ˈgāb-lət/ *n* : a drinking glass with a foot and stem
gob-lin \ˈgāb-lən/ *n* : an ugly or grotesque sprite that is mischievous and sometimes evil and malicious

god \ˈgād, ˈgōd/ *n* **1** *cap* : the supreme reality; *esp* : the Being worshiped as the creator and ruler of the universe **2** : a being or object believed to have supernatural attributes and powers and to require worship **3** : a person or thing of supreme value

god-child \-, child/ *n* : a person for whom one stands as sponsor at baptism

god-daugh-ter \-, dōt-ər/ *n* : a female godchild

god-dess \ˈgād-əs/ *n* **1** : a female god **2** : a woman whose charm or beauty arouses adoration

\əˈbʊt \əˈkɪtən \əˈfɜːrðər \əˈʌʃ \əˈeɪs \əˈkɒt, kɑːt
 \əˈaʊt \tʃˈtʃɪn \eɪˈbet \eɪˈeɪs \gəˈgo \ɪˈhɪt \ɪˈvɪs \jˈdʒɒb
 \ŋˈsɪŋ \dʒəˈgo \dʒəˈlɔː \dʒəˈbɔɪ \tʃˈtʃɪn \tʃˈtʃe \əˈlʊt
 \əˈfʊt \jˈyɛt \zʰvɪʒən *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

god-fa-ther \ˈgād-,fäth-ər, ˈgód-ə\ *n* : a man who sponsors a person at baptism

god-head \-hed\ *n* 1 : divine nature or essence 2 *cap* : GOD 1; *also* : the nature of God esp. as existing in three persons

god-hood \-,hüd\ *n* : DIVINITY

god-less \ˈgād-ləs, ˈgód-ə\ *adj* : not acknowledging a deity or divine law — **god-less-ness** *n*

god-like \-,lik\ *adj* : resembling or having the qualities of God or a god

god-ly \-lē\ *adj* **god-li-er**; **-est** 1 : DIVINE 2 : PIOUS, DEVOUT — **god-li-ness** \-lē-nəs\ *n*

god-moth-er \-,məth-ər\ *n* : a woman who sponsors a person at baptism

god-par-ent \-,par-ənt\ *n* : a sponsor at baptism

god-send \-,send\ *n* : a desirable or needed thing that comes unexpectedly

god-son \-,sən\ *n* : a male godchild

go-fer \ˈgō-fər\ *n* [alter. of *go for*] : an employee whose duties include running errands

go-get-ter \ˈgō-ˈget-ər\ *n* : an aggressively enterprising person — **go-get-ting** \-,get-ɪŋ\ *adj* or *n*

gog-gle \ˈgäg-əl\ *vb* **gog-gled**; **gog-gling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to stare with wide or protuberant eyes

gog-gles \ˈgäg-əlz\ *n pl* : protective glasses set in a flexible frame that fits snugly against the face

go-go \ˈgō-,gō\ *adj* [*a-go-go*] 1 : related to, being, or employed to entertain in a discotheque (~ dancers) 2 : aggressively enterprising and energetic

go-ings-on \,gō-ɪŋz-ˈɒn, -ˈæn\ *n pl* : ACTIONS, EVENTS

goi-ter \ˈgōit-ər\ *n* : an abnormally enlarged thyroid gland visible as a swelling at the base of the neck — **goi-trous** \-(ə-)trəs\ *adj*

goi-tre chiefly *Brit* var of **GOITER**

gold \ˈgöld\ *n* 1 : a malleable yellow metallic chemical element used esp. for coins and jewelry — see **ELEMENT** table 2 : gold coins; *also* : MONEY 3 : a yellow color

gold-brick \-,brik\ *n* : a person (as a soldier) who shirks assigned work — **goldbrick** *vb*

Gold Coast *n* : an exclusive residential district

gold digger *n* : a woman who uses feminine charm to extract money or gifts from men

gold-en \ˈgöl-dən\ *adj* 1 : made of or relating to gold 2 : having the color of gold; *also* : BLOND 3 : SHINING, LUSTROUS 4 : SUPERB 5 : FLOURISHING, PROSPEROUS 6 : radiantly youthful and vigorous 7 : FAVORABLE, ADVANTAGEOUS (a ~ opportunity) 8 : MELLOW, RESONANT

gold-en-ager \ˈgöl-dən-ˈä-jər\ *n* : an elderly and often retired person usu. engaging in club activities

golden hamster *n* : a small tawny hamster often kept as a pet

gold-en-rod \ˈgöl-dən-,räd\ *n* : any of numerous plants related to the daisies but having tall slender stalks with many tiny usu. yellow flower heads

gold-field \ˈgöld-,fēld\ *n* : a gold-mining district

gold-finch \-,finch\ *n* 1 : a small largely red, black, and yellow European finch often kept in a cage 2 : any of several small American finches of which the males usu. become bright yellow and black in summer

gold-fish \-,fish\ *n* : a small usu. yellow or golden carp often kept as an aquarium fish

gold-smith \ˈgöld-,smith\ *n* : one who makes or deals in articles of gold

golf \ˈgälf, ˈgölf\ *n* : a game played with a small ball and various clubs on a course having 9 or 18 holes — **golf** *vb* — **golfer** *n*

-gon \,gän\ *n comb form* : figure having (so many) angles (hexagon)

go-nad \ˈgō-,nad\ *n* : a sperm- or egg-producing gland : OVARY, TESTIS — **go-nad-al** \ˈgō-ˈnad-əl\ *adj*

go-nad-o-trop-ic \ˈgō-,nad-ə-ˈtröp-ik\ or **go-nad-o-tro-phic** \-ˈtrō-fik, -ˈträf-ik\ *adj* : acting on or stimulating the gonads (~ hormones)

go-nad-o-tro-pin \-ˈtrō-pən\ or **go-nad-o-tro-phin** \-fən\ *n* : a gonadotropic hormone

gon-do-la \ˈgän-də-lə (usual for 1), ˈgän-ˈdō-\ *n* 1 : a long narrow boat used on the canals of Venice 2 : a railroad car with no top used for hauling loose freight (as coal) 3 : an enclosure attached to the underside of an airship or balloon 4 : an enclosed car suspended from a cable and used esp. for transporting skiers

gon-do-li-er \,gän-də-ˈli-ər\ *n* : one who propels a gondola

gone \ˈgón\ *adj* 1 : DEAD 2 : LOST, RUINED 3 : SINKING, WEAK 4 : INVOLVED, ABSORBED 5 : INFATUATED 6 : PREGNANT 7 : PAST

gon-er \ˈgón-ər\ *n* : one whose case is hopeless

gon-fa-lon \ˈgän-fə-ˈlän\ *n* : a flag that hangs from a cross-piece or frame

gong \ˈgän, ˈgõŋ\ *n* : a metallic disk that produces a resonating tone when struck

gono-coc-cus \,gän-ə-ˈkäk-əs\ *n, pl -coc-ci* \-ˈkäk-(s)ī, -ˈkäk-(s)ē\ : a pus-producing bacterium that causes gonorrhea — **gono-coc-cal** \-ˈkäk-əl\ or **gono-coc-cic** \-ˈkäk-(s)ik\ *adj*

gon-or-rhea \,gän-ə-ˈrē-ə\ *n* : a contagious sexually transmitted inflammation of the genital tract caused by a bacterium — **gon-or-rhe-al** \-ˈrē-əl\ *adj*

goo \ˈgü\ *n* 1 : a viscid or sticky substance 2 : sentimental tripe — **goo-ey** \-ē\ *adj*

goo-ber \ˈgü-bər, ˈgüb-ər\ *n, South & Midland* : PEANUT

ˈgood \güd\ *adj* **bet-ter** \bet-ər\; **best** \best\ 1 : of a favorable character or tendency 2 : BOUNTIFUL, FERTILE 3 : COMELY, ATTRACTIVE 4 : SUITABLE, FIT 5 : SOUND, WHOLE 6 : AGREEABLE, PLEASANT 7 : SALUTARY, WHOLE-SOME 8 : CONSIDERABLE, AMPLÉ 9 : FULL 10 : WELL-FOUNDED 11 : TRUE (holds ~ for everybody) 12 : recognized or valid esp. in law 13 : ADEQUATE, SATISFACTORY 14 : conforming to a standard 15 : DISCRIMINATING 16 : COMMENDABLE, VIRTUOUS 17 : KIND 18 : UPPER-CLASS 19 : COMPETENT 20 : LOYAL — **good-heart-ed** \-ˈhärt-əd\ *adj* 13 : ADEQUATE, SATISFACTORY — **good-ish** *adj* — **good-look-ing** \ˈgüd-ˈlük-ɪŋ\ *adj* — **good-na-tured** \-ˈnä-chərd\ *adj* — **good-tem-pered** \-ˈtem-pərd\ *adj*

ˈgood *n* 1 : something good 2 : GOODNESS 3 : BENEFIT, WELFARE (for the ~ of mankind) 4 : something that has economic utility 5 *pl* : personal property 6 *pl* : CLOTH 7 *pl* : WARES, COMMODITIES 8 : good persons (the ~ die young) 9 *pl* : proof of wrongdoing — **for good** : FOREVER, PERMANENTLY — **to the good** : in a position of net gain or profit (\$10 to the good)

ˈgood *adv* : WELL

good-bye or **good-by** \güd-ˈbi, gə(d)-\ *n* : a concluding remark at parting

good-for-noth-ing \ˈgüd-fər-,nəth-ɪŋ\ *n* : an idle worthless person

Good Friday *n* : the Friday before Easter observed as the anniversary of the crucifixion of Christ

good-ly \ˈgüd-lē\ *adj* **good-li-er**; **-est** 1 : of pleasing appearance 2 : LARGE, CONSIDERABLE

good-man \ˈgüd-mən\ *n, archaic* : MR.

good-ness \ˈgüd-nəs\ *n* : EXCELLENCE, VIRTUE

good-wife \ˈgüd-wif\ *n, archaic* : MRS.

good-will \ˈgüd-ˈwil\ *n* 1 : BENEVOLENCE 2 : the value of the trade a business has built up over time 3 : cheerful consent 4 : willing effort

goody \ˈgüd-ē\ *n, pl good-ies* : something that is good esp. to eat

goody-goody \,güd-ē-ˈgüd-ē\ *adj* : affectedly good — **goody-goody** *n*

goof \ˈgüf\ *vb* 1 : BLUNDER 2 : to spend time idly or foolishly — often used with *off* — **goof** *n*

goof-ball \ˈgüf-,bɒl\ *n slang* : a barbiturate sleeping pill 2 *slang* : a goofy person

go off *vb* 1 : EXPLODE 2 : to follow a course (the party went off well)

goof-off \ˈɡüf-,ōf/ *n* : one who evades work or responsibility

goofy \ˈɡü-fē/ *adj* **goof-i-er**; -**est** : CRAZY, SILLY — **goof-i-ness** \ˈɡü-fē-nəs/ *n*

goon \ˈɡün/ *n* : a man hired to terrorize or kill opponents
go on *vb* **1** : to continue in a course of action **2** : to take place : HAPPEN

goose \ˈɡūs/ *n*, *pl* **geese** \ˈɡēs/ **1** : any of numerous long-necked web-footed birds related to the swans and ducks; *esp* : a female goose as distinguished from a gander **2** : a foolish person **3** *pl* **goos-es** : a tailor's smoothing iron

goose-ber-ry \ˈɡüs-,ber-ē, ˈɡüz-, -b(ə-)rē/ *n* : the acid berry of any of several shrubs related to the currant and used *esp.* in jams and pies

goose-flesh \ˈɡüs-,flesh/ *n* : a roughening of the skin caused usu. by cold or fear

goose pimples *n pl* : GOOSEFLESH

go out *vb* **1** : to become extinguished **2** : to become a candidate (*went out* for the football team)

go over *vb* : SUCCEED

GOP *abbr* Grand Old Party (Republican)

go-pher \ˈɡō-fər/ *n* **1** : a burrowing American land tortoise **2** : any of several No. American burrowing rodents with large cheek pouches opening beside the mouth **3** : any of numerous small ground squirrels of the prairie region of No. America

gore \ˈɡōr/ *n* : BLOOD

2gore *n* : a tapering or triangular piece (as of cloth in a skirt)

3gore *vb* **gored**; **gor-ing** : to pierce or wound with something pointed

1gorge \ˈɡōrj/ *n* **1** : THROAT **2** : a narrow ravine **3** : a mass of matter that chokes up a passage

2gorge *vb* **gorged**; **gorg-ing** : to eat greedily : stuff to capacity : GLUT

gor-geous \ˈɡōr-jəs/ *adj* [ME *gorgayse*, fr. MF *gorgias* elegant] : resplendently beautiful

Gor-gon-zo-la \ˌɡōr-gən-ˈzō-lə/ *n* : a blue cheese of Italian origin

go-ri-l-la \ɡə-ˈril-ə/ *n* [fr. Gk *Gorillai*, an African tribe of hairy women] : an African manlike ape related to but much larger than the chimpanzee

gor-man-dize \ˈɡōr-mən-,ˈdiz/ *vb* -**dized**; -**diz-ing** : to eat ravenously — **gor-man-diz-er** *n*

gorp \ˈɡɔrp/ *n* : a snack consisting of high-calorie food (as raisins and nuts)

gorse \ˈɡɔrs/ *n* : a prickly mostly leafless evergreen Old World shrub of the legume family that bears yellow flowers

gory \ˈɡōr-ē/ *adj* **gor-i-er**; -**est** **1** : BLOODSTAINED **2** : HORRIBLE, SENSATIONAL

gos-hawk \ˈɡās-,hók/ *n* : any of several long-tailed hawks with short rounded wings

gos-ling \ˈɡāz-liŋ, ˈɡōz-/ *n* : a young goose

1gos-pel \ˈɡās-pəl/ *n* [ME, fr. OE *gōdspel*, fr. *gōd* good + *spell* tale] **1** : the teachings of Christ and the apostles **2** *cap* : any of the first four books of the New Testament **3** : something accepted as infallible truth

2gospel *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or emphasizing the gospel **2** : relating to or being American religious songs associated with evangelism

gos-sa-mer \ˈɡās-ə-mər, ˈgāz-(ə)-mər/ *n* [ME *gossomer*, fr. *gos* goose + *somer* summer] **1** : a film of cobwebs floating in the air **2** : something light, delicate, or tenuous

1gos-sip \ˈɡās-əp/ *n* **1** : a person who habitually reveals personal or sensational facts **2** : rumor or report of an intimate nature **3** : an informal conversation — **gos-sipy** *adj*

2gossip *vb* : to spread gossip

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Goth \ˈgäth/ *n* : a member of a Germanic race that early in the Christian era overran the Roman Empire

1Goth-ic \ˈgäth-ik/ *adj* **1** : of or relating to the Goths **2** : of or relating to a style of architecture prevalent in western Europe from the middle 12th to the early 16th century

2Gothic *n* **1** : the Germanic language of the Goths **2** : the Gothic architectural style or decoration

gotten *past part of GET*

Gou-da \ˈɡüd-ə/ *n* : a mild Dutch milk cheese shaped in balls

1gouge \ˈɡauj/ *n* **1** : a rounded troughlike chisel **2** : a hole or groove made with or as if with a gouge

2gouge *vb* **gouged**; **goug-ing** **1** : to cut holes or grooves in with or as if with a gouge **2** : DEFRAUD, CHEAT

gou-lash \ˈɡü-,lāsh, -ˌlāsh/ *n* [Hungarian *gulyás*] : a stew made with meat, assorted vegetables, and paprika

go under *vb* : to be overwhelmed, defeated, or destroyed : FAIL

gourd \ˈɡörd, ˈɡürd/ *n* **1** : any of a family of tendril-bearing vines including the cucumber, squash, and melon **2** : the fruit of a gourd; *esp* : any of various inedible hard-shelled fruits used *esp.* for ornament or implements

gourde \ˈɡürd/ *n* — see MONEY table

gour-mand \ˈgür-,mänd/ *n* **1** : one who is excessively fond of eating and drinking **2** : GOURMET

gour-met \ˈgür-,mä, ˈgür-ˈmä/ *n* [F, fr. MF, fr. *gromet* boy servant, vintner's assistant] : a connoisseur in eating and drinking

gout \ˈɡaut/ *n* : a disease marked by painful inflammation and swelling of the joints — **gouty** *adj*

gov *abbr* **1** government **2** governor

gov-ern \ˈgæv-ərən/ *vb* **1** : to control and direct the making and administration of policy in : **RULE** **2** : CONTROL, DIRECT, INFLUENCE **3** : DETERMINE, REGULATE **4** : RESTRAIN — **gov-er-nance** \ˈgæv-ər-nəns/ *n*

gov-ern-ess \ˈgæv-ər-nəs/ *n* : a woman who teaches and trains a child *esp.* in a private home

gov-ern-ment \ˈgæv-ər(n)-mənt/ *n* **1** : authoritative direction or control : **RULE** **2** : the making of policy **3** : the organization or agency through which a political unit exercises authority **4** : the complex of institutions, laws, and customs through which a political unit is governed **5** : the governing body — **gov-ern-men-tal** \ˌgæv-ər(n)-ˈment-əl/ *adj*

gov-er-nor \ˈgæv-(ə)-nər, ˈgæv-ər-nər/ *n* **1** : one that governs; *esp* : a ruler, chief executive, or head of a political unit (as a state) **2** : an attachment to a machine for automatic control of speed — **gov-er-nor-ship** *n*

govt *abbr* government

gown \ˈgaun/ *n* **1** : a loose flowing outer garment **2** : an official robe worn *esp.* by a judge, clergyman, or teacher **3** : a woman's dress (evening ~s) **4** : a loose robe — **gown** *vb*

gp *abbr* group

GP *abbr* general practitioner

GPO *abbr* **1** general post office **2** Government Printing Office

GQ *abbr* general quarters

gr *abbr* **1** grade **2** grain **3** gram **4** gravity **5** gross

grab \ˈgrab/ *vb* **grabbed**; **grab-bing** : to take hastily : SNATCH — **grab** *n*

1grace \ˈgräs/ *n* **1** : help given man by God (as in overcoming temptation) **2** : freedom from sin through divine grace **3** : a virtue coming from God **4** : a short prayer at a meal **5** : a temporary respite (as from the payment of a debt) **6** : APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE (in his good ~s) **7** : CHARM **8** : ATTRACTIVENESS, BEAUTY **9** : fitness or pro-

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ə\rfurther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ō\go \ō\law \ō\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot
\ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

portion of line or expression **10** : ease of movement **11** : a musical trill or ornament **12** — used as a title for a duke, a duchess, or an archbishop — **grace-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **grace-ful-ly** \-fəl\ *adv* — **grace-ful-ness** *n* — **grace-less** *adj*

²**grace** *vb* **graced**; **grac-ing** **1** : HONOR **2** : ADORN, EMBELLISH **gracious** \ˈgrā-shəs\ *adj* **1** : marked by kindness and courtesy **2** : GRACEFUL **3** : characterized by charm and good taste **4** : MERCIFUL — **gracious-ly** *adv* — **gracious-ness** *n*

grack-le \ˈgrak-əl\ *n* **1** : an Old World starling **2** : an American blackbird with glossy iridescent plumage

grad *abbr* graduate

gra-da-tion \ˈgrā-ˈdā-shən, grə-\ *n* **1** : a series forming successive stages **2** : a step, degree, or stage in a series **3** : an advance by regular degrees **4** : the act or process of grading

¹**grade** \ˈgrād\ *vb* **grad-ed**; **grad-ing** **1** : to arrange in grades : SORT **2** : to make level or evenly sloping (∼ a highway) **3** : to give a grade to (∼ a pupil in history) **4** : to assign to a grade

²**grade** *n* **1** : a degree or stage in a series, order, or ranking **2** : a position in a scale of rank, quality, or order **3** : a class of persons or things of the same rank or quality **4** : a division of the school course representing one year's work; *also* : the pupils in such a division **5** *pl* : the elementary school system **6** : a mark or rating esp. of accomplishment in school **7** : the degree of slope (as of a road); *also* : SLOPE

grad-er \ˈgrād-ər\ *n* : a machine for leveling earth

grade school *n* : ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

gra-di-ent \ˈgrād-ē-ənt\ *n* : SLOPE, GRADE

grad-u-al \ˈgraj-(ə-w)əl\ *adj* : proceeding or changing by steps or degrees — **grad-u-al-ly** \-əl\ *adv*

grad-u-al-ism \-,iz-əm\ *n* : the policy of approaching a desired end gradually

¹**grad-u-ate** \ˈgraj-(ə-)wət, -ə-,wāt\ *n* **1** : a holder of an academic degree or diploma **2** : a graduated container for measuring contents

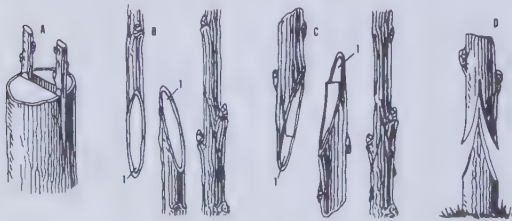
²**graduate** *adj* **1** : holding an academic degree or diploma **2** : of or relating to studies beyond the first or bachelor's degree (∼ school)

³**grad-u-ate** \ˈgraj-(ə-)wāt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** **1** : to grant or receive an academic degree or diploma **2** : to admit to a particular standing or grade **3** : to divide into grades, classes, or intervals (graduated thermometer)

grad-u-a-tion \ˈgraj-(ə-)wā-shən\ *n* **1** : a mark that graduates something **2** : an act or process of graduating **3** : COMMENCEMENT **2**

graf-fi-to \ˈgrā-ˈfēt-ō, grə-\ *n*, *pl* **-ti** \-(t)ē\ : an inscription or drawing made on a public surface (as a wall)

¹**graft** \ˈgræft\ *n* **1** : a grafted plant; *also* : the point of union in this **2** : material (as skin) used in grafting **3** : the getting of money or advantage dishonestly; *also* : the money or advantage so gained



graft 1: A cleft, B splice, C whip, D saddle, 1 cambium

²**graft** *vb* **1** : to insert a shoot from one plant into another so that they join and grow; *also* : to join one thing to

another as in plant grafting (∼ skin over a burn) **2** : to get (as money) dishonestly — **graft-er** *n*

gra-ham cracker \ˈgrā-əm-, ˈgram-\ *n* : a slightly sweet cracker made chiefly of whole wheat flour

Graill \ˈgrāl\ *n* : the cup or platter used according to medieval legend by Christ at the Last Supper and thereafter the object of knightly quests

grain \ˈgrān\ *n* **1** : a seed or fruit of a cereal grass **2** : seeds or fruits of various food plants and esp. cereal grasses; *also* : a plant producing grain **3** : a small hard particle **4** : a unit of weight based on the weight of a grain of wheat — see WEIGHT table **5** : TEXTURE; *also* : the arrangement of fibers in wood **6** : natural disposition — **grained** \ˈgrānd\ *adj*

grain alcohol *n* : ALCOHOL **1**

grain-field \ˈgrān-,fēld\ *n* : a field where grain is grown

grainy \ˈgrā-nē\ *adj* **grain-i-er**; **-est** **1** : resembling or having some characteristic of grain : not smooth or fine **2** of a photograph : appearing to be composed of grain-like particles

¹**gram** \ˈgram\ *n* [F *gramme*, fr. LL *gramma*, a small weight, fr. Gk *gramma* letter, writing, a small weight, fr. *graphein* to write] : a metric unit of mass and weight equal to 1/1000 kilogram and nearly equal to one cubic centimeter of water at its maximum density — see METRIC SYSTEM table

²**gram** *abbr* grammar; grammatical

-gram \,gram\ *n* *comb form* : drawing : writing : record (telegram)

gram-mar \ˈgram-ər\ *n* **1** : the study of the classes of words, their inflections, and their functions and relations in the sentence **2** : a study of what is to be preferred and what avoided in inflection and syntax; *also* : speech or writing evaluated according to its conformity to the principles of grammar — **gram-mar-i-an** \ˈgrā-mer-ē-ən, -ˈmar-\ *n* — **gram-mat-i-cal** \-ˈmat-i-kəl\ *adj* — **gram-mat-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

grammar school *n* **1** : a secondary school emphasizing Latin and Greek in preparation for college; *also* : a British college preparatory school **2** : a school intermediate between the primary grades and high school **3** : ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

gramme \ˈgram\ *chiefly Brit var of GRAM*

gram-o-phone \ˈgram-ə-,fōn\ *n* : PHONOGRAPH

gra-na-ry \ˈgrān-(ə-)rē, ˈgran-\ *n*, *pl* **-ries** **1** : a storehouse for grain **2** : a region producing grain in abundance

¹**grand** \ˈgrand\ *adj* **1** : higher in rank or importance : FOREMOST, CHIEF **2** : great in size **3** : INCLUSIVE, COMPLETE (a ∼ total) **4** : MAGNIFICENT, SPLENDID **5** : showing wealth or high social standing **6** : IMPRESSIVE, STATELY **7** : very good : FINE — **grand-ly** \ˈgran-(d)lē\ *adv* — **grand-ness** \ˈgran(d)-nəs\ *n*

²**grand** *n*, *slang* : a thousand dollars

gran-dam \ˈgran-,dam, -dəm\ *or* **gran-dame** \-,dām, -dəm\ *n* : an old woman

grand-child \ˈgran(d)-,chıld\ *n* : a child of one's son or daughter

grand-daugh-ter \ˈgran-,dôt-ər\ *n* : a daughter of one's son or daughter

grande dame \ˈgrān-ˈdām\ *n*, *pl* **grandes dames** : a usu. elderly woman of great prestige or ability

gran-dee \ˈgran-dē\ *n* : a high-ranking Spanish or Portuguese nobleman

gran-deur \ˈgran-jər\ *n* **1** : the quality or state of being grand : MAGNIFICENCE **2** : something that is grand

grand-fa-ther \ˈgran(d)-,fāth-ər\ *n* : the father of one's father or mother; *also* : ANCESTOR

grandfather clock *n* : a tall clock standing directly on the floor

gran-dil-o-quence \ˈgran-ˈdil-ə-kwəns\ *n* : pompous eloquence — **gran-dil-o-quent** \-kwənt\ *adj*

gran-di-ose \ˈgran-dē-,ōs, ˈgran-dē-ˈōs\ *adj* : IMPRESSIVE,

IMPOSING; *also* : affectedly splendid — **gran-di-ose-ly** *adv* — **gran-di-ose-ly** \ˈgræn-dē-ˈās-ət-ē\ *n*

grand jury *n* : a jury that examines accusations of crime against persons and makes formal charges on which persons are later tried

grand mal \ˈgræn(d)-ˈmäl; ˈgran(d)-ˈmal\ *n* [F, lit., great illness] : severe epilepsy

grand-moth-er \ˈgran(d)-ˈmōth-ər\ *n* : the mother of one's father or mother; *also* : a female ancestor

grand-par-ent \-,ˈpar-ənt\ *n* : a parent of one's father or mother

grand piano *n* : a piano with horizontal frame and strings

grand prix \ˈgrä-ˈprē\ *n*, *pl* **grand prix** \-ˈprē(z)\ *often cap G&P* : a long-distance auto race over a road course

grand slam *n* 1 : a total victory or success 2 : a home run hit with three runners on base

grand-son \ˈgran(d)-ˈsən\ *n* : a son of one's son or daughter

grand-stand \-,ˈstand\ *n* : a usu. roofed stand for spectators at a racecourse or stadium

grange \ˈgræŋ\ *n* 1 : a farm or farmhouse with its various buildings 2 *cap* : one of the lodges of a national association originally made up of farmers; *also* : the association itself — **grang-er** \ˈgræn-jēr\ *n*

gran-ite \ˈgran-ət\ *n* : a hard igneous rock that takes a polish and is used for building — **gra-nit-ic** \grə-ˈnit-ik\ *adj*

gran-ite-ware \-,ˈwaər\ *n* : enameled ironware

gra-no-la \grə-ˈnō-lə\ *n* : a mixture of rolled oats and usu. raisins and nuts eaten esp. for breakfast

grant \ˈgrænt\ *vb* 1 : to consent to : ALLOW, PERMIT 2 : GIVE, BESTOW 3 : to admit as true — **grant-er** \-ər\ *n* — **grant-or** \ˈgrænt-ər, -ˈōr\ *n*

grant *n* 1 : the act of granting 2 : something granted; *esp* : a gift for a particular purpose (a ~ for study abroad) 3 : a transfer of property by deed or writing; *also* : the instrument by which such a transfer is made 4 : the property transferred by grant

grant-ee \ˈgrænt-ē\ *n* : one to whom a grant is made

grants-man-ship \ˈgrænts-mən-ˌʃɪp\ *n* : the art of obtaining grants (as for research) — **grants-man** *n*

gran-u-lar \ˈgran-yə-lər\ *adj* : consisting of or appearing to consist of granules — **gran-u-lar-i-ty** \ˈgran-yə-ˈlar-ət-ē\ *n*

gran-u-late \ˈgran-yə-ˈlāt\ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** : to form into grains or crystals — **gran-u-la-tion** \ˈgran-yə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*

gran-ule \ˈgran-yūl\ *n* : a small grain or particle

grape \ˈgræp\ *n* [ME, fr. OF *crape*, *grape* hook, *grape* stalk, bunch of grapes, *grape* 1 : a smooth-skinned juicy edible greenish white, deep red, or purple berry that is the chief source of wine 2 : any of numerous woody vines widely grown for their bunches of grapes

grape-fruit \ˈgräp-ˈfrūt\ *n* : a large edible yellow-skinned citrus fruit; *also* : a tree bearing grapefruit

grape hyacinth *n* : any of several small bulbous spring-flowering herbs with racemes of usu. blue flowers that are related to the lilies

grape-shot \ˈgräp-ˌʃhət\ *n* : a cluster of small iron balls formerly fired at people from short range by a cannon

grape-vine \ˈgräp-ˌvīn\ *n* 1 : GRAPE 2 : RUMOR; *also* : an informal means of circulating information or gossip

graph \ˈɡraf\ *n* : a diagram that usu. by means of dots and lines shows relationships between things — **graph** *vb* **-graph** \ˈɡraf\ *n comb form* 1 : something written (autograph) 2 : instrument for making or transmitting records (seismograph)

graph-ic \ˈɡraf-ik\ *also* **graph-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* 1 : being written, drawn, or engraved 2 : vividly described 3 : of or relating to the arts (graphic arts) of representation, decoration, and printing on flat surfaces — **graph-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **graph-ics** \-iks\ *n*

graphics tablet *n* : a computer input device for entering graphics information by drawing or tracing

graph-ite \ˈɡraf-īt\ *n* [G *graphit*, fr. Gk *graphein* to write] : soft carbon used esp. for lead pencils and lubricants

grap-nel \ˈgrap-nəl\ *n* : a small anchor with two or more claws used esp. in dragging or grappling operations

grap-ple \ˈɡrap-əl\ *n* [MF *grappelle*, dim. of *grape* hook] 1 : GRAPNEL 2 : the act of grappling

grapple *vb* **grap-pled**; **grap-pling** \ˈɡrap-(ə)-lɪŋ\ 1 : to seize or hold with or as if with a hooked implement 2 : to come to grips with : WRESTLE 3 : COPE (~ with a problem)

grasp \ˈɡrasp\ *vb* 1 : to make the motion of seizing 2 : to take or seize firmly 3 : to enclose and hold with the fingers or arms 4 : COMPREHEND

grasp *n* 1 : HANDLE 2 : EMBRACE 3 : HOLD, CONTROL 4 : the reach of the arms 5 : the power of seizing and holding 6 : COMPREHENSION

grasp-ing \-ɪŋ\ *adj* : GREEDY, AVARICIOUS

grass \ˈɡras\ *n* 1 : herbage for grazing animals 2 : any of a large family of plants (as wheat, bamboo, or sugarcane) with jointed stems and narrow leaves 3 : grass-covered land 4 : MARIJUANA — **grassy** *adj*

grass-hop-per \-,ˈhæp-ər\ *n* : any of numerous leaping plant-eating insects

grass-land \-,ˈland\ *n* : land covered naturally or under cultivation with grasses and low-growing herbs

grass roots *n pl* : society at the local level as distinguished from the centers of political leadership

grate \ˈɡræt\ *vb* **grated**; **grating** 1 : to pulverize by rubbing against something rough 2 : to grind or rub against with a rasping noise 3 : IRRITATE — **grat-er** *n* — **grat-ing-ly** \ˈgræt-ɪŋ-lē\ *adv*

grate *n* 1 : a framework with bars across it (as in a window) 2 : a frame of iron bars for holding fuel while it is burning

grate-ful \ˈɡræt-fəl\ *adj* 1 : THANKFUL, APPRECIATIVE; *also* : expressing gratitude 2 : PLEASING — **grate-ful-ly** \-lē\ *adv* — **grate-ful-ness** *n*

grat-i-fy \ˈɡrat-ə-,fɪ\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to afford pleasure to — **grat-i-fi-ca-tion** \ˈɡrat-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

grat-ing \ˈɡræt-ɪŋ\ *n* : GRATE

gra-tis \ˈɡrat-əs, ˈɡræt-\ *adv or adj* : without charge or recompense : FREE

grat-i-tude \ˈɡrat-ət(y)üd\ *n* : THANKFULNESS

gra-tu-itous \ˈɡrat-ət(y)ü-ət-əs\ *adj* 1 : done or provided without recompense : FREE 2 : UNWARRANTED

gra-tu-ity \-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ities** : TIP

gra-va-men \ˈɡrə-ˈvā-mən\ *n*, *pl* **-va-mens** or **-vam-i-na** \-ˈvā-m-ə-nə\ [LL *burden*] : the basic or significant part of a grievance or complaint

grave \ˈɡrāv\ *vb* **graved**; **grav-en** \ˈɡrā-vən\ *or* **graved**; **grav-ing** : SCULPTURE, ENGRAVE

grave *n* : an excavation in the earth as a place of burial; *also* : TOMB

grave \ˈɡrāv; 5 *also* ˈɡrāv\ *adj* 1 : IMPORTANT 2 : threatening great harm or danger 3 : DIGNIFIED, SOLEMN 4 : drab in color : SOMBER 5 : of, marked by, or being an accent mark having the form ~ — **grave-ly** *adv* — **grave-ness** *n*

grav-el \ˈɡrav-əl\ *n* : pebbles and small pieces of rock larger than grains of sand — **grav-el-ly** \-lē\ *adj*

grave-stone \ˈɡrāv-,stōn\ *n* : a burial monument

grave-yard \-,ˈyārd\ *n* : CEMETERY

grav-id \ˈɡrav-əd\ *adj* [L *gravidus*, fr. *gravis* heavy] : PREGNANT

gra-vi-me-ter \ˈɡrə-ˈvīm-ət-ər, ˈɡrav-ə-,mēt-\ *n* : a device for measuring variations in a gravitational field

grav-i-tate \ˈɡrav-ə-,tāt\ *vb* **-tated**; **-tat-ing** : to move or tend to move toward something

grav-i-ta-tion \ˈɡrav-ə-ˈtā-shən\ *n* 1 : a natural force of

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈvash \əˈface \əˈcot, cart
 \əˈvout \chˈchin \eˈbet \eˈeasy \eˈgo \iˈhlt \iˈvice \iˈjob
 \gˈsing \oˈgo \oˈlaw \oˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \üˈloot
 \üˈfoot \yˈyet \zhˈvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

- attraction that tends to draw bodies together **2** : the action or process of gravitating — **grav-i-ta-tion-al** \-sh(ə)-nəl/ *adj* — **grav-i-ta-tion-al-ly** \-ē/ *adv* — **grav-i-ta-tive** \ˈgrāv-ə-,tāt-iv/ *adj*
- grav-i-ty** \ˈgrāv-ət-ē/ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : IMPORTANCE; *esp* : SERIOUSNESS **2** : ²MASS **5** **3** : the gravitational attraction of the mass of a celestial object (as earth) for bodies close to it; *also* : GRAVITATION **1**
- gra-vure** \grə-ˈvyūr/ *n* [F] : PHOTOGRAPHURE
- gra-vy** \ˈgrā-vē/ *n*, *pl* **gravies** **1** : a sauce made from the thickened and seasoned juices of cooked meat **2** : unearned or illicit gain : GRAFT
- gray** \grā/ *adj* **1** : of the color gray; *also* : dull in color **2** : having gray hair **3** : CHEERLESS, DISMAL **4** : intermediate in position or character — **gray-ish** *adj* — **gray-ness** *n*
- gray** *n* **1** : something of a gray color **2** : a neutral color ranging between black and white
- gray** *vb* : to make or become gray
- gray-beard** \ˈgrā-,biərd/ *n* : an old man
- gray birch** *n* : a small No. American birch with many lateral branches, grayish white bark, and soft wood
- gray-ling** \ˈgrā-līŋ/ *n*, *pl* **grayling** *also* **graylings** : any of several slender freshwater food and sport fishes related to the trouts
- gray matter** *n* **1** : the grayish part of nervous tissue consisting mostly of nerve cell bodies **2** : INTELLIGENCE
- graze** \ˈgrāz/ *vb* **grazed**; **graz-ing** **1** : to feed on herbage or pasture **2** : to feed (livestock) on grass or pasture — **graz-er** *n*
- graze** *vb* **grazed**; **graz-ing** **1** : to touch lightly in passing **2** : SCRATCH, ABRASE
- grease** \ˈgrēs/ *n* **1** : rendered animal fat **2** : oily material **3** : a thick lubricant — **greasy** \ˈgrē-sē-, -zē/ *adj*
- grease** \ˈgrēs-, ˈgrēz/ *vb* **greased**; **greas-ing** : to smear or lubricate with grease
- grease-paint** \ˈgrēs-,pānt/ *n* : theater makeup
- great** \grāt/ *adj* **1** : large in size : BIG **2** : ELABORATE, AMPLE **3** : large in number : NUMEROUS **4** : being beyond the average : MIGHTY, INTENSE (a ~ weight) (in ~ pain) **5** : EMINENT, GRAND **6** : long continued (a ~ while) **7** : MAIN, PRINCIPAL **8** : more distant in a family relationship by one generation (a great-grandfather) **9** : markedly superior in character, quality, or skill (~ at bridge) **10** : EXCELLENT, FINE (had a ~ time) — **great-ly** *adv* — **great-ness** *n*
- great circle** *n* : a circle on the surface of a sphere that has the same center as the sphere; *esp* : one on the surface of the earth an arc of which is the shortest travel distance between two points
- great-coat** \ˈgrāt-,kōt/ *n* : a heavy overcoat
- Great Dane** *n* : any of a breed of tall massive powerful smooth-coated dogs
- great-heart-ed** \ˈgrāt-ˈhārt-əd/ *adj* **1** : COURAGEOUS **2** : MAGNANIMOUS
- great power** *n*, *often cap G&P* : one of the nations that figure most decisively in international affairs
- great white shark** *n* : WHITE SHARK
- grebe** \ˈgrēb/ *n* : any of a family of lobe-toed diving birds related to the loons
- Gre-cian** \ˈgrē-shən/ *adj* : GREEK
- greed** \grēd/ *n* : acquisitive or selfish desire beyond reason — **greed-i-ly** \ˈgrēd-ē-lē/ *adv* — **greed-i-ness** \-ē-nəs/ *n* — **greedy** \ˈgrēd-ē/ *adj*
- Greek** \ˈgrēk/ *n* **1** : a native or inhabitant of Greece **2** : the ancient or modern language of Greece
- Greek** *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or characteristic of Greece, the Greeks, or Greek **2** : ORTHODOX **3**
- green** \grēn/ *adj* **1** : of the color green **2** : covered with verdure; *also* : consisting of green plants or of the leafy parts of plants (a ~ salad) **3** : UNRIPE; *also* : IMMATURE **4** : having a sickly appearance **5** : not fully processed or treated (~ liquor) (~ hides) **6** : INEXPERIENCED; *also* : NAIVE — **green-ish** *adj* — **green-ness** \ˈgrēn-nəs/ *n*
- green** *vb* : to make or become green
- green** *n* **1** : a color between blue and yellow in the spectrum : the color of growing fresh grass or of the emerald **2** : something of a green color **3** *pl* : leafy parts of plants **4** : a grassy plot; *esp* : a smooth grassy area around the hole into which the ball must be played in golf
- green-back** \ˈgrēn-,bak/ *n* : a U.S. legal-tender note
- green bean** *n* : a kidney bean that is used as a snap bean when the pods are colored green
- green-belt** \ˈgrēn-,belt/ *n* : a belt of parkways or farmlands that encircles a community
- green-ery** \ˈgrēn-(ə-)rē/ *n*, *pl* **-er-ies** : green foliage or plants
- green-eyed** \ˈgrēn-ˈīd/ *adj* : JEALOUS
- green-gro-cer** \ˈgrēn-,grō-sər/ *n* : a retailer of fresh vegetables and fruit
- green-horn** \-,hɔrn/ *n* : an inexperienced person; *esp* : one easily tricked or cheated
- green-house** \-,haʊs/ *n* : a glass structure for the growing of tender plants
- green manure** *n* : an herbaceous crop (as clover) plowed under when green to enrich the soil
- green onion** *n* : a young onion pulled before the bulb has enlarged and used *esp.* in salads
- green pepper** *n* : SWEET PEPPER
- green-room** \ˈgrēn-,rüm-, -rũm/ *n* : a room in a theater or concert hall where actors or musicians relax before, between, or after appearances
- green-sward** \-,swɔrd/ *n* : turf that is green with growing grass
- green thumb** *n* : an unusual ability to make plants grow
- Green-wich mean time** \ˈgrin-ij-, ˈgrēn-, -ich-/ *n* [Greenwich, England] : GREENWICH TIME
- Greenwich time** *n* : the time of the meridian of Greenwich used as the basis of worldwide standard time
- green-wood** \ˈgrēn-,wud/ *n* : a forest green with foliage
- greet** \ˈgrēt/ *vb* **1** : to address with expressions of kind wishes **2** : to meet or react to in a specified manner **3** : to be perceived by — **greet-er** *n*
- greet-ing** \-iŋ/ *n* **1** : a salutation on meeting **2** *pl* : best wishes : REGARDS
- greeting card** *n* : a card that bears a message usu. sent on a special occasion
- gre-gar-i-ous** \ˈgrī-ˈgar-ē-əs/ *adj* [L *gregarius* of a flock or herd, fr. *greg-*, *grex* flock, herd] **1** : SOCIAL, COMPANIONABLE **2** : tending to flock together — **gre-gar-i-ous-ly** *adv* — **gre-gar-i-ous-ness** *n*
- grem-lin** \ˈgrēm-lən/ *n* : a small gnome held to be responsible for malfunction of equipment *esp.* in aircraft
- gre-nade** \grə-ˈnād/ *n* [MF, pomegranate, fr. LL *granata*, fr. L *granatus* seedy, fr. *granum* grain] : a small bomb that is thrown by hand or launched (as by a rifle)
- gren-a-dier** \ˈgrēn-ə-ˈdiər/ *n* : a member of a European regiment formerly armed with grenades
- gren-a-dine** \ˈgrēn-ə-ˈdēn-, ˈgrēn-ə-,dēn/ *n* : a syrup flavored with pomegranates and used in mixed drinks
- grew** *past of* GROW
- grey** *var of* GRAY
- grey-hound** \ˈgrā-,haʊnd/ *n* : a tall slender dog noted for speed and keen sight
- grid** \ˈgrɪd/ *n* **1** : GRATE **2** : a metal plate used as a conductor in a storage battery **3** : an element in an electron tube consisting of a mesh of fine wire **4** : GRIDIRON **2**; *also* : FOOTBALL
- grid-dle** \ˈgrɪd-əl/ *n* : a flat usu. metal surface for cooking food
- griddle cake** *n* : PANCAKE
- grid-iron** \ˈgrɪd-,ɪ(-ə)rən/ *n* **1** : a grate (as of parallel bars) for broiling food **2** : something resembling a gridiron in appearance; *esp* : a football field
- grid-lock** \ˈgrɪd-,lɒk/ *n* : a traffic jam in which an intersection is so blocked that no vehicular movement is possible

grief \ˈgrēf/ *n* 1 : emotional suffering caused by or as if by bereavement; *also* : a cause of such suffering 2 : MISHAP 3 : DISASTER

griev-ance \ˈgrē-vəns/ *n* 1 : a cause of distress affording reason for complaint or resistance 2 : COMPLAINT

grieve \ˈgrēv/ *vb* **grieved**; **griev-ing** [ME *greven*, fr. OF *grever*, fr. L *gravare* to burden, fr. *gravis* heavy, grave] 1 : to cause grief or sorrow to : DISTRESS 2 : to feel grief : SORROW

griev-ous \ˈgrē-vəs/ *adj* 1 : OPPRESSIVE, ONEROUS 2 : causing suffering, grief, or sorrow : SEVERE (a ~ wound) 3 : SERIOUS, GRAVE — **griev-ous-ly** *adv*

grill \ˈgril/ *vb* 1 : to broil on a grill; *also* : to fry or toast on a griddle 2 : to question intensely

grill *n* 1 : a cooking utensil of parallel bars on which food is grilled 2 : an informal restaurant

grille or grill \ˈgril/ *n* : a grating that forms a barrier or screen

grill-work \ˈgril-,wɜrk/ *n* : work constituting or resembling a grille

grim \ˈgrim/ *adj* **grim-mer**; **grim-mest** 1 : CRUEL, FIERCE 2 : harsh and forbidding in appearance 3 : RELENTLESS 4 : ghastly or repellent in character — **grim-ly** *adv* — **grim-ness** *n*

grim-ace \ˈgrim-əs, ˈgrim-ˈəs/ *n* : a facial expression usu. of disgust or disapproval — **grimace** *vb*

grime \ˈgrim/ *n* : soot, smut, or dirt adhering to or embedded in a surface; *also* : accumulated dirtiness and disorder — **grimy** *adj*

grin \ˈgrin/ *vb* **grinned**; **grin-ning** : to draw back the lips so as to show the teeth esp. in amusement — **grin** *n*

grind \ˈgrind/ *vb* **ground** \ˈgraund/; **grind-ing** 1 : to reduce to small particles 2 : to wear down, polish, or sharpen by friction 3 : to press with a grating noise : GRIT (~ the teeth) 4 : OPPRESS 5 : to operate or produce by turning a crank 6 : DRUDGE; *esp* : to study hard 7 : to move with difficulty or friction (gears ~ing)

grind *n* 1 : monotonous labor or routine; *esp* : intensive study 2 : one who works or studies excessively

grind-er \ˈgrin-dər/ *n* 1 : MOLAR 2 *pl* : TEETH 3 : one that grinds 4 : SUBMARINE 2

grind-stone \ˈgrin-,stɒn/ *n* : a flat circular stone of natural sandstone that revolves on an axle and is used for grinding, shaping, or smoothing

grip \ˈgrip/ *vb* **gripped**; **grip-ping** 1 : to seize or hold firmly 2 : to hold strongly the interest of

grip *n* 1 : GRASP; *also* : strength in gripping 2 : a firm tenacious hold 3 : UNDERSTANDING 4 : a device for grasping and holding 5 : TRAVELING BAG

gripe \ˈgrip/ *vb* **griped**; **grip-ing** 1 : SEIZE, GRIP 2 : IRRITATE, VEX 3 : to cause or experience spasmodic pains in the bowels 4 : COMPLAIN — **gripe** *n*

grippe \ˈgrip/ *n* : INFLUENZA

gris-gris \ˈgrē-,grē-/ *n*, *pl* **gris-gris** \-,grēz/ [F] : an amulet or incantation used chiefly by people of African Negro ancestry

gris-ly \ˈgriz-lē/ *adj* **gris-li-er**; -**est** : HORRIBLE, GRUESOME

grist \ˈgrist/ *n* : grain to be ground or already ground

gris-tle \ˈgris-əl/ *n* : CARTILAGE — **gris-tly** \-(ə-)lē/ *adj*

grist-mill \ˈgrist-,mil/ *n* : a mill for grinding grain

grit \ˈgrit/ *n* 1 : a hard sharp granule (as of sand); *also* : material composed of such granules 2 : unyielding courage — **grit-ty** *adj*

grit *vb* **grit-ted**; **grit-ting** : GRIND, GRATE

grits \ˈgrits/ *n pl* : coarsely ground hulled grain (hominy ~)

griz-zled \ˈgriz-əld/ *adj* : streaked or mixed with gray

griz-zly \ˈgriz-lē/ *adj* **griz-zli-er**; -**est** : GRIZZLED

grizzly bear *n* : a large pale-coated bear of western No. America

gro *abbr* gross

groan \ˈgrɔn/ *vb* 1 : MOAN 2 : to make a harsh sound

under sudden or prolonged strain (the chair ~ed under his weight) — **groan** *n*

groat \ˈgrɔt/ *n* : an old British coin worth four pennies

gro-cer \ˈgrō-sər/ *n* [ME, fr. MF *grossier* wholesaler, fr. *gros* coarse, wholesale, fr. L *grossus* coarse] : a dealer esp. in staple foodstuffs — **gro-cery** \ˈgrōs-(ə-)rē/ *n*

grog \ˈgräg/ *n* [Old Grog, nickname of Edward Vernon †1757 Eng. admiral responsible for diluting the sailors' rum] : alcoholic liquor; *esp* : liquor (as rum) mixed with water

grog-gy \ˈgräg-ē/ *adj* **grog-gi-er**; -**est** : weak and unsteady on the feet or in action — **grog-gi-ly** \ˈgräg-ə-lē/ *adv* — **grog-gi-ness** \-ē-nəs/ *n*

groin \ˈgrɔin/ *n* 1 : the fold marking the juncture of the abdomen and thigh; *also* : the region of this fold 2 : the curved line or rib on a ceiling along which two vaults meet

grom-met \ˈgrām-ət, ˈgrəm-/ *n* 1 : a ring of rope 2 : an eyelet of firm material to strengthen or protect an opening

groom \ˈgrüm, ˈgrüm/ *n* 1 : a male servant; *esp* : one in charge of horses 2 : BRIDEGROOM

groom *vb* 1 : to attend to the cleaning of (an animal) 2 : to make neat, attractive, or acceptable : POLISH

grooms-man \ˈgrümz-mən, ˈgrümz-/ *n* : a male friend who attends a bridegroom at his wedding

groove \ˈgrüv/ *n* 1 : a long narrow channel 2 : a fixed routine — **groove** *vb*

groovy \ˈgrü-vē/ *adj* **groov-i-er**; -**est** : very good : EXCELLENT

grop-e \ˈgröp/ *vb* **groped**; **grop-ing** 1 : to feel about blindly or uncertainly in search (~ for the right word) 2 : to feel one's way by groping

gros-beak \ˈgrōs-,bēk/ *n* : any of several finches of Europe or America with large stout conical bills

gro-schen \ˈgrō-shən/ *n*, *pl* **gro-schen** — see *schilling* at MONEY table

gros-grain \ˈgrō-,grän/ *n* [F *gros grain* coarse texture] : a silk or rayon fabric with crosswise cotton ribs

gross \ˈgrōs/ *adj* 1 : glaringly noticeable 2 : OUT-AND-OUT, UTTER 3 : BIG, BULKY; *esp* : excessively fat 4 : excessively luxurious : RANK 5 : GENERAL, BROAD 6 : consisting of an overall total exclusive of deductions (~ earnings) 7 : EARTHY, CARNAL (~ pleasures) 8 : lacking knowledge or culture : UNREFINED 9 : OBSCENE — **gross-ly** *adv* — **gross-ness** *n*

gross *n* : an overall total exclusive of deductions — **gross** *vb*

gross *n*, *pl* **gross** : a total of 12 dozen things (a ~ of pencils)

gross national product *n* : the total value of the goods and services produced in a nation during a year

gro-szy \ˈgrō-shē/ *n*, *pl* **gro-szy** — see *zloty* at MONEY table

grot \ˈgrät/ *n* : GROTTO

gro-tesque \ˈgrō-tesk/ *adj* 1 : FANCIFUL, BIZARRE 2 : absurdly incongruous 3 : ECCENTRIC — **gro-tesque-ly** *adv*

grot-to \ˈgrät-ō/ *n*, *pl* **grottoes** *also* **grottos** 1 : CAVE 2 : an artificial cave-like structure

grouch \ˈgrauč/ *n* 1 : a fit of bad temper 2 : an habitually irritable or complaining person — **grouch** *vb* — **grouchy** *adj*

ground \ˈgraund/ *n* 1 : the bottom of a body of water 2 *pl* : sediment at the bottom of a liquid : DREGS, LEES 3 : a basis for belief, action, or argument 4 : BACKGROUND 5 : FOUNDATION 6 : the surface of the earth; *also* : SOIL 7 : an area with a particular use (fishing ~s) 8 *pl* : the area about and belonging to a building 9 : a conductor that

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ə\rfurther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \i\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\look
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

- makes electrical connection with the earth — **ground-less** \ˈgraʊn-(d)ləs\ *adj*
- ground** *vb* **1** : to bring to or place on the ground **2** : to provide a reason or justification for **3** : to instruct in fundamental principles **4** : to connect electrically with a ground **5** : to restrict to the ground **6** : to run aground
- ground** *past and past part of GRIND*
- ground ball** *n* : a batted baseball that rolls or bounces along the ground
- ground cover** *n* : low plants that grow over and cover the soil; *also* : a plant suitable for this use
- ground-er** \ˈgraʊn-dər\ *n* : GROUND BALL
- ground glass** *n* : glass with a light-diffusing surface produced by etching or abrading
- ground-hog** \ˈgraʊnd-ˌhɒg, -ˌhæg\ *n* : WOODCHUCK
- ground-ling** \ˈgraʊnd-liŋ\ *n* **1** : a spectator in the cheaper part of a theater **2** : a person of inferior judgment or taste
- ground rule** *n* **1** : a sports rule adopted to modify play on a particular field, court, or course **2** : a rule of procedure
- ground squirrel** *n* : any of various burrowing rodents that are related to the squirrels and live in colonies in open areas
- ground swell** *n* **1** : a broad deep ocean swell caused by an often distant gale or earthquake **2** : a rapid spontaneous growth (as of political opinion)
- ground-water** \ˈgraʊnd-ˌwɔt-ər, -ˌwät-\ *n* : water within the earth that supplies wells and springs
- ground-work** \-, wɜrk\ *n* : FOUNDATION, BASIS
- ground zero** *n* : the point above, below, or at which a nuclear explosion occurs
- group** \ˈgrʊp\ *n* **1** : a number of individuals related by a common factor (as physical association, community of interests, or blood) **2** : a combination of atoms commonly found together in a molecule (a methyl ~)
- group** *vb* : to associate in groups : CLUSTER, AGGREGATE
- grou-per** \ˈgru-pər\ *n*, *pl* **groupers** *also* **grouper** : any of numerous large solitary bottom fishes of warm seas
- group-ie** \ˈgru-pē\ *n* : a fan of a rock group who usu. follows the group around on concert tours
- group therapy** *n* : therapy in the presence of a therapist in which several patients discuss their personal problems
- grouse** \ˈgraʊs\ *n*, *pl* **grouse** or **grouses** : any of numerous plump-bodied ground-dwelling game birds related to but usu. less brightly colored than the pheasants
- grouse** *vb* **groused**; **grouse-ing** : COMPLAIN, GRUMBLE
- grout** \ˈgraʊt\ *n* : material (as mortar) used for filling spaces — **grout** *vb*
- grove** \ˈgrɒv\ *n* : a small wood usu. without underbrush
- grovel** \ˈgræv-əl, ˈgræv-\ *vb* -eled or -elled; -el-ing or -el-ling \-(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : to creep or lie with the body prostrate in fear or humility **2** : to abase oneself
- grow** \ˈgrɔ\ *vb* **grew** \ˈgruː\; **grown** \ˈgrɒn\; **growing** **1** : to spring up and come to maturity **2** : to be able to grow : THRIVE **3** : to take on some relation through or as if through growth (tree limbs *grown* together) **4** : INCREASE, EXPAND **5** : RESULT, ORIGINATE **6** : to come into existence : ARISE **7** : BECOME **8** : to have an increasing influence **9** : to cause to grow — **grow-er** \ˈgrɔ-(ə)r\ *n*
- growl** \ˈgraʊl\ *vb* **1** : RUMBLE **2** : to utter a deep throaty threatening sound **3** : GRUMBLE — **growl** *n*
- grown-up** \ˈgrɒn-əp\ *adj* : not childish : ADULT — **grown-up** *n*
- growth** \ˈgrɒθ\ *n* **1** : stage or condition attained in growing **2** : a process of growing esp. through progressive development or increase **3** : a result or product of growing (a fine ~ of hair); *also* : an abnormal mass of tissue (as a tumor)
- grub** \ˈgrʌb\ *vb* **grubbed**; **grub-bing** **1** : to clear or root out by digging **2** : to dig in the ground usu. for a hidden object **3** : RUMMAGE
- grub** *n* **1** : a soft thick wormlike larva (beetle ~s) **2** : DRUDGE; *also* : a slovenly person **3** : FOOD
- grub-by** \ˈgrəb-ē\ *adj* **grub-bi-er**; -est : DIRTY, SLOVENLY — **grub-bi-ness** \ˈgrəb-ē-nəs\ *n*
- grub-stake** \ˈgrəb-, stāk\ *n* : supplies or funds furnished a mining prospector in return for a share in his finds
- grudge** \ˈgrʌdʒ\ *vb* **grudged**; **grudg-ing** : to be reluctant to give : BEGRUDGE
- grudge** *n* : a feeling of deep-seated resentment or ill will
- gruel** \ˈgru-əl\ *n* : a thin porridge
- gruel-ing** or **gruel-ling** \-ə-liŋ\ *adj* : requiring extreme effort : EXHAUSTING
- grue-some** \ˈgru-səm\ *adj* [fr. earlier *growsome*, fr. E dial. *grow*, *grue* to shiver] : inspiring horror or repulsion : GRISLY
- gruff** \ˈgrʌf\ *adj* **1** : rough in speech or manner **2** : being deep and harsh : HOARSE — **gruff-ly** *adv*
- grum-ble** \ˈgrəm-bəl\ *vb* **grum-bled**; **grum-bling** \-b(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : to mutter in discontent **2** : GROWL, RUMBLE — **grumbler** \-b(ə-)lər\ *n*
- grumpy** \ˈgrʌm-pē\ *adj* **grump-i-er**; -est : moodily cross : SURLY — **grump-i-ly** \ˈgrəm-pə-lē\ *adv* — **grump-i-ness** \-pē-nəs\ *n*
- grun-gy** \ˈgrʌn-jē\ *adj* **grun-gi-er**; -est : shabby or dirty in character or condition
- grun-ion** \ˈgrʌn-yən\ *n* : a fish of the California coast which comes inshore to spawn at nearly full moon
- grunt** \ˈgrʌnt\ *n* : a deep throaty sound (as that of a hog) — **grunt** *vb*
- GSA** *abbr* **1** General Services Administration **2** Girl Scouts of America
- G suit** *n* [gravity *suit*] : an astronaut's or aviator's suit designed to counteract the physiological effects of acceleration
- gt** *abbr* great
- Gt Brit** *abbr* Great Britain
- gtd** *abbr* guaranteed
- GU** *abbr* Guam
- gua-ca-mo-le** \ˌgwāk-ə-ˈmō-lē\ *n* [AmerSp] : mashed and seasoned avocado
- gua-nine** \ˈgwān-, ĩen\ *n* : a purine base that codes genetic information in the molecular chain of DNA or RNA
- gua-no** \ˈgwān-ŏ\ *n* [Sp, fr. Quechua (a South American Indian language) *huanu dung*] : a substance composed chiefly of the excrement of seabirds and used as a fertilizer
- gua-ra-ni** \ˌgwär-ə-ˈnē\ *n*, *pl* **guaranies** *also* **guaranis** — see MONEY table
- guar-an-tee** \ˌgar-ən-ˈtē\ *n* **1** : GUARANTOR **2** : GUARANTY **1** **3** : an agreement by which one person undertakes to secure another in the possession or enjoyment of something **4** : an assurance of the quality of or of the length of use to be expected from a product offered for sale **5** : GUARANTY **3**
- guarantee** *vb* -teed; -tee-ing **1** : to undertake to answer for the debt, failure to perform, or faulty performance of (another) **2** : to undertake an obligation to establish, perform, or continue **3** : to give security to
- guar-an-tor** \ˌgar-ən-ˈtɔr\ *n* : one who gives a guarantee
- guar-an-ty** \ˌgar-ən-tē\ *n*, *pl* -ties **1** : an undertaking to answer for another's failure to pay a debt or perform a duty **2** : GUARANTEE **3** **3** : PLEDGE, SECURITY **4** : GUARANTOR
- guaranty** *vb* -tied; -ty-ing : GUARANTEE
- guard** \ˈgärd\ *n* **1** : one assigned to protect or oversee another **2** : a man or a body of men on sentinel duty **3** *pl* : troops attached to the person of the sovereign **4** : a defensive position (as in boxing) **5** : the act or duty of protecting or defending **6** : PROTECTION **7** : a football lineman playing between center and tackle; *also* : a basketball player stationed toward the rear **8** : a protective or safety device — **on guard** : WATCHFUL, ALERT

guard *vb* **1** : PROTECT, DEFEND **2** : to watch over **3** : to be on guard

guard-house ˈgärd-ˌhauz *n* **1** : a building occupied by a guard or used as a headquarters by soldiers on guard duty **2** : a military jail

guard-ian ˈgärd-ē-ən *n* **1** : CUSTODIAN **2** : one who has the care of the person or property of another — **guard-ian-ship** *n*

guard-room ˈgärd-rüm *n* **1** : a room used by a military guard while on duty **2** : a room where military prisoners are confined

guards-man ˈgärdz-mən *n* : a member of a military body called *guard* or *guards*

gua-va ˈgwäw-ə *n* : the sweet yellow acid fruit of a shrubby tropical American tree of the myrtle family used esp. for making jam and jelly; *also* : the tree

gu-ber-na-to-ri-al ˌgüb-ə(r)-nə-ˈtör-ē-əl *adj* : of or relating to a governor

guer-don ˈgörd-ən *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. Old High German *widarlön*, fr. *widar* back + *lön* reward] : REWARD, RECOMPENSE

guern-sey ˈgærn-zē *n*, *pl* **guernseys** *often cap* : any of a breed of fawn and white dairy cattle that produce rich yellowish milk

guer-ril-la or **gue-ril-la** ˌgə-ˈril-ə *n* [Sp *guerrilla*, fr. dim. of *guerra* war, of Gmc origin] : one who engages in irregular warfare esp. as a member of an independent unit

guess ˈges *vb* **1** : to form an opinion from little or no evidence **2** : to conjecture correctly about : DISCOVER **3** : BELIEVE, SUPPOSE — **guess** *n*

guest ˈgest *n* **1** : a person to whom hospitality (as of a house or a club) is extended **2** : a patron of a commercial establishment (as a hotel or restaurant) **3** : a person not a regular member of a cast who appears on a program

guf-faw ˌgə-ˈfə *n* : a loud burst of laughter — **guf-faw** ˌgə-ˈfə *vb*

guide-ance ˈgid-əns *n* **1** : the act or process of guiding **2** : ADVICE, DIRECTION

guide ˈgid *n* **1** : one who leads or directs another on a course **2** : one who shows and explains points of interest **3** : something that provides guiding information; *also* : SIGNPOST **4** : a device to direct the motion of something

guide *vb* **guid-ed**; **guid-ing** **1** : CONDUCT **2** : MANAGE, DIRECT **3** : to superintend the training of — **guid-able** ˈgid-ə-bəl *adj*

guide-book ˈgid-,bük *n* : a book of information for travelers

guided missile *n* : a missile whose course may be altered during flight

guide-line ˈgid-,līn *n* : an indication or outline of policy or conduct

guide word *n* : a term at the head of a page of an alphabetical reference work that indicates the alphabetically first or last word on that page

gui-don ˈgid-,än, -ən *n* : a small flag (as of a military unit)

guild ˈgild *n* : an association of people with common aims and interests; *esp* : a medieval association of merchants or craftsmen — **guild-hall** -,hól *n*

guild-der ˈgil-dər *n* : GULDEN

guile ˈgil *n* : deceitful cunning : DUPLICITY — **guile-ful** *adj* — **guile-less** ˈgil-ləs *adj* — **guile-less-ness** *n*

guil-lo-tine ˈgil-ə-,tēn, ˌgē-(y)ə-ˈtēn *n* : a machine for beheading persons — **guillotine** *vb*

guilt ˈgilt *n* **1** : the fact of having committed an offense esp. against the law **2** : BLAMEWORTHINESS **3** : a feeling of responsibility for wrongdoing — **guilt-less** *adj*

guilty ˈgil-tē *adj* **guilt-i-er**; -**est** **1** : having committed a breach of conduct **2** : suggesting or involving guilt **3**

: aware of or suffering from guilt — **guilt-i-ly** ˈgil-tē-lē *adv* — **guilt-i-ness** ˌtē-nəs *n*

guin-ea ˈgin-ē *n* **1** : a British gold coin no longer issued worth 21 shillings **2** : a unit of value equal to 21 shillings
guinea fowl *n* : a gray and white spotted West African bird related to the pheasants and widely raised for food; *also* : any of several related birds

guinea hen *n* : a female guinea fowl; *also* : GUINEA FOWL

guinea pig *n* : a small stocky short-eared and nearly tail-less So. American rodent

guise ˈgiz *n* **1** : a form or style of dress : COSTUME **2** : external appearance : SEMBLANCE

gui-tar ˈgi-ˈtär *n* : a musical instrument with usu. six strings plucked with a pick or with the fingers

gulch ˈgəlch *n* : RAVINE

gul-den ˈgül-dən, ˈgül- *n*, *pl* **guldens** or **gulden** — see MONEY table

gulf ˈgəlf *n* [ME *goulf*, fr. MF *golfe*, fr. It *golfo*, fr. LL *colpus*, fr. Gk *kolpos* bosom, gulf] **1** : an extension of an ocean or a sea into the land **2** : ABYSS, CHASM **3** : a wide separation

gull ˈgəl *n* : any of numerous mostly white or gray long-winged web-footed seabirds



ˈgull

gull *vb* : to make a dupe of : DECEIVE — **gull-ible** *adj*

gull *n* : DUPE

gul-let ˈgəl-ət *n* : ESOPHAGUS; *also* : THROAT

gul-ly ˈgəl-ē *n*, *pl* **gullies** : a trench worn in the earth by running water after rains

gulp ˈgəlp *vb* **1** : to swallow hurriedly or greedily **2** : SUPPRESS (~ down a sob) **3** : to catch the breath as if in taking a long drink — **gulp** *n*

gum ˈgəm *n* : the tissue along the jaws that surrounds the necks of the teeth

gum *n* **1** : a sticky plant exudate; *esp* : one that hardens on drying and is soluble in or swells in water and that includes substances used as emulsifiers, adhesives, and thickeners and in inks **2** : a sticky substance **3** : a preparation usu. of a plant gum sweetened and flavored and used for chewing — **gum-my** *adj*

gum arabic *n* : a water-soluble gum obtained from several acacias and used esp. in adhesives, in confectionery, and in pharmacy

gum-bo ˈgəm-bō *n* [AmerF *gombo*, of Bantu origin] : a rich thick soup usu. thickened with okra

gum-drop ˈgəm-ˌdrāp *n* : a candy made usu. from corn syrup with gelatin and coated with sugar crystals

gump-tion ˈgəmp-shən *n* **1** : shrewd common sense **2** : ENTERPRISE, INITIATIVE

gum-shoe ˈgəm-,shū *n* : DETECTIVE — **gumshoe** *vb*

gun ˈgən *n* **1** : CANNON **2** : a portable firearm **3** : a discharge of a gun **4** : something suggesting a gun in shape or function **5** : THROTTLE

gun *vb* **gunned**; **gun-ning** **1** : to hunt with a gun **2** : SHOOT

ˈə\abut ˈə\kitten ˈər\farther ˈə\ash ˈə\ace ˈə\cot, cart
ˈaʊ\out ˈch\chin ˈe\bet ˈē\easy ˈə\go ˈi\hit ˈi\vice ˈj\job
ˈŋ\sing ˈo\go ˈo\law ˈo\boy ˈth\thin ˈth\the ˈʊ\foot
ˈʊ\foot ˈy\et ˈz\h\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

3 : to open up the throttle of so as to increase speed
gun-boat ˈgən-,bōt\ *n* : a small lightly armed ship for use in shallow waters
gun-fight ˈgʌn-faɪt\ *n* : a duel with guns — **gun-fight-er** ˈgʌn-faɪt-ər\ *n*
gun-fire ˈgʌn-faɪə\ *n* : the firing of guns
gung ho ˈgʌŋ-ˈhō\ *adj* [*Gung ho!*, motto (interpreted as meaning "work together") of certain U.S. marine raiders in World War II, fr. Chin *kung*ˈho², short for *chung*ˈkuo² *kung*ˈyeh⁴ *ho*ˈtso⁴ *she*⁴ Chinese Industrial Cooperatives Society] : extremely zealous
gun-lock ˈgʌn-læk\ *n* : a device on a firearm by which the charge is ignited
gun-man ˈmən\ *n* : a man armed with a gun; *esp* : an armed bandit or gangster
gun-ner ˈgʌn-ər\ *n* **1** : a soldier or airman who operates or aims a gun **2** : one who hunts with a gun
gun-ner-y ˈgʌn-(ə)rē\ *n* : the use of guns; *esp* : the science of the flight of projectiles and effective use of guns
gunnery sergeant *n* : a noncommissioned officer in the marine corps ranking next below a first sergeant
gun-ny ˈgʌn-ē\ *n* : coarse jute or hemp material for making sacks
gun-ny-sack ˈsək\ *n* : a sack made of gunny
gun-point ˈpɔɪnt\ *n* : the muzzle of a gun — **at gunpoint** : under a threat of death by being shot
gun-pow-der ˈpaʊd-ər\ *n* : an explosive powder used in guns and blasting
gun-shot ˈgʌn-shət\ *n* **1** : shot fired from a gun **2** : the range of a gun (within ~)
gun-shy ˈʃi\ *adj* **1** : afraid of a loud noise **2** : markedly distrustful
gun-sling-er ˈslɪŋ-ər\ *n* : a gunman *esp.* in the old West
gun-smith ˈsmɪθ\ *n* : one who designs, makes, or repairs firearms
gun-wale *also* **gun-nel** ˈgʌn-əl\ *n* : the upper edge of a ship's or boat's side
gup-py ˈgʌp-ē\ *n, pl* **guppies** [after R.J.L. *Guppy* †1916 Trinidadian naturalist] : a tiny brightly colored tropical fish
gur-gle ˈgər-gəl\ *vb* **gur-gled**; **gur-gling** ˈg(ə)-lɪŋ\ : to make a sound like that of a flowing and gently splashing liquid — **gurgle** *n*
Gur-kha ˈgʊr-kə\ *n* : a soldier from Nepal in the British or Indian army
gur-ney ˈgər-nē\ *n, pl* **gurneys** : a wheeled cot or stretcher
gu-ru ˈgʊr-ū, ˈgʊr-rū\ *n, pl* **gurus** [Hindi] **1** : a personal religious and spiritual teacher in Hinduism **2** : a teacher in matters of fundamental concern
gush ˈgʊʃ\ *vb* **1** : to issue or pour forth copiously or violently : **spout** **2** : to make an effusive display of affection or enthusiasm
gush-er ˈgʊʃ-ər\ *n* : one that gushes; *esp* : an oil well with a large natural flow
gushy ˈgʊʃ-ē\ *adj* **gush-i-er**; **-est** : marked by effusive sentimentality
gus-set ˈgʊs-ət\ *n* [ME, piece of armor covering the joints in a suit of armor, fr. MF *gousset*] : a triangular insert (as in a seam of a sleeve) to give width or strength — **gusset** *vb*
gus-sy up ˈgʊs-ē\ *vb* : to dress up
˚gust ˈgʊst\ *n* **1** : a sudden brief rush of wind **2** : a sudden outburst : **surge** — **gusty** *adj*
˚gust *vb* : to blow in gusts
gus-ta-to-ry ˈgʊs-tə-,tōr-ē\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the sense or sensation of taste
gus-to ˈgʊs-tō\ *n, pl* **gustoes** : **RELISH**, **ZEST**
˚gut ˈgʊt\ *n* **1** *pl* : **BOWELS**, **ENTRAILS** **2** : the alimentary canal or a part of it (as the intestine); *also* : **BELLY**,

ABDOMEN **3** *pl* : the inner essential parts **4** *pl* : **COURAGE**, **STAMINA**

˚gut *vb* **gut-ted**; **gut-ting** **1** : **EVISCERATE** **2** : to destroy the inside of
gutsy ˈgʊt-sē\ *adj* **guts-i-er**; **-est** : aggressively tough : **COURAGEOUS**
gut-ter ˈgʊt-ər\ *n* : a channel or low area for carrying off rainwater
gut-ter-snipe ˈsniːp\ *n* : a street urchin
gut-tur-al ˈgʊt-ə-rəl\ *adj* **1** : sounded in the throat **2** : being or marked by an utterance that is strange, unpleasant, or disagreeable — **guttural** *n*
gut-ty ˈgʊt-ē\ *adj* **gut-ti-er**; **-est** **1** : **GUTSY** **2** : having a vigorous challenging quality
˚guy ˈgɪ\ *n* : a rope, chain, or rod attached to something as a brace or guide
˚guy *vb* : to steady or reinforce with a guy
˚guy *n* : **MAN**, **FELLOW**
˚guy *vb* : to make fun of : **RIDICULE**
Guy-a-nese ˈgi-ə-ˈnēz\ *n, pl* **Guyanese** : a native or inhabitant of Guyana — **Guyanese** *adj*
guz-zle ˈgʊz-əl\ *vb* **guz-zled**; **guz-zling** ˈ-(ə)-lɪŋ\ : to drink greedily
gym ˈdʒɪm\ *n* : **GYMNASIUM**
gym-kha-na ˈdʒɪm-ˈkän-ə\ *n* : a meet featuring sports contests; *esp* : a contest of automobile-driving skill
gym-na-si-um ˈdʒɪm-ˈnā-zē-əm, -zhəm, for **2** ˈdʒɪm-ˈnā-zē-əm\ *n, pl* **-na-si-ums** or **-na-sia** ˈ-ˈnā-zē-ə, -ˈnā-zhə; ˈ-ˈnā-zē-ə\ [L, exercise ground, school, fr. Gk *gymnasion*, fr. *gymnazein* to exercise naked, fr. *gymnos* naked] **1** : a room or building for indoor sports activities **2** : a German secondary school that prepares students for the university
gym-nas-tics ˈdʒɪm-ˈnas-tiks\ *n* : physical exercises performed in or adapted to performance in a gymnasium — **gym-nast** ˈdʒɪm-nast\ *n* — **gym-nas-tic** *adj*
gym-no-sperm ˈdʒɪm-nə-,spərm\ *n* : any of a class or subdivision of woody vascular seed plants (as conifers) that produce naked seeds not enclosed in an ovary
gyn or **gynecol** *abbr* **gynecology**
gy-ne-col-o-gy ˈdʒɪn-ə-ˈkäl-ə-jē, ˈdʒɪn-ə\ *n* : a branch of medicine dealing with the diseases and hygiene of women — **gy-ne-col-log-ic** ˈdʒɪn-i-kə-ˈlāj-ik, ˈdʒɪn-ə\ or **gy-ne-col-log-i-cal** ˈ-i-kəl\ *adj* — **gy-ne-col-o-gist** ˈdʒɪn-ə-ˈkäl-ə-jəst, ˈdʒɪn-ə\ *n*
gyp ˈdʒɪp\ *n* **1** : **CHEAT**, **SWINDLER** **2** : **FRAUD**, **SWINDLE** — **gyp** *vb*
gyp-sum ˈdʒɪp-səm\ *n* : a calcium-containing mineral used in making plaster of paris
Gyp-sy ˈdʒɪp-sē\ *n, pl* **Gypsies** [by shortening & alter. fr. *Egyptian*] : one of a dark Caucasian race coming orig. from India and living chiefly in Europe and the U.S.; *also* : the language of the Gypsies
gypsy moth *n* : an Old World moth that was introduced into the U.S. where its caterpillar is a destructive defoliator of many trees
gy-rate ˈdʒɪ-rāt\ *vb* **gy-rat-ed**; **gy-rat-ing** **1** : to revolve around a point or axis **2** : to oscillate with or as if with a circular or spiral motion — **gy-ra-tion** ˈdʒɪ-rā-shən\ *n*
gyr-fal-con ˈdʒɪr-fal-kən, -fō(l)-\ *n* : an arctic falcon that is the largest of all falcons and occurs in several forms
gy-ro ˈdʒɪ-rō\ *n, pl* **gyros** **1** : **GYROSCOPE** **2** : **GYROCOMPASS**
gy-ro-com-pass ˈ-ˈkəm-pəs, -ˈkäm-\ *n* : a compass in which the axis of a spinning gyroscope points to the north
gy-ro-scope ˈ-ˈsköp\ *n* : a wheel or disk mounted to spin rapidly about an axis that is free to turn in various directions
Gy Sgt *abbr* **gunnery sergeant**
gyve ˈdʒɪv, ˈgɪv\ *n* : **FETTER** — **gyve** *vb*

H

h \ˈäch\ *n, pl h's or hs* \ˈä-chəz\ *often cap* : the 8th letter of the English alphabet

h *abbr, often cap* **1** hard; hardness **2** heroin **3** hit **4** husband

H *symbol* hydrogen

ha *abbr* hectare

Hab *abbr* Habacuc; Habakkuk

Ha-ba-cuc \ˈhəb-ə,kək, hə-ˈbək-ək\ *n* — see BIBLE table
Ha-bak-kuk \ˈhəb-ə,kək, hə-ˈbək-ək\ *n* — see BIBLE table

ha-ba-ne-ra \, (h)äb-ə-ˈner-ən\ *n* [Sp (*danza*) *habanera*, lit., dance of Havana] : a Cuban dance in slow time; *also* : the music for this dance

ha-be-as cor-pus \ˈhā-bē-əs-ˈkôr-pəs\ *n* [ME, fr. ML, lit., you should have the body (the opening words of the writ)] : a writ issued to bring a party before a court
hab-er-dash-er \ˈhəb-ər(r)-,dash-ər\ *n* : a dealer in men's clothing and accessories

hab-er-dash-ery \-,dash-(ə)rē\ *n, pl -er-ies* **1** : goods sold by a haberdasher **2** : a haberdasher's shop

ha-bil-i-ment \hə-ˈbīl-ə-mənt\ *n* **1** *pl* : TRAPPINGS, EQUIPMENT **2** : DRESS; *esp* : the dress characteristic of an occupation or occasion — *usu.* used in *pl.*

hab-it \ˈhəb-ət\ *n* **1** : DRESS, GARB **2** : BEARING, CONDUCT **3** : PHYSIQUE **4** : mental makeup **5** : a usual manner of behavior : CUSTOM **6** : a behavior pattern acquired by frequent repetition **7** : ADDICTION **8** : mode of growth or occurrence

hab-it-able \ˈhəb-ət-ə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being lived in — **hab-it-abil-ity** \,həb-ət-ə-ˈbīl-ət-ē\ *n*

ha-bi-tant \ˈhəb-ət-ənt\ *n* : INHABITANT, RESIDENT

hab-i-tat \ˈhəb-ə-,tat\ *n* [L, it inhabits] : the place or kind of place where a plant or animal naturally occurs

hab-i-ta-tion \,həb-ə-ˈtā-shən\ *n* **1** : OCCUPANCY **2** : a dwelling place : RESIDENCE **3** : SETTLEMENT

hab-it-form-ing \ˈhəb-ət-,fôr-mīŋ\ *adj* : inducing the formation of an addiction

ha-bit-u-al \hə-ˈbīch-(ə-w)əl\ *adj* **1** : CUSTOMARY **2** : doing, practicing, or acting by force of habit **3** : inherent in an individual — **ha-bit-u-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **ha-bit-u-al-ness** *n*

ha-bit-u-ate \hə-ˈbīch-ə-,wät\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing **1** : ACCUSTOM **2** : to cause habituation

ha-bit-u-a-tion \hə-,bīch-ə-ˈwā-shən\ *n* **1** : the process of making habitual **2** : psychological dependence on a drug after a period of use

ha-bi-tué \hə-ˈbīch-ə-,wä\ *n* [F] : one who frequents a place or class of places

ha-ci-en-da \, (h)äs-ē-,en-də\ *n* **1** : a large estate in a Spanish-speaking country **2** : the main building of a farm or ranch

hack \ˈhak\ *vb* **1** : to cut with repeated irregular blows : CHOP **2** : to cough in a short dry manner **3** : to manage successfully — **hack-er** *n*

hack *n* **1** : an implement for hacking **2** : a short dry cough **3** : a hacking blow

hack *n* **1** : a horse hired or used for varied work **2** : a horse worn out in service **3** : a light easy often 3-gaited saddle horse **4** : HACKNEY **2**, TAXICAB **5** : a writer who works mainly for hire **6** : one who serves a cause merely for reward — **hack** *adj*

hack *vb* : to operate a taxicab

hack-ie \ˈhak-ē\ *n* : a taxicab driver

hack-le \ˈhak-əl\ *n* **1** : one of the long feathers on the neck or back of a bird **2** *pl* : hairs (as on a dog's neck) that can be erected **3** *pl* : TEMPER, DANDER

hack-man \ˈhak-mən\ *n* : HACKIE

hack-ney \ˈhak-nē\ *n, pl hackneys* **1** : a horse for riding or driving **2** : a carriage or automobile kept for hire

hackney *vb* : to make trite

hack-neyed \ˈhak-nēd\ *adj* : lacking in freshness or originality

hack-saw \ˈhak-,sò\ *n* : a fine-tooth saw in a frame for cutting metal

hack-work \-,wərk\ *n* : work done on order usu. according to a formula

had *past and past part of HAVE*

had-dock \ˈhəd-ək\ *n, pl haddock* *also* **haddocks** : an Atlantic food fish usu. smaller than the related cod

Ha-des \ˈhäd-(i)ēz\ *n* **1** : the abode of the dead in Greek mythology **2** *often not cap* : HELL

haf-ni-um \ˈhaf-nē-əm\ *n* : a gray metallic chemical element — see ELEMENT table

haft \ˈhaft\ *n* : the handle of a weapon or tool

hag \ˈhag\ *n* **1** : an ugly, slatternly, or evil-looking old woman **2** : WITCH **2**

Hag *abbr* Haggai

Hag-gai \ˈhag-ē-,ī, ˈhag-,ī\ *n* — see BIBLE table

hag-gard \ˈhag-ərd\ *adj* : having a worn or emaciated appearance *syn* careworn, wasted, drawn — **hag-gard-ly** *adv*

hag-gis \ˈhag-əs\ *n* : a traditionally Scottish dish made of the heart, liver, and lungs of a sheep or a calf minced with suet, onions, oatmeal, and seasonings

hag-gle \ˈhag-əl\ *vb* **hag-gled**; **hag-gling** \-(ə-)līŋ\ : to argue in bargaining — **hag-gler** \-(ə-)lɔr\ *n*

ha-gi-og-ra-phy \,hag-ē-ˈäg-rə-fē, hā-jē-\ *n* **1** : biography of saints or venerated persons **2** : idealizing or idolizing biography — **ha-gi-og-ra-pher** \-fər\ *n*

hai-ku \ˈhi-(i)kü\ *n, pl haiku* : an unrhymed Japanese verse form of three lines containing usu. 5, 7, and 5 syllables respectively; *also* : a poem in this form

hail \ˈhāl\ *n* **1** : precipitation in the form of small lumps of ice **2** : something that gives the effect of falling hail

hail *vb* **1** : to precipitate hail **2** : to hurl forcibly

hail *interj* [ME, fr. ON *heill*, fr. *heill* healthy] — used to express acclamation

hail *vb* **1** : SALUTE, GREET **2** : SUMMON

hail *n* **1** : an expression of greeting, approval, or praise **2** : hearing distance

Hail Mary *n* : a salutation and prayer to the Virgin Mary

hail-stone \ˈhāl-,stōn\ *n* : a pellet of hail

hail-storm \-,stôrm\ *n* : a storm accompanied by hail

hair \ˈhær\ *n* : a threadlike outgrowth esp. of the skin of a mammal; *also* : a covering (as of the head) consisting of such hairs — **haired** \ˈhærd\ *adj* — **hair-less** *adj*

hair-breadth \-,bredth\ or **hairs-breadth** \ˈhærz-\ *n* : a very small distance or margin

hair-brush \-,brəsh\ *n* : a brush for the hair

hair-cloth \-,klôth\ *n* : a stiff wiry fabric used esp. for upholstery

hair-cut \-,kət\ *n* : the act, process, or style of cutting and shaping the hair

hair-do \-,dü\ *n, pl hairdos* : a way of dressing the hair

hair-dress-er \-,dres-ər\ *n* : one who dresses or cuts hair — **hair-dressing** *n*

hair-line \-ˈlīn\ *n* **1** : a very slender line **2** : the outline of the hair on the head

hair-piece \-,pēs\ *n* **1** : TOUPEE **2** : supplementary hair (as a switch) used in some women's hairdos

hair-pin \-,pin\ *n* **1** : a U-shaped pin to hold the hair in place **2** : a sharp U-shaped turn in a road — **hairpin** *adj*

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \əˈfurther \əˈwash \əˈlace \əˈcot, cart
 \əˈn\out \ch\chin \əˈbet \əˈeasy \gəˈgo \iˈhit \iˈice \jˈjob
 \ŋˈsing \oˈgo \oˈlaw \oˈboy \th\thin \th\the \uˈloot
 \uˈfoot \yˈyet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

hair-raising \ˈhær-,rā-zɪŋ\ *adj* : causing terror or astonishment

hair-split-ter \-,split-ər\ *n* : a person who makes unnecessarily fine distinctions in reasoning or argument — **hair-split-ting** \-,split-ɪŋ\ *adj* or *n*

hair-style \-,stīl\ *n* : a way of wearing the hair

hair-stylist \-,stī-ləst\ *n* : HAIRDRESSER — **hair-styling** \-,stī-lɪŋ\ *n*

hair-trigger *adj* : immediately responsive to the slightest stimulus

hairy \ˈhæ(r)-ē\ *adj* **hair-i-er**; **-est** : covered with or as if with hair — **hair-i-ness** \ˈhær-ē-nəs\ *n*

hairy woodpecker *n* : a common No. American woodpecker with a white back that is larger than the similarly marked downy woodpecker

hajj \ˈhɑj\ *n* : the Islamic religious pilgrimage to Mecca

hajji \ˈhɑj-ē\ *n* : one who has made a pilgrimage to Mecca — often used as a title

hake \ˈhāk\ *n* : a marine food fish related to the cod

ha-la-la \ˈhə-ˈlāl-ə\ *n*, *pl* **halala** or **halalas** — see *riyal* at MONEY table

hal-berd \ˈhal-bərd, ˈhól- or **hal-bert** \-bərt\ *n* : a weapon esp. of the 15th and 16th centuries consisting of a battle-ax and pike on a long handle

hal-cy-on \ˈhal-sē-ən\ *adj* [Gk *halkyōn*, a mythical bird believed to nest at sea and to calm the waves] : CALM, PEACEFUL

hale \ˈhāl\ *adj* : free from defect, disease, or infirmity *syn* healthy, sound, robust, well

hale *vb* **haled**; **hal-ing** 1 : HAUL, PULL 2 : to compel to go (*haled him into court*)

ha-ler \ˈhāl-ər\ *n*, *pl* **ha-le-ru** \ˈhāl-ə-,rū\ — see *koruna* at MONEY table

half \ˈhaf, ˈháf\ *n*, *pl* **halves** \ˈhavz, ˈhävz\ 1 : one of two equal parts into which something is divisible 2 : one of a pair

half *adj* 1 : being one of two equal parts 2 : amounting to nearly half 3 : PARTIAL, IMPERFECT — **half** *adv*

half-and-half \ˌhaf-ən-ˈhaf, ˌháf-ən-ˈháf\ *n* : something that is half one thing and half another

half-back \ˈhaf-,bak, ˈháf-\ *n* 1 : a football back stationed on or near the flank 2 : a player stationed immediately behind the forward line

half-baked \-ˈbäkt\ *adj* 1 : not thoroughly baked 2 : poorly planned; *also* : lacking common sense

half boot *n* : a boot with a top reaching above the ankle

half-breed \ˈhaf-,brēd, ˈháf-\ *n* : the offspring of parents of different races — **half-breed** *adj*

half brother *n* : a brother by one parent only

half-caste \ˈhaf-,kast, ˈháf-\ *n* : one of mixed racial descent — **half-caste** *adj*

half-dol-lar \-ˈdāl-ər\ *n* 1 : a coin representing one half of a dollar 2 : the sum of fifty cents

half-heart-ed \-ˈhárt-əd\ *adj* : lacking spirit or interest — **half-heart-ed-ly** *adv* — **half-heart-ed-ness** *n*

half-life \-,lɪf\ *n* : the time required for half of something (as atoms or a drug) to undergo a process

half-mast \-ˈmast\ *n* : a point some distance but not necessarily halfway down below the top of a mast or staff or the peak of a gaff (flags hanging at ~)

half note *n* : a musical note equal in time to ½ of a whole note

half-pen-ny \ˈhāp-(ə-)nē\ *n*, *pl* **half-pence** \ˈhā-pəns\ or **halfpennies** : a formerly used British coin representing one half of a penny

half-pint \ˈhaf-,pɪnt, ˈháf-\ *adj* : of less than average size — **half-pint** *n*

half sister *n* : a sister by one parent only

half sole *n* : a shoe sole extending from the shank forward — **half-sole** *vb*

half-staff \ˈhaf-ˈstaf, ˈháf-\ *n* : HALF-MAST

half step *n* : the pitch interval between any two adjacent keys on a keyboard instrument

half-time \ˈhaf,tīm, ˈháf-\ *n* : an intermission between halves of a game

half-track \-,trak\ *n* 1 : an endless chain-track drive system that propels a vehicle supported in front by a pair of wheels 2 : a motor vehicle propelled by half-tracks; *esp* : such a vehicle lightly armored for military use

half-truth \-,trúth\ *n* : a statement that is only partially true; *esp* : one that deliberately mixes truth and falsehood

half-way \-ˈwā\ *adj* 1 : midway between two points 2 : PARTIAL — **halfway** *adv*

half-wit \ˈhaf-,wɪt, ˈháf-\ *n* : a foolish or imbecilic person — **half-wit-ted** \-ˈwɪt-əd\ *adj*

hal-i-but \ˈhal-ə-bət\ *n*, *pl* **halibut** *also* **halibuts** [ME *halybutte*, fr. *haly*, holy + *butte* flatfish, fr. its being eaten on holy days] : a large edible marine flatfish

ha-lite \ˈhal-,it, ˈhā-,lɪt\ *n* : ROCK SALT

hal-i-to-sis \ˌhal-ə-ˈtō-səs\ *n* : a condition of having fetid breath

hall \ˈhól\ *n* 1 : the residence of a medieval king or noble; *also* : the house of a landed proprietor 2 : a large public building 3 : a college or university building 4 : LOBBY; *also* : CORRIDOR 5 : AUDITORIUM

hal-le-lu-jah \ˌhal-ə-ˈlū-yə\ *interj* [Heb *hallēlūyāh* praise (ye) the Lord] — used to express praise, joy, or thanks

hall-mark \ˈhól-,mārk\ *n* 1 : a mark put on an article to indicate origin, purity, or genuineness 2 : a distinguishing characteristic

hal-low \ˈhal-ō\ *vb* 1 : CONSECRATE 2 : REVERE — **hal-lowed** \-ōd, -ə-wəd\ *adj*

Hal-low-eeen \ˌhal-ə-ˈwēn, ˌhāl-\ *n* : the evening of October 31 observed esp. by children in merrymaking and masquerading

hal-lu-ci-nate \ˈhə-ˈlūs-ən-,āt\ *vb* **-nat-ed**; **-nat-ing** : to perceive or experience as an hallucination

hal-lu-ci-na-tion \ˈhə-ˈlūs-ən-ˈā-shən\ *n* : perception of objects or events with no existence in reality due usu. to use of drugs or to disorder of the nervous system; *also* : something so perceived *syn* delusion, illusion, mirage — **hal-lu-ci-na-to-ry** \-ən-ə-,tōr-ē\ *adj*

hal-lu-ci-no-gen \ˈhə-ˈlūs-ən-ə-jən\ *n* : a substance that induces hallucinations — **hal-lu-ci-no-gen-ic** \-,lūs-ən-ə-ˈjen-ik\ *adj* or *n*

hall-way \ˈhól-,wā\ *n* 1 : an entrance hall 2 : CORRIDOR

hal-lo \ˈhā-lo\ *n*, *pl* **halos** or **haloes** [L *halos*, fr. Gk *halōs* threshing floor, disk, halo] 1 : a circle of light appearing to surround a shining body (as the sun) 2 : the aura of glory surrounding an idealized person or thing

halt \ˈhólt\ *adj* : LAME

halt *n* : STOP

halt *vb* 1 : to stop marching or traveling 2 : DISCONTINUE, END

hal-ter \ˈhól-tər\ *n* 1 : a rope or strap for leading or tying an animal; *also* : HEADSTALL 2 : NOOSE 3 : a brief blouse held in place by straps around the neck and across the back

halter *vb* **hal-tered**; **hal-ter-ing** \-t(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to catch with or as if with a halter; *also* : to put a halter on (as a horse) 2 : IMPEDE, RESTRAIN

halt-ing \ˈhól-tɪŋ\ *adj* : UNCERTAIN, FALTERING — **halt-ing-ly** *adv*

halve \ˈhav, ˈháv\ *vb* **halved**; **halv-ing** 1 : to divide into two equal parts 2 : to reduce to one half

halv-ers \ˈhav-ərz, ˈháv-\ *n* *pl* : half shares

halves *pl* of HALF

hal-yard \ˈhal-yərd\ *n* : a rope or tackle for hoisting and lowering something (as sails)

ham \ˈhəm\ *n* 1 : a buttock with its associated thigh 2 : a cut of meat and esp. pork from this region 3 : a showy performer 4 : an operator of an amateur radio station — **ham** *adj*

ham *vb* **hammed**; **ham-ming** : to overplay a part : OVERACT

ham-burg-er \ˈhəm-,bər-gər\ or **ham-burg** \-,bɜrg\ *n* [G *Hamburger* of Hamburg, West Germany] **1** : ground beef **2** : a sandwich consisting of a ground-beef patty in a round roll

ham-let \ˈhəm-lət\ *n* : a small village

ham-mer \ˈhəm-ər\ *n* **1** : a hand tool used for pounding; *also* : something resembling a hammer in form or function **2** : the part of a gun whose striking action causes explosion of the charge **3** : a metal sphere with a flexible wire handle that is hurled for distance in a track-and-field event (**hammer throw**) **4** : ACCELERATOR **2**

hammer *vb* **ham-mered**; **ham-mer-ing** \ˈhəm-(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to beat, drive, or shape with repeated blows of a hammer **2** : to produce or bring about as if by repeated blows

ham-mer-head \ˈhəm-ər-,hed\ *n* **1** : the striking part of a hammer **2** : any of various medium-sized sharks with eyes at the ends of lateral extensions of the flattened head



hammerhead 2

ham-mer-lock \-,læk\ *n* : a wrestling hold in which an opponent's arm is held bent behind his back

ham-mer-toe \-ˈtō\ *n* : a deformed toe with the 2d and 3d joints permanently flexed

ham-mock \ˈhəm-ək\ *n* [Sp *hamaca*, of AmerInd origin] : a swinging couch hung by cords at each end

hammock *n* : a fertile elevated area of the southern U.S. and esp. Florida with hardwood vegetation and soil rich in humus

ham-per \ˈhəm-pər\ *vb* **ham-pered**; **ham-per-ing** \-p(ə-)rɪŋ\ : IMPEDE *syn* trammel, clog, fetter, shackle

hamper *n* : a large basket

ham-ster \ˈhəm-stər\ *n* [G, fr. OHG *hamustro*, of Slavic origin] : a stocky short-tailed Old World rodent with large cheek pouches

ham-string \ˈhəm-,strɪŋ\ *vb* **-strung** \-,strəŋ\; **-string-ing** \-,strɪŋ-ɪŋ\ **1** : to cripple by cutting the leg tendons **2** : to make ineffective or powerless

hamstring *n* : any of several muscles at the back of the thigh or tendons at the back of the knee

hand \ˈhænd\ *n* **1** : the end of a front limb when modified (as in humans) for grasping **2** : personal possession — *usu.* used in pl; *also* : CONTROL **3** : SIDE **4** : a pledge esp. of betrothal **5** : HANDWRITING **6** : SKILL, ABILITY; *also* : a significant part **7** : ASSISTANCE; *also* : PARTICIPATION **8** : an outburst of applause **9** : a single round in a card game; *also* : the cards held by a player after a deal **10** : WORKER, EMPLOYEE; *also* : a member of a ship's crew — **hand-less** \ˈhænd(-)ləs\ *adj* — **at hand** : near in time or place

hand *vb* **1** : to lead, guide, or assist with the hand **2** : to give, pass, or transmit with the hand

hand-bag \ˈhænd(-),bag\ *n* : a bag for carrying small personal articles and money

hand-ball \-,bɒl\ *n* : a game played by striking a small rubber ball against a wall with the hand

hand-bar-row \-,bar-ə\ *n* : a flat rectangular frame with handles at both ends that is carried by two persons

hand-bill \-,bil\ *n* : a small printed sheet for distribution by hand

hand-book \-,bʊk\ *n* : a concise reference book : MANUAL

hand-car \ˈhænd(-),kär\ *n* : a small 4-wheeled railroad car propelled by hand or by a small motor

hand-clasp \-,klasp\ *n* : HANDSHAKE

hand-craft \-,kraɪt\ *vb* : to fashion by manual skill

hand-cuff \-,kʌf\ *n* : a metal fastening that can be locked around a wrist and is usu. connected with another such fastening

handcuff *vb* : MANACLE

hand-ful \ˈhænd(-),fʊl\ *n*, *pl* **hand-fuls** \-,fʊlz\ *also* **hands-ful** \ˈhænd(-)z-,fʊl\ **1** : as much or as many as the hand will grasp **2** : a small number (a ~ of people) **3** : as much as one can manage

hand-gun \-,gʌn\ *n* : a firearm held and fired with one hand

hand-i-cap \ˈhænd(-)i-,kap\ *n* [obs. E *handicap* (a game in which forfeits were held in a cap), fr. *hand in cap*] **1** : a contest in which an artificial advantage is given or disadvantage imposed on a contestant to equalize chances of winning; *also* : the advantage given or disadvantage imposed **2** : a disadvantage that makes achievement difficult

handicap *vb* **-capped**; **-cap-ping** **1** : to give a handicap to **2** : to put at a disadvantage

hand-i-capped *adj* : having a physical or mental disability that limits activity

hand-i-cap-per \-,kap-ər\ *n* : one who predicts the winners in a horse race *usu.* for a publication

hand-i-craft \ˈhænd(-)i-,kraɪt\ *n* **1** : manual skill **2** : an occupation requiring manual skill **3** : the articles fashioned by those engaged in handicraft — **hand-i-craft-er** *n* — **hand-i-crafts-man** \-,kraɪts-mən\ *n*

hand in glove *or* **hand and glove** *adv* : in an extremely close relationship

hand-i-work \ˈhænd(-)i-,wɜrk\ *n* : work done personally
hand-ker-chief \ˈhæŋ-kər-ʃəf, -,ʃɛf\ *n*, *pl* **-chiefs** \-ʃəfs, -,ʃɛfs\ *also* **-chieves** \-,ʃɛvz\ : a small piece of cloth used for various personal purposes (as the wiping of the face)

hand-le \ˈhænd(-)l\ *n* : a part (as of a tool) designed to be grasped by the hand — **hand-led** \-dɪld\ *adj* — **off the handle** : into a state of sudden and violent anger

handle *vb* **hand-led**; **hand-ling** \ˈhænd(-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to touch, hold, or manage with the hands **2** : to have responsibility for **3** : to deal or trade in **4** : to behave in a certain way when managed or directed (a car that ~s well) — **hand-ler** \ˈhænd(-)lər\ *n*

hand-le-bar \-dl̩-bär\ *n* : a straight or bent bar with a handle at each end (as for steering a bicycle) — *usu.* used in pl.

hand-made \ˈhænd(-)ˈmād\ *adj* : made by hand or a hand process

hand-maid-en \-,mād-ən\ *or* **hand-maid** \-,mād\ *n* : a female attendant

hand-me-down \-me-,daʊn\ *adj* : used by one person after being used by another (~ clothes) — **hand-me-down** *n*

hand-out \ˈhænd(-),aʊt\ *n* **1** : a portion (as of food) given to a beggar **2** : a piece of printed information for free distribution; *also* : a prepared statement released to the press

hand-pick \ˈhænd(-)ˈpɪk\ *vb* : to select personally (a ~ed candidate)

hand-rail \ˈhænd(-),rāl\ *n* : a narrow rail for grasping as a support

hand-saw \ˈhænd(-),sə\ *n* : a saw *usu.* operated with one hand

hands down \ˈhænd(-)z-ˈdaʊn\ *adv* **1** : with little effort **2** : without question

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\ʌfˈfʊt \ʌˈjɛt \zʰˈvɪʃən *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

hand-sel \ˈhən-səl\ *n* 1 : a gift made as a token of good luck 2 : a first installment : earnest money
hand-set \ˈhən(d)-set\ *n* : a combined telephone transmitter and receiver mounted on a handle
hand-shake \-,shāk\ *n* : a clasping of right hands by two people
hand-some \ˈhən-səm\ *adj* [ME *handsom* easy to manipulate] 1 : SIZABLE, AMPLE 2 : GENEROUS, LIBERAL 3 : pleasing and usu. impressive in appearance *syn* beautiful, lovely, pretty, comely, fair — **hand-some-ly** *adv* — **hand-some-ness** *n*
hands-on \ˈhən(d)-zɒn-,ˈzæn\ *adj* : being or providing direct practical experience in the operation of something
hand-spring \-,sprɪŋ\ *n* : an acrobatic feat in which the body turns forward or backward in a full circle from a standing position and lands first on the hands and then on the feet
hand-stand \-,stand\ *n* : an act of supporting the body on the hands with the trunk and legs balanced in the air
hand-to-hand \ˈhən-tə-,hænd\ *adj* : being at very close quarters — **hand to hand** *adv*
hand-to-mouth \-,maʊθ\ *adj* : having or providing nothing to spare
hand-woven \ˈhænd-,wō-vən\ *adj* : produced on a hand-operated loom
hand-writing \-,rɪt-ɪŋ\ *n* : writing done by hand; *also* : the form of writing peculiar to a person — **hand-written** \-,rɪt-ən\ *adj*
handy \ˈhæn-dē\ *adj* **hand-i-er**; **-est** 1 : conveniently near 2 : easily used 3 : DEXTEROUS — **hand-ily** \ˈhæn-də-lē\ *adv* — **hand-i-ness** \-dē-nəs\ *n*
handy-man \-,man\ *n* 1 : one who does odd jobs 2 : one competent in a variety of small skills or repair work
hang \ˈhæŋ\ *vb* **hung** \ˈhæŋ\ *also* **hanged** \ˈhæŋd\; **hang-ing** \ˈhæŋ-ɪŋ\ 1 : to fasten or remain fastened to an elevated point without support from below; *also* : to fasten or be fastened so as to allow free motion on the point of suspension (~ a door) 2 : to put or come to death by suspension (as from a gallows) 3 : DROOP (*hung* his head in shame) 4 : to fasten to a wall (~ wallpaper) 5 : to prevent (a jury) from coming to a decision 6 : to display (pictures) in a gallery 7 : to remain stationary in the air 8 : to be imminent 9 : DEPEND 10 : to take hold for support 11 : to be burdensome 12 : to undergo delay 13 : to incline downward; *also* : to fit or fall from the figure in easy lines 14 : to be raply attentive 15 : LINGER, LOITER — **hang-er** *n*
²**hang** *n* 1 : the manner in which a thing hangs 2 : peculiar and significant meaning 3 : KNACK
hang-gar \ˈhæŋ-ər\ *n* [F] : a covered and usu. enclosed area for housing and repairing aircraft
hang-dog \ˈhæŋ-,dɒg\ *adj* 1 : ASHAMED, GUILTY 2 : ABJECT, COWED
hang-er-on \ˈhæŋ-ər-ɒn-,ˈæn\ *n*, *pl* **hangers-on** : one who hangs around a person or place esp. for personal gain
hang in *vb* : to persist tenaciously
hang-ing \ˈhæŋ-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : an execution by strangling or snapping the neck by a suspended noose 2 : something hung — **hanging** *adj*
hang-man \-mən\ *n* : a public executioner
hang-nail \-,nāl\ *n* : a bit of skin hanging loose at the side or base of a fingernail
hang on *vb* 1 : HANG IN 2 : to keep a telephone connection open
hang-out \ˈhæŋ-,aʊt\ *n* : a favorite or usual place of resort
hang-over \-,ɒ-vər\ *n* 1 : something that remains from what is past 2 : disagreeable physical effects following heavy drinking
hang-up \ˈhæŋ-,əp\ *n* : a source of mental or emotional difficulty
hang up \(\)ˈhæŋ-əp\ *vb* 1 : to place on a hook or hanger 2 : to end a telephone conversation by replacing the

receiver on the cradle 3 : to keep delayed or suspended
hank \ˈhæŋk\ *n* : COIL, LOOP
han-ker \ˈhæŋ-kər\ *vb* **han-kered**; **han-ker-ing** \-k(ə)-rɪŋ\ : to desire strongly or persistently : LONG — **han-ker-ing** *n*
han-kie or **han-ky** \ˈhæŋ-kē\ *n*, *pl* **hankies** : HANDKERCHIEF
han-ky-pan-ky \ˈhæŋ-kē-ˈpæŋ-kē\ *n* : questionable or underhanded activity
han-sel *var* of HANDSEL
han-som \ˈhən-səm\ *n* : a 2-wheeled covered carriage with the driver's seat elevated at the rear
Ha-nuk-kah \ˈkæn-əkə-,ˈhän-\ *n* [Heb *hanukkāh* dedication] : an 8-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem after its defilement by Antiochus of Syria
hap \ˈhæp\ *n* 1 : HAPPENING 2 : CHANCE, FORTUNE
²**hap-haz-ard** \ˈhæp-ˈhaz-ərd\ *n* : CHANCE
²**hazard** *adj* : marked by lack of plan or order : AIMLESS — **hap-haz-ard-ly** *adv* — **hap-haz-ard-ness** *n*
hap-less \ˈhæp-ləs\ *adj* : UNFORTUNATE — **hap-less-ly** *adv* — **hap-less-ness** *n*
hap-loid \ˈhæp-lɔɪd\ *adj* : having the number of chromosomes characteristic of gametic cells — **haploid** *n*
hap-ly \ˈhæp-lē\ *adv* : by chance
hap-pen \ˈhæp-ən\ *vb* **hap-pened**; **hap-pen-ing** \ˈhæp-(ə)-nɪŋ\ 1 : to occur by chance 2 : to take place 3 : CHANCE 2
hap-pen-ing \ˈhæp-(ə)-nɪŋ\ *n* 1 : OCCURRENCE 2 : an event that is especially interesting, entertaining, or important
hap-pi-ly \ˈhæp-ə-lē\ *adv* 1 : LUCKILY 2 : in a happy manner or state (lived ~ ever after) 3 : APTLY, SUCCESSFULLY
hap-pi-ness \ˈhæp-ɪ-nəs\ *n* 1 : a state of well-being and contentment; *also* : a pleasurable satisfaction 2 : APTNESS
hap-py \ˈhæp-ē\ *adj* **hap-pi-er**; **-est** 1 : FORTUNATE 2 : APT, FELICITOUS 3 : enjoying well-being and contentment 4 : PLEASANT; *also* : PLEASED, GRATIFIED *syn* glad, cheerful, lighthearted, joyful, joyous
hap-py-go-lucky \ˈhæp-ē-gō-ˈlæk-ē\ *adj* : CAREFREE
happy hour *n* : a period of time when the price of drinks at a bar is reduced
hara-kiri \ˈhɑ-rə-ə-ˈkɪr-ē-,ˈher-ē-ˈker-ē\ *n* [Jp *harakiri*, fr. *hara* belly + *kiri* cutting] : suicide by disembowelment
ha-rangue \hə-ˈraŋ\ *n* 1 : a bombastic ranting speech 2 : LECTURE — **harangue** *vb* — **ha-rangu-er** \-ˈraŋ-ər\ *n*
ha-rass \hə-ˈras-,ˈhar-əs\ *vb* [F *harasser*, fr. MF, fr. *harer* to set a dog on, fr. OF *hare*, interj. used to incite dogs] 1 : to worry and impede by repeated raids 2 : EXHAUST, FATIGUE 3 : to annoy continually *syn* harry, plague, pest, tease, bedevil — **ha-rass-ment** *n*
har-bin-ger \ˈhɑr-bən-jər\ *n* : one that announces or foreshadows what is coming : PRECURSOR; *also* : PORTENT
²**har-bor** \ˈhɑr-bər\ *n* 1 : a place of security and comfort 2 : a part of a body of water protected and deep enough to furnish anchorage : PORT
²**harbor** *vb* **har-bored**; **har-bor-ing** \-b(ə)-rɪŋ\ 1 : to give or take refuge : SHELTER 2 : to be the home or habitat of; *also* : LIVE 3 : to hold a thought or feeling (~ a grudge)
har-bor-age \-bər-rɪj\ *n* : HARBOR
har-bour chiefly Brit *var* of HARBOR
hard \ˈhɑrd\ *adj* 1 : not easily penetrated 2 : high in alcoholic content; *also* : containing salts that prevent lathering with soap (~ water) 3 : stable in value (~ currency) 4 : physically fit; *also* : free from flaw 5 : FIRM, DEFINITE (~ agreement); *also* : based on clear fact (~ evidence) 6 : CLOSE, SEARCHING (~ look) 7 : REALISTIC (good ~ sense) 8 : OBDURATE, UNFEELING (~ heart) 9 : difficult to bear (~ times); *also* : HARSH, SEVERE 10 : RESENTFUL (~ feelings) 11 : STRICT, UNRELENTING (~ bargain) 12 : INCLEMENT (~ winter) 13 : intense in force or manner (~ blow) 14 : ARDUOUS, STRENUOUS (~ work) 15 : sounding as in *arc*ing and *geese* respectively — used of *c* and *g* 16 : TROUBLESOME (~ problem)

17 : having difficulty in doing something (~ of hearing)
 18 : addictive and gravely detrimental to health (~ drugs) — **hard** *adv* — **hard-ness** *n*
hard-and-fast \,hārd-ən-ˈfəst\ *adj* : rigidly binding : STRICT (~ rule)
hard-back \ˈhārd-ˌbæk\ *n* : a book bound in hard covers
hard-ball \-bɒl\ *n* 1 : BASEBALL 2 : forceful uncompromising methods
hard-bit-ten \-ˈbit-ən\ *adj* : SEASONED, TOUGH (~ campaigners)
hard-board \-bɔrd\ *n* : a very dense fiberboard
hard-boiled \-ˈbɔild\ *adj* 1 : boiled until both white and yolk have solidified 2 : lacking sentiment : CALLOUS; *also* : **HARDHEADED**
hard-bound \-ˈbaund\ *adj* : **HARDCOVER**
hard copy *n* : copy produced on paper in normal-size type
hard-core \ˈhārd-ˈkɔr\ *adj* 1 : extremely resistant to solution or improvement 2 : being the most determined or dedicated members of a specified group 3 : containing explicit depictions of sex acts — **hard core** *n*
hard-cover \-ˈkəv-ər\ *adj* : having rigid boards on the sides covered in cloth or paper (~ books)
hard-en \ˈhārd-ən\ *vb* **hard-ened**; **hard-en-ing** \ˈhārd-(ə-)nɪŋ\ 1 : to make or become hard or harder 2 : to confirm or become confirmed in disposition or action — **hard-en-er** *n*
hard-hack \ˈhārd-ˌhak\ *n* : an American spirea with rusty hairy leaves and dense clusters of pink or white flowers
hard hat *n* 1 : a protective hat worn esp. by construction workers 2 : a construction worker
hard-head-ed \ˈhārd-ˌhed-əd\ *adj* 1 : **STUBBORN**, **WILLFUL** 2 : **SOBER**, **REALISTIC** — **hard-head-ed-ly** *adv* — **hard-head-ed-ness** *n*
hard-heart-ed \ˈhārt-əd\ *adj* : **PITILESS**, **CRUEL** — **hard-heart-ed-ly** *adv* — **hard-heart-ed-ness** *n*
hard-ly \ˈhārd-ē-,hūd\ *n* 1 : resolute courage and fortitude 2 : **VIGOR**, **ROBUSTNESS**
hard-line \ˈhārd-ˌlɪn\ *adj* : advocating or involving a persistently firm course of action — **hard-lin-er** \-lɪ-nər\ *n*
hard-ly \ˈhārd-lē\ *adv* 1 : with force 2 : **SEVERELY** 3 : with difficulty 4 : only just : **BARELY** 5 : certainly not
hard palate *n* : the bony anterior part of the palate forming the roof of the mouth
hard-pan \ˈhārd-ˌpan\ *n* : a compact often clayey layer in soil that is impenetrable by roots
hard-pressed \-ˈprest\ *adj* : **HARD PUT**; *esp* : being under financial strain
hard put *adj* 1 : barely able 2 : faced with difficulty or perplexity
hard rock *n* : rock music marked by a heavy beat, high amplification, and usu. frenzied performances
hard-shell \ˈhārd-ˌshel\ *adj* : **CONFIRMED**, **UNCOMPROMISING** (a ~ conservative)
hard-ship \-ˌʃɪp\ *n* 1 : **SUFFERING**, **PRIVATION** 2 : something that causes suffering or privation
hard-stand \-,stand\ *n* : a hard-surfaced area for parking an airplane
hard-surf-face \-ˈsər-fəs\ *vb* : to provide (as a road) with a paved surface
hard-tack \-,tak\ *n* : a hard biscuit made of flour and water without salt
hard-top \-,tɒp\ *n* : an automobile resembling a convertible but having a rigid top
hard-ware \-,wær\ *n* 1 : ware (as cutlery or tools) made of metal 2 : the physical components (as electronic devices) of a vehicle (as a spacecraft) or an apparatus (as a computer)
hard-wood \ˈhārd-ˌwud\ *n* : the wood of a broad-leaved usu. deciduous tree as distinguished from that of a conifer; *also* : such a tree
hardwood *adj* 1 : having or made of hardwood (~ floors) 2 : consisting of mature woody tissue (~ cuttings)

hard-work-ing \-ˈwər-kiŋ\ *adj* : **INDUSTRIOUS**
har-dy \ˈhārd-ē\ *adj* **har-di-er**; **-est** 1 : **BOLD**, **BRAVE** 2 : **AUDACIOUS**, **BRAZEN** 3 : **ROBUST**; *also* : able to withstand adverse conditions (as of weather) (~ shrubs) — **har-dy-ly** \ˈhārd-ē-lē\ *adv* — **har-di-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*
hare \ˈhær\ *n*, *pl* **hare** or **hares** : a swift timid long-eared mammal distinguished from the related rabbit by being open-eyed and furry at birth
hare-bell \-,bel\ *n* : a slender herb with blue bell-shaped flowers
hare-brained \-ˈbrænd\ *adj* : **FLIGHTY**, **FOOLISH**
hare-lip \-ˈlɪp\ *n* : a deformity in which the upper lip is vertically split — **hare-lipped** \-ˈlɪpt\ *adj*
ha-rem \ˈhar-əm\ *n* [Ar *ḥarīm*, lit., something forbidden & *ḥaram*, lit., sanctuary] 1 : a house or part of a house allotted to women in a Muslim household 2 : the women and servants occupying a harem 3 : a group of females associated with one male
hark \ˈhɑrk\ *vb* : **LISTEN**
harken *var* of **HEARKEN**
har-le-quin \hār-li-k(w)ən\ *n* 1 *cap* : a character (as in comedy) with a shaved head, masked face, variegated tights, and wooden sword 2 : **CLOWN** 2
har-lot \hār-lət\ *n* : **PROSTITUTE**
harm \ˈhɑrm\ *n* 1 : physical or mental damage : **INJURY** 2 : **MISCHIEF**, **HURT** — **harm-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **harm-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **harm-ful-ness** *n* — **harm-less** *adj* — **harm-less-ly** *adv* — **harm-less-ness** *n*
harm *vb* : to cause harm to : **INJURE**
har-mon-ic \hār-ˌmən-ik\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to musical harmony or harmonics 2 : pleasing to the ear — **har-mon-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*
harmonic *n* : a musical overtone
har-mon-i-ca \hār-ˌmən-i-kə\ *n* : a small wind instrument played by breathing through metallic reeds
har-mo-ni-ous \hār-ˌmō-nē-əs\ *adj* 1 : musically concordant 2 : **CONGRUOUS** 3 : marked by accord in sentiment or action — **har-mo-ni-ous-ly** *adv* — **har-mo-ni-ous-ness** *n*
har-mo-ni-um \hār-ˌmō-nē-əm\ *n* : a keyboard wind instrument in which the wind acts on a set of metal reeds
har-mo-nize \ˈhār-mə-nīz\ *vb* **-nized**; **-niz-ing** 1 : to play or sing in harmony 2 : to be in harmony 3 : to bring into consonance or accord — **har-mo-ni-za-tion** \,hār-mə-nə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*
har-mo-ny \ˈhār-mə-nē\ *n*, *pl* **-nies** 1 : musical agreement of sounds; *esp* : the combination of tones into chords and progressions of chords 2 : a pleasing arrangement of parts; *also* : **ACCORD** 3 : internal calm
har-ness \ˈhār-nəs\ *n* 1 : the gear other than a yoke of a draft animal 2 : something that resembles a harness
harness *vb* 1 : to put a harness on; *also* : **YOKE** 2 : **UTILIZE**
harp \ˈhɑrp\ *n* : a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame set with strings plucked by the fingers — **harp-ist** *n*
harp *vb* 1 : to play on a harp 2 : to dwell on a subject tiresomely — **harp-er** *n*
har-poon \hār-ˈpiun\ *n* : a barbed spear used esp. in hunting large fish or whales — **harpoon** *vb* — **har-poon-er** *n*
harp-si-chord \ˈhɑrp-si-ˌkɔrd\ *n* : a keyboard instrument producing tones by the plucking of its strings with quills or with leather or plastic points
har-py \ˈhār-pē\ *n*, *pl* **harpies** [L *Harpyia*, a mythical predatory monster having a woman's head and a vulture's body, fr. Gk] 1 : a predatory person : **LEECH** 2 : a shrewish woman
har-ri-dan \ˈhar-əd-ən\ *n* : a scolding woman
har-ri-er \ˈhar-ē-ər\ *n* 1 : a small hound used esp. in hunting rabbits 2 : a runner on a cross-country team

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ə\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot
 \ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

harrier *n* : a slender long-legged hawk

har-row *\ˈhɑr-ō\ n* : a cultivating tool that has spikes, spring teeth, or disks and is used esp. to pulverize and smooth the soil

harrow *vb* **1** : to cultivate with a harrow **2** : **TORMENT**, **VEX**
har-ry *\ˈhɑr-ē\ vb* **har-ried**; **har-ry-ing** **1** : **RAID**, **PILLAGE** **2** : to torment by or as if by constant attack **syn** worry, annoy, plague, pester

harsh *\ˈhɑrsh\ adj* **1** : disagreeably rough **2** : causing discomfort or pain **3** : unduly exacting : **SEVERE** — **harsh-ly** *adv* — **harsh-ness** *n*

hart *\ˈhɑrt\ n* : **STAG**

har-um-scar-um *\,hɑr-əm-ˈskɑr-əm\ adj* : **RECKLESS**, **IRRESPONSIBLE**

har-vest *\ˈhɑr-vəst\ n* **1** : the season for gathering in crops; *also* : the act of gathering in a crop **2** : a mature crop **3** : the product or reward of exertion

harvest *vb* : to gather in a crop : **REAP** — **har-vest-er** *n* has *pres 3d sing* of **HAVE**

has-been *\ˈhaz-,bin\ n* : one that has passed the peak of ability, power, effectiveness, or popularity

hash *\ˈhæʃ\ vb* [*F hacher*, fr. *OF hachier*, fr. *hache* battle-ax] **1** : to chop into small pieces **2** : to talk about

hash *n* **1** : chopped meat mixed with potatoes and browned **2** : **HODGEPODGE**, **JUMBLE**

hash *n* : **HASHISH**

hash browns *n pl* : boiled potatoes that have been diced, mixed with chopped onions and shortening, and fried
hash-ish *\ˈhæʃ-,ēʃ, ha-ˈshēʃ\ [Ar]* *n* : an intoxicating preparation of resin from the hemp plant

hasp *\ˈhæsp\ n* : a fastener (as for a door) consisting of a hinged metal strap that fits over a staple and is secured by a pin or padlock

has-sle *\ˈhas-əl\ n* **1** : **WRANGLE**; *also* : **FIGHT** **2** : an annoying or troublesome concern — **hassle** *vb*

has-sock *\ˈhas-ək\ n* [*ME*, *sedge*, fr. *OE hassuc*] : a cushion that serves as a seat or leg rest; *also* : a cushion to kneel on in prayer

haste *\ˈhæst\ n* **1** : rapidity of motion or action : **SPEED** **2** : rash or headlong action **3** : excessive eagerness — **hast-i-ly** *\ˈhā-stē-lē\ adv* — **hast-i-ness** *\-stē-nəs\ n* — **hasty** *\ˈhā-stē\ adj*

has-ten *\ˈhās-n\ vb* **has-tened**; **has-ten-ing** *\ˈhās-(ə-)niŋ* **1** : to urge on **2** : to move or act quickly : **HURRY** **syn** speed, accelerate, quicken

hat *\ˈhæt\ n* : a covering for the head usu. having a shaped crown and brim

hat-box *\ˈhæt-,bäks\ n* : a round piece of luggage esp. for carrying hats

hatch *\ˈhæç\ n* **1** : a small door or opening **2** : a door or cover for access down into a compartment of a ship

hatch *vb* **1** : to produce by incubation; *also* : **INCUBATE** **2** : to emerge from an egg or pupa; *also* : to give forth young **3** : **ORIGINATE** — **hatch-ery** *\-(ə-)rē\ n*

hatch-back *\ˈhæç-,bæk\ n* : a back on an automobile having an upward-opening hatch **2** : an automobile having a hatchback

hatch-et *\ˈhæç-ət\ n* **1** : a short-handled ax with a hammerlike part opposite the blade **2** : **TOMAHAWK**

hatchet man *n* : a person hired for murder, coercion, or unscrupulous attack

hatch-ing *\ˈhæç-iŋ\ n* : the engraving or drawing of fine lines in close proximity chiefly to give an effect of shading; *also* : the pattern so created

hatch-way *\ˈhæç-,wā\ n* : an opening having a hatch

hate *\ˈhæt\ n* **1** : intense hostility and aversion **2** : an object of hatred — **hate-ful** *\-fəl\ adj* — **hate-ful-ly** *\-v\ adv* — **hate-ful-ness** *n*

hate *vb* **hate-ed**; **hat-ing** **1** : to express or feel extreme enmity **2** : to find distasteful **syn** detest, abhor, abominate, loathe — **hat-er** *n*

ha-tred *\ˈhā-trəd\ n* : **HATE**; *also* : prejudiced hostility or animosity

hat-ter *\ˈhæt-ər\ n* : one that makes, sells, or cleans and repairs hats

hau-berk *\ˈhó-bərk\ n* : a coat of mail

haugh-ty *\ˈhót-ə\ adj* **haugh-ti-er**; **-est** [*obs. haught*, fr. *ME haute*, fr. *MF haut*, lit., high, fr. *L altus*] : disdainfully proud **syn** insolent, lordly, overbearing, arrogant — **haugh-ti-ly** *\ˈhót-ə-lē\ adv* — **haugh-ti-ness** *\-e-nəs\ n*

haul *\ˈhól\ vb* **1** : to exert traction on : **DRAW**, **PULL** **2** : to furnish transportation : **CART** — **haul-er** *n*

haul *n* **1** : **PULL**, **TUG** **2** : the result of an effort to collect : **TAKE** **3** : the distance over which a load is transported; *also* : **LOAD**

haul-age *\-ij\ n* **1** : the act or process of hauling **2** : a charge for hauling

haunch *\ˈhóunch\ n* **1** : **HIP** **1** **2** : **HINDQUARTER** **2** — **usu.** used in *pl.* **3** : **HINDQUARTER** **1**

haunt *\ˈhónt\ vb* **1** : to visit often : **FREQUENT** **2** : to recur constantly and spontaneously to; *also* : to reappear continually in **3** : to visit or inhabit as a ghost — **haunt-er** *n* — **haunt-ing-ly** *\-iŋ-lē\ adv*

haunt *\ˈhónt, 2 is usu ˈhant\ n* **1** : a place habitually frequented **2** chiefly *dial* : **GHOST**

haut-bois or **haut-boy** *\(h)-ó-,bói\ n, pl hautbois \-,bói\ or hautboys* : **OBOE**

haute cou-ture *\,ót-kú-ˈtú(ə)r\ n* [*F*] : the establishments or designers that create fashions for women; *also* : the fashions created

haute cui-sine *\-kwi-ˈzēn\ n* : artful or elaborate cuisine

hau-teur *\ˈhó-ˈtər, (h)-ó- n\ n* : **HAUGHTINESS**

have *\(ˈ)həv, (h)əv, v; in sense 2 before ˈtoˈ usu ˈhəf\ vb* **had** *\(ˈ)həd, (h)əd*; **hav-ing** *\ˈhəv-iŋ*; **has** *\(ˈ)həz, (h)əz, in sense 2 before ˈtoˈ usu ˈhəs* **1** : to hold in possession; *also* : to hold in one's use, service, or regard **2** : to be compelled or forced to **3** : to stand in relationship to (has many enemies) **4** : **OBTAIN**; *also* : **RECEIVE**, **ACCEPT** **5** : to be marked by **6** : **SHOW**; *also* : **USE**, **EXERCISE** **7** : **EXPERIENCE**; *also* : **TAKE** (˜ a look) **8** : to entertain in the mind **9** : to cause to **10** : **ALLOW** **11** : to be competent in **12** : to hold in a disadvantageous position; *also* : **TRICK** **13** : **BEGET** **14** : to partake of **15** — used as an auxiliary with the past participle to form the present perfect, past perfect, or future perfect — **have at** : **ATTACK** — **have coming** : **DESERVE** — **have done with** : to be finished with — **have had it** : to have endured all one will permit or can stand — **have to do with** **1** : to deal with **2** : to have in the way of connection or relation with or effect on

have *\ˈhəv\ n* : one that has material wealth

ha-ven *\ˈhā-vən\ n* **1** : **HARBOR**, **PORT** **2** : a place of safety **3** : a place offering favorable conditions (a tourist's ˜)

have-not *\ˈhəv-,nät, -ˈnät\ n* : one that is poor in material wealth

hav-er-sack *\ˈhəv-ər-,sək\ n* [*F havresac*, fr. *G habersack* bag for oats] : a bag similar to a knapsack but worn over one shoulder

hav-oc *\ˈhəv-ək\ n* **1** : wide and general destruction **2** : great confusion and disorder

haw *\ˈhóh\ n* : a hawthorn berry; *also* : **HAWTHORN**

Ha-wai-ian *\hə-ˈwā-yən, -ˈwi-(y)ən\ n* : the Polynesian language of Hawaii

hawk *\ˈhók\ n* **1** : any of numerous mostly small or medium-sized day-flying birds of prey (as a falcon or kite) **2** : a supporter of a war or a warlike policy — **hawk-ish** *adj*

hawk *vb* : to offer goods for sale by calling out in the street — **hawk-er** *n*

hawk-weed *\ˈhók-,wəd\ n* : any of several plants related to the daisies usu. having red or orange flower heads

haw-ser *\ˈhó-zər\ n* : a large rope for towing, mooring, or securing a ship

haw-thorn *\ˈhó-,thörn\ n* : a spiny shrub or tree related to the apple and having white or pink fragrant flowers

hay *\ˈhā\ n* **1** : herbage (as grass) mowed and cured for

fodder **2** : REWARD **3** *slang* : BED (hit the ~) **4** : a small amount of money

hay *vb* : to cut, cure, and store for hay

hay-cock \ˈhā-kāk\ *n* : a small conical pile of hay

hay fever *n* : an acute allergic catarrh

hay-fork \ˈhā-fōrk\ *n* : a fork for loading or unloading hay

hay-loft \-,lōft\ *n* : a loft for hay

hay-mow \-,maʊ\ *n* : a mow of or for hay

hay-rick \-,rik\ *n* : a large sometimes thatched outdoor stack of hay

hay-seed \-,sēd\ *n, pl* **hayseed** or **hayseeds** **1** : clinging bits of straw or chaff from hay **2** : BUMPKIN, YOKEL

hay-stack \-,stak\ *n* : a stack of hay

hay-wire \-,wi(ə)r\ *adj* : being out of order or control : CRAZY

haz-ard \ˈhaz-ərd\ *n* [ME, a dice game, fr. MF *hasard*, fr. Ar *az-zahr* the die] **1** : a source of danger **2** : CHANCE; *also* : ACCIDENT **3** : an obstacle on a golf course — **haz-ard-ous** *adj*

hazard *vb* : VENTURE, RISK

haze \ˈhāz\ *n* **1** : fine dust, smoke, or light vapor causing lack of transparency in the air **2** : vagueness of mind or perception

haze *vb* **hazed**; **haz-ing** : to harass by abusive and humiliating tricks

ha-zel \ˈhā-zəl\ *n* **1** : any of a genus of shrubs or small trees related to the birches and bearing edible nuts (ha-zel-nuts \-,nəts\ **2** : a light brown color

hazy \ˈhā-zē\ *adj* **haz-i-er**; **-est** **1** : obscured or darkened by haze **2** : VAGUE, INDEFINITE — **haz-i-ly** \ˈhā-zə-lē\ *adv* — **haz-i-ness** \-zē-nəs\ *n*

Hb *abbr* hemoglobin

HBM *abbr* Her Britannic Majesty; His Britannic Majesty

H-bomb \ˈäch-,bām\ *n* : HYDROGEN BOMB

HC *abbr* **1** Holy Communion **2** House of Commons

hd *abbr* head

HD *abbr* heavy-duty

hdbk *abbr* handbook

hdkf *abbr* handkerchief

hdwe *abbr* hardware

he (ˈ)hē, ē *pron* **1** : that male one **2** : a or the person (~ who hesitates is lost)

He *symbol* helium

HE *abbr* **1** Her Excellency **2** His Eminence **3** His Excellency

head \ˈhed\ *n* **1** : the front or upper part of the body containing the brain, the chief sense organs, and the mouth **2** : MIND; *also* : natural aptitude **3** : POISE **4** : the obverse of a coin **5** : INDIVIDUAL; *also, pl* **head** : one of a number (as of cattle) **6** : the end that is upper or higher or opposite the foot; *also* : either end of something (as a drum) whose two ends need not be distinguished **7** : DIRECTOR, LEADER; *also* : a leading element (as of a procession) **8** : a projecting part; *also* : the striking part of a weapon **9** : the place of leadership or honor **10** : a separate part or topic **11** : the foam on a fermenting or effervescing liquid **12** : CRISIS — **head-ed** \-əd\ *adj* — **head-less** *adj*

head *adj* : PRINCIPAL, CHIEF

head *vb* **1** : to cut back the upper growth of **2** : to provide with or form a head; *also* : to form the head of **3** : LEAD, CONDUCT **4** : to get in front of esp. so as to stop; *also* : SURPASS **5** : to put or stand at the head **6** : to point or proceed in a certain direction **7** : ORIGINATE

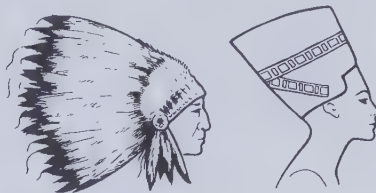
head-ache \-,āk\ *n* **1** : pain in the head **2** : a baffling situation or problem

head-band \-,band\ *n* : a band worn on or around the head

head-board \-,bōrd\ *n* : a board forming the head (as of a bed)

head cold *n* : a common cold centered in the nasal passages and adjacent mucous tissues

head-dress \ˈhed-,dres\ *n* : an often elaborate covering for the head



headdress

head-first \-ˈfɜrst\ *adv* : HEADLONG — **headfirst** *adj*

head-gear \-,giə\ *n* : a covering or protective device for the head

head-hunt-ing \-,hənt-ɪŋ\ *n* : the act or custom of seeking out and decapitating enemies and preserving their heads as trophies — **head-hunter** \-ər\ *n*

head-ing \ˈhed-ɪŋ\ *n* **1** : the compass direction in which the longitudinal axis of a ship or airplane points **2** : something that forms or serves as a head

head-land \ˈhed-lənd, -,land\ *n* : PROMONTORY

head-light \-,lɪt\ *n* : a light with a reflector and special lens mounted on the front of a vehicle

head-line \-,lɪn\ *n* : a head of a newspaper story or article usu. printed in large type

head-lock \-,lāk\ *n* : a wrestling hold in which one encircles his opponent's head with one arm

head-long \-ˈlɒŋ\ *adv* **1** : with the head foremost **2** : RECKLESSLY **3** : without delay

head-long \-,lɒŋ\ *adj* **1** : PRECIPITATE, RASH **2** : plunging with the head foremost

head-man \ˈhed-ˈmæn, -,man\ *n* : one who is a leader : CHIEF

head-mas-ter \-,mas-tər\ *n* : a man heading the staff of a private school

head-mis-tress \-,mis-trəs\ *n* : a woman head of a private school

head-on \ˈhed-ˈɒn, -ˈæn\ *adj* : having the front facing in the direction of initial contact or line of sight (~ collision) — **head-on** *adv*

head-phone \-,fɒn\ *n* : an earphone held on by a band over the head

head-piece \-,pēs\ *n* **1** : a covering for the head **2** : an ornament esp. at the beginning of a chapter

head-pin \-,pɪn\ *n* : a bowling pin that stands foremost in the arrangement of pins

head-quar-ters \-,kwɔrt-ərz\ *n* *sing or pl* **1** : a place from which a commander exercises command **2** : the administrative center of an enterprise

head-rest \-,rest\ *n* **1** : a support for the head **2** : a pad at the top of the back of an automobile seat

head-room \ˈhed-,rüm, -,rüm\ *n* : vertical space in which to stand, sit, or move

head-set \-,set\ *n* : a pair of headphones

head-ship \-,ʃɪp\ *n* : the position, office, or dignity of a head

heads-man \ˈhedz-mæn\ *n* : EXECUTIONER

head-stall \ˈhed-,stɒl\ *n* : an arrangement of straps or rope encircling the head of an animal and forming part of a bridle or halter

head-stone \-,stɒn\ *n* : a memorial stone at the head of a grave

head-strong \-,strɒŋ\ *adj* **1** : not easily restrained **2** : di-

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \aʊ\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\vice \i\job
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 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

rected by ungovernable will **syn** unruly, intractable, willful, pertinacious, refractory, stubborn
head-wait-er \-wāt-ər\ *n* : the head of the dining-room staff of a restaurant or hotel
head-wa-ter \-, wōt-ər, -, wāt-\ *n* : the source of a stream — **usu.** used in pl.
head-way \-, wā\ *n* : forward motion; **also** : PROGRESS
head wind *n* : a wind blowing in a direction opposite to a course esp. of a ship or aircraft
head-word \-hed-, wōrd\ *n* 1 : a word or term placed at the beginning 2 : a word qualified by a modifier
head-work \-, wōrk\ *n* : mental work or effort : THINKING
heady \-hed-ē\ *adj* **head-ier**; **-est** 1 : WILLFUL, RASH; **also** : IMPETUOUS 2 : INTOXICATING 3 : SHREWD
heal \-hē\ *vb* 1 : to make or become sound or whole; **also** : to restore to health 2 : CURE, REMEDY — **heal-er** *n*
health \-helth\ *n* 1 : sound physical or mental condition; **also** : overall condition of the body (in poor ~) 2 : WELL-BEING 3 : a toast to someone's health or prosperity
health-ful \-helth-fəl\ *adj* 1 : beneficial to health 2 : HEALTHY — **health-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **health-ful-ness** *n*
healthy \-hel-thē\ *adj* **health-ier**; **-est** 1 : enjoying or typical of good health : WELL 2 : evincing or conducive to health 3 : PROSPEROUS; **also** : CONSIDERABLE — **health-ily** \-hel-thā-lē\ *adv* — **health-i-ness** \-thē-nəs\ *n*
heap \-hēp\ *n* : PILE; **also** : LOT
heap *vb* 1 : to throw or lay in a heap 2 : to give in large quantities; **also** : to fill more than full
hear \-hiər\ *vb* **heard** \-hərd\; **hearing** \-hi(ə)r-ɪŋ\ 1 : to perceive by the ear 2 : HEED; **also** : ATTEND 3 : to give a legal hearing to or take testimony from 4 : LEARN — **hear-er** \-hīr-ər\ *n*
hearing *n* 1 : the process, function, or power of perceiving sound; **esp.** : the special sense by which noises and tones are received as stimuli 2 : EARSHOT 3 : opportunity to be heard 4 : a listening to arguments (as in a court); **also** : a session in which witnesses are heard (as by a legislative committee)
hear-ken \-hār-kən\ *vb* : to give attention : LISTEN **syn** hear, hark, heed
hear-say \-hiər-, sā\ *n* : RUMOR
hearse \-hərs\ *n* [ME *herse*, fr. MF *herce* harrow, frame for holding candles] : a vehicle for carrying the dead to the grave
heart \-hārt\ *n* 1 : a hollow muscular organ that by rhythmic contraction keeps up the circulation of the blood in the body; **also** : something resembling a heart in shape 2 : any of a suit of playing cards marked with a red figure of a heart; **also**, *pl* : a card game in which the object is to avoid taking tricks containing hearts 3 : the whole personality; **also** : the emotional or moral as distinguished from the intellectual nature 4 : COURAGE 5 : one's innermost being 6 : CENTER; **also** : the essential part 7 : the younger central part of a compact leafy cluster (as of lettuce) — **heart-ed** \-əd\ *adj* — **by heart** : by rote or from memory
heart-ache \-, āk\ *n* : anguish of mind
heart attack *n* : an acute episode of heart disease due to insufficient blood supply to the heart muscle itself
heart-beat \-hārt-, bēt\ *n* : one complete pulsation of the heart
heart-break \-, brāk\ *n* : crushing grief
heart-break-ing \-, brā-kiŋ\ *adj* : causing extreme sorrow or distress — **heart-break-er** \-, brā-kər\ *n*
heart-bro-ken \-, brō-kən\ *adj* : overcome by sorrow
heart-burn \-, bərn\ *n* : a burning distress behind the lower sternum **usu.** due to spasm of the esophagus or upper stomach
heart disease *n* : an abnormal organic condition of the heart or of the heart and circulation
heart-en \-hārt-n\ *vb* **heart-ened**; **heart-en-ing** \-hārt-(ə-)niŋ\ : ENCOURAGE

heart-felt \-hārt-, felt\ *adj* : deeply felt : SINCERE
hearth \-hārh\ *n* 1 : an area (as of brick) in front of a fireplace; **also** : the floor of a fireplace 2 : HOME
hearth-stone \-, stōn\ *n* 1 : a stone forming a hearth 2 : HOME
heart-less \-hārt-ləs\ *adj* : CRUEL
heart-rend-ing \-, ren-diŋ\ *adj* : HEARTBREAKING
heart-sick \-, sik\ *adj* : very despondent — **heart-sick-ness** *n*
heart-strings \-, strɪŋz\ *n pl* : the deepest emotions or affections
heart-throb \-, thrəb\ *n* 1 : the throb of a heart 2 : sentimental emotion 3 : SWEETHEART
heart-to-heart \-hārt-tə-, hārt\ *adj* : SINCERE, FRANK (a ~ talk)
heart-warm-ing \-hārt-, wōr-miŋ\ *adj* : inspiring sympathetic feeling
heart-wood \-, wūd\ *n* : the older harder nonliving central portion of wood
heart-y \-hārt-ē\ *adj* **heart-ier**; **-est** 1 : THOROUGHGOING; **also** : JOVIAL 2 : vigorously healthy 3 : ABUNDANT; **also** : NOURISHING **syn** sincere, wholehearted, unfeigned, heartfelt — **heart-ily** \-hārt-ə-lē\ *adv* — **heart-i-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*
heart-y *n, pl* **heart-ies** : COMRADE; **also** : SAILOR
heat \-hēt\ *vb* 1 : to make or become warm or hot 2 : EXCITE — **heat-ed-ly** \-əd-lē\ *adv* — **heat-er** *n*
heat *n* 1 : a condition of being hot : WARMTH 2 : a form of energy that causes a body to rise in temperature, to fuse, to evaporate, or to expand 3 : high temperature 4 : intensity of feeling; **also** : sexual excitement esp. in a female mammal 5 : pungency of flavor 6 : a single continuous effort; **also** : a preliminary race for eliminating less competent contenders 7 : PRESSURE, COERCION; **also** : ABUSE, CRITICISM — **heat-less** *adj*
heat engine *n* : a mechanism for converting heat energy into mechanical energy
heat exchanger *n* : a device (as an automobile radiator) for transferring heat from one fluid to another without allowing them to mix
heat exhaustion *n* : a condition marked by weakness, nausea, dizziness, and profuse sweating that results from physical exertion in a hot environment
heath \-hēth\ *n* 1 : any of a large family of often evergreen shrubby plants (as a blueberry or heather) of wet acid soils 2 : a tract of wasteland — **heathy** *adj*
hea-then \-hē-thən\ *n, pl* **heathens** or **heathen** 1 : an unconverted member of a people or nation that does not acknowledge the God of the Bible 2 : an uncivilized or irreligious person — **heathen** *adj* — **hea-then-dom** *n* — **hea-then-ish** *adj* — **hea-then-ism** *n*
heath-er \-hēth-ər\ *n* : a northern evergreen heath with **usu.** lavender flowers — **heath-ery** *adj*
heat lightning *n* : flashes of light without thunder ascribed to distant lightning reflected by high clouds
heat-stroke \-hēt-, strōk\ *n* : a disorder marked esp. by high body temperature without sweating and by collapse that follows prolonged exposure to excessive heat
heave \-hēv\ *vb* **heaved** or **hove** \-hōv\; **heav-ing** 1 : to rise or lift upward 2 : THROW 3 : to rise and fall rhythmically; **also** : PANT 4 : RETCH 5 : PULL, PUSH — **heaver** *n*
heave *n* 1 : an effort to lift or raise 2 : THROW, CAST 3 : an upward motion 4 *pl* : a chronic lung disease of horses marked by difficult breathing and persistent cough
heav-en \-hev-ən\ *n* 1 : FIRMAMENT — **usu.** used in *pl.* 2 *often cap* : the abode of the Deity and of the blessed dead; **also** : a spiritual state of everlasting communion with God 3 *cap* : GOD 1 4 : a place of supreme happiness — **heav-en-ly** *adj* — **heav-en-ward** *adv* or *adj*
heavy \-hev-ē\ *adj* **heavi-er**; **-est** 1 : having great weight 2 : hard to bear 3 : SERIOUS 4 : DEEP, PROFOUND 5 : burdened with something oppressive; **also** : PREGNANT 6 : SLUGGISH 7 : DRAB; **also** : DOLEFUL 8 : DROWSY 9 : great-

hell-cat \-,kət/ **n** 1 : WITCH 2 2 : TORMENTOR; *esp* : SHREW

hel-le-bore \ˈhel-ə-,bōr/ **n** 1 : a plant related to the buttercup; *also* : its roots used formerly in medicine 2 : a poisonous plant related to the lilies; *also* : its dried roots used in medicine and insecticides

Hel-lene \ˈhel-,ən/ **n** : GREEK

Hel-le-nism \ˈhel-ə-,niz-əm/ **n** : a body of humanistic and classical ideals associated with ancient Greece — **Hel-len-ic** \he-ˈlen-ik/ *adj* — **Hel-le-nist** \ˈhel-ə-nəst/ **n**

Hel-le-nis-tic \ˈhel-ə-ˈnis-tik/ *adj* : of or relating to Greek history, culture, or art after Alexander the Great

hell-for-leather *adv* : at full speed

hell-gram-mite \ˈhel-grə-,mit/ **n** : an aquatic insect larva that is used as bait in fishing

hell-hole \ˈhel-,hōl/ **n** : a place of extreme misery or squalor

hel-lion \ˈhel-yən/ **n** : a troublesome or mischievous person

hel-lo \hə-ˈlō, he-, **n**, *pl* **hellos** : an expression of greeting — used interjectionally

helm \ˈhelm/ **n** 1 : a lever or wheel for steering a ship 2 : a position of control

hel-met \ˈhel-mət/ **n** : a protective covering for the head

helms-man \ˈhelmz-mən/ **n** : the person at the helm : STEERSMAN

hel-ot \ˈhel-ət/ **n** : SLAVE, SERF

help \ˈhelp/ *vb* 1 : AID, ASSIST 2 : REMEDY, RELIEVE 3 : to be of use; *also* : PROMOTE 4 : to change for the better 5 : to refrain from; *also* : PREVENT 6 : to serve with food or drink — **help-er** **n**

help **n** 1 : AID, ASSISTANCE; *also* : a source of aid 2 : REMEDY, RELIEF 3 : one who assists another 4 : the services of a paid worker — **help-ful** \-fəl/ *adj* — **help-ful-ly** \-lɪ/ *adv* — **help-ful-ness** **n** — **help-less** *adj* — **help-less-ly** *adv* — **help-less-ness** **n**

help-ing \ˈhel-pɪŋ/ **n** : a portion of food (asked for a second ~ of potatoes)

help-mate \ˈhelp-,māt/ **n** 1 : HELPER 2 : WIFE

help-mate \-,mēt/ **n** : HELPMATE

hel-ter-skel-ter \ˈhel-tər-ˈskel-tər/ *adv* 1 : in headlong disorder 2 : HAPHAZARDLY

helve \ˈhelv/ **n** : a handle of a tool or weapon

Hel-ve-tian \ˈhel-ˈvē-shən/ *adj* : SWISS — **Helvetian** **n**

hem \ˈhem/ **n** 1 : a border of an article (as of cloth) doubled back and stitched down 2 : RIM, MARGIN

hem *vb* **hemmed**; **hem-ming** 1 : to make a hem in sewing; *also* : BORDER, EDGE 2 : to surround restrictively

he-man \ˈhē-,man/ **n** : a strong virile man

he-ma-tite \ˈhē-mə-,tīt/ **n** : a mineral that consists of an oxide of iron and that constitutes an important iron ore

he-ma-tol-o-gy \ˈhē-mə-ˈtāl-ə-jē/ **n** : a branch of biology that deals with the blood and blood-forming organs — **he-ma-to-log-ic** \-mət-ˈl-aj-ik/ *also* **he-ma-to-log-i-cal** \-i-kəl/ *adj* — **he-ma-tol-o-gist** \-ˈtāl-ə-jəst/ **n**

heme \ˈhēm/ **n** : the deep red iron-containing part of hemoglobin

hemi-sphere \ˈhem-ə-,sfēr/ **n** 1 : one of the halves of the earth as divided by the equator into northern and southern parts (**northern hemisphere**, **southern hemisphere**) or by a meridian into two parts so that one half (**eastern hemisphere**) to the east of the Atlantic ocean includes Europe, Asia, and Africa and the half (**western hemisphere**) to the west includes No. and So. America and surrounding waters 2 : either of two half spheres formed by a plane through the sphere's center — **hemi-spher-ic** \ˈhem-ə-ˈsfēr-ik, -ˈsfēr-/ *or* **hemi-spher-i-cal** \ˈsfir-i-kəl, -ˈsfer-/ *adj*

hem-line \ˈhem-,lɪn/ **n** : the line formed by the lower edge of a dress, skirt, or coat

hem-lock \ˈhem-,lāk/ **n** 1 : any of several poisonous herbs related to the carrot 2 : an evergreen tree related to the pines; *also* : its soft light wood

he-mo-glo-bin \ˈhē-mə-,glō-bən/ **n** : an iron-containing compound found in red blood cells that carries oxygen from the lungs to the body tissues

he-mo-phil-ia \ˈhē-mə-ˈfil-ē-ə/ **n** : a usu. hereditary tendency to severe prolonged bleeding — **he-mo-phil-i-ac** \-ē-,ək/ *adj* *or* **n** — **he-mo-phil-ic** \-ˈfil-ik/ *n* *or* *adj*

hem-or-rhage \ˈhem-(ə-)rɪj/ **n** : a large discharge of blood from the blood vessels — **hemorrhage** *vb* — **hem-or-rhag-ic** \ˌhem-ə-ˈraj-ik/ *adj*

hem-or-rhoid \ˈhem-(ə-)rɔɪd/ **n** : a swollen mass of dilated veins situated at or just within the anus — usu. used in *pl.*

hemp \ˈhemp/ **n** : a tall widely grown Asian herb related to the mulberry that is the source of a tough fiber used in cordage and of marijuana and hashish from its flowers and leaves — **hemp-en** \ˈhem-pən/ *adj*

hem-stitch \ˈhem-,stɪtʃ/ *vb* : to embroider (fabric) by drawing out parallel threads and stitching the exposed threads in groups to form designs

hen \ˈhen/ **n** : a female chicken *esp.* over a year old; *also* : a female bird

hence \ˈhens/ *adv* 1 : AWAY 2 : from this time 3 : CONSEQUENTLY 4 : from this source or origin

hence-forth \ˌfɜrth/ *adv* : from this point on

hence-for-ward \ˈhens-ˈfɔr-wɜrd/ *adv* : HENCEFORTH

hench-man \ˈhench-mən/ **n** [ME *hengestman* groom, fr. *hengest* stallion] : a trusted follower or supporter

hen-na \ˈhen-ə/ **n** 1 : an Old World tropical shrub with fragrant white flowers; *also* : a reddish brown dye obtained from its leaves and used *esp.* for the hair 2 : the color of henna dye

hen-peck \ˈhen-,pek/ *vb* : to nag and boss one's husband

hep \ˈhep/ *var* of **HIP**

hep-a-rin \ˈhep-ə-rən/ **n** : a compound found *esp.* in liver that slows the clotting of blood and is used medically

he-pat-ic \hi-ˈpat-ik/ *adj* : of, relating to, or associated with the liver

he-pat-i-ca \hi-ˈpat-i-kə/ **n** : any of a genus of herbs related to the buttercups that have lobed leaves and delicate flowers

hep-a-ti-tis \ˈhep-ə-ˈtīt-əs/ **n**, *pl* **-tit-i-des** \-ˈtīt-ə-,dēz/ : inflammation of the liver; *also* : an acute virus disease of which this is a feature

hep-tam-e-ter \ˈhep-ˈtam-ət-ər/ **n** : a line of verse containing seven metrical feet

her \ˈ(h)ər, ˌhər/ *adj* : of or relating to her or herself

her \ər, (ˈ)hər/ *pron*, *objective case* of **SHE**

her-ald \ˈher-əld/ **n** 1 : an official crier or messenger 2 : HARBINGER 3 : ANNOUNCER, SPOKESMAN

herald *vb* 1 : to give notice of 2 : HAIL, GREET; *also* : PUBLICIZE

he-ral-dic \he-ˈral-dik, hə-/ *adj* : of or relating to heralds or heraldry

her-ald-ry \ˈher-əl-drē/ **n**, *pl* **-ries** 1 : the practice of devising and granting armorial insignia and of tracing a person's family to find out its coat of arms 2 : COAT OF ARMS 3 : PAGEANTRY

herb \ˈ(h)ərb/ **n** 1 : a seed plant that lacks woody tissue and dies to the ground at the end of a growing season 2 : a plant or plant part valued for medicinal or savory qualities — **her-ba-ceous** \ˌ(h)ər-ˈbā-shəs/ *adj*

herb-age \ˈ(h)ər-bij/ **n** : green plants *esp.* when used or fit for grazing

herb-al-ist \ˈ(h)ər-bə-ləst/ **n** 1 : one that collects, grows, or deals in herbs 2 : one who practices healing by the use of herbs

her-bar-i-um \ˌ(h)ər-ˈbā-ē-əm/ **n**, *pl* **-ia** \-ē-ə/ 1 : a collection of dried plant specimens 2 : a place that houses an herbarium

her-bi-cide \ˈ(h)ər-bə-,sɪd/ **n** : an agent used to destroy unwanted plants — **her-bi-cid-al** \ˌ(h)ər-bə-ˈsɪd-əl/ *adj*

her-biv-o-rous \ˌ(h)ər-ˈbiv-ə-rəs/ *adj* : feeding on plants — **her-bi-vore** \ˈ(h)ər-bə-,vɔr/ **n**

her-cu-le-an \hər-kyə-'lē-ən, hər-'kyū-lē- \ *adj*, often *cap* : of extraordinary power, size, or difficulty
herd \hərd\ *n* 1 : a group of animals of one kind kept or living together 2 : a group of people with a common bond 3 : MOB
herd *vb* : to assemble or move in a herd — **herd-er** *n*
herds-man \hərdz-mən\ *n* : one who manages, breeds, or tends livestock
here \hiər\ *adv* 1 : in or at this place; also : NOW 2 : at or in this point, particular, or case 3 : in the present life or state 4 : HITHER
here *n* : this place (get away from ~)
here-abouts \hər-ə-,baʊts\ or **here-about** \-,baʊt\ *adv* : in this vicinity : about or near this place
here-af-ter \hər-'af-tər\ *adv* 1 : after this in sequence or in time 2 : in some future time or state
hereafter *n*, often *cap* 1 : FUTURE 2 : an existence beyond earthly life
here-by \hiər-'bi\ *adv* : by means of this
he-red-i-tary \hə-'red-ə-,tər-ē\ *adj* 1 : genetically passed or passable from parent to offspring 2 : passing by inheritance; also : having title or possession through inheritance 3 : of a kind established by tradition
he-red-i-ty \-ət-ē\ *n* : the qualities and potentialities genetically derived from one's ancestors; also : the passing of these from ancestor to descendant
Her-e-ford \hər-fərd\ *n* : any of an English breed of hardy red beef cattle with white faces and markings
here-in \hər-'in\ *adv* : in this
here-of \-'əv, -'äv\ *adv* : on this
here-on \-'ən, -'än\ *adv* : on this
her-e-sy \hər-ə-sē\ *n*, *pl*-sies [ME *heresie*, fr. OF, fr. LL *haeresis*, fr. LGk *hairesis*, fr. Gk, action of taking, choice, sect, fr. *hairein* to take] 1 : adherence to a religious opinion contrary to church dogma 2 : an opinion or doctrine contrary to church dogma 3 : dissent from a dominant theory, opinion, or practice — **her-e-tic** \-,tik\ *n* — **he-ret-i-cal** \hə-'ret-i-kəl\ *adj*
here-to \hər-'tū\ *adv* : to this document
here-to-fore \hər-tə-,fər\ *adv* : up to this time
here-un-der \hər-'ən-dər\ *adv* : under this or according to this writing
here-un-to \hər-'ən-tū\ *adv* : to this
here-upon \hər-ə-,pən, -'pän\ *adv* : on this or immediately after this
here-with \hər-'wiθ, -'with\ *adv* 1 : with this 2 : HERE-BY
her-i-ta-ble \hər-ət-ə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being inherited
her-i-tage \hər-ət-ij\ *n* 1 : property that descends to an heir 2 : LEGACY 3 : BIRTHRIGHT
her-maph-ro-dite \(\,hər-'maf-rə-,dit\ *n* : an animal or plant having both male and female reproductive organs — **hermaphrodite** *adj* — **her-maph-ro-dit-ic** \(\,hər-'maf-rə-'dit-ik\ *adj*
her-met-ic \hər-'met-ik\ also **her-met-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* : tightly sealed : AIRTIGHT — **her-met-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
her-mit \hər-mət\ *n* [ME *eremite*, fr. OF, fr. LL *eremita*, fr. Gk *erēmītēs*, adj., living in the desert, fr. *erēmia* desert, fr. *erēmos* lonely] : one who lives in solitude esp. for religious reasons
her-mit-age \-ij\ *n* 1 : the dwelling of a hermit 2 : a secluded dwelling
her-nia \hər-nē-ə\ *n*, *pl*-ni-as or -ni-ae \-nē-,ē, -nē-,ī\ : a protruding of a bodily part (as a loop of intestine) into a pouch of the weakened wall of a cavity in which it is normally enclosed; also : the protruded mass — **her-ni-ate** \-nē-,āt\ *vb* — **her-ni-a-tion** \hər-nē-'ā-shən\ *n*
he-ro \hē-rō\ *n*, *pl* heroes 1 : a mythological or legendary figure of great strength or ability 2 : a man admired for his achievements and qualities 3 : the chief male character in a literary or dramatic work 4 *pl usu* heroes : SUB-

MARINE 2 — **he-ro-ic** \hi-'rō-ik\ *adj* — **he-ro-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
heroic couplet *n* : a rhyming couplet in iambic pentameter
he-ro-ics \hi-'rō-iks\ *n pl* : heroic or showy behavior
her-o-in \hər-ə-wən\ *n* : an illicit addictive narcotic drug made from morphine
her-o-ine \hər-ə-wən\ *n* 1 : a woman admired for her achievements and qualities 2 : the chief female character in a literary or dramatic work
her-o-ism \hər-ə-,wiz-əm\ *n* 1 : heroic conduct 2 : the qualities of a hero *syn* valor, prowess, gallantry
her-on \hər-ən\ *n*, *pl* herons also **heron** : a long-legged long-billed wading bird with soft plumage
her-pes \hər-pēz\ *n* : any of several virus diseases characterized by the formation of blisters on the skin or mucous membranes
herpes sim-plex \-'sim-,pleks\ *n* : either of two forms of herpes marked in one by watery blisters above the waist (as on the mouth and lips) and in the other on the genitalia
herpes zos-ter \-'zäs-tər\ *n* : SHINGLES
her-pe-tol-o-gy \hər-pə-'täl-ə-jē\ *n* : a branch of zoology dealing with reptiles and amphibians — **her-pe-tol-o-gist** \hər-pə-'täl-ə-jəst\ *n*
her-ring \hər-ɪŋ\ *n*, *pl* herring or herrings : a soft-finned narrow-bodied food fish of the north Atlantic; also : any of various similar or related fishes
her-ring-bone \hər-ɪŋ-'bōn\ *n* : a pattern made up of rows of parallel lines with adjacent rows slanting in reverse directions; also : a twilled fabric with this pattern
hers \hərz\ *pron* : one or the ones belonging to her
her-self \(h)ər-'self\ *pron* : SHE, HER — used reflexively, for emphasis, or in absolute constructions
hertz \hərts, 'herts\ *n*, *pl* hertz : a unit of frequency equal to one cycle per second
hes-i-tant \hez-ə-tənt\ *adj* : tending to hesitate — **hes-i-tance** \-tən(t)s\ *n* — **hes-i-tan-cy** \-tən-sē\ *n* — **hes-i-tant-ly** *adv*
hes-i-tate \hez-ə-,tāt\ *vb* -tat-ed; -tat-ing 1 : to hold back (as in doubt) 2 : PAUSE *syn* waver, vacillate, falter, shilly-shally — **hes-i-ta-tion** \hez-ə-'tä-shən\ *n*
het-ero-dox \het-(ə)-rə-,däks\ *adj* 1 : differing from an acknowledged standard 2 : holding unorthodox opinions — **het-er-o-doxy** \-,däk-sē\ *n*
het-er-o-ge-neous \het-(ə)-rə-'jē-nē-əs, -nyəs\ *adj* : consisting of dissimilar ingredients or constituents : MIXED — **het-er-o-ge-ne-ity** \-jə-'nē-ət-ē\ *n* — **het-er-o-ge-neous-ly** *adv* — **het-er-o-ge-neous-ness** *n*
het-er-o-sex-u-al \het-ə-rō-'sek-sh(ə-w)əl\ *adj* : tending to direct sexual desire toward the opposite sex; also : of or relating to different sexes — **heterosexual** *n* — **het-er-o-sex-u-al-i-ty** \-,sek-shə-'wal-ət-ē\ *n*
hew \hyü\ *vb* hewed; hewed or hewn \hyün\; **hew-ing** 1 : to cut or fell with blows (as of an ax) 2 : to give shape to with or as if with an ax 3 : to conform strictly — **hew-er** *n*
HEW *abbr* Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
hex \heks\ *vb* 1 : to practice witchcraft 2 : JINX
hex *n* : SPELL, JINX
hex *abbr* hexagon; hexagonal
hex-a-gon \hek-sə-,gän\ *n* : a polygon having six angles and six sides — **hex-ag-o-nal** \hek-'sag-ən-əl\ *adj*
hex-am-e-ter \hek-'sam-ət-ər\ *n* : a line of verse containing six metrical feet
hey-day \hā-,dā\ *n* : a period of greatest strength, vigor, or prosperity

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ə\rfurther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \i\job
\ŋ\sing \o\go \ó\law \ó\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
\ů\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

ulf
l hafnium
high frequency

ng ʊər ˌdʒektəgrəm

Hg symbol [NL *hydrargyrum*, lit., water silver] mercury

hgt abbr height

hgw abbr highway

HH abbr 1 Her Highness; His Highness 2 His Holiness

HHS abbr Department of Health and Human Services

HI abbr 1 Hawaii 2 humidity index

hi-a-tus \hi-ˈāt-əs/ *n* [L, fr. *hiatus*, pp. of *hiare* to yawn]

1 : a break in an object : GAP 2 : a lapse in continuity

hi-ba-chi \hi-ˈbäch-ē/ *n* [Jp] : a charcoal brazier

hi-ber-nate \hi-bər-, nāt/ *vb* -nat-ed; -nat-ing : to pass the

winter in a torpid or resting state — **hi-ber-na-tion** \hi-

bər-nā-shən/ *n* — **hi-ber-na-tor** \hi-bər-, nāt-ər/ *n*

hi-bis-cus \hi-ˈbis-kəs, hā-/ *n* : any of a genus of herbs, shrubs, and trees related to the mallows and noted for large showy flowers

hic-cup also **hic-cough** \hik-(,)əp/ *n* : a spasmodic breathing movement checked by sudden closing of the glottis accompanied by a peculiar sound; also : this sound — **hiccup** *vb*

hick \hik/ *n* [*Hick*, nickname for *Richard*] : an awkward provincial person — **hick** *adj*

hick-o-ry \hik-(ə-)rē/ *n*, *pl* -ries : any of a genus of No. American hardwood trees related to the walnuts; also : the wood of a hickory — **hickory** *adj*

hi-dal-go \hid-ˈal-gō/ *n*, *pl* -gos often *cap* [Sp, fr. earlier *fijo dalgo*, lit., son of something, son of property] : a member of the lower nobility of Spain

hidden tax *n* 1 : a tax ultimately paid by someone other than the person on whom it is formally levied 2 : an economic injustice that reduces one's income or buying power

hide \hid/ *vb* **hid** \hid/; **hid-den** \hid-n/ or **hid**; **hid-ing** \hid-ɪŋ/ 1 : to put or remain out of sight 2 : to conceal for shelter or protection; also : to seek protection 3 : to keep secret 4 : to turn away in shame or anger

hide *n* : the skin of an animal

hide-and-seek \hi-dn-ˈsēk/ *n* : a children's game in which everyone hides from one player who tries to find them

hide-away \hid-ə-, wā/ *n* : HIDEOUT

hide-bound \-, baund/ *adj* : obstinately conservative

hide-ous \hid-ē-əs/ *adj* [ME *hidous*, fr. OF, fr. *hisde*, *hide* terror] 1 : offensive to one of the senses : UGLY 2 : morally offensive : SHOCKING — **hide-ous-ly** *adv* — **hide-ous-ness** *n*

hide-out \hid-, aūt/ *n* : a place of refuge or concealment **hie** \hi/ *vb* **hied**; **hy-ing** or **hie-ing** : HASTEN

hi-er-ar-chy \hi-(ə-), rār-kē/ *n*, *pl* -chies 1 : a ruling body of clergy organized into ranks 2 : persons or things arranged in a graded series — **hi-er-ar-chi-cal** \hi-ə-rär-ki-kəl/ *adj* — **hi-er-ar-chi-cal-ly** \-(ə-)lē/ *adv*

hi-er-o-glyph-ic \hi-(ə-)rə-ˈglif-ik/ *n* [MF *hieroglyphique*, *adj.*, deriv. of Gk *hieroglyphikos*, fr. *hieros* sacred + *glyphēin* to carve] 1 : a character in a system of picture writing (as of the ancient Egyptians) 2 : a symbol or sign difficult to decipher

hi-fi \hi-ˈfi/ *n* 1 : HIGH FIDELITY 2 : equipment for reproduction of sound with high fidelity

hig-gle-dy-pig-gle-dy \hig-əl-dē-ˈpig-əl-dē/ *adv* : in confusion

high \hi/ *adj* 1 : ELEVATED; also : TALL 2 : advanced toward fullness or culmination; also : slightly tainted 3 : long past 4 : SHRILL, SHARP 5 : far from the equator (~ latitudes) 6 : exalted in character 7 : of greater degree, size, or amount than average 8 : of relatively great importance 9 : FORCIBLE, STRONG (~ winds) 10 : BOASTFUL, ARROGANT 11 : showing elation or excitement 12 : COSTLY, DEAR 13 : advanced esp. in complexity (~er mathematics) 14 : INTOXICATED; also : excited or stupe-

fied by or as if by a drug (as heroin) — **high-ly** *adv* **high** *adv* 1 : at or to a high place or degree 2 : LUXURIOUS-
LY (living ~)

high *n* 1 : an elevated place 2 : a high point or level 3 : the arrangement of gears in an automobile that gives the highest speed 4 : an excited or stupefied state produced by or as if by a drug

high-ball \hi-, bōl/ *n* : a usu. tall drink of liquor mixed with water or a carbonated beverage

high beam *n* : the long-range focus of a vehicle headlight

high-born \hi-ˈbōrn/ *adj* : of noble birth

high-boy \-, bōi/ *n* : a high chest of drawers mounted on a base with legs

high-bred \-ˈbred/ *adj* : coming from superior stock

high-brow \-, braʊ/ *n* : a person of superior learning or culture — **highbrow** *adj*

high-er-up \hi-ər-ˈəp/ *n* : a superior officer of official

high-fa-lu-tin \hi-fa-ˈlüt-n/ *adj* : PRETENTIOUS, POMPOUS

high fashion *n* 1 : HIGH STYLE 2 : HAUTE COUTURE

high fidelity *n* : the reproduction of sound or image with a high degree of faithfulness to the original

high five *n* : a slapping of upraised right hands by two people (as in celebration) — **high-five** *vb*

high-flown \hi-ˈflōn/ *adj* 1 : EXALTED 2 : BOMBASTIC

high frequency *n* : a radio frequency between 3 and 30 megahertz

high gear *n* 1 : HIGH 3 2 : a state of intense or maximum activity

high-handed \hi-ˈhan-dəd/ *adj* : OVERBEARING — **high-handed-ly** *adv* — **high-hand-ed-ness** *n*

high-hat \-ˈhat/ *adj* : SUPERCILIOUS, SNOBBISH — **high-hat** *vb*

high-land \-lənd/ *n* : elevated or mountainous land

high-land-er \-lən-dər/ *n* 1 : an inhabitant of a highland 2 *cap* : an inhabitant of the Scottish Highlands

high-light \-, lit/ *n* : an event or detail of major importance

highlight *vb* 1 : EMPHASIZE 2 : to constitute a highlight of **high-mind-ed** \-ˈmīn-dəd/ *adj* : marked by elevated principles and feelings — **high-mind-ed-ness** *n*

high-ness \hi-ˈnəs/ *n* 1 : the quality or state of being high 2 — used as a title (as for kings)

high-pres-sure \-ˈpresh-ər/ *adj* : using or involving aggressive and insistent sales techniques

high-rise \-ˈriːz/ *adj* : having several stories and being equipped with elevators (~ apartments); also : of or relating to high-rise buildings

high-road \-, rōd/ *n* : HIGHWAY

high school *n* : a school usu. including grades 9 to 12 or 10 to 12

high sea *n* : the open sea outside territorial waters — usu. used in pl.

high-sound-ing \hi-ˈsaʊn-dɪŋ/ *adj* : POMPOUS, IMPOSING

high-spir-it-ed \-ˈspīr-ət-əd/ *adj* : characterized by a bold or lofty spirit

high-strung \-ˈstrɒŋ/ *adj* : having an extremely nervous or sensitive temperament

high style *n* : the newest in fashion or design usu. adopted by a limited number of people

high-tail \hi-, tāl/ *vb* : to retreat at full speed

high tech \-ˈtek/ *n* : HIGH TECHNOLOGY

high technology *n* : technology involving the use of advanced devices or techniques

high-ten-sion \hi-ˈten-ʃən/ *adj* : having, using, or relating to high voltage

high-test \-ˈtest/ *adj* : having a high octane number

high-toned \-ˈtōnd/ *adj* 1 : high in social, moral, or intellectual quality 2 : PRETENTIOUS, POMPOUS

high-way \hi-, wā/ *n* : a main direct road

high-way-man \-mən/ *n* : a person who robs travelers on a road

hi-jack or **high-jack** \hi-, jak/ *vb* : to steal esp. by stopping a vehicle on the highway; also : to commandeer a flying airplane — **hijack** *n* — **hi-jack-er** *n*

hike ¹hik\ *vb* **hiked**; **hik-ing** **1** : to move or raise with a sudden motion **2** : to take a long walk — **hik-er** *n*

hike **n** **1** : a long walk **2** : RISE, INCREASE

hi-lar-i-ous \hil-'ar-ē-əs, hī-'lar-\ *adj* : marked by or providing boisterous merriment — **hi-lar-i-ous-ly** *adv* — **hi-lar-i-ty** \-ət-ē\ *n*

hill ¹hil\ *n* **1** : a usu. rounded elevation of land **2** : a little heap or mound (as of earth) — **hilly** *adj*

hill-bil-ly \hīl-,bil-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-lies** : a person from a backwoods area

hill-ock \hīl-ək\ *n* : a small hill

hill-side \-,sīd\ *n* : the part of a hill between the summit and the foot

hill-top \-,tāp\ *n* : the top of a hill

hilt \hilt\ *n* : a handle esp. of a sword or dagger

him \im\ (⁰him\ *pron*, *objective case* of **HE**)

Hi-ma-la-yan \him-ə-'lā-ən, him-'āl-yən\ *adj* : of, relating to, or characteristic of the Himalaya mountains or the people living there

him-self \(\h)im-'self\ *pron* : **HE**, **HIM** — used reflexively, for emphasis, or in absolute constructions

hind ¹hind\ *n*, *pl* **hinds** *also* **hind** : a female deer : **DOE**

hind *adj* : **REAR**

hin-der \hīn-dər\ *vb* **hin-dered**; **hin-der-ing** \-d(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to impede the progress of **2** : to hold back *syn* obstruct, block, bar, impede

hind-er \hīn-dər\ *adj* : **HIND**

Hin-di \hīn-dē\ *n* : a literary and official language of northern India

hind-most \hīn(d)-,mōst\ *adj* : farthest to the rear

hind-quar-ter \-,kwɔrt-ər\ *n* **1** : one side of the back half of the carcass of a quadruped **2 pl** : the part of the body of a quadruped behind the junction of hind limbs and trunk

hind-rance \hīn-drəns\ *n* **1** : the state of being hindered; *also* : the action of hindering **2** : **IMPEDIMENT**

hind-sight \hīn(d)-,sīt\ *n* : understanding of an event after it has happened

Hin-du-ism \hīn-dū-,iz-əm\ *n* : a body of religious beliefs and practices native to India — **Hin-du** *n* or *adj*

hind wing *n* : either of the posterior wings of a 4-winged insect

hinge \hɪŋj\ *n* : a jointed piece on which one piece (as a door, gate, or lid) turns or swings on another

hinge *vb* **hinged**; **hing-ing** **1** : to attach by or furnish with hinges **2** : to be contingent on a single consideration

hint \hɪnt\ *n* **1** : an indirect or summary suggestion **2** : **CLUE** **3** : a very small amount — **hint** *vb*

hin-ter-land \hɪnt-ər-,land\ *n* **1** : a region behind a coast **2** : a region remote from cities

hip \hɪp\ *n* : the fruit of a rose

hip **n** **1** : the part of the body on either side below the waist consisting of the side of the pelvis and the upper thigh **2** : the joint between pelvis and femur

hip *also* **hep** *adj* **hip-per**; **hip-pest** : keenly aware of or interested in the newest developments

hip *vb* **hipped**; **hip-ping** : **TELL**, **INFORM**

hip-bone \-'bɒn, -'bɔn\ *n* : the large flaring bone that makes a lateral half of the pelvis in mammals

hip joint *n* : the articulation between the femur and the hipbone

hipped \hɪpt\ *adj* : having hips esp. of a specified kind (*broad-hipped*)

hip-pie or **hip-py** \hɪp-ē\ *n*, *pl* **hippies** : a usu. young person who rejects established mores, advocates nonviolence, and often uses psychedelic drugs or marijuana; *also* : a long-haired unconventionally dressed young person

hip-po-drome \hɪp-ə-,drɒm\ *n* : an arena for equestrian performances

hip-po-pot-a-mus \hɪp-ə-'pät-ə-məs\ *n*, *pl* **-mus-es** or **-mi** \-,mɪ\ [*L*, *fr.* *Gk* *hippotamos*, *fr.* *hippos* horse +

potamos river] : a large thick-skinned African river animal related to the swine



hippopotamus

hire ¹hi(ə)r\ *n* **1** : payment for labor or personal services : **WAGES** **2** : **EMPLOYMENT**

hire *vb* **hired**; **hir-ing** **1** : to employ for pay **2** : to engage the temporary use of for pay

hire-ling \hɪ(ə)r-lɪŋ\ *n* : a hired person; *esp* : one whose motives are mercenary

hir-sute \hər-,sūt, 'hɪər-\ *adj* : **HAIRY**

his (h)iz, 'hɪz\ *adj* : of or relating to him or himself

his \hɪz\ *pron* : one or the ones belonging to him

His-pan-ic \his-'pan-ɪk\ *adj* : of or relating to the people, speech, or culture of Spain or Latin America

hiss \hɪs\ *vb* : to make a sharp sibilant sound; *also* : to express disapproval of by hissing — **hiss** *n*

hist *abbr* historian; historical; history

his-ta-mine \his-tə-,mēn, -mən\ *n* : a chemical compound widespread in animal tissues and playing a major role in allergic reactions

his-to-gram \his-tə-,gram\ *n* : representation of statistical data by means of rectangles whose widths represent class intervals and whose heights represent corresponding frequencies

his-to-ri-an \his-'tɔr-ē-ən\ *n* : a student or writer of history

his-to-ric-i-ty \his-tə-'ris-ət-ē\ *n* : historical actuality

his-to-ri-og-ra-pher \his-,tɔr-ē-'æg-rə-fər\ *n* : **HISTORIAN**

his-to-ry \his-t(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* **-ries** [*L* *historia*, *fr.* *Gk*, inquiry, history, *fr.* *histōr*, *istōr* knowing, learned] **1** : a chronological record of significant events often with an explanation of their causes **2** : a branch of knowledge that records and explains past events **3** : events that form the subject matter of history — **his-tor-ic** \his-'tɔr-ɪk\ *adj* — **his-tor-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **his-tor-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

his-tri-on-ic \his-trē-'än-ɪk\ *adj* [*LL* *histrionicus*, *fr.* *L* *histrion* actor] **1** : deliberately affected **2** : of or relating to actors or the theater — **his-tri-on-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

his-tri-on-ics \-iks\ *n* *pl* **1** : theatrical performances **2** : deliberate display of emotion for effect

hit \hit\ *vb* **hit**; **hit-ting** **1** : to reach with a blow : **STRIKE** **2** : to make or bring into contact : **COLLIDE** **3** : to affect detrimentally **4** : to make a request of **5** : to come upon **6** : to accord with : **SUIT** **7** : **REACH**, **ATTAIN** **8** : to indulge in often to excess — **hit-ter** *n*

hit **n** **1** : **BLOW**; *also* : **COLLISION** **2** : something highly successful **3** : a stroke in an athletic contest; *esp* : **BASE HIT** **4** : a dose of an illegal drug **5** : a murder committed by a gangster

hitch \hɪch\ *vb* **1** : to move by jerks **2** : to catch or fasten esp. by a hook or knot **3** : **HITCHHIKE**

hitch **n** **1** : **JERK**, **PULL** **2** : a sudden halt **3** : a connection between something towed and its mover **4** : **KNOT**

hitch-hike \hɪch-,hɪk\ *vb* : to travel by securing free rides from passing vehicles — **hitch-hik-er** *n*

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ə'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
\\ad\\out \\ch\\gin \\e\\bet \\e\\easy \\g\\go \\i\\hit \\i\\ce \\j\\job
\\ŋ\\sing \\o\\go \\o\\law \\oi\\boy \\th\\thin \\th\\the \\u\\loot
\\ü\\foot \\y\\yet \\zh\\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

hither-er *\ˈhɪθ-ər* *adv* : to this place**hither** *adj* : being on the near or adjacent side**hither-to** *\-,tū* *adv* : up to this time**HIV** *n* [human immunodeficiency virus] : AIDS VIRUS**hive** *\ˈhɪv* *n* **1** : a container for housing honeybees **2** : a colony of bees **3** : a place swarming with busy occupants — **hive** *vb***hives** *\ˈhɪvz* *n* *sing or pl* : an allergic disorder marked by the presence of itching wheals**HJ** *abbr* [L *hic jacet*] here lies — used in epitaphs**hl** *abbr* hectoliter**HL** *abbr* House of Lords**hm** *abbr* hectometer**HM** *abbr* **1** Her Majesty; Her Majesty's **2** His Majesty; His Majesty's**HMS** *abbr* Her Majesty's ship; His Majesty's ship**Ho** *symbol* holmium**hoa-gie** *also* **hoa-gy** *\ˈhō-gē* *n, pl* **hoagies** : SUBMARINE **2****hoard** *\ˈhɔrd* *n* : a hidden accumulation — **hoard** *vb* — **hoard-er** *n***hoar-frost** *\ˈhɔr-,frɒst* *n* : FROST **2****hoarse** *\ˈhɔrs* *adj* **hoars-er**; **hoars-est** **1** : rough and harsh in sound **2** : having a grating voice — **hoarse-ly** *adv* — **hoarse-ness** *n***hoary** *\ˈhɔr-ē* *adj* **hoar-i-er**; **-est** **1** : gray or white with age **2** : ANCIENT — **hoar-i-ness** *n***hoax** *\ˈhɔks* *n* : an act intended to trick or dupe; *also* : something accepted or established by fraud — **hoax** *vb* — **hoax-er** *n***hob** *\ˈhæb* *n* : MISCHIEF, TROUBLE**hob-bble** *\ˈhæb-əl* *vb* **hob-bled**, **hob-bling** *\-(ə-)lɪŋ* **1** : to limp along; *also* : to make lame **2** : FETTER**hobble** *n* **1** : a hobbling movement **2** : something used to hobble an animal**hob-by** *\ˈhæb-ē* *n, pl* **hobbies** : a pursuit or interest engaged in for relaxation — **hob-by-ist** *\-ē-əst* *n***hob-by-horse** *\ˈhæb-ē-,hɔrs* *n* **1** : a stick with a horse's head on which children pretend to ride **2** : a toy horse mounted on rockers **3** : a favorite topic to which one constantly reverts**hob-gob-lin** *\ˈhæb-,gəb-lən* *n* **1** : a mischievous goblin **2** : BOGEY **1****hob-nail** *\-,nāl* *n* : a short large-headed nail for studding shoe soles — **hob-nailed** *\-,nāl* *adj***hob-nob** *\-,nəb* *vb* **hob-nobbed**; **hob-nob-bing** : to associate familiarly**ho-bo** *\ˈhō-bō* *n, pl* **hoboes** *also* **hobos** : TRAMP **2****hock** *\ˈhæk* *n* : a joint or region in the hind limb of a quadruped just above the foot and corresponding to the human ankle**hock** *n* [D *hok* pen, prison] : PAWN; *also* : DEBT **2** — **hock** *vb***hock-ey** *\ˈhæk-ē* *n* **1** : FIELD HOCKEY **2** : ICE HOCKEY**ho-cus-po-cus** *\,hō-kəs-ˈpō-kəs* *n* **1** : SLEIGHT OF HAND **2** : nonsense or sham used to conceal deception**hod** *\ˈhäd* *n* **1** : a long-handled tray or trough for carrying a load esp. of mortar or bricks **2** : a coal scuttle**hodge-podge** *\ˈhāj-,pāj* *n* : a heterogeneous mixture**hoe** *\ˈhō* *n* : a long-handled implement with a thin flat blade used esp. for cultivating, weeding, or loosening the earth around plants — **hoe** *vb***hoe-cake** *\ˈhō-,kāk* *n* : a small cornmeal cake**hoe-down** *\-,daʊn* *n* **1** : SQUARE DANCE **2** : a gathering featuring hoedowns**hog** *\ˈhóg, ˈhäg* *n, pl* **hogs** *also* **hog** **1** : a domestic swine esp. when grown **2** : a selfish, gluttonous, or filthy person — **hog-gish** *adj***hog** *vb* **hogged**; **hog-ging** : to take or hold selfishly**ho-gan** *\ˈhō-,gän* *n* : an earth-covered dwelling of the Navaho Indians**hog-back** *\ˈhóg-,bak, ˈhäg-* *n* : a ridge with a sharp summit and steep sides**hog-nose snake** *\ˈhóg-,nōz-, ˈhäg-* *or* **hog-nosed snake***\-,nōz(d)-* *n* : any of several rather small harmless stout-bodied No. American snakes with an upturned snout that play dead when their threatening display is ineffective**hogs-head** *\ˈhógz-,hed, ˈhägz-* *n* **1** : a large cask or barrel; *esp* : one holding from 63 to 140 gallons **2** : a liquid measure equal to 63 U.S. gallons**hog-tie** *\ˈhóg-,tɪ, ˈhäg-* *vb* **1** : to tie together the feet of (~ a calf) **2** : to make helpless**hog-wash** *\-,wɒsh, -ˌwəsh* *n* **1** : SWILL **1**, SLOP **2** **2** : NON-SENSE, BALONEY**hog-wild** *\-ˌwild* *adj* : lacking in restraint**hoi pol-loi** *\,hói-pə-ˈlói* *n pl* [Gk, the many] : the general populace**hoist** *\ˈhóist* *vb* : RAISE, LIFT**hoist** *n* **1** : LIFT **2** : an apparatus for hoisting**hoke** *\ˈhók* *vb* **hoked**; **hok-ing** : FAKE — *usu.* used with *up***ho-kum** *\ˈhō-kəm* *n* : NONSENSE**hold** *\ˈhöld* *vb* **held** *\ˈheld*; **hold-ing** **1** : POSSESS; *also* : KEEP **2** : RESTRAIN **3** : to have a grasp on **4** : to remain or keep in a particular situation or position **5** : SUSTAIN; *also* : RESERVE **6** : BEAR, COMFORT **7** : to maintain in being or action : PERSIST **8** : CONTAIN, ACCOMMODATE **9** : HARBOR, ENTERTAIN; *also* : CONSIDER, REGARD **10** : to carry on by concerted action; *also* : CONVOKE **11** : to occupy esp. by appointment or election **12** : to be valid **13** : HALT, PAUSE — **hold-er** *n* — **hold forth** : to speak at length — **hold to** : to adhere to : MAINTAIN — **hold with** : to agree with or approve of**hold** *n* **1** : STRONGHOLD **2** : CONFINEMENT; *also* : PRISON **3** : the act or manner of holding : GRIP **4** : a restraining, dominating, or controlling influence **5** : something that may be grasped as a support **6** : an order or indication that something is to be reserved or delayed**hold** *n* **1** : the interior of a ship below decks; *esp* : a ship's cargo deck **2** : an airplane's cargo compartment**hold-ing** *\ˈhöl-diŋ* *n* **1** : land or other property owned **2** : a ruling of a court esp. on an issue of law**holding pattern** *n* : a course flown by an aircraft waiting to land**hold out** *(ˈ)höl-ˈdaʊt* *vb* **1** : to continue to fight or work **2** : to refuse to come to an agreement — **hold-out** *\ˈhöl-,daʊt* *n***hold-over** *\ˈhöl-,dō-vər* *n* : a person who continues in office**hold-up** *\ˈhöl-,dəp* *n* **1** : DELAY **2** : robbery at the point of a gun**hole** *\ˈhöl* *n* **1** : an opening into or through something **2** : a hollow place (as a pit or cave) **3** : DEN, BURROW **4** : a unit of play from tee to cup in golf **5** : a wretched or dingy place **6** : an awkward position — **hole** *vb***hol-i-day** *\ˈhāl-ə-,dä* *n* [ME, fr. OE *hāligdæg*, fr. *hālig* holy + *dæg* day] **1** : a day observed in Judaism with commemorative ceremonies **2** : a day of freedom from work; *esp* : one in commemoration of an event **3** : VACATION — **holiday** *vb***hol-i-ness** *\ˈhō-lē-nəs* *n* **1** : the quality or state of being holy **2** — used as a title for various high religious officials**hol-ler** *\ˈhāl-əl* *vb* **hol-lered**; **hol-ler-ing** *\-(ə-)rɪŋ* : to cry out : SHOUT — **holler** *n***hol-low** *\ˈhāl-ŏ* *adj* **hol-low-er** *\ˈhāl-ə-wər*; **hol-low-est** *\-ə-wəst* **1** : CONCAVE, SUNKEN **2** : having a cavity within **3** : MUFFLED (a ~ sound) **4** : lacking in real value, sincerity, or substance; *also* : FALSE — **hol-low-ness** *n***hollow** *n* **1** : a surface depression **2** : CAVITY, HOLE**hollow** *vb* : to make or become hollow**hol-low-ware** *or* **hol-lo-ware** *\ˈhāl-ə-,wər* *n* : vessels (as bowls or cups) that have a significant depth and volume**hol-ly** *\ˈhāl-ē* *n, pl* **hol-lies** : a tree or shrub with usu. evergreen glossy spiny-margined leaves and red berries**hol-ly-hock** *\-,hāk, -ˌhók* *n* [ME *holihoc*, fr. *holi* holy +

hoc mallow] : a tall perennial herb related to the mallows that is widely grown for its showy flowers

hol-mi-um \ˈhɒl-mē-əm\ *n* : a metallic chemical element — see **ELEMENT** table

ho-lo-caust \ˈhɒl-ə-, kɒst, ˈhɒ-lə-, ˈhɒ-lə-\ *n* 1 : a thorough destruction esp. by fire 2 *often cap* : the killing of European Jews by the Nazis during World War II

Ho-lo-cene \ˈhɒ-lə-, sēn\ *adj* : RECENT 3 — **Holocene** *n*

ho-lo-gram \ˈhɒ-lə-, gram, ˈhɒl-ə-\ *n* : a three-dimensional picture made by reflected laser light on a photographic film without the use of a camera

ho-lo-graph \ˈhɒ-lə-, graf, ˈhɒl-ə-\ *n* : a document wholly in the handwriting of its author

ho-log-ra-phy \hɒ-ˈlɒg-rə-fē\ *n* : the process of making or using a hologram — **ho-lo-graph-ic** \hɒ-lə-ˈgraf-ik, ˈhɒl-ə-\ *adj*

hol-stein \ˈhɒl-stēn, -stɪn\ *n* : any of a breed of large black-and-white dairy cattle that produce large quantities of comparatively low-fat milk

hol-stein-frie-sian \-ˈfrē-zhən\ *n* : **HOLSTEIN**

hol-ster \hɒl-stər\ *n* [Dutch] : a usu. leather case for a firearm

ho-ly \ˈhɒ-lē\ *adj* **ho-li-er**; -**est** 1 : worthy of absolute devotion 2 : SACRED 3 : having a divine quality **syn** hallowed, blessed, sacred, sanctified, consecrated

Holy Spirit *n* : the active presence of God in human life constituting the third person of the Trinity

ho-ly-stone \ˈhɒ-lē-, stɒn\ *n* : a soft sandstone used to scrub a ship's decks — **ho-ly-stone** *vb*

hom-age \ˈ(h)äm-ij\ *n* [ME, fr. OF *hommage*, fr. *homme* man, vassal, fr. L *homo* man] : reverential regard

hom-bre \ˈäm-brē, ˈəm-, -brā\ *n* : GUY, FELLOW

hom-burg \ˈhäm-, bərg\ *n* [Homburg, Germany] : a man's felt hat with a stiff curled brim and a high crown creased lengthwise

home \ˈhɒm\ *n* 1 : one's residence; *also* : HOUSE 2 : the social unit formed by a family living together 3 : a congenial environment; *also* : HABITAT 4 : a place of origin 5 : the objective in various games — **home-less** *adj*

home *vb* **homed**; **hom-ing** 1 : to go or return home 2 : to proceed to or toward a source of radiated energy used as a guide

home-body \ˈhɒm-, bād-ē\ *n* : one whose life centers in the home

home-bred \-ˈbred\ *adj* : produced at home : INDIGENOUS

home-com-ing \-, kəm-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : a return home 2 : the return of a group of people esp. on a special occasion to a place formerly frequented

home computer *n* : a small inexpensive microcomputer

home economics *n* : the theory and practice of homemaking

home-grown \ˈhɒm-ˈgrɒn\ *adj* 1 : grown domestically (~ corn) 2 : LOCAL, INDIGENOUS

home-land \-, land\ *n* 1 : native land 2 : an area set aside to be a state for a people of a particular national, cultural, or racial origin

home-ly \ˈhɒm-lē\ *adj* **home-li-er**; -**est** 1 : FAMILIAR 2 : unaffectedly natural 3 : lacking beauty or proportion — **home-li-ness** *n*

home-made \ˈhɒm-, (m)ād\ *adj* : made in the home, on the premises, or by one's own efforts

home-mak-er \-, mā-kər\ *n* : one who manages a household esp. as a wife and mother — **home-mak-ing** \-kiŋ\ *n*

ho-me-op-a-thy \hɒ-mē-ˈäp-ə-thē\ *n* : a system of medical practice that treats disease esp. with minute doses of a remedy that would in healthy persons produce symptoms of the disease treated — **ho-me-o-path** \ˈhɒ-mē-ə-, path\ *n* — **ho-me-o-path-ic** \hɒ-mē-ə-ˈpath-ik\ *adj*

ho-me-o-sta-sis \hɒ-mē-ō-ˈstā-səs\ *n* : a tendency toward a stable state of equilibrium between interrelated physiological, psychological, or social factors characteristic of an individual or group — **ho-me-o-stat-ic** \-ˈstat-ik\ *adj*

home plate *n* : a slab at the apex of a baseball diamond that a base runner must touch in order to score

hom-er \ˈhɒ-mər\ *n* : HOME RUN — **homer** *vb*

home-room \ˈhɒm-, rūm, -rūm\ *n* : a classroom where pupils report at the beginning of each school day

home run *n* : a hit in baseball that enables the batter to make a circuit of the bases and score a run

home-sick \ˈhɒm-, sɪk\ *adj* : longing for home and family while absent from them — **home-sick-ness** *n*

home-spun \-, spən\ *adj* 1 : spun or made at home; *also* : made of a loosely woven usu. woolen or linen fabric 2 : SIMPLE, HOMELY

home-stead \ˈhɒm-, sted\ *n* : the home and land occupied by a family

homestead *vb* : to acquire or settle on public land — **home-stead-er** \-, sted-ər\ *n*

home-stretch \ˈhɒm-ˈstretʃ\ *n* 1 : the part of a racecourse between the last curve and the winning post 2 : a final stage (as of a project)

home-ward \ˈhɒm-wərd\ *or* **home-wards** \-wərdz\ *adv* : in the direction of home

homeward *adj* : being or going in the direction of home

home-work \ˈhɒm-, wɜrk\ *n* 1 : an assignment given a student to be completed outside the classroom 2 : preparatory reading or research

hom-ey \ˈhɒ-mē\ *adj* **hom-i-er**; -**est** : intimate or homelike

ho-mi-cide \ˈhäm-ə-, sɪd, ˈhɒ-mə-\ *n* [L *homicida* man-slayer & *homicidium* manslaughter; both fr. *homo* man + *caedere* to cut, kill] 1 : a person who kills another 2 : a killing of one human being by another — **hom-i-cid-al** \ˈhäm-ə-ˈsɪd-əl\ *adj*

hom-i-ly \ˈhäm-ə-lē\ *n*, *pl* -**lies** : SERMON — **hom-i-let-ic** \ˈhäm-ə-ˈlet-ik\ *adj*

homing pigeon *n* : a racing pigeon trained to return home

hom-i-ny \ˈhäm-ə-nē\ *n* : hulled corn with the germ removed

ho-mo \ˈhɒ-mō\ *n*, *pl* **homos** : any of the genus of primate mammals that includes all surviving and various extinct human beings

ho-mo-ge-neous \ˈhɒ-mə-ˈjē-nē-əs, -nyəs\ *adj* : of the same or a similar kind; *also* : of uniform structure — **ho-mo-ge-ne-i-ty** \-jə-ˈnē-ət-ē\ *n* — **ho-mo-ge-neous-ly** *adv* — **ho-mo-ge-nous-ness** *n*

ho-mog-e-nize \hɒ-ˈmāj-ə-, nɪz, hæ-\ *vb* -**nized**; -**niz-ing** 1 : to make homogeneous 2 : to reduce the particles in (as milk or paint) to uniform size and distribute them evenly throughout the liquid — **ho-mog-e-ni-za-tion** \-, māj-ə-nə-ˈzā-shən\ *n* — **ho-mog-e-niz-er** *n*

ho-mo-graph \ˈhäm-ə-, graf, ˈhɒ-mə-\ *n* : one of two or more words spelled alike but different in origin or meaning or pronunciation (the noun *conduct* and the verb *conduct* are ~s)

ho-mol-o-gy \hɒ-ˈmäl-ə-jē, hæ-\ *n*, *pl* -**gies** 1 : structural likeness between corresponding parts of different plants or animals due to evolution from a common ancestor 2 : structural likeness between different parts of the same individual — **ho-mol-o-gous** \-ˈmäl-ə-gəs\ *adj*

hom-onym \ˈhäm-ə-, nɪm, ˈhɒ-mə-\ *n* 1 : HOMOPHONY, HOMOGRAPH 2 : one of two or more words spelled and pronounced alike but different in meaning (*pool* of water and *pool* the game are ~s)

ho-mo-phone \ˈhäm-ə-, fɒn, ˈhɒ-mə-\ *n* : one of two or more words (as *to*, *too*, *two*) pronounced alike but different in meaning or derivation or spelling

Ho-mo sa-pi-ens \ˈhɒ-mō-ˈsā-pē-ənz, -ˈsāp-ē-\ *n* : the totality of human beings : MANKIND 1

ho-mo-sex-u-al \ˈhɒ-mō-ˈsek-sh(ə-w)əl\ *adj* : of, relating

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \au\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\vice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

to, or exhibiting sexual desire toward another of the same sex — **homosexual** *n* — **ho-mo-sex-u-al-i-ty** \-,sek-shə-'wal-ət-ē\ *n*

hon *abbr* honor; honorable; honorary

hone \hōn\ *n* : a fine-grit stone for sharpening a cutting implement — **hone** *vb* — **hon-er** *n*

hon-est \ˈän-əst\ *adj* **1** : free from deception : **TRUTHFUL**; *also* : **GENUINE**, **REAL** **2** : **REPUTABLE** **3** : **CREDITABLE** **4** : marked by integrity **5** : **FRANK** *syn* upright, just, conscientious, honorable — **hon-est-ly** *adv* — **hon-esty** \-ə-stē\ *n*

hon-ey \hən-ē\ *n, pl* honeys : a sweet sticky substance made by bees (**hon-ey-bees** \-,bēz\) from the nectar of flowers

hon-ey-comb \-,kōm\ *n* : a mass of 6-sided wax cells built by honeybees; *also* : something of similar structure or appearance

honeycomb *vb* : to make or become full of cavities like a honeycomb

hon-ey-dew \-,d(y)ü\ *n* : a sweetish deposit secreted on plants by aphids, scale insects, or fungi

honeydew melon *n* : a smooth-skinned muskmelon with sweet green flesh

honey locust *n* : a tall usu. spiny No. American leguminous tree with hard durable wood and long twisted pods

hon-ey-moon \hən-ē-,mūn\ *n* **1** : a holiday taken by a newly married couple **2** : a period of harmony esp. just after marriage — **honeymoon** *vb*

hon-ey-suck-le \hən-ē-,sək-əl\ *n* : any of various shrubs, vines, or herbs with tube-shaped flowers rich in nectar

honk \hänk, 'hōŋk\ *n* : the cry of a goose; *also* : a similar sound (as of a horn) — **honk** *vb* — **honk-er** *n*

hon-ky-tonk \hän-kē-,tänk, 'hōŋ-kē-,tōŋk\ *n* : a tawdry nightclub or dance hall

hon-or \ˈän-ər\ *n* **1** : good name : **REPUTATION**; *also* : outward respect **2** : **PRIVILEGE** **3** : a person of superior standing — used esp. as a title **4** : one who brings respect or fame **5** : an evidence or symbol of distinction **6** : **CHASTITY**, **PURITY** **7** : **INTEGRITY** *syn* homage, reverence, deference, obeisance

honor *vb* **hon-ored**; **hon-or-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to regard or treat with honor **2** : to confer honor on **3** : to fulfill the terms of; *also* : to accept as payment — **hon-or-er** \ˈän-ər-ər\ *n*

hon-or-able \ˈän-(ə-)rə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : deserving of honor **2** : accompanied with marks of honor **3** : of great renown **4** : doing credit to the possessor **5** : characterized by integrity — **hon-or-able-ness** *n* — **hon-or-ably** \-blē\ *adv* **hon-o-rar-i-um** \,än-ə-'rer-ē-əm\ *n, pl* -ia \-ē-ə\ *also* -iums : a reward usu. for services on which custom or propriety forbids a price to be set

hon-or-ary \ˈän-ə-,rer-ē\ *adj* **1** : having or conferring distinction **2** : conferred in recognition of achievement without the usual prerequisites (~ degree) **3** : **UNPAID**, **VOLUNTARY** — **hon-or-ari-ly** \,än-ə-'rer-ē-lē\ *adv*

hon-or-if-ic \,än-ə-'rif-ik\ *adj* : conferring or conveying honor (~ titles)

hon-our \ˈän-ər\ *chiefly Brit var of* **HONOR**

hood \hüd\ *n* **1** : a covering for the head and neck and sometimes the face **2** : an ornamental fold (as at the back of an ecclesiastical vestment) **3** : a cover for parts of mechanisms; *esp* : the metal covering over an automobile engine — **hood-ed** \-əd\ *adj*

hood \hüd, 'hüd\ *n* : **HOODLUM**

-hood \hüd\ *n* *suffix* **1** : state : condition : quality : character (**boyhood**) (**hardhood**) **2** : instance of a (specified) state or quality (**falsehood**) **3** : individuals sharing a (specified) state or character (**brotherhood**)

hood-lum \hüd-ləm, 'hüd-\ *n* **1** : **THUG** **2** : a young ruffian

hoo-doo \hüd-ü\ *n, pl* hoodoos **1** : **VOODOO** **2** : something that brings bad luck — **hoodoo** *vb*

hood-wink \hüd-,wɪŋk\ *vb* : to deceive by false appearance

hoo-ey \hü-ē\ *n* : **NONSENSE**

hoof \huf, 'hüf\ *n, pl* hooves \hüvz, 'hüvz\ or **hoofs** : a horny covering that protects the ends of the toes of ungulate mammals (as horses or cattle); *also* : a hoofed foot — **hoofed** \hüft, 'hüft\ *adj*

hook \huk\ *n* **1** : a curved or bent device for catching, holding, or pulling **2** : something curved or bent like a hook **3** : a flight of a ball (as in golf) that curves in a direction opposite to the dominant hand of the player propelling it **4** : a short punch delivered with a circular motion and with the elbow bent and rigid

hook *vb* **1** : **CURVE**, **CROOK** **2** : to seize or make fast with a hook **3** : **STEAL** **4** : to work as a prostitute

hoo-kah \hük-ə, 'hü-kə\ *n* [Ar *huqqah* bottle of a water pipe] : a pipe for smoking that has a long flexible tube whereby the smoke is cooled by passing through water

hook-er \hük-ər\ *n* **1** : one that hooks **2** : **PROSTITUTE**

hook-up \hük-,əp\ *n* : an assemblage (as of apparatus or circuits) used for a specific purpose (as in radio)

hook-worm \hük-,wɜrm\ *n* : a parasitic intestinal nematode worm having hooks or plates around the mouth

hoo-li-gan \hü-li-gən\ *n* : **RUFFIAN**, **HOODLUM**

hoop \hup, 'hüp\ *n* **1** : a circular strip used esp. for holding together the staves of a barrel **2** : a circular figure or object : **RING** **3** : a circle or flexible material for expanding a woman's skirt

hoop-la \hüp-,lä, 'hüp-,lä\ *n* [F *houp-là*, interj.] **1** : **RODO**; *also* : **BALLYHOO** **2** : bewildering language

hoose-gow \hüs-,gəu\ *n* [Sp *juzgado* panel of judges, courtroom] *slang* : **JAIL**

hoot \hüt\ *vb* **1** : to shout or laugh usu. in contempt **2** : to make the natural throat noise of an owl — **hoot** *n* — **hoot-er** *n*

hop \həp\ *vb* **hopped**; **hop-ping** **1** : to move by quick springy leaps **2** : to make a quick trip **3** : to ride on esp. surreptitiously and without authorization

hop *n* **1** : a short brisk leap esp. on one leg **2** : **DANCE** **3** : a short trip by air

hop *n* : a vine related to the mulberry whose ripe dried pistillate catkins are used in medicine and in flavoring malt liquors; *also* : its pistillate catkin

hop *vb* **hopped**; **hop-ping** : to increase the power of (~ up an engine)

hope \höp\ *vb* **hoped**; **hop-ing** : to desire with expectation of fulfillment

hope *n* **1** : **TRUST**, **RELiance** **2** : desire accompanied by expectation of fulfillment; *also* : something hoped for **3** : one that gives promise for the future — **hope-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **hope-ful-ly** \-lē\ *adv* — **hope-ful-ness** *n* — **hope-less** *adj* — **hope-less-ly** *adv* — **hope-less-ness** *n*

HOPE *abbr* Health Opportunity for People Everywhere **Ho-pi** \hō-pē\ *n, pl* **Hopi** *also* **Hopis** [Hopi *Hópi*, lit., good, peaceful] : a member of an American Indian people of Arizona; *also* : the language of the Hopi people

hop-per \həp-ər\ *n* **1** : a usu. immature hopping insect **2** : a usu. funnel-shaped container for delivering material (as grain) **3** : a freight car with hinged doors in a sloping bottom **4** : a box into which a bill to be considered by a legislative body is dropped **5** : a tank holding a liquid and having a device for releasing its contents through a pipe

hop-scotch \həp-,skäch\ *n* : a child's game in which a player tosses an object (as a stone) consecutively into areas of a figure outlined on the ground and hops through the figure and back to regain the object

hor *abbr* horizontal

horde \hörd\ *n* : **THRONG**, **SWARM**

hore-bound \hör-,haünd\ *n* [ME *horhoune*, fr. OE *hār-hūne*, fr. *hār* hoary + *hūne* horehound] : an aromatic bitter mint with downy leaves used esp. in candy or as an extract in cold and cough remedies

ho-ri-zon \hə-'rīz-ən\ *n* [Gk *horizont-*, *horizōn*, fr. *prp.* of *horizein* to bound, fr. *horos* limit, boundary] **1** : the line

marking the apparent junction of earth and sky **2** : range of outlook or experience

hor-i-zon-tal \hór-ə-'zánt-əl/ *adj* : parallel to the horizon : LEVEL — **horizontal** *n* — **hor-i-zon-tal-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

hor-mon-al \hór-'môn-əl/ *adj* : of, relating to, or resembling a hormone

hor-mone \hór-,môn/ *n* [Gk *hormōn*, prp. of *horman* to stir up, fr. *hormē* impulse, assault] : a product of living cells that circulates in body fluids and has a specific effect on some other cells; *esp* : the secretion of an endocrine gland

horn \hór/ *n* **1** : one of the hard projections of bone or keratin on the head of many hoofed animals **2** : something resembling or suggesting a horn **3** : a brass wind instrument **4** : a usu. electrical device that makes a noise (automobile ~) — **horned** \hórnd/ *adj* — **horn-less** *adj* — **horny** *adj*

horn-book \hór-n-,búk/ *n* **1** : a child's primer consisting of a sheet of parchment or paper protected by a sheet of transparent horn **2** : a rudimentary treatise

horned toad *n* : any of several small harmless insect-eating lizards with spines on the head resembling horns and spiny scales on the body

hor-net \hór-næt/ *n* : any of the larger social wasps

horn in *vb* : to participate without invitation : INTRUDE

horn-pipe \hór-n-,pīp/ *n* : a lively folk dance of the British Isles

ho-rol-o-gy \hə-'rāl-ə-jē/ *n* : the science of measuring time or constructing time-indicating instruments — **hor-o-log-ic** \hór-ə-'lāj-ik/ *adj* — **ho-rol-o-gist** \hə-'rāl-ə-jəst/ *n* **hor-o-scope** \hór-ə-'sköp/ *n* [MF, fr. L *horoscopus*, fr. Gk *hōroskopos*, fr. *hōra* hour + *skopein* to look at] **1** : a diagram of the relative positions of planets and signs of the zodiac at a particular time for use by astrologers to foretell events of a person's life **2** : an astrological forecast

hor-ren-dous \hó-'ren-dəs/ *adj* : DREADFUL, HORRIBLE

hor-ri-ble \hór-ə-bəl/ *adj* **1** : marked by or conducive to horror **2** : highly disagreeable — **hor-ri-ble-ness** *n* — **hor-ri-bly** \-blē/ *adv*

hor-rid \hór-əd/ *adj* **1** : HIDEOUS **2** : REPULSIVE — **hor-rid-ly** *adv*

hor-ri-fy \hór-ə-'fī/ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing : to cause to feel horror *syn* appall, daunt, dismay

hor-ror \hór-ər/ *n* **1** : painful and intense fear, dread, or dismay **2** : intense repugnance **3** : something that horrifies

hors de com-bat \,órd-ə-kō-'bā/ *adv* or *adj* : in a disabled condition

hors d'oeuvre \ór-'dər/ *n*, *pl* **hors d'oeuvres** *also* **hors d'oeuvre** \-'dər(z)/ [F *hors-d'oeuvre*, lit., outside of work] : any of various savory foods usu. served as appetizers

horse \hórs/ *n*, *pl* **hors-es** *also* **horse** **1** : a large solid-hoofed herbivorous mammal domesticated as a draft and saddle animal **2** : a supporting framework usu. with legs — **horse-less** *adj*

¹horse-back \hórs-,bak/ *adv* : on horseback

²horseback *n* : the back of a horse

horse chestnut *n* : a large Asian tree with palmate leaves, erect conical clusters of showy flowers, and large glossy brown seeds enclosed in a prickly bur

horse-flesh \hórs-,flesh/ *n* : horses for riding, driving, or racing

horse-fly \-,flī/ *n* : any of a group of large two-winged flies with bloodsucking females

horse-hair \-,haər/ *n* **1** : the hair of a horse *esp.* from the mane or tail **2** : cloth made from horsehair

horse-hide \-,hid/ *n* **1** : the dressed or raw hide of a horse **2** : the ball used in baseball

horse latitudes *n pl* : either of two calm regions near 30°N and 30°S latitude

horse-laugh \hórs-,laf-,láf/ *n* : a loud boisterous laugh

horse-man \-mán/ *n* **1** : one who rides horseback; *also* : one skilled in managing horses **2** : a breeder or raiser of horses — **horse-man-ship** *n*

horse-play \-,plā/ *n* : rough boisterous play

horse-play-er \-ər/ *n* : a better on horse races

horse-pow-er \hórs-,pau(-ə)r/ *n* : a unit of power equal in the U.S. to 746 watts

horse-rad-ish \-,rad-ish/ *n* : a tall white-flowered herb related to the mustards whose pungent root is used as a condiment

horse-shoe \hórs(h)-,shü/ *n* **1** : a protective metal plate fitted to the rim of a horse's hoof **2 pl** : a game in which horseshoes are pitched at a fixed object — **horse-sho-er** \-,shü-ər/ *n*

horseshoe crab *n* : any of several marine arthropods with a broad crescent-shaped combined head and thorax

horse-tail \hórs-,tāl/ *n* : any of a genus of perennial flowerless plants related to the ferns

horse-whip \-,hwip/ *vb* : to flog with a whip made to be used on a horse

horse-wom-an \-,wùm-ən/ *n* : a woman skilled in riding horseback or in caring for or managing horses; *also* : a woman who breeds or raises horses

hors-ey or **horsy** \hór-sē/ *adj* **hors-i-er**; -est **1** : of, relating to, or suggesting a horse **2** : having to do with horses or horse racing

hort *abbr* horticultural; horticulture

hor-ta-tive \hórt-ət-iv/ *adj* : giving exhortation

hor-ta-to-ry \hórt-ə-,tór-ē/ *adj* : HORTATIVE

hor-ti-cul-ture \hórt-ə-,kəl-chər/ *n* : the science and art of growing fruits, vegetables, flowers, and ornamental plants — **hor-ti-cul-tur-al** \hórt-ə-'kəlch(-ə)-rəl/ *adj* — **hor-ti-cul-tur-ist** \-rəst/ *n*

Hos *abbr* Hosea

ho-san-na \hō-'zan-ə-, 'zän-/ *interj* [Gk *hōsanna*, fr. Heb *hōshī'ah-nnā* pray, save (us)!] — used as a cry of acclamation and adoration

¹hose \höz/ *n*, *pl* **hose** or **hoses** **1 pl** **hose** : STOCKING, SOCK; *also* : a close-fitting garment covering the legs and waist **2** : a flexible tube for conveying fluids (as from a faucet)

²hose *vb* **hosed**; **hos-ing** : to spray, water, or wash with a hose

Ho-sea \hō-'zā-ə-, 'zē-/ *n* — see BIBLE table

ho-si-ery \hōzh(-ə)-rē, 'hōzh(-ə)-/ *n* : STOCKINGS, SOCKS

hosp *abbr* hospital

hos-pice \häs-pēs/ *n* **1** : a lodging for travelers or for young persons or the underprivileged **2** : a facility or program supplying a caring environment for those with fatal illnesses

hos-pi-ta-ble \hä-'spit-ə-bəl, 'häs-(-)pit-/ *adj* **1** : given to generous and cordial reception of guests **2** : readily receptive — **hos-pi-ta-bly** \-blē/ *adv*

hos-pi-tal \häs-,pit-/ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. ML *hospitale*, fr. LL, hospice, fr. L, guest room, fr. *hospit-*, *hospes* guest, host, fr. *hostis* stranger, enemy] : an institution where the sick or injured receive medical or surgical care

hos-pi-tal-i-ty \häs-pə-'tal-ət-/ *n*, *pl* -ties : hospitable treatment, reception, or disposition

hos-pi-tal-ize \häs-,pit-/ *l*, -iz/ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to place in a hospital for care and treatment — **hos-pi-tal-iza-tion** \häs-,pit-/ *l* -ə-'zā-shən/ *n*

¹host \hóst/ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. LL *hostis*, fr. L, stranger, enemy] **1** : ARMY **2** : MULTITUDE

²host *n* [ME *hoste* host, guest, fr. OF, fr. L *hospit-*, *hospes*] **1** : one who receives or entertains guests **2** : an animal or plant on or in which a parasite lives — **host** *vb*

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'ash \ə'vace \ə'cot, cart
\ə'out \ch'chin \e'bet \e'easy \g'go \i'hit \i'vice \j'job
\ŋ'sing \d'go \d'law \oi'boy \th'thin \th'the \ü'loot
\u'foot \y'yet \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

host *n*, often *cap* [deriv. of L *hostia* sacrifice] : the eucharistic bread

hostage *\häs-tij\ n* : a person kept as a pledge pending the fulfillment of an agreement

hostel *\häs-tl\ n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. LL *hospitale* hospice]

1 : INN **2** : a supervised lodging for youth — **hostel-er** *n*

hostel-ry *\-rē\ n, pl -ries* : INN, HOTEL

hostess *\hō-stəs\ n* : a woman who acts as host

hostile *\häs-tl-, -tīl\ adj* : marked by usu. overt antagonism : UNFRIENDLY — **hostile** *n* — **hostile-ly** *\-ē\ adv*

hostil-i-ty *\hä-'stīl-ət-ē\ n, pl -ties* **1** : an unfriendly state or action **2** *pl* : overt acts of war

hostler *\(h)äs-lər\ n* : one who takes care of horses or mules

hot *hät\ adj* **hot-ter**; **hot-test** **1** : marked by a high temperature or an uncomfortable degree of body heat **2** : giving a sensation of heat or of burning **3** : ARDENT, FIERY **4** : LUSTFUL **5** : EAGER **6** : newly made or received **7** : PUNGENT **8** : unusually lucky or favorable (*~ dice*) **9** : recently and illegally obtained (*~ jewels*) — **hot** *adv* — **hot-ly** *adv* — **hot-ness** *n*

hot-bed *\-,bed\ n* **1** : a glass-covered bed of soil heated (as by fermenting manure) and used esp. for raising seedlings **2** : an environment that favors rapid growth or development

hot-blood-ed *\-'bləd-əd\ adj* : easily roused or excited

hot-box *\-,bäks\ n* : a journal bearing (as of a railroad car) overheated by friction

hot-cake *\-,kāk\ n* : PANCAKE

hot dog *\hät-,dög\ n* : a cooked frankfurter usu. served in a long split roll

ho-tel *\hō-tel\ n* [F *hôtel*, fr. OF *hostel*, fr. LL *hospitale* hospice] : a building where lodging and usu. meals, entertainment, and various personal services are provided for the public

hot flash *n* : a sudden brief flushing and sensation of heat caused by dilation of skin capillaries usu. associated with menopausal endocrine imbalance

hot-head-ed *\hät-'hed-əd\ adj* : FIERY, IMPETUOUS — **hot-head** *\-,hed\ n* — **hot-head-ed-ly** *adv* — **hot-head-ed-ness** *n*

hot-house *\-,häus\ n* : a heated glass-enclosed house for raising plants

hot line *n* : a telephone line for emergency use (as between governments or to a counseling service)

hot plate *n* : a simple portable appliance for heating or for cooking

hot potato *n* : an embarrassing or controversial issue

hot rod *n* : an automobile modified for high speed and fast acceleration — **hot-rod-der** *\hät-'räd-ər\ n*

hots *\häts\ n pl* : strong sexual desire — usu. used with *the*

hot seat *n* : a position of anxiety or embarrassment

hot-shot *\hät-,shät\ n* : a showily skillful person

hot tub *n* : a large wooden tub of hot water for soaking and socializing

hot-wire *\hät-,wī(ə)r\ vb* : to start (an automobile) by short-circuiting the ignition system

hound *\haund\ n* **1** : a long-eared hunting dog that follows its prey by scent **2** : FAN, ADDICT

hound *vb* : to pursue relentlessly

hour *\'au(ə)r\ n* **1** : the 24th part of a day **2** : the time of day **3** : a particular or customary time **4** : a class session — **hour-ly** *adv* or *adj*

hour-glass *\'au(ə)r-,glas\ n* : a glass vessel for measuring time in which sand, water, or mercury runs from an upper compartment to a lower compartment in an hour

hou-ri *\hūr-ē\ n* [F, fr. Per *hūri*, fr. Ar *hūriyah*] : one of the beautiful maidens of the Muslim paradise

house *\'haüs\ n, pl hous-es* *\'haü-zəz* **1** : a building for human habitation **2** : a shelter for an animal **3** : a building in which something is stored **4** : HOUSEHOLD; *also* : FAMILY **5** : a residence for a religious community or for

students; *also* : those in residence **6** : a legislative body **7** : a place of business or entertainment **8** : a business organization **9** : the audience in a theater or concert hall — **house-full** *n*

house *\'haüz\ vb* **housed**; **housing** **1** : to provide with or take shelter : LODGE **2** : STORE

house-boat *\'haüs-,bōt\ n* : a roomy pleasure boat fitted for use as a dwelling or for leisurely cruising

house-boy *\-,bōi\ n* : a boy or man hired to act as a household servant

house-break *\-,brāk\ vb* **-broke**; **-bro-ken**; **-break-ing** : to train in excretory habits acceptable in indoor living

house-break-ing *\-,brä-kiŋ\ n* : the act of breaking into a dwelling with the intent of committing a felony

house-clean *\-,klēn\ vb* : to clean a house and its furniture — **house-clean-ing** *n*

house-coat *\'haüs-,kōt\ n* : a woman's often long-skirted informal garment for wear around the house

house-fly *\-,fli\ n* : a two-winged fly that is common about human habitations and acts as a vector of diseases (as typhoid fever)

house-hold *\'haüs-,höld\ n* : those who dwell as a family under the same roof — **house-hold-er** *n*

household *adj* **1** : DOMESTIC **2** : FAMILIAR, COMMON (*a ~ name*)

house-keep-er *\-,kē-pər\ n* : a woman employed to take care of a house — **house-keep-ing** *\-piŋ\ n*

house-lights *\-,līts\ n pl* : the lights that illuminate the parts of a theater occupied by the audience

house-maid *\-,mäd\ n* : a female servant employed to do housework

house-moth-er *\-,mōth-ər\ n* : a woman acting as hostess, chaperon, and often housekeeper in a residence for young people

house-plant *\'haüs-,plant\ n* : a plant grown or kept indoors

house sparrow *n* : a sparrow native to Europe and parts of Asia that has been widely introduced elsewhere

house-top *\'haüs-,täp\ n* : ROOF

house-wares *\-,waərz\ n pl* : small articles of household equipment

house-warm-ing *\-,wör-miŋ\ n* : a party to celebrate the taking possession of a house or premises

house-wife *\'haüs-,wif\ n* : a married woman in charge of a household — **house-wife-ly** *\-lē\ adj* — **house-wif-ery** *\-,wif-(ə-)rē\ n*

house-work *\'haüs-,wörk\ n* : the work of housekeeping

house-ing *\'häu-zīŋ\ n* **1** : SHELTER; *also* : dwellings provided for people **2** : something that covers or protects

housing *n* **1** : CAPARISON **2** *pl* : decorative trappings and harness

hove *past* and *past part* of HEAVE

hov-el *\häv-əl, 'häv-\ n* : a small, wretched, and often dirty house : HUT

hov-er *\häv-ər, 'häv-\ vb* **hov-ered**; **hov-er-ing** *\-(ə-)riŋ* **1** : FLUTTER; *also* : to move to and fro **2** : to be in an uncertain state

how *\(h)au\ adv* **1** : in what way or manner (*~ was it done*) **2** : with what meaning (*~ do we interpret such behavior*) **3** : for what reason (*~ could you have done such a thing*) **4** : to what extent or degree (*~ deep is it*) **5** : in what state or condition (*~ are you*) — **how about** : what do you say to or think of (*how about coming with me*) — **how come** : why is it that

how *conj* **1** : in what manner or condition (*remember ~ they fought*) **2** : HOWEVER (*do it ~ you like*)

how-be-it *\'haü-'bē-ət\ adv* : NEVERTHELESS

howbeit *conj* : ALTHOUGH

how-dah *\'haüd-ə\ n* [Hindi *hauda*] : a seat or covered pavilion on the back of an elephant or camel

how-ev-er *\'häu-'ev-ər\ conj* : in whatever manner

however *adv* **1** : to whatever degree; *also* : in whatever manner **2** : in spite of that

how-it-zer \ˈhau-ət-sər\ *n* : a short cannon that shoots shells at a high angle of fire
howl \ˈhau\ *vb* **1** : to emit a loud long doleful sound characteristic of dogs **2** : to cry loudly — **howl** *n*
howler \ˈhau-lər\ *n* **1** : one that howls **2** : a humorous and ridiculous blunder
howl-ing \ˈhau-liŋ\ *adj* **1** : DESOLATE, WILD **2** : very great (a ~ success)
how-so-ev-er \ˈhau-sə-ˈwev-ər\ *adv* : HOWEVER **1**
hoy-den \ˈhoid-n\ *n* : a girl or woman of saucy, boisterous, or carefree behavior
HP abbr **1** high pressure **2** horsepower
HPF abbr highest possible frequency
HQ abbr headquarters
hr abbr **1** here **2** hour
HR abbr House of Representatives
HRH abbr Her Royal Highness; His Royal Highness
hrzn abbr horizon
HS abbr high school
HST abbr Hawaiian standard time
ht abbr height
HT abbr high-tension
hwa-ra-che \wə-ˈräch-ə\ *n* [MexSp] : a sandal with an upper made of interwoven leather thongs
hub \ˈhəb\ *n* **1** : the central part of a wheel, propeller, or fan **2** : a center of activity
hub-bub \ˈhəb-əb\ *n* : UPROAR; also : TURMOIL
hub-cap \ˈhəb-,kap\ *n* : a removable metal cap over the end of an axle
hu-bris \ˈhyü-brəs\ *n* : exaggerated pride or self-confidence
huck-le-ber-ry \ˈhək-əl-,ber-ə\ *n* **1** : an American shrub related to the blueberry; also : its edible dark blue berry **2** : BLUEBERRY
huck-ster \ˈhək-stər\ *n* : PEDDLER, HAWKER
HUD abbr Department of Housing and Urban Development
huddle \ˈhəd-ḏ\ *vb* **huddled**; **huddling** \ˈhəd-(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : to crowd together **2** : CONFERENCE
huddle *n* **1** : a closely packed group **2** : MEETING, CONFERENCE
hue \ˈhyü\ *n* **1** : a color as distinct from white, gray, and black; also : gradation of color **2** : the attribute of colors that permits them to be classed as red, yellow, green, blue, or an intermediate color — **hued** \ˈhyüd\ *adj*
hue and cry *n* : a clamor of pursuit or protest
huff \ˈhʌf\ *n* : a fit of anger or pique — **huffy** *adj*
hug \ˈhæg\ *vb* **hugged**; **hug-ging** **1** : EMBRACE **2** : to stay close to (the road ~s the river) — **hug** *n*
huge \ˈhyü\ *adj* **hug-er**; **hug-est** : very large or extensive — **huge-ly** *adv* — **hug-ness** *n*
hug-ger-mug-ger \ˈhæg-ər-,mæg-ər\ *n* **1** : SECRECY **2** : CONFUSION, MUDDLE
Hu-gue-not \ˈhyü-gə-,nät\ *n* : a French Protestant in the 16th and 17th centuries
hu-la \ˈhü-lə\ *n* : a sinuous Polynesian dance usu. accompanied by chants
hulk \ˈhɒk\ *n* **1** : a heavy clumsy ship **2** : an old ship unfit for service **3** : a bulky or unwieldy person or thing
hulk-ing \ˈhɒk-ŋ\ *adj* : BURLY, MASSIVE
hull \ˈhəl\ *n* **1** : the outer covering of a fruit or seed **2** : the frame or body esp. of a ship
hull *vb* : to remove the hulls of — **hull-er** *n*
hul-la-ba-loo \ˈhəl-ə-bə-,lü\ *n*, *pl* -loos : a confused noise : UPROAR
hum \ˈhəm\ *vb* **hummed**; **hum-ming** **1** : to utter a sound like that of the speech sound \m\ prolonged **2** : DRONE **3** : to be busily active **4** : to sing with closed lips — **hum** *n* — **hum-mer** *n*
human \ˈ(h)yü-mən\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, being, or characteristic of man **2** : having human form or attri-

butes — **human** *n* — **hu-man-ly** *adv* — **hu-man-ness** \-mən-nəs\ *n*
hu-mane \ˈ(h)yü-ˈmān\ *adj* **1** : marked by compassion, sympathy, or consideration for others **2** : HUMANISTIC — **hu-mane-ly** *adv* — **hu-mane-ness** \-ˈmān-nəs\ *n*
human immunodeficiency virus *n* : AIDS VIRUS
hu-man-ism \ˈ(h)yü-mə-,niz-əm\ *n* **1** : devotion to the humanities; also : the revival of classical letters characteristic of the Renaissance **2** : a doctrine or way of life centered on human interests or values — **hu-man-ist** \-nəst\ *n* or *adj* — **hu-man-is-tic** \ˈ(h)yü-mə-ˈnis-tik\ *adj*
hu-man-i-tar-i-an \ˈ(h)yü-,man-ə-ˈter-ē-ən\ *n* : one who practices philanthropy — **humanitarian** *adj* — **hu-man-i-tar-i-an-ism** *n*
hu-man-i-ty \ˈ(h)yü-ˈman-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties **1** : the quality or state of being human or humane **2** *pl* : the branches of learning dealing with human concerns (as philosophy) as opposed to natural processes (as physics) **3** : MANKIND **1**
hu-man-ize \ˈ(h)yü-mə-,nīz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to make human or humane — **hu-man-iza-tion** \ˈ(h)yü-mə-nə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*
hu-man-kind \ˈ(h)yü-mən-,kīnd\ *n* : MANKIND **1**
hu-man-oid \ˈ(h)yü-mə-,noid\ *adj* : having human form or characteristics — **humanoid** *n*
hum-ble \ˈ(h)əm-bəl\ *adj* **hum-bler** \-b(ə-)lər\; **hum-blest** \-b(ə-)ləst\ [ME, fr. OF, fr. L *humilis* low, humble, fr. *humus* earth] **1** : not proud or haughty **2** : not pretentious : UNASSUMING **3** : INSIGNIFICANT *syn* meek, modest, lowly, unassuming — **hum-ble-ness** *n* — **hum-bly** \-blē\ *adv*
humble *vb* **hum-bled**; **hum-bling** \-b(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : to make humble **2** : to destroy the power or prestige of — **hum-bler** \-b(ə-)lər\ *n*
hum-bug \ˈhəm-,bəg\ *n* **1** : HOAX, FRAUD **2** : NONSENSE
humbug *vb* **hum-bugged**; **hum-bug-ging** : DECEIVE
hum-ding-er \ˈhəm-ˈdiŋ-ər\ *n* : a person or thing of striking excellence
hum-drum \ˈhəm-,drəm\ *adj* : MONOTONOUS, DULL
hu-mer-us \ˈhyüm-(ə-)rəs\ *n*, *pl* **hu-meri** \ˈhyü-mə-,rī-,rē\ : the long bone extending from elbow to shoulder
hu-mid \ˈ(h)yü-məd\ *adj* : containing or characterized by perceptible moisture : DAMP — **hu-mid-ly** *adv*
hu-mid-i-fy \hyü-ˈmid-ə-,fī\ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing : to make humid — **hu-mid-i-fi-ca-tion** \-,mid-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* — **hu-mid-i-fi-er** \-ˈmid-ə-,fī-(ə)r\ *n*
hu-mid-i-ty \ˈ(h)yü-ˈmid-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties : the amount of atmospheric moisture
hu-mi-dor \ˈ(h)yü-mə-,dör\ *n* : a case usu. for storing cigars in which the air is kept properly humidified
hu-mil-i-ate \ˈ(h)yü-ˈmil-ē-,āt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to injure the self-respect of : MORTIFY — **hu-mil-i-at-ing-ly** \-,āt-iŋ-lē\ *adv* — **hu-mil-i-a-tion** \-,mil-ē-ˈā-shən\ *n*
hu-mil-i-ty \ˈ(h)yü-ˈmil-ət-ē\ *n* : the quality or state of being humble
hum-ming-bird \ˈhəm-ŋ-,bɔrd\ *n* : a tiny American bird related to the swifts
hum-mock \ˈhəm-ək\ *n* : a rounded mound : KNOLL
hu-mon-gous \hyü-ˈmɔŋ-gəs-,ˈmāŋ\ *adj* [prob. alter. of *huge* + *monstrous*] *slang* : extremely large
hu-mor \ˈ(h)yü-mər\ *n* **1** : TEMPERAMENT **2** : MOOD **3** : WHIM **4** : a quality that appeals to a sense of the ludicrous or incongruous; also : a keen perception of the ludicrous or incongruous **5** : comical or amusing entertainment — **hu-mor-ist** \ˈ(h)yüm-(ə-)rəst\ *n* — **hu-mor-less** \ˈ(h)yü-mər-ləs\ *adj* — **hu-mor-less-ly** *adv* — **hu-mor-less-ness** *n* — **hu-mor-ous** \ˈ(h)yüm-(ə-)rəs\ *adj* — **hu-mor-ous-ly** *adv* — **hu-mor-ous-ness** *n*

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\afurther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\ago \i\hit \i\ice \j\jog
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

humor *vb* **hu-mored**; **hu-mor-ing** \('h)yüm-(ə-)riŋ\ : to comply with the wishes or mood of
hu-mour chiefly *Brit var of HUMOR*
hump \('hæmp\ *n* 1 : a rounded protuberance (as on the back of a camel) 2 : a difficult phase (over the ~)
hump-back \-,bak\; 1 also \-'bak\ *n* 1 : HUNCHBACK 2 : HUMPBACK WHALE — **hump-backed** *adj*
humpback whale *n* : a large whalebone whale having very long flippers



humpback whale

hu-mus \('h)yü-məs\ *n* : the dark organic part of soil formed from decaying matter
Hun \('hæn\ *n* : a member of an Asian people that invaded Europe in the 5th century A.D.
hunch \('hench\ *vb* 1 : to thrust oneself forward 2 : to assume or cause to assume a bent or crooked posture
hunch *n* 1 : PUSH 2 : a strong intuitive feeling as to how something will turn out
hunch-back \('hench-,bak\ *n* : a back with a hump; also : a person with a crooked back — **hunch-backed** *adj*
hun-dred \('hæn-drəd\ *n, pl* hundreds or hundred : 10 times 10 — **hundred** *adj* — **hun-dredth** \-drədth\ *adj or n*
hun-dred-weight \-,wät\ *n, pl* hundredweight or hundredweights — see WEIGHT table
hung *past and past part of HANG*
Hung *abbr* Hungarian; Hungary
Hun-gar-i-an \('hæg-'ger-ē-ən\ *n* 1 : a native or inhabitant of Hungary 2 : the language of Hungary — **Hungarian** *adj*
hun-ger \('hæg-gər\ *n* 1 : a craving or urgent need for food 2 : a strong desire — **hunger** *vb* — **hun-gri-ly** \-grə-lē\ *adv* — **hun-gry** *adj*
hung over *adj* : having a hangover
hung up *adj* 1 : DELAYED 2 : ENTHUSIASTIC; also : PREOCCUPIED
hunk \('hæŋk\ *n* 1 : a large piece 2 : an attractive well-built man
hun-ker \('hæg-kər\ *vb* **hun-kered**; **hun-ker-ing** \-k(ə-)riŋ\ : CROUCH, SQUAT — usu. used with *down*
hun-kers \('hæg-kərz\ *n pl* : HAUNCHES
hun-ky-do-ry \('hæg-kē-'dör-ē\ *adj* : quite satisfactory : FINE
hunt \('hænt\ *vb* 1 : to pursue for food or in sport; also : to take part in a hunt 2 : to try to find : SEEK 3 : to drive or chase esp. by harrying 4 : to traverse in search of prey — **hunt-er** *n*
hunt *n* : an act, practice, or instance of hunting
hunt-ress \('hæn-trəs\ *n* : a woman who hunts
hunts-man \('hænts-mən\ *n* 1 : HUNTER 2 : one who manages a hunt and looks after the hounds
hur-dle \('hərd-əl\ *n* 1 : an artificial barrier to leap over in a race 2 : OBSTACLE — **hurdle** *vb* — **hur-dler** \('hərd-(ə-)lər\ *n*
hur-dy-gur-dy \('hərd-ē-'gərd-ē, 'hərd-ē-,gərd-ē\ *n, pl* -gur-dies : a musical instrument in which the sound is produced by turning a crank
hurl \('hər\ *vb* 1 : to move or cause to move vigorously 2 : to throw down with violence 3 : FLING; also : PITCH — **hurl** *n* — **hurl-er** *n*
hur-ly-bur-ly \('hər-lē-'bər-lē\ *n* : UPROAR, TUMULT

Hu-ron \('hyür-ən, 'hyür-,än\ *n, pl* Hurons or Huron : a member of an American Indian people orig. of the St. Lawrence valley
hur-rah \hü-'rō, -'rā\ also **hur-ray** \hü-'rā\ *interj* — used to express joy, approval, or encouragement
hur-ri-cane \('hər-ə-,kän\ *n* (*Sp huracán*, of AmerInd origin) : a tropical cyclone that has winds of 74 miles per hour (117 kilometers per hour) or greater and is usu. accompanied by rain, thunder, and lightning
hur-ry \('hər-ē\ *vb* **hur-ried**; **hur-ry-ing** 1 : to carry or cause to go with haste 2 : to impel to a greater speed 3 : to move or act with haste — **hur-ried-ly** *adv* — **hur-ried-ness** *n*
hurry *n* : extreme haste or eagerness
hurt \('hərt\ *vb* **hurt**; **hurt-ing** 1 : to feel or cause to feel pain 2 : to do harm to : DAMAGE 3 : OFFEND 4 : HAMPER
hurt *n* 1 : a bodily injury or wound 2 : SUFFERING 3 : HARM, WRONG — **hurt-ful** *adj*
hur-tle \('hərt-əl\ *vb* **hur-tled**; **hur-ting** \('hərt-(ə-)liŋ\ 1 : to move with a rushing sound 2 : : HURL, FLING
hus-band \('həz-bənd\ *n* [*ME husbonde*, fr. OE *hūsbonda* master of a house, fr. ON *hūs-bōndi*, fr. *hūs* house + *bōndi* householder] : a married man
husband *vb* : to manage prudently
hus-band-man \('həz-bən(d)-mən\ *n* : FARMER
hus-band-ry \('həz-bən-drē\ *n* 1 : the control or judicious use of resources 2 : AGRICULTURE
hush \('həʃ\ *vb* 1 : to make or become quiet or calm 2 : SUPPRESS
hush *n* : SILENCE, QUIET
hush-hush \('həʃ-,həʃ\ *adj* : SECRET, CONFIDENTIAL
husk \('hæsk\ *n* 1 : a usu. thin dry outer covering of a seed or fruit 2 : an outer layer : SHELL
husk *vb* : to strip the husk from — **husk-er** *n*
hus-ky \('həs-kē\ *adj* **hus-ki-er**; **-est** : HOARSE — **hus-ki-ly** \('həs-kē-lē\ *adv* — **hus-ki-ness** \-kē-nəs\ *n*
husky *adj* 1 : BURLY, ROBUST 2 : LARGE
husky *n, pl* huskies : a heavy-coated working dog of the New World arctic
hus-sar \('hə-'zär\ *n* [*Hung huszár* hussar, (obs.) highway robber, fr. Serb *husar* pirate, fr. ML *cursorius*, fr. *cursor* course] : a member of any of various European cavalry units
hus-sy \('həz-ē, 'həs-ə\ *n, pl* hussies [alter. of *housewife*] 1 : a lewd or brazen woman 2 : a pert or mischievous girl
hus-tings \('həs-tiŋz\ *n pl* : a place where political campaign speeches are made; also : the proceedings in an election campaign
hus-tle \('həs-əl\ *vb* **hus-tled**; **hus-ting** \('həs-(ə-)liŋ\ 1 : JOSTLE, SHOVE 2 : HASTEN, HURRY 3 : to work energetically — **hustle** *n* — **hus-tler** \('həs-lər\ *n*
hut \('hət\ *n* : a small and often temporary dwelling : SHACK
hutch \('hæç\ *n* 1 : a chest or compartment for storage 2 : a low cupboard usu. surmounted with open shelves 3 : a pen or coop for an animal 4 : HUT, SHACK
huz-zah or **huz-za** \('hə-'zā\ *n* : a cheer of acclaim — often used interjectionally to express joy or approbation
HV *abbr* 1 high velocity 2 high voltage
hvy *abbr* heavy
HW *abbr* hot water
hwy *abbr* highway
hy-a-cinth \('hi-ə-(-)sinθ\ *n* : a bulbous herb related to the lilies and widely grown for its spikes of fragrant bell-shaped flowers
hy-ae-na *var of* HYENA
hy-brid \('hi-brəd\ *n* 1 : an offspring of genetically differing parents (as members of different breeds or species) 2 : one of mixed origin or composition — **hybrid** *adj* — **hy-brid-iza-tion** \('hi-brəd-ə-'zā-shən\ *n* — **hy-brid-ize** \('hi-brəd-'iz\ *vb* — **hy-brid-iz-er** \-,iz-ər\ *n*
hy-dra \('hi-drə\ *n* : any of numerous small tubular fresh-

water polyps having at one end a mouth surrounded by tentacles

hy-dran-gea \hī-'drān-jə\ *n* : any of a genus of shrubs related to the currants and grown for their large clusters of white or tinted flowers

hy-drant \hī-'drənt\ *n* : a pipe with a valve and spout at which water may be drawn from a main pipe

hy-drate \hī-,drāt\ *n* : a compound formed by union of water with some other substance — **hydrate** *vb*

hy-drau-lic \hī-'drō-lik\ *adj* 1 : operated, moved, or effected by means of water 2 : of or relating to hydraulics 3 : operated by the resistance offered or the pressure transmitted when a quantity of liquid is forced through a small orifice or through a tube 4 : hardening or setting under water

hy-drau-lics \hī-'drō-lik-s\ *n* : a science that deals with practical applications of liquids in motion

hydro \hī-'drō\ *adj* : HYDROELECTRIC

hy-dro-car-bon \hī-'drā-'kār-bən\ *n* : an organic compound (as acetylene) containing only carbon and hydrogen

hy-dro-ceph-a-lus \hī-'drō-'sef-ə-ləs\ *n* : abnormal increase in the amount of fluid in the cranial cavity accompanied by expansion of the ventricles, enlargement of the skull, and atrophy of the brain

hy-dro-chlo-ric acid \hī-'drā-'klōr-ik-\ *n* : a sharp-smelling corrosive acid used in the laboratory and in industry and present in dilute form in gastric juice

hy-dro-dy-nam-ics \hī-'drō-'dī-'nam-iks\ *n* : a science that deals with the motion of fluids and the forces acting on moving bodies immersed in fluids — **hy-dro-dy-nam-ic** *adj*

hy-dro-elec-tric \hī-'drō-'i-'lek-trik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or used in the production of electricity by waterpower — **hy-dro-elec-tric-i-ty** \-'lek-'tris-ət-ē\ *n*

hy-dro-flu-or-ic acid \hī-'drō-'flū-'ōr-ik-\ *n* : a weak poisonous acid used esp. in finishing and etching glass

hy-dro-foil \hī-'drā-'fōil\ *n* : a boat that has fins attached to the bottom by struts for lifting the hull clear of the water to allow faster speeds

hy-dro-gen \hī-'drā-jən\ *n* [F *hydrogène*, fr. Gk *hydōr* water + *-genēs* born, fr. the fact that water is generated by its combustion] : a gaseous colorless odorless highly flammable chemical element that is the lightest of the elements — see **ELEMENT** table — **hy-drog-e-nous** \hī-'drāj-ə-nəs\ *adj*

hy-dro-ge-nate \hī-'drāj-ə-,nāt, hī-'drā-jə-\ *vb* -**nat-ed**; -**nat-ing** : to combine or treat with hydrogen; *esp* : to add hydrogen to the molecule of — **hy-dro-ge-na-tion** \hī-,drāj-ə-'nā-shən, hī-'drā-jə-\ *n*

hydrogen bomb *n* : a bomb whose violent explosive power is due to the sudden release of atomic energy resulting from the union of light nuclei (as of hydrogen atoms)

hydrogen peroxide *n* : an unstable compound of hydrogen and oxygen used as an oxidizing and bleaching agent, an antiseptic, and a propellant

hy-drog-ra-phy \hī-'dräg-rə-fē\ *n* : the description and study of bodies of water — **hy-drog-ra-pher** \-fər\ *n* — **hy-dro-graph-ic** \hī-'drā-'graf-ik\ *adj*

hy-drol-o-gy \hī-'drāl-ə-jē\ *n* : a science dealing with the properties, distribution, and circulation of water — **hy-dro-log-ic** \hī-'drā-'lāj-ik\ or **hy-dro-log-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **hy-drol-o-gist** \hī-'drāl-ə-jəst\ *n*

hy-dro-ly-sis \hī-'drāl-ə-səs\ *n* : a chemical decomposition involving the addition of the elements of water

hy-drom-e-ter \hī-'drām-ət-ər\ *n* : a floating instrument for determining specific gravities of liquids and hence the strength (as of alcoholic liquors)

hy-dro-pho-bia \hī-'drā-'fō-bē-ə\ *n* [LL, fr. Gk, fr. *hydōr* water + *phobos* fear] : **RABIES**

hy-dro-phone \hī-'drā-'fōn\ *n* : an underwater listening device

hy-dro-plane \hī-'drā-,plān\ *n* 1 : a speedboat usu. with a

stepped bottom so that the hull is raised wholly or partly out of the water 2 : **SEAPLANE**

hydroplane *vb* : to skid on a wet road due to loss of contact between the tires and road

hy-dro-pon-ics \hī-'drō-'pān-iks\ *n* : the growing of plants in nutrient solutions — **hy-dro-pon-ic** *adj*

hy-dro-pow-er \hī-'drā-,pau(-ə)r\ *n* : hydroelectric power

hy-dro-sphere \hī-'drā-,sfēr\ *n* : the water (as vapor or lakes) of the earth

hy-dro-stat-ic \hī-'drā-'stat-ik\ *adj* : of or relating to fluids at rest or to the pressures they exert or transmit

hy-dro-ther-a-py \hī-'drā-'ther-ə-pē\ *n* : the external application of water in the treatment of disease or disability

hy-dro-ther-mal \hī-'drā-'ther-məl\ *adj* : of or relating to hot water

hy-drous \hī-'drəs\ *adj* : containing water

hy-drox-ide \hī-'drāk-,sid\ *n* 1 : a negatively charged ion consisting of one atom of oxygen and one atom of hydrogen 2 : a compound of hydroxide with an element or group

hy-e-na \hī-'ē-nə\ *n* [L *hyaena*, fr. Gk *hyaina*, fr. *hys* hog] : a large nocturnal carnivorous mammal of Asia and Africa

hy-giene \hī-,jēn\ *n* 1 : a science dealing with the establishment and maintenance of health 2 : conditions or practices conducive to health — **hy-gien-ic** \hī-jē-'en-ik, hī-'jen-, hī-'jēn-\ *adj* — **hy-gien-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv* — **hy-gien-ist** \hī-'jēn-əst, 'hī-,jēn-, hī-'jen-\ *n*

hy-grom-e-ter \hī-'grām-ət-ər\ *n* : any of several instruments for measuring the humidity of the atmosphere

hy-gro-scop-ic \hī-'grō-'sköp-ik\ *adj* : readily taking up and retaining moisture

hying *pres part of HIE*

hy-men \hī-'mən\ *n* : a fold of mucous membrane partly or wholly closing the orifice of the vagina

hy-me-ne-al \hī-'mā-'nē-əl\ *adj* : **NUPTIAL**

hymn \hīm\ *n* : a song of praise esp. to God — **hymn** *vb* — **hym-nal** \hīm-nəl\ *n*

hyp *abbr* hypothesis; hypothetical

hype \hīp\ *n* 1 *slang* : **HYPODERMIC** 2 *slang* : **DECEPTION**, **PUT-ON**

hy-per \hī-'pər\ *adj* : **EXCITABLE**, **HIGH-STRUNG**

hy-per-acid-i-ty \hī-'pā-rə-'sid-ət-ē\ *n* : the condition of containing excessive acid esp. in the stomach — **hy-per-acid** \-pə-'ras-əd\ *adj*

hy-per-ac-tive \hī-'pə-'rak-tiv\ *adj* : excessively or pathologically active — **hy-per-ac-tiv-i-ty** \-'rak-'tiv-ət-ē\ *n*

hy-per-bar-ic \hī-'pər-'bar-ik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or utilizing greater than normal pressure esp. of oxygen

hy-per-bo-la \hī-'pər-bə-lə\ *n*, *pl* -**las** or -**lae** \-(ə-)lē\ : a curve formed by the intersection of a double right circular cone with a plane that cuts both halves of the cone — **hy-per-bol-ic** \hī-'pər-'bāl-ik\ *adj*

hy-per-bo-le \hī-'pər-bə-(ə-)lē\ *n* : extravagant exaggeration used as a figure of speech

hy-per-crit-i-cal \hī-'pər-'krit-i-kəl\ *adj* : excessively critical — **hy-per-crit-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

hy-per-sen-si-tive \-'sen-sət-iv\ *adj* 1 : excessively or abnormally sensitive 2 : abnormally susceptible physiologically to a specific agent (as a drug or antigen) — **hy-per-sen-si-tive-ness** *n* — **hy-per-sen-si-tiv-i-ty** \-'sen-sət-iv-ət-ē\ *n*

hy-per-ten-sion \hī-'pər-,ten-čən\ *n* : high blood pressure — **hy-per-ten-sive** \hī-'pər-'ten-siv\ *adj* or *n*

hy-per-thy-roid-ism \hī-'pər-'thī-,rōid-,iz-əm\ *n* : excessive functional activity of the thyroid gland; *also* : the

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \au\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \ō\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

- resulting bodily condition — **hy-per-thy-roid** \-'thī-,rōid\ *adj*
- hy-per-tro-phy** \hī-'pər-trə-fē\ *n*, *pl* **-phies** : excessive growth or development of a body part — **hy-per-tro-phic** \,hī-pər-'trō-fik\ *adj* — **hypertrophy** *vb*
- hy-phen** \hī-fən\ *n* : a punctuation mark - used to divide or to compound words or word elements — **hyphen** *vb*
- hy-phen-ate** \hī-fə-'nāt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** : to connect or divide with a hyphen — **hy-phen-ation** \,hī-fə-'nā-shən\ *n*
- hyp-no-sis** \hīp-'nō-səs\ *n*, *pl* **-no-ses** \-,sēz\ : an induced state that resembles sleep and in which the subject is responsive to suggestions of the inducer (**hyp-no-tist** \hīp-nə-'təst\) — **hyp-no-tism** \hīp-nə-'tiz-əm\ *n* — **hyp-no-tiz-able** \hīp-nə-'tī-zə-bəl\ *adj* — **hyp-no-tize** \-,tīz\ *vb*
- hyp-not-ic** \hīp-'nāt-ik\ *adj* **1** : inducing sleep : **SOPORIFIC** **2** : of or relating to hypnosis or hypnotism — **hyp-not-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
- hypnotic** *n* : a sleep-inducing drug
- hy-po** \hī-pō\ *n*, *pl* **hypos** [short for *hyposulfite*] : **SODIUM THIOSULFATE**
- hy-po** *n*, *pl* **hypos** : **HYPODERMIC**
- hy-po-cen-ter** \hī-pə-,sent-ər\ *n* : **EPICENTER**
- hy-po-chon-dria** \,hī-pō-'kän-drē-ə\ *n* [NL, fr. LL, *pl.*, upper abdomen (formerly regarded as the seat of hypochondria), fr. Gk, lit., the parts under the cartilage (of the breastbone), fr. *hypo-* under + *chondros* cartilage] : depression of mind usu. centered on imaginary physical ailments — **hy-po-chon-dri-ac** \-drē-,ak\ *adj* or *n*
- hy-poc-ri-sy** \hīp-'äk-rə-sē\ *n*, *pl* **-sies** : a feigning to be what one is not or to believe what one does not; *esp* : the false assumption of an appearance of virtue or religion — **hyp-o-crite** \hīp-ə-,krit\ *n* — **hyp-o-crit-ical** \,hīp-ə-'krit-i-kəl\ *adj* — **hyp-o-crit-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
- hy-po-der-mic** \,hī-pə-'dər-mik\ *adj* : adapted for use in

or administered by injection beneath the skin (<~ injection> (<~ syringe>)

- hypodermic** *n* : a small syringe with a hollow needle for injecting material into or through the skin; *also* : an injection made with this
- hypodermic needle** *n* **1** : **NEEDLE** **3** **2** : a hypodermic syringe complete with needle
- hy-po-gly-ce-mia** \,hī-pō-gli-'sē-mē-ə\ *n* : abnormal decrease of sugar in the blood — **hy-po-gly-ce-mic** \-mik\ *adj*
- hy-pot-e-nuse** \hī-'pāt-ən-,(y)ūs-,-(y)üz\ *n* : the side of a triangle having a right angle that is opposite the right angle
- hy-poth-e-sis** \hī-'pāth-ə-səs\ *n*, *pl* **-e-ses** \-,sēz\ : an assumption made *esp.* in order to test its logical or empirical consequences — **hy-po-thet-i-cal** \,hī-pə-'thet-i-kəl\ *adj* — **hy-po-thet-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
- hy-poth-e-size** \-,siz\ *vb* **-sized**; **-sizing** : to adopt as a hypothesis
- hy-po-thy-roid-ism** \,hī-pō-'thī-,rōid-,iz-əm\ *n* : deficient activity of the thyroid gland; *also* : a resultant lowered metabolic rate and general loss of vigor — **hy-po-thy-roid** *adj*
- hys-sop** \hīs-əp\ *n* : a European mint used in medicine
- hys-ter-ec-to-my** \,his-tə-'rek-tə-mē\ *n*, *pl* **-mies** : surgical removal of the uterus
- hys-te-ria** \his-'ter-ē-ə-,-'tir-ə\ *n* [NL, fr. E *hysteria*, *adj.*, fr. L *hystericus*, fr. Gk *hysterikos*, fr. *hystera* womb; fr. the former notion that hysterical women were suffering from disturbances of the womb] **1** : a nervous disorder marked *esp.* by defective emotional control **2** : uncontrollable fear or emotion — **hys-ter-i-cal** \-'ter-i-kəl\ *also* **hys-ter-ic** \-ik\ *adj* — **hys-ter-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
- hys-ter-ics** \-'ter-iks\ *n*, *pl* a fit of uncontrollable laughter or crying
- Hz** *abbr* hertz

I

- i** \i\ *n*, *pl* **i's** or **is** \i:z\ *often cap* : the 9th letter of the English alphabet
- i** *abbr*, *often cap* island; isle
- I** \('I, ə\ *pron* : the one speaking or writing
- I** *abbr* interstate highway
- I** *symbol* iodine
- Ia** or **IA** *abbr* Iowa
- iamb** \i-,əm\ or **iam-bus** \i-'am-bəs\ *n*, *pl* **iamb**s \i-,əmz\ or **iam-bus-es** : a metrical foot of one unaccented syllable followed by one accented syllable — **iam-bic** \i-'am-bik\ *adj* or *n*
- ian** — see **-AN**
- i-at-ric** \ē-'a-trik\ *also* **-i-at-ri-cal** \-tri-kəl\ *adj comb form* : of or relating to (such) medical treatment or healing
- i-at-rics** \ē-'a-triks\ *n pl comb form* : medical treatment
- ib** or **ibid** *abbr* ibidem
- ibex** \i-,beks\ *n*, *pl* **ibex** or **ibex-es** [L] : an Old World wild goat with large curved horns
- ibi-dem** \i-bə-'dem, ib-'id-əm\ *adv* [L] : in the same place
- ibis** \i-'bəs\ *n*, *pl* **ibis** or **ibis-es** [L, fr. Gk, fr. Egypt *hyb*] : any of several wading birds related to the herons but having a downwardly curved bill
- ible** — see **-ABLE**
- ic** \ik\ *adj suffix* **1** : of, relating to, or having the form of : being (panoramic) **2** : related to, derived from, or containing (alcoholic) **3** : in the manner of : like that of : characteristic of **4** : associated or dealing with : utilizing (electronic) **5** : characterized by : exhibiting (nos-

- talgic) : affected with (allergic) **6** : caused by **7** : tending to produce
- ic** *n suffix* : one having the character or nature of : one belonging to or associated with : one exhibiting or affected by : one that produces
- i-cal** \i-kəl\ *adj suffix* : **-ic** (<symmetrical> (<geological> — **-i-cal-ly** \i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv suffix*
- ICBM** \,ī-,sē-(,)bē-'em\ *n*, *pl* **ICBM's** or **ICBMs** \-'emz\ : an intercontinental ballistic missile
- ICC** *abbr* Interstate Commerce Commission
- ice** \is\ *n* **1** : frozen water **2** : a state of coldness (as from formality or reserve) **3** : a substance resembling ice **4** : a frozen dessert; *esp* : one containing no milk or cream
- ice** *vb* **iced**; **icing** **1** : **FREEZE** **2** : **CHILL** **3** : to cover with or as if with icing
- ice age** *n* : a time of widespread glaciation
- ice bag** *n* : a waterproof bag to hold ice for local application of cold to the body
- ice-berg** \is-,bərg\ *n* : a large floating mass of ice broken off from a glacier
- iceberg lettuce** *n* : any of various crisp light green lettuces that when mature have the leaves arranged in a compact head resembling a cabbage
- ice-boat** \is-,bōt\ *n* **1** : a boatlike frame on runners propelled on ice usu. by sails **2** : **ICEBREAKER** **2**
- ice-bound** \-,baund\ *adj* : surrounded or obstructed by ice
- ice-box** \-,bāks\ *n* : **REFRIGERATOR**

ice-break-er \-brā-kər\ *n* : a ship equipped to make a channel through ice

ice cap *n* : a glacier forming on relatively level land and flowing outward from its center

ice cream *n* : a frozen food containing sweetened or flavored cream or butterfat

ice hockey *n* : a game in which two teams of ice-skating players try to shoot a puck into the opponent's goal

ice-house \ˈis-, haʊs\ *n* : a building in which ice is made or stored

Ice-land-er \-lan-dər, -lən-\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Iceland

ice-land-dic \is-ˈlan-dik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or characteristic of Iceland, the Icelanders, or their language

Ice-landic *n* : the language of Iceland

ice-man \ˈis-, mən\ *n* : one who sells or delivers ice

ice milk *n* : a sweetened frozen food made of skim milk

ice pick *n* : a hand tool ending in a spike for chipping ice

ice-skate \ˈis-, skāt\ *vb* : to skate on ice — **ice skater** *n*

ice storm *n* : a storm in which falling rain freezes on contact

ice water *n* : chilled or iced water esp. for drinking

ich-thy-ol-o-gy \ik-thē-ˈäl-ə-jē\ *n* : a branch of zoology dealing with fishes — **ich-thy-ol-o-gist** \-jəst\ *n*

ici-cle \i-, sik-əl\ *n* : a hanging mass of ice formed by the freezing of dripping water

icing \i-, siŋ\ *n* : a sweet usu. creamy mixture used to coat baked goods

ICJ *abbr* International Court of Justice

icky \ik-ē\ *adj* **ick-i-er**; **-est** : OFFENSIVE, DISTASTEFUL

icon \i-, kən\ *n* : IMAGE; *esp* : a religious image painted on a wood panel

icon-o-clasm \i-ˈkän-ə-, klaz-əm\ *n* : the doctrine, practice, or attitude of an iconoclast

icon-o-clast \-, klast\ *n* [ML *iconoclastes*, fr. MGk *eikonoklastēs*, lit., image destroyer, fr. Gk *eikōn* image + *klan* to break] **1** : one who destroys religious images or opposes their veneration **2** : one who attacks cherished beliefs or institutions

-ics \iks\ *n* *sing* or *pl* **suffix** **1** : study : knowledge : skill : practice (linguistics) (electronics) **2** : characteristic actions or activities (acrobatics) **3** : characteristic qualities, operations, or phenomena (mechanics)

ic-tus \ik-təs\ *n* : the recurring stress or beat in a rhythmic or metrical series of sounds

ICU *abbr* intensive care unit

icy \i-, sē\ *adj* **ic-i-er**; **-est** **1** : covered with, abounding in, or consisting of ice **2** : intensely cold **3** : being cold and unfriendly — **ic-i-ly** \i-, sə-lē\ *adv* — **ic-i-ness** \-sē-nəs\ *n*

id \id\ *n* [L, it] : the part of the psyche in psychoanalytic theory that is completely unconscious and is the source of psychic energy derived from instinctual needs and drives

id *abbr* idem

ID *abbr* 1 Idaho 2 identification

idea \i-ˈdē-ə\ *n* **1** : a plan for action : DESIGN, PROJECT **2** : something imagined or pictured in the mind **3** : a central meaning or purpose *syn* concept, conception, notion, impression

ide-al \i-ˈdē-(ə)\ *adj* **1** : existing only in the mind : IMAGINARY; *also* : lacking practicality **2** : of or relating to an ideal or to perfection : PERFECT

ideal *n* **1** : a standard of excellence **2** : one regarded as a model worthy of imitation **3** : GOAL

ide-al-ism \i-ˈdē-(ə-), liz-əm\ *n* **1** : the practice of forming or living according to ideals **2** : the tendency to see things as they should be — **ide-al-ist** \-(ə-)ləst\ *n* — **ide-al-is-tic** \i-, dē-(ə-) ˈlis-tik\ *adj* — **ide-al-is-ti-cal-ly** \-tik(ə-)lē\ *adv*

ide-al-ize \i-ˈdē-(ə-), līz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to think of or represent as ideal — **ide-al-iza-tion** \-, dē-(ə-)lə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*

ide-al-ly \i-ˈdē-(ə-)lē\ *adv* **1** : in idea or imagination : MENTALLY **2** : in agreement with an ideal : PERFECTLY

ide-ation \id-ē-ˈā-shən\ *n* : the capacity for or process of forming ideas — **ide-ate** \id-ē-, at\ *vb* — **ide-ation-al** \id-ē-ˈā-sh(ə-)nəl\ *adj*

idem \id-, em, ˈēd-, ˈid-\ *pron* [L, same] : something previously mentioned

iden-ti-cal \i-ˈdent-i-kəl\ *adj* **1** : being the same **2** : exactly or essentially alike *syn* equivalent, equal, tantamount

iden-ti-fi-ca-tion \i-, dent-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* **1** : an act of identifying : the state of being identified **2** : evidence of identity **3** : an unconscious psychological process by which an individual models thoughts, feelings, and actions after another person or an object

iden-ti-fy \i-ˈdent-ə-, fī\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** **1** : to regard as identical **2** : ASSOCIATE **3** : to establish the identity of **4** : to practice psychological identification — **iden-ti-fi-able** \-, fī-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **iden-ti-fi-ably** \-blē\ *adv* — **iden-ti-fi-er** \-, fī-(ə)r\ *n*

iden-ti-ty \i-ˈdent-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : sameness of essential character **2** : INDIVIDUALITY **3** : the fact of being the same person or thing as claimed

identity crisis *n* : psychological conflict esp. in adolescence involving confusion about one's social role and one's personality

ideo-gram \id-ē-ə-, gram, ˈid-\ *n* **1** : a picture or symbol used in a system of writing to represent a thing or an idea **2** : a character or symbol used in a system of writing to represent an entire word

ide-ol-o-gy \id-ē-ˈäl-ə-jē, ˈid-\ *also* **ide-al-o-gy** \-äl-ə-jē, ˈal-\ *n*, *pl* **-gies** **1** : the body of ideas characteristic of a particular individual, group, or culture **2** : the assertions, theories, and aims that constitute a political, social, and economic program — **ide-o-log-i-cal** \id-ē-ə-ˈlāj-i-kəl, ˈid-\ *adj* — **ide-ol-o-gist** \-ē-ˈäl-ə-jəst\ *n*

ides \idz\ *n* *sing* or *pl* : the 15th day of March, May, July, or October or the 13th day of any other month in the ancient Roman calendar

id-i-o-cy \id-ē-ə-sē\ *n*, *pl* **-cies** **1** : extreme mental deficiency **2** : something notably stupid or foolish

id-i-om \id-ē-əm\ *n* **1** : the language peculiar to a person or group **2** : the characteristic form or structure of a language **3** : an expression that cannot be understood from the meanings of its separate words (as *give way*) — **id-i-om-at-ic** \id-ē-ə-ˈmat-ik\ *adj* — **id-i-om-at-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

id-i-o-path-ic \id-ē-ə-ˈpath-ik\ *adj* : arising spontaneously or from an obscure or unknown cause (an ~ disease)

id-i-o-syn-cra-sy \id-ē-ə-ˈsɪŋ-kra-sē\ *n*, *pl* **-sies** : personal peculiarity — **id-i-o-syn-crat-ic** \id-ē-ə-sin-ˈkrat-ik\ *adj* — **id-i-o-syn-crat-i-cal-ly** \-krat-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

id-i-ot \id-ē-ət\ *n* [ME, fr. L *idiota* ignorant person, fr. Gk *idiōtēs* one in a private station, ignorant person, fr. *idios* one's own, private] **1** : a feeble-minded person **2** : a silly or foolish person — **id-i-ot-ic** \id-ē-ˈät-ik\ *adj* — **id-i-ot-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

idle \id-əl\ *adj* **idler** \id-(ə-)lər\; **idlest** \id-(ə-)ləst\ **1** : GROUNDLESS, WORTHLESS, USELESS (~ rumor) (~ talk) **2** : not occupied or employed : INACTIVE **3** : LAZY (~ fellows) — **idle-ness** *n* — **idly** \id-lē\ *adv*

idle *vb* **idled**; **idling** \id-(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : to spend time doing nothing **2** : to make idle **3** : to run without being connected so that power is not used for useful work — **idler** \id-(ə-)lər\ *n*

idol \id-əl\ *n* **1** : an image worshiped as a god **2** : a false god **3** : an object of passionate devotion

idol-a-ter \i-däl-ət-ər\ *n* : a worshiper of idols

idol-a-try \-ə-trē\ *n*, *pl* **-tries** **1** : the worship of a physical

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \au\out \ch\chin \eb\et \ee\easy \eg\go \ih\hit \i\vice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \og\go \ol\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

object as a god **2** : immoderate devotion — **idol-a-trous** \-trəʊs/ *adj*

idol-ize \ˈɪd-əl-ɪz/ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to make an idol of — **idol-iza-tion** \ˈɪd-əl-ə-ˈzā-shən/ *n*

idyll or **idyl** \ˈɪd-əl/ *n* **1** : a simple descriptive or narrative composition; *esp* : a poem about country life **2** : a fit subject for an idyll — **idyllic** \ˈɪd-əl-ik/ *adj*

i.e. \that-iz, (ˈ)j-ē/ *abbr* [L *id est* that is]

IE *abbr* **1** Indo-European **2** industrial engineer

-ier — see -ER

if \(ɪ)f, ə/ *conj* **1** : in the event that (~ he stays, I leave) **2** : WHETHER (ask ~ he left) **3** — used as a function word to introduce an exclamation expressing a wish (~ it would only rain) **4** : even though (an interesting ~ untenable argument)

IF *abbr* intermediate frequency

iffy \ˈɪf-ē/ *adj* : full of contingencies or unknown conditions

-i-fy \ə-,fɪ/ *vb* suffix : -FY

IG *abbr* inspector general

ig-loo \ˈɪg-lū/ *n*, *pl* **igloos** [Eskimo *iglu* house] : an Eskimo house or hut often made of snow blocks and in the shape of a dome

ig-ne-ous \ˈɪg-nē-əs/ *adj* **1** : FIERY **2** : formed by solidification of molten rock

ig-nite \ˈɪg-nɪt/ *vb* **ig-nit-ed**; **ig-nit-ing** : to set afire or catch fire — **ig-nit-able** \ˈɪ-nɪt-ə-bəl/ *n*

ig-ni-tion \ˈɪg-nɪʃ-ən/ *n* **1** : a setting on fire **2** : the process or means (as an electric spark) of igniting the fuel mixture in an engine

ig-no-ble \ˈɪg-nō-bəl/ *adj* **1** : of low birth : PLEBEIAN **2** : not honorable : BASE, MEAN — **ig-no-bly** \-blē/ *adv*

ig-no-min-i-ous \ˈɪg-nō-ˈmɪn-ē-əs/ *adj* **1** : DISHONORABLE **2** : DESPICABLE **3** : HUMILIATING, DEGRADING — **ig-no-min-i-ously** *adv* — **ig-no-mi-ny** \ˈɪg-nə-,mɪn-ē, ɪg-nām-ə-nē/ *n*

ig-no-ra-mus \ˈɪg-nə-ˈrā-məs/ *n* [*Ignoramus*, ignorant lawyer in *Ignoramus* (1615), play by George Ruggle] : an utterly ignorant person : DUNCE

ig-no-rance \ˈɪg-nə-rəns/ *n* : the state of being ignorant : lack of knowledge

ig-no-rant \ˈɪg-nə-rənt/ *adj* **1** : lacking knowledge : UNEDUCATED **2** : resulting from or showing lack of knowledge or intelligence **3** : UNAWARE, UNINFORMED — **ig-no-rant-ly** *adv*

ig-nore \ˈɪg-nôr/ *vb* **ig-nored**; **ig-nor-ing** : to refuse to take notice of *syn* overlook, slight, neglect

igua-na \i-ˈgwān-ə/ *n* : a large edible tropical American lizard

IGY *abbr* International Geophysical Year

IHP *abbr* indicated horsepower

IHS \i-,ā-ˈches/ [LL, part transliteration of Gk ΙΗΣ, abbreviation for ΙΗΣΟΥΣ *Iēsous* Jesus] — used as a Christian symbol and monogram for Jesus

ikon *var of* ICON

IL *abbr* Illinois

il-e-itis \ˈɪl-ē-ɪt-əs/ *n* : inflammation of the ileum

il-e-um \ˈɪl-ē-əm/ *n*, *pl* **il-ea** \-ē-ə/ : the part of the small intestine between the jejunum and the large intestine — **il-e-al** \-ē-əl/ *adj*

il-i-ac \ˈɪl-ē-,ak/ *adj* : of, relating to, or located near the ilium

il-i-um \ˈɪl-ē-əm/ *n* : the upper one of the three bones making up either side of the pelvis

ilk \ˈɪlk/ *n* : SORT, FAMILY

ill \ˈɪl/ *adj* worse \ˈwɜrs/; **worst** \ˈwɜrst/ **1** : not normal or sound (~ health); *also* : suffering ill health : sick **2** : BAD, UNLUCKY (~ omen) **3** : not right or proper (~ manners) **4** : UNFRIENDLY, HOSTILE (~ feeling) **5** : HARSH, CRUEL (~ treatment)

ill *adv* worse; **worst** **1** : with displeasure **2** : in a harsh manner **3** : HARDLY, SCARCELY (can ~ afford it) **4** : BADLY, UNLUCKILY **5** : in a faulty way

ill *n* **1** : EVIL **2** : MISFORTUNE, DISTRESS **3** : AILMENT, SICKNESS; *also* : TROUBLE

ill *abbr* illustrated; illustration; illustrator

Ill *abbr* Illinois

ill-ad-vised \ˈɪl-əd-ˈvɪzd/ *adj* : not well counseled (~ efforts) — **ill-ad-vis-ed-ly** \-ˈvɪ-zəd-lē/ *adv*

ill-bred \-ˈbred/ *adj* : badly brought up : IMPOLITE

il-le-gal \ˈɪl-(l)ē-gəl/ *adj* : not lawful; *also* : not sanctioned by official rules — **il-le-gal-i-ty** \ˈɪl-i-gal-ət-ē/ *n* — **il-le-gal-ly** \ˈɪl-(l)ē-gə-lē/ *adv*

il-leg-i-ble \ˈɪl-(l)ēj-ə-bəl/ *adj* : not legible — **il-leg-i-bil-i-ty** \ˈɪl-(l)ēj-ə-bil-ət-ē/ *n* — **il-leg-i-bly** \ˈɪl-(l)ēj-ə-blē/ *adv*

il-le-git-i-mate \ˈɪl-i-jit-ə-mət/ *adj* **1** : born of unmarried parents **2** : ILLOGICAL **3** : ILLEGAL — **il-le-git-i-ma-cy** \-ˈjit-ə-mə-sē/ *n* — **il-le-git-i-mate-ly** \-ˈjit-ə-mət-lē/ *adv*

ill-fat-ed \ˈɪl-ˈfāt-əd/ *adj* : having or destined to an evil fate : UNFORTUNATE

ill-fa-vored \-ˈfā-vərd/ *adj* : UGLY, UNATTRACTIVE

ill-got-ten \-ˈgät-ˈn/ *adj* : acquired by evil means (~ gains)

ill-hu-mored \-(h)yü-mərd/ *adj* : SURLY, IRRITABLE

il-lib-er-al \ˈɪl-(l)ib-(ə-)rəl/ *adj* : not liberal : NARROW, BIG-OTED

il-lic-it \ˈɪl-(l)is-ət/ *adj* : not permitted : UNLAWFUL — **il-lic-it-ly** *adv*

il-lim-it-able \ˈɪl-(l)im-ət-ə-bəl/ *adj* : BOUNDLESS, MEASURELESS — **il-lim-it-ably** \-blē/ *adv*

il-li-nois \ˈɪl-ə-ˈnɔɪ also -ˈnɔɪz/ *n*, *pl* **Illinois** : a member of an American Indian people of Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin

il-lit-er-ate \ˈɪl-(l)it-(ə-)rət/ *adj* **1** : having little or no education; *esp* : unable to read or write **2** : showing a lack of familiarity with the fundamentals of a particular field of knowledge — **il-lit-er-a-cy** \ˈɪl-(l)it-(ə-)rə-sē/ *n* — **illiterate** *n*

ill-man-nered \ˈɪl-ˈman-ərd/ *adj* : marked by bad manners : RUDE

ill-na-tured \-ˈnā-chərd/ *adj* : CROSS, SURLY — **ill-na-tured-ly** *adv*

ill-ness \ˈɪl-nəs/ *n* : SICKNESS

il-log-i-cal \ˈɪl-(l)āj-i-kəl/ *adj* : not according to good reasoning; *also* : SENSELESS — **il-log-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē/ *adv*

ill-starred \ˈɪl-ˈstərd/ *adj* : ILL-FATED, UNLUCKY

ill-tem-pered \-ˈtem-pərd/ *adj* : ILL-NATURED, QUARREL-SOME

ill-treat \-ˈtrēt/ *vb* : to treat cruelly or improperly : MALTREAT — **ill-treat-ment** \-mənt/ *n*

il-lume \ˈɪl-üm/ *vb* **il-lumed**; **il-lum-ing** : ILLUMINATE

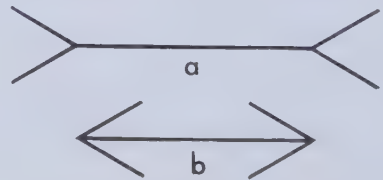
il-lu-mi-nate \ˈɪl-ü-mə-,nāt/ *vb* -nat-ed; -nat-ing **1** : to supply or brighten with light : light up **2** : to make clear : ELUCIDATE **3** : to decorate (as a manuscript) with designs or pictures in gold or colors — **il-lu-mi-nat-ing-ly** \-,nāt-ɪŋ-lē/ *adv* — **il-lu-mi-na-tion** \-,ü-mə-ˈnā-shən/ *n* — **il-lu-mi-na-tor** \-ˈü-mə-,nāt-ər/ *n*

il-lu-mine \ˈɪl-ü-mən/ *vb* -min-ed; -min-ing : ILLUMINATE

ill-us-age \ˈɪl-ˈyü-sij, -zij/ *n* : harsh, unkind, or abusive treatment

ill-use \-ˈyüz/ *vb* : MALTREAT, ABUSE

il-lu-sion \ˈɪl-ü-zhən/ *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. LL *illusio*, fr. L, action of mocking, fr. *illudere* to mock at, fr. *ludere* to play, mock] **1** : a mistaken idea : MISAPPREHENSION, MIS-



illusion 2: *a* equals *b* in length

CONCEPTION, FANCY 2 : a misleading visual image : HAL-
LUCINATION

il-lu-sion-ist \il-'üzh-(ə)-nəst\ *n* : one that produces illu-
sions; *esp* : a sleight-of-hand performer

il-lu-sive \il-'ü-siv\ *adj* : ILLUSORY

il-lu-so-ry \il-'üs-(ə)-rē, -'üz-ə\ *adj* : based on or producing
illusion

illustr or **illus** *abbr* illustrated; illustration

il-lus-trate \il-'əs-, trāt\ *vb* -**trat-ed**; -**trat-ing** [L *illustrare*,
fr. *lustrare* to purify, make bright] 1 : to explain by use
of examples : CLARIFY; *also* : DEMONSTRATE 2 : to pro-
vide with pictures or figures that explain or decorate 3
: to serve to explain or decorate — **il-lus-tra-tor** \il-'əs-
trāt-ər\ *n*

il-lus-tra-tion \il-'əs-'trā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of illustrating
: the condition of being illustrated 2 : an example or
instance that helps make something clear 3 : a picture or
diagram that explains or decorates

il-lus-tra-tive \il-'əs-trāt-iv\ *adj* : serving, tending, or de-
signed to illustrate — **il-lus-tra-tive-ly** *adv*

il-lus-tri-ous \il-'əs-trē-əs\ *adj* : notably outstanding be-
cause of rank or achievement : EMINENT — **il-lus-tri-
ous-ness** *n*

ill will *n* : unfriendly feeling

ILS *abbr* instrument landing system

im-age \im-ij\ *n* 1 : a likeness or imitation of a person or
thing; *esp* : STATUE 2 : a picture of an object formed by
a device (as a mirror or lens) 3 : a person strikingly like
another person (he is the ~ of his father) 4 : a mental
picture or conception : IMPRESSION, IDEA, CONCEPT 5 : a
vivid representation or description

image *vb* **im-aged**; **im-aging** 1 : to call up a mental picture
of 2 : to describe or portray in words 3 : to create a
representation of 4 : REFLECT, MIRROR 5 : to make ap-
pear : PROJECT

im-ag-ery \im-ij-(ə)-rē\ *n* 1 : IMAGES; *also* : the art of
making images 2 : figurative language 3 : mental im-
ages; *esp* : the products of imagination

imag-in-able \im-'aj-(ə)-nə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being
imagined : CONCEIVABLE — **imag-in-ably** \-blē\ *adv*

imag-in-ary \im-'aj-ə-, ner-ē\ *adj* 1 : existing only in the
imagination 2 : containing or relating to the imaginary
unit

imaginary number *n* : a complex number (as 2 + 3i)
whose imaginary part is not zero

imaginary part *n* : the part of a complex number (as 3i in
2 + 3i) that has the imaginary unit as a factor

imaginary unit *n* : the positive square root of minus 1
: +√-1

imag-i-na-tion \im-, aj-ə-'nā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act or power
of forming a mental image of something not present to
the senses or not previously known or experienced 2
: creative ability 3 : RESOURCEFULNESS 4 : a mental im-
age : a creation of the mind — **imag-i-na-tive** \im-'aj-
(ə)-nāt-iv, -ə-, nāt-iv\ *adj* — **imag-i-na-tive-ly** *adv*

image-ine \im-'aj-ən\ *vb* **imag-ined**; **imag-in-ing** \-'aj-
(ə)-niŋ\ 1 : to form a mental picture of something not
present 2 : THINK, GUESS (I ~ it will rain)

im-ag-ism \im-ij-'iz-əm\ *n*, *often cap* : a movement in
poetry advocating free verse and the expression of
ideas and emotions through clear precise images —
im-ag-ist \-ij-əst\ *n*

ima-go \im-'ā-gō, -'āg-ō\ *n*, *pl* **imagoes** or **ima-gi-nes** \-'ā-
gō-, nēz, -'āg-ə\ [L, *image*] : an insect in its final adult
stage — **ima-gi-nal** \im-'ā-gən-əl, -'āg-ən-\ *adj*

im-bal-ance \(')im-'bal-əns\ *n* : lack of balance : the state
of being out of equilibrium or out of proportion

im-be-cile \im-bə-səl, -səl\ *n* 1 : a feeble-minded person;
esp : one capable of performing routine personal care
under supervision 2 : FOOL, IDIOT — **imbecile** or **im-be-
cil-ic** \im-bə-'sil-ik\ *adj* — **im-be-cil-i-ty** \im-bə-
'sil-ət-ē\ *n*

imbed *var* of EMBED

im-bibe \im-'bīb\ *vb* **im-bibed**; **im-bib-ing** 1 : to receive
and retain in the mind 2 : DRINK 3 : to drink in : ABSORB
— **im-bib-er** *n*

im-bi-bi-tion \im-bə-'bish-ən\ *n* : the act or action of
imbibing; *esp* : the taking up of fluid by a colloidal
system resulting in swelling

im-bri-ca-tion \im-brə-'kā-shən\ *n* 1 : an overlapping of
edges (as of tiles) 2 : a pattern showing imbrication —
im-bri-cate \im-bri-kət\ *adj*

im-bro-glio \im-'bröl-yō\ *n*, *pl* -**glios** [It, fr. *imbrogliare* to
entangle] 1 : a confused mass 2 : a difficult or embar-
rassing situation; *also* : a serious or embarrassing mis-
understanding

im-brue \im-'brū\ *vb* **im-brued**; **im-bru-ing** : DRENCH,
STAIN (a nation imbrued with the blood of executed men)

im-bue \-'byū\ *vb* **im-bued**; **im-bu-ing** 1 : to permeate or
influence as if by dyeing 2 : to tinge or dye deeply
IMF *abbr* International Monetary Fund

imit *abbr* imitative

im-i-ta-ble \im-ət-ə-bəl\ *adj* : capable or worthy of being
imitated or copied

im-i-tate \im-ə-'tāt\ *vb* -**tat-ed**; -**tat-ing** 1 : to follow as a
model : COPY 2 : RESEMBLE 3 : REPRODUCE 4 : MIMIC,
COUNTERFEIT — **im-i-ta-tor** \-, tāt-ər\ *n*

im-i-ta-tion \im-ə-'tā-shən\ *n* 1 : an act of imitating 2
: COPY, COUNTERFEIT 3 : a literary work that reproduces
the style of another author — **imitation** *adj*

im-i-ta-tive \im-ə-, tāt-iv\ *adj* 1 : marked by imitation 2
: exhibiting mimicry 3 : inclined to imitate or copy 4
: COUNTERFEIT

im-mac-u-late \im-'ak-yə-lət\ *adj* 1 : being without stain
or blemish : PURE 2 : spotlessly clean (~ linen) — **im-
mac-u-late-ly** *adv*

im-ma-nent \im-ə-nənt\ *adj* : having existence only in
the mind — **im-ma-nence** \-nəns\ *n* — **im-ma-nen-cy**
\-nən-sē\ *n*

im-ma-te-ri-al \im-ə-'tir-ē-əl\ *adj* 1 : not consisting of
matter : SPIRITUAL 2 : UNIMPORTANT, TRIFLING — **im-ma-
te-ri-al-i-ty** \-, tir-ē-'al-ət-ē\ *n*

im-ma-ture \im-ə-'t(y)ūr\ *adj* : lacking complete devel-
opment : not yet mature — **im-ma-tu-ri-ty** \-'t(y)ūr-ət-ē\
n

im-mea-sur-able \(')im-'ezh-(ə)-rə-bəl\ *adj* : not capable
of being measured : indefinitely extensive : ILLIMITABLE
— **im-mea-sur-ably** \-blē\ *adv*

im-me-di-a-cy \im-'ēd-ē-ə-sē\ *n*, *pl* -**cies** 1 : the quality or
state of being immediate 2 : URGENCY 3 : something that
is of immediate importance

im-me-di-ate \im-'ēd-ē-ət\ *adj* 1 : acting directly and
alone : DIRECT (the ~ cause of death) 2 : being next in
line or relation (members of the ~ family attended) 3
: not distant : CLOSE 4 : made or done at once (an ~
response) 5 : near to or related to the present time (the
~ future) — **im-me-di-ate-ly** *adv*

im-me-mo-ri-al \im-ə-'mör-ē-əl\ *adj* : extending beyond
the reach of memory, record, or tradition

im-mense \im-'ens\ *adj* [MF, fr. L *immensus* immeasur-
able, fr. *mensus*, pp. of *metiri* to measure] 1 : very great
in size or degree : VAST, HUGE 2 : EXCELLENT — **im-
mense-ly** *adv* — **im-men-si-ty** \-'en-sət-ē\ *n*

im-merse \im-'ərs\ *vb* **im-merged**; **im-mers-ing** 1 : to
plunge or dip *esp*. into a fluid 2 : ENGROSS, ABSORB 3 : to
baptize by immersing — **im-mer-sion** \im-'ər-zhən\ *n*

im-mi-grant \im-'igrənt\ *n* 1 : a person who immigrates
2 : a plant or animal that becomes established where it
did not previously occur

im-mi-grate \im-ə-, grāt\ *vb* -**grat-ed**; -**grat-ing** : to come

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ə\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\vice \i\job
\g\sing \d\go \d\law \d\boy \th\thin \th\the \d\loot
\ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

into a foreign country and take up residence — **im-mi-gra-tion** \im-ə-'grā-shən\ *n*
im-mi-nent \im-ə-nənt\ *adj* : ready to take place; *esp* : hanging threateningly over one's head — **im-mi-nence** \-nəns\ *n* — **im-mi-nent-ly** *adv*
im-mis-er-ble \(')im-'is-ə-bəl\ *adj* : incapable of mixing — **im-mis-er-ble-ly** \(')im-'is-ə-'bil-ət-əl\ *n*
im-mo-bile \(')im-'ō-bəl\ *adj* : incapable of being moved : IMMOVABLE, FIXED — **im-mo-bil-i-ty** \im-'ō-'bil-ət-əl\ *n*
im-mo-bil-ize \im-'ō-bə-'līz\ *vb* : to make immobile — **im-mo-bil-i-za-tion** \im-'ō-bə-lə-'zā-shən\ *n*
im-mod-er-ate \(')im-'ād-(ə-)rət\ *adj* : lacking in moderation : EXCESSIVE — **im-mod-er-a-cy** \-(ə-)rə-sē\ *n* — **im-mod-er-ate-ly** *adv*
im-mod-est \(')im-'ād-əst\ *adj* : not modest : BRAZEN, INDECENT (an ~ dress) (~ conduct) — **im-mod-est-ly** *adv* — **im-mod-es-ty** \-ə-stē\ *n*
im-mo-late \im-ə-'lāt\ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** [L *immolare*, fr. *mola* grits; fr. the custom of sprinkling victims with sacrificial meal] : to offer in sacrifice; *esp* : to kill as a sacrificial victim — **im-mo-la-tion** \im-ə-'lā-shən\ *n*
im-mor-al \(')im-'ōr-əl\ *adj* : not moral : WICKED — **im-mor-al-ly** \-əl\ *adv*
im-mor-tal-i-ty \im-'ōr-ət-əl-ē, im-ə-'rāl-\ *n* 1 : WICKEDNESS; *esp* : UNCHASTITY 2 : an immoral act or practice
im-mor-tal \(')im-'ōrt-\ *adj* 1 : not mortal : exempt from death (~ gods) 2 : exempt from oblivion (those ~ words) — **im-mor-tal-ly** \-əl\ *adv*
im-mor-tal *n* 1 : one exempt from death 2 *pl*, often *cap* : the gods in Greek and Roman mythology 3 : a person whose fame is lasting (an ~ of baseball)
im-mor-tal-i-ty \im-'ōr-'tal-ət-ē\ *n* : the quality or state of being immortal; *esp* : unending existence
im-mor-tal-ize \im-'ōrt-əl-'īz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to make immortal
im-mov-able \(')im-'ü-və-bəl\ *adj* 1 : firmly fixed, settled, or fastened : FAST, STATIONARY (~ mountains) 2 : STEADFAST, UNYIELDING 3 : IMPASSIVE — **im-mov-abil-ity** \(')im-'ü-və-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **im-mov-ably** \-blē\ *adv*
im-mune \im-'yün\ *adj* 1 : EXEMPT 2 : having a special capacity for resistance (as to a disease) — **im-mu-ni-ty** \im-'yü-nət-ē\ *n*
immune response *n* : a response of the body to an antigen resulting in the formation of antibodies and cells capable of reacting with the antigen and rendering it harmless
im-mu-nize \im-yə-'nīz\ *vb* **-nized**; **-niz-ing** : to make immune — **im-mu-ni-za-tion** \im-yə-nə-'zā-shən\ *n*
im-mu-no-de-fi-cien-cy \im-yə-nō-di-'fish-ən-sē\ *n* : inability to produce the normal number of antibodies or immunologically sensitized cells *esp*. in response to specific antigens — **im-mu-no-de-fi-cient** \-ənt\ *adj*
im-mu-no-glob-u-lin \im-yə-nō-'glāb-yə-lən\ *n* : any of a group of vertebrate serum proteins that include all known antibodies
im-mu-nol-o-gy \im-yə-'nāl-ə-jē\ *n* : a science that deals with the phenomena and causes of immunity — **im-mu-no-log-ic** \-yən-'l-ə-'jī-ik\ or **im-mu-no-log-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **im-mu-no-log-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **im-mu-nol-o-gist** \im-yə-'nāl-ə-jəst\ *n*
im-mu-no-sup-pres-sion \im-yə-nō-sə-'presh-ən\ *n* : suppression (as by drugs) of natural immune responses — **im-mu-no-sup-press** \-sə-'pres\ *vb* — **im-mu-no-sup-pres-sant** \-sə-'pres-ənt\ *n* or *adj* — **im-mu-no-sup-pres-sive** \-sə-'pres-iv\ *adj*
im-mure \im-'yü(ə)r\ *vb* **im-mured**; **im-mur-ing** 1 : to enclose within or as if within walls 2 : to build into a wall; *esp* : to entomb in a wall
im-mu-ta-ble \(')im-'yüt-ə-bəl\ *adj* : UNCHANGEABLE, UNCHANGING — **im-mu-ta-bil-i-ty** \(')im-'yüt-ə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **im-mu-ta-bly** \(')im-'yüt-ə-blē\ *adv*
im'imp \im'p\ *n* 1 : a small demon : FIEND 2 : a mischievous child

imp abbr 1 imperative 2 imperfect 3 imperial 4 import; imported
im-pact \im-'pakt\ *vb* 1 : to press together 2 : to have an impact on
impact \im-'pakt\ *n* 1 : a forceful contact, collision, or onset; *also* : the impetus communicated in or as if in a collision 2 : EFFECT
im-pact-ed \im-'pak-təd\ *adj* : wedged between the jawbone and another tooth
im-pair \im-'paər\ *vb* : to diminish in quantity, value, excellence, or strength : DAMAGE, LESSEN — **im-pair-ment** *n*
im-pa-la \im-'pal-ə\ *n* : a large brownish African antelope that in the male has slender lyre-shaped horns
im-pale \im-'pāl\ *vb* **im-paled**; **im-pal-ing** : to pierce with or as if with something pointed — **im-pale-ment** *n*
im-pal-pa-ble \(')im-'pal-pə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : unable to be felt by touch : INTANGIBLE 2 : not easily seen or understood — **im-pal-pa-bly** \(')im-'pal-pə-blē\ *adv*
im-pan-el \im-'pan-əl\ *vb* : to enter in or on a panel : ENROLL (~ a jury)
im-part \im-'pärt\ *vb* 1 : to give from one's store or abundance (the sun ~s warmth) 2 : to make known
im-par-tial \(')im-'pär-shəl\ *adj* : not partial : UNBIASED, JUST — **im-par-tial-i-ty** \(')im-'pär-shē-'al-ət-ē, -'pär-'shal-\ *n* — **im-par-tial-ly** \(')im-'pärsh-(ə)-lē\ *adv*
im-pass-able \(')im-'pas-ə-bəl\ *adj* : incapable of being passed, traversed, or circulated (~ roads) — **im-pass-ably** \(')im-'pas-ə-blē\ *adv*
im-passe \im-'pas\ *n* 1 : an impassable road or way 2 : a predicament from which there is no obvious escape
im-pas-si-ble \(')im-'pas-ə-bəl\ *adj* : UNFEELING, IMPASSIVE
im-pas-sioned \im-'pash-ənd\ *adj* : filled with passion or zeal : showing great warmth or intensity of feeling syn passionate, ardent, fervent, fervid
im-pas-sive \(')im-'pas-iv\ *adj* : showing no signs of feeling, emotion, or interest : EXPRESSIONLESS, INDIFFERENT syn stoic, phlegmatic, apathetic, stolid — **im-pas-sive-ly** *adv* — **im-pas-siv-i-ty** \im-'pas-'iv-ət-ē\ *n*
im-pas-to \im-'pas-tō, -'päs-\ *n* : the thick application of a pigment to a canvas or panel in painting; *also* : the body of pigment so applied
im-pa-tience \(')im-'pā-shən(t)s\ *n* 1 : restlessness of spirit *esp*. under irritation, delay, or opposition 2 : restless or eager desire or longing
im-pa-tiens \im-'pā-shənz, -shənz\ *n* : any of a genus of watery-juiced annual herbs with spurred flowers and seed capsules that readily split open
im-pa-tient \(')im-'pā-shənt\ *adj* 1 : not patient : restless or short of temper *esp*. under irritation, delay, or opposition 2 : INTOLERANT (~ of poverty) 3 : prompted or marked by impatience 4 : ANXIOUS — **im-pa-tient-ly** *adv*
im-peach \im-'péch\ *vb* [ME *empechen*, fr. MF *empechier* to hinder, fr. LL *impedicare* to fetter, fr. L *pedica* fetter, fr. *ped-, pes* foot] 1 : to charge (a public official) before an authorized tribunal with misbehavior in office 2 : to challenge the credibility or validity of — **im-peach-ment** *n*
im-pec-ca-ble \(')im-'pek-ə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : not capable of sinning or wrongdoing 2 : FAULTLESS, FLAWLESS, IRREPROACHABLE (a man of ~ character) — **im-pec-ca-bil-i-ty** \(')im-'pek-ə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **im-pec-ca-bly** \(')im-'pek-ə-blē\ *adv*
im-pe-cu-nious \im-'pi-'kyü-nyəs, -nē-əs\ *adj* : having little or no money — **im-pe-cu-nious-ness** *n*
im-ped-ance \im-'ped-əns\ *n* : the opposition in an electrical circuit to the flow of an alternating current
im-pede \im-'pēd\ *vb* **im-ped-ed**; **im-ped-ing** [L *impedire*, fr. *ped-, pes* foot] : to interfere with the progress of
im-ped-i-ment \im-'ped-ə-mənt\ *n* : OBSTRUCTION, BLOCK; *esp* : a speech defect
im-ped-i-men-ta \im-'ped-ə-'ment-ə\ *n pl* : things that im-

im-pel \im-'pel\ *vb* **im-pelled**; **im-pel-ling** : to urge or drive forward or on : FORCE; *also* : PROPEL
im-pel-ler *also* **im-pel-lor** \im-'pel-ər\ *n* : ROTOR
im-pend \im-'pend\ *vb* **1** : to hover or hang over threateningly : MENACE **2** : to be about to occur
im-pen-e-tra-ble \(')im-'pen-ə-trə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : incapable of being penetrated or pierced (an ~ jungle) **2** : incapable of being comprehended : INSCRUTABLE (an ~ mystery) — **im-pen-e-tra-bil-i-ty** \(')im-'pen-ə-trə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **im-pen-e-tra-bly** \(')im-'pen-ə-trə-blē\ *adv*
im-pen-i-tent \(')im-'pen-ə-tənt\ *adj* : not penitent : not repenting of sin — **im-pen-i-tence** \-təns\ *n*
im-per-a-tive \im-'per-ət-iv\ *adj* **1** : expressing a command, request, or encouragement (~ sentence) **2** : having power to restrain, control, or direct **3** : NECESSARY — **imperative** *n* — **im-per-a-tive-ly** *adv*
im-per-cep-ti-ble \im-'pər-'sep-tə-bəl\ *adj* : not perceptible by the senses or by the mind (~ changes) — **im-per-cep-ti-bly** \-'sep-tə-blē\ *adv*
im-per-cep-tive \im-'pər-'sep-tiv\ *adj* : not perceptive
imperf *abbr* **1** imperfect **2** imperforate
im-per-fect \(')im-'pər-fikt\ *adj* **1** : not perfect : DEFECTIVE, INCOMPLETE **2** : of, relating to, or being a verb tense used to designate a continuing state or an incomplete action esp. in the past — **im-per-fect-ly** *adv*
im-per-fect *n* : the imperfect tense; *also* : a verb form in it
im-per-fec-tion \im-'pər-'fek-shən\ *n* : the quality or state of being imperfect; *also* : DEFICIENCY, FAULT, BLEMISH
im-per-for-rate \im-'pər-fə-rət\ *adj* : lacking perforations or tiny slits (~ postage stamps)
im-pe-ri-al \im-'pir-ē-əl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or befitting an empire or an emperor; *also* : of or relating to the United Kingdom or to the Commonwealth or British Empire **2** : ROYAL, SOVEREIGN; *also* : REGAL, IMPERIOUS **3** : of unusual size or excellence
im-peri-al *n* : a pointed beard growing below the lower lip
im-pe-ri-al-ism \im-'pir-ē-ə-'liz-əm\ *n* : the policy of seeking to extend the power, dominion, or territories of a nation — **im-pe-ri-al-ist** \-lɪst\ *n* or *adj* — **im-pe-ri-al-is-tic** \-'pir-ē-ə-'lis-tik\ *adj* — **im-pe-ri-al-is-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
im-per-il \im-'per-əl\ *vb* **-iled** or **-illed**; **-il-ing** or **-il-ling** : ENDANGER
im-pe-ri-ous \im-'pir-ē-əs\ *adj* **1** : COMMANDING, LORDLY **2** : ARROGANT, DOMINEERING **3** : IMPERATIVE, URGENT — **im-pe-ri-ously** *adv*
im-per-ish-able \(')im-'per-ish-ə-bəl\ *adj* : not perishable or subject to decay
im-per-ma-nent \(')im-'pər-mə-nənt\ *adj* : not permanent : TRANSIENT — **im-per-ma-nent-ly** *adv*
im-per-me-able \(')im-'pər-mē-ə-bəl\ *adj* : not permitting passage (as of a fluid) through its substance
im-per-mis-si-ble \im-'pər-'mis-ə-bəl\ *adj* : not permissible
im-per-son-al \(')im-'pərs-(ə-)nəl\ *adj* **1** : not referring to any particular person or thing **2** : not involving human emotions — **im-per-son-al-i-ty** \(')im-'pərs-'n-əl-ət-ē\ *n* — **im-per-son-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
im-per-son-ate \im-'pərs-'n-āt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** : to assume or act the character of — **im-per-son-ation** \-'pərs-'n-ā-shən\ *n* — **im-per-son-a-tor** \-'pərs-'n-,āt-ər\ *n*
im-per-ti-nent \(')im-'pərt-'n-ənt\ *adj* **1** : IRRELEVANT **2** : not restrained within due or proper bounds : RUDE, INSOLENT, SAUCY — **im-per-ti-nence** \-'n-əns\ *n* — **im-per-ti-nent-ly** *adv*
im-per-turb-able \im-'pər-'tər-bə-bəl\ *adj* : marked by extreme calm, impassivity, and steadiness : SERENE
im-per-vi-ous \(')im-'pər-vē-əs\ *adj* **1** : incapable of being penetrated (as by moisture) **2** : not capable of being affected or disturbed (~ to criticism)
im-pe-ti-go \im-'pə-'tē-gō, -'tī- n\ *n* : a contagious skin disease characterized by vesicles, pustules, and yellowish crusts

im-pet-u-ous \im-'pech-(ə-)wəs\ *adj* **1** : marked by impulsive vehemence (~ temper) **2** : marked by force and violence (with ~ speed) — **im-pet-u-ous-i-ty** \(')im-'pech-ə-wəs-ət-ē\ *n* — **im-pet-u-ous-ly** *adv*
im-pe-tus \im-'pət-əs\ *n* [L, assault, impetus, fr. *impetere* to attack, fr. *petere* to go to, seek] **1** : a driving force : IMPULSE **2** : INCENTIVE **3** : MOMENTUM
im-pi-ety \(')im-'pī-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-eties** **1** : the quality or state of being impious **2** : an impious act
im-pinge \im-'pinj\ *vb* **im-pinged**; **im-ping-ing** **1** : to strike or dash esp. with a sharp collision **2** : ENCROACH, INFRINGE — **im-pinge-ment** \-'pinj-mənt\ *n*
im-pi-ous \im-'pē-əs, (')im-'pī-ə\ *adj* : not pious : IRREVERENT, PROFANE
imp-ish \im-'piʃ\ *adj* : of, relating to, or befitting an imp; *esp* : MISCHIEVOUS — **imp-ish-ly** *adv* — **imp-ish-ness** *n*
im-pla-ca-ble \(')im-'plak-ə-bəl, -'plā-kə-\ *adj* : not capable of being appeased, pacified, mitigated, or changed (an ~ enemy) — **im-pla-ca-bil-i-ty** \(')im-'plak-ə-'bil-ət-ē, -'plā-kə-\ *n* — **im-pla-ca-bly** \(')im-'plak-ə-blē\ *adv*
im-plant \im-'plant\ *vb* **1** : to set firmly or deeply **2** : to fix in the mind or spirit **3** : to insert in a living site — **im-plant** \im-'plant\ *n* — **im-plan-ta-tion** \im-'plan-'tā-shən\ *n*
im-plau-si-ble \(')im-'plō-zə-bəl\ *adj* : not plausible — **im-plau-si-bil-i-ty** \(')im-'plō-zə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **im-plau-si-bly** \(')im-'plō-zə-blē\ *adv*
im-ple-ment \im-'plə-mənt\ *n* [ME, fr. LL *implementum* action of filling up, fr. L *implere* to fill up] : TOOL, UTENSIL, INSTRUMENT
im-ple-ment \-'ment\ *vb* **1** : to carry out; *esp* : to put into practice **2** : to provide implements for — **im-ple-men-ta-tion** \im-'plə-mən-'tā-shən\ *n*
im-pli-cate \im-'plə-,kāt\ *vb* **-cat-ed**; **-cat-ing** **1** : IMPLY **2** : INVOLVE — **im-pli-ca-tion** \im-'plə-'kā-shən\ *n*
im-plic-it \im-'plis-ət\ *adj* **1** : understood though not directly stated or expressed : IMPLIED; *also* : POTENTIAL **2** : COMPLETE, UNQUESTIONING, ABSOLUTE (~ faith) — **im-plic-it-ly** *adv*
im-plode \im-'plōd\ *vb* **im-plod-ed**; **im-plod-ing** : to burst or collapse inward — **im-plo-sion** \-'plō-zhən\ *n* — **im-plo-sive** \-'plō-siv\ *adj*
im-plore \im-'plōr\ *vb* **im-plored**; **im-plor-ing** : BESEECH, ENTREAT *syn* supplicate, beg, importune, plead
im-ply \im-'plī\ *vb* **im-plied**; **im-ply-ing** **1** : to involve or indicate by inference, association, or necessary consequence rather than by direct statement (war *implies* fighting) **2** : to express indirectly : hint at : SUGGEST
im-po-lite \im-'pə-'lit\ *adj* : not polite : RUDE, DISCOURTEOUS
im-pol-i-tic \(')im-'pāl-ə-'tik\ *adj* : not politic : RASH
im-pon-der-a-ble \(')im-'pān-d(ə-)rə-bəl\ *adj* : incapable of being weighed or evaluated with exactness — **imponderable** *n*
im-port \im-'pōrt\ *vb* **1** : MEAN, SIGNIFY **2** : to bring (as merchandise) into a place or country from a foreign or external source — **im-port-er** *n*
im-port \im-'pōrt\ *n* **1** : IMPORTANCE, SIGNIFICANCE **2** : MEANING, SIGNIFICATION **3** : something (as merchandise) brought in from another country
im-por-tance \im-'pōrt-'ns\ *n* : the quality or state of being important : MOMENT, SIGNIFICANCE *syn* consequence, import, weight
im-por-tant \im-'pōrt-'nt\ *adj* **1** : marked by importance : SIGNIFICANT **2** : giving an impression of importance — **im-por-tant-ly** *adv*

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
 \ə'out \ch'chin \e'bet \ē'easy \ə'go \i'hit \i'vice \j'job
 \ŋ'sing \d'go \d'law \d'boy \th'thin \th'the \u'loot
 \u'foot \y'yet \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

im-por-ta-tion \im-ˈpôr-ˈtā-shən, -pər-ˈ\ *n* 1 : the act or practice of importing 2 : something imported
im-por-tu-nate \im-ˈpôrç-(ə)-nət\ *adj* 1 : troublesomely urgent 2 : BURDENSOME, TROUBLESOME
im-por-tune \im-pər-ˈt(y)ün, im-ˈpôr-çən\ *vb* -tuned; -tuning 1 : to urge or beg with troublesome persistence — **im-por-tu-ni-ty** \im-pər-ˈt(y)ü-nət-ē\ *n*
im-pose \im-ˈpōz\ *vb* im-posed; im-posing 1 : to establish or apply by authority (∼ a tax); also : INFLICT (imposed himself as leader) 2 : to make public or offer for sale with intent to deceive (∼ fake antiques on buyers) 3 : OBTRUDE (imposed herself upon others) 4 : to take unwarranted advantage of something (∼ on her good nature) — **im-po-si-tion** \im-pə-ˈzish-ən\ *n*
im-pos-ing \im-ˈpō-zīg\ *adj* : impressive because of size, bearing, dignity, or grandeur — **im-pos-ing-ly** *adv*
im-pos-si-ble \im-ˈpäs-ə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : incapable of being or of occurring 2 : felt to be too difficult 3 : extremely undesirable : UNACCEPTABLE — **im-pos-si-bil-i-ty** \im-ˈpäs-ə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n* — **im-pos-si-bly** \im-ˈpäs-ə-blē\ *adv*
im-post \im-ˈpōst\ *n* : TAX, DUTY
im-post *n* : a block, capital, or molding from which an arch springs
im-pos-tor or **im-pos-ter** \im-ˈpäs-tər\ *n* : one that assumes an identity or title not his own in order to deceive
im-pos-ture \im-ˈpäs-chər\ *n* : DECEPTION; *esp* : fraudulent impersonation
im-po-tent \im-pət-ənt\ *adj* 1 : lacking in power or strength : HELPLESS 2 : unable to copulate; also : STERILE — **im-po-tence** \-pət-əns\ *n* — **im-po-ten-cy** \-ən-sē\ *n* — **im-po-tent-ly** *adv*
im-pound \im-ˈpaund\ *vb* 1 : CONFINE, ENCLOSE (∼ stray dogs) 2 : to seize and hold in legal custody 3 : to collect in a reservoir (∼ water) — **im-pound-ment** \-ˈpaund(mənt)\ *n*
im-pov-er-ish \im-ˈpäv-(ə)-rɪsh\ *vb* : to make poor; also : to deprive of strength, richness, or fertility — **im-pov-er-ish-ment** *n*
im-prac-ti-ca-ble \im-ˈprak-ti-kə-bəl\ *adj* : not practicable : incapable of being put into practice or use
im-prac-ti-cal \im-ˈprak-ti-kəl\ *adj* 1 : not practical 2 : IMPRACTICABLE
im-pre-cate \im-pri-ˈkāt\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing : CURSE — **im-pre-ca-tion** \im-pri-ˈkā-shən\ *n*
im-pre-cise \im-pri-ˈsɪs\ *adj* : not precise — **im-pre-cise-ly** *adv* — **im-pre-cise-ness** *n* — **im-pre-ci-sion** \-ˈsɪz-ən\ *n*
im-preg-na-ble \im-ˈpreg-nə-bəl\ *adj* : able to resist attack : UNCONQUERABLE, UNASSAILABLE — **im-preg-na-bil-i-ty** \im-ˈpreg-nə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n*
im-preg-nate \im-ˈpreg-nāt\ *vb* -nat-ed; -nat-ing 1 : to fertilize or make pregnant 2 : to fill or soak with some other substance — **im-preg-na-tion** \im-ˈpreg-ˈnā-shən\ *n*
im-pre-sa-rio \im-prə-ˈsär-ē-,ō\ *n*, *pl* -ri-os [It, fr. *impresa* undertaking, fr. *imprendere* to undertake] 1 : the manager or conductor of an opera or concert company 2 : one who puts on an entertainment 3 : MANAGER, PRODUCER
im-press \im-ˈpres\ *vb* 1 : to apply with or produce (as a mark) by pressure : IMPRINT 2 : to press, stamp, or print in or upon 3 : to produce a vivid impression of 4 : to affect *esp.* forcibly or deeply — **im-press-ible** *adj*
im-press \im-ˈpres\ *n* 1 : a characteristic or distinctive mark : STAMP 2 : IMPRESSION, EFFECT 3 : a mark made by pressure : IMPRINT 4 : an image of something formed by or as if by pressure; *esp.* : SEAL 5 : a product of pressure or influence
im-press \im-ˈpres\ *vb* 1 : to force into naval service 2 : to get the aid or services of by forcible argument or persuasion — **im-press-ment** *n*
im-pres-sion \im-ˈpres-ən\ *n* 1 : a stamp, form, or figure made by impressing : IMPRINT 2 : an *esp.* marked influ-

ence or effect on feeling, sense, or mind 3 : a characteristic trait or feature resulting from influence : IMPRESS 4 : a single print or copy (as from type or from an engraved plate or book) 5 : all the copies of a publication (as a book) printed for one issue : PRINTING 6 : a usu. vague notion, recollection, belief, or opinion 7 : an imitation in caricature of a noted personality as a form of entertainment
im-pres-sion-able \im-ˈpres-ə-(ə)-nə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being easily impressed : easily molded or influenced
im-pres-sion-ism \im-ˈpres-ə-,nɪz-əm\ *n* 1 *often cap* : a theory or practice in modern art of depicting the natural appearances of objects by dabs or strokes of primary unmixed colors in order to simulate actual reflected light 2 : the depiction of scene, emotion, or character by details intended to achieve a vividness or effectiveness *esp.* by evoking subjective and sensory impressions — **im-pres-sion-is-tic** \im-ˈpres-ə-ˈnis-tik\ *adj*
im-pres-sion-ist \im-ˈpres-ə-(ə)-nɪst\ *n* 1 *often cap* : a painter who practices impressionism 2 : an entertainer who does impressions
im-pres-sive \im-ˈpres-ɪv\ *adj* : making or tending to make a marked impression (an ∼ speech) — **im-pres-sive-ly** *adv* — **im-pres-sive-ness** *n*
im-pri-ma-tur \im-prə-ˈmā-,tū(ə)r\ *n* [NL, let it be printed] 1 : a license to print or publish; also : official approval of a publication by a censor 2 : SANCTION, APPROVAL
im-print \im-ˈprint, ˈim-,print\ *vb* 1 : to stamp or mark by or as if by pressure : IMPRESS 2 : to fix firmly (as on the memory)
im-print \im-ˈprint\ *n* 1 : something imprinted or printed : IMPRESS 2 : a publisher's name printed at the foot of a title page 3 : an indelible distinguishing effect or influence
im-pris-on \im-ˈprɪz-ən\ *vb* : to put in or as if in prison : CONFINE — **im-pris-on-ment** \im-ˈprɪz-ən-mənt\ *n*
im-prob-a-ble \im-ˈprəb-ə-bəl\ *adj* : unlikely to be true or to occur — **im-prob-a-bil-i-ty** \im-ˈprəb-ə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n* — **im-prob-a-bly** \im-ˈprəb-ə-blē\ *adv*
im-promp-tu \im-ˈprəmp-t(y)ü\ *adj* [F, fr. *impromptu* extemporaneously, fr. L *in promptu* in readiness] 1 : made or done on or as if on the spur of the moment 2 : EXTEMPORANEOUS, UNREHEARSED — **im-promptu** *adv* or *n*
im-prop-er \im-ˈprəp-ər\ *adj* 1 : not proper, fit, or suitable 2 : INCORRECT, INACCURATE 3 : not in accord with propriety, modesty, or good manners — **im-prop-er-ly** *adv*
improper fraction *n* : a fraction whose numerator is equal to or larger than the denominator
im-pro-pri-ety \im-prə-ˈpri-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -eties 1 : the quality or state of being improper 2 : an improper act or remark; *esp.* : an unacceptable use of a word or of language
im-prove \im-ˈpruv\ *vb* im-proved; im-prov-ing 1 : INCREASE, AUGMENT (education improved his chances) 2 : to enhance or increase in value or quality (∼ farmlands by cultivation) 3 : to grow or become better (∼ in health) 4 : to make good use of (∼ the time by reading) — **im-prov-a-ble** \-ˈpruv-ə-bəl\ *adj*
im-prove-ment \im-ˈpruv-mənt\ *n* 1 : the act or process of improving 2 : increased value or excellence of something 3 : something that adds to the value or appearance of a thing
im-prov-i-dent \im-ˈpräv-əd-ənt\ *adj* : not providing for the future — **im-prov-i-dence** \-əns\ *n*
im-pro-vise \im-prə-ˈvɪz\ *vb* -vised; -vis-ing [F *improvisare*, fr. *Improvvisare*, fr. *improvisus* sudden, fr. L *improvisus*, lit., unforeseen] 1 : to compose, recite, play, or sing on the spur of the moment : EXTEMPORIZE (∼ on the piano) 2 : to make, invent, or arrange offhand

(~ a sail out of shirts) — **im-pro-vi-sa-tion** \im-,prāv-ə-
 'zā-shən, \im-prə-və-ə\ *n* — **im-pro-vis-er** or **im-pro-vi-sor**
 \,im-prə-'vī-zər, \im-prə-,vī-ə\ *n*
im-pru-dent \(')im-'prūd-ənt\ *adj* : not prudent : lacking
 discretion — **im-pru-dence** \-əns\ *n*
im-pu-dent \im-'pyəd-ənt\ *adj* : marked by contemptuous
 boldness or disregard of others — **im-pu-dence** \-əns\ *n*
 — **im-pu-dent-ly** *adv*
im-pugn \im-'pyūn\ *vb* [ME, deriv. of L *inpugnare*,
 deriv. of *pugnare* to fight] : to attack by words or argu-
 ments : oppose or attack as false (~ the motives of an
 opponent)
im-puis-sance \im-'pwi-səns, -'pyū-ə-səns\ *n* [ME, fr. MF]
 : the quality or state of being powerless : WEAKNESS
im-pulse \im-'pəls\ *n* **1** : a force that starts a body into
 motion; *also* : the motion produced by such a force **2**
 : an arousing of the mind and spirit to action; *also* : a
 wave of nervous excitation **3** : a natural tendency
im-pul-sion \im-'pəl-shən\ *n* **1** : the act of impelling : the
 state of being impelled **2** : a force that impels **3** : IM-
 PETUS **4** : a sudden inclination
im-pul-sive \im-'pəl-siv\ *adj* **1** : having the power of or
 actually driving or impelling **2** : acting or prone to act on
 impulse (~ buying) — **im-pul-sive-ly** *adv* — **im-pul-sive-**
ness *n*
im-pu-ni-ty \im-'pyū-nət-ē\ *n* [MF or L; MF *impunité*, fr.
 L *impunitas*, fr. *impune* without punishment, fr. *poena*
 pain, punishment] : exemption from punishment, harm,
 or loss
im-pure \(')im-'pyūr\ *adj* **1** : not pure : UNCHASTE, OB-
 SCENE **2** : DIRTY, FOUL **3** : ADULTERATED, MIXED — **im-pu-**
ri-ty \-i'pyūr-ət-ē\ *n*
im-pu-te \im-'pyūt\ *vb* **im-put-ed**; **im-put-ing** **1** : to lay the
 responsibility or blame for often falsely or unjustly
 : CHARGE **2** : to credit to a person or a cause : ATTRIBUTE
 — **im-put-able** \-i'pyūt-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **im-pu-ta-tion** \,im-
 pyə-'tā-shən\ *n*
in \(')in, ən, ən\ *prep* **1** — used to indicate physical sur-
 roundings (swim ~ the lake) **2** : INTO **1** (ran ~ the
 house) **3** : DURING (~ the summer) **4** : WITH (written ~
 pencil) **5** — used to indicate one's situation or state of
 being (~ luck) (~ love) **6** — used to indicate manner or
 purpose (~ a hurry) (said ~ reply) **7** : INTO **2** (broke ~
 pieces)
in \in\ *adv* **1** : to or toward the inside (come ~) : to or
 toward some destination or place (flew ~ from the
 South) **2** : at close quarters : NEAR (the enemy closed
 ~) **3** : into the midst of something (mix ~ the flour) **4**
 : to or at its proper place (fit a piece ~) **5** : WITHIN
 (locked ~) **6** : in vogue or season; *also* : at hand **7** : in
 a completed or terminated state
in \in\ *adj* **1** : located inside or within **2** : that is in
 position, connection, operation, or power (the ~ party)
3 : directed inward : INCOMING (the ~ train) **4** : keenly
 aware of and responsive to what is new and smart (the
 ~ crowd); *also* : extremely fashionable (the ~ thing to
 do)
in \in\ *n* **1** : one who is in office or power or on the inside
2 : INFLUENCE, PULL (he has an ~ with the owner)
in *abbr* **1** inch **2** inlet
In *symbol* indium
IN *abbr* Indiana
in- \(')in, in\ *prefix* **1** : not : NON-, UN- **2** : opposite of
 : contrary to
 inadmissible
 inaccessible
 inaccessible
 inaccuracy
 inaccurate
 inaction
 inactive
 inactivity
 inadmissibility

inartistic
 inattentive
 inaudible
 inaudibly
 inauspicious
 incautious
 incomprehension
 inconceivable
 inconclusive
 inconsistency
 inconsistent
 incoordination
 indecipherable
 indefensible
 indemonstrable
 indestructible
 indeterminable
 indiscernible
 indistinguishable
 inedible
 ineducable
 inefficacious
 inefficacy
 inelastic
 inelasticity
 inequitable
 inequity
 ineradicable
 inexpedient
 inexpensive
 inexpressive
 inextinguishable
 infeasible
 inharmonious
 inhospitable
 injudicious
 inoffensive
 insanitary
 insensitive
 insensitivity
 insignificance
 insignificant
 insuppressible
 insusceptible

in-abil-i-ty \,in-ə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* : the quality or state of being
 unable
in-ab-sen-tia \,in-ab-'sen-ch(ē)-ə\ *adv* : in one's absence
in-ac-ti-vate \(')in-'ak-tə-,vāt\ *vb* : to make inactive —
in-ac-ti-va-tion \(')in-'ak-tə-'vā-shən\ *n*
in-ad-e-quate \(')in-'ad-i-kwət\ *adj* : not adequate : INSUF-
 FICIENT — **in-ad-e-qua-cy** \-kwə-sē\ *n* — **in-ad-e-quate-ly**
adv — **in-ad-e-quate-ness** *n*
in-ad-ver-tent \,in-ad-'vərt-ənt\ *adj* **1** : HEEDLESS, INAT-
 TENTIVE **2** : UNINTENTIONAL — **in-ad-ver-tence** \-əns\ *n* —
in-ad-ver-ten-cy \-n-sē\ *n* — **in-ad-ver-tent-ly** *adv*
in-alien-able \(')in-'āl-yə-nə-bəl, -'ā-lē-ə-nə\ *adj* : inca-
 pable of being alienated, surrendered, or transferred (~
 rights) — **in-alien-abil-i-ty** \(')in-'āl-yə-nə-'bil-ət-ē, -'ā-
 lē-ə-nə\ *n* — **in-alien-ably** \(')in-'āl-yə-nə-blē, -'ā-lē-ə-
 nə\ *adv*
in-am-o-ra-ta \in-,am-ə-'rāt-ə\ *n* : a woman with whom
 one is in love
inan-ē \in-'ān\ *adj* **inan-er**; -est : EMPTY, INSUBSTANTIAL;
also : SHALLOW, SILLY — **inan-i-ty** \in-'an-ət-ē\ *n*
in-an-i-mate \(')in-'an-ə-mət\ *adj* : not animate or ani-
 mated : lacking the qualities of living things — **in-an-i-**
mate-ly *adv* — **in-an-i-mate-ness** *n*
in-ap-pre-cia-ble \,in-ə-'prē-shə-bəl\ *adj* : too small to be
 perceived — **in-ap-pre-cia-bly** \-blē\ *adv*
in-ap-ti-tude \(')in-'ap-tə-,t(y)ūd\ *n* : lack of aptitude
in-ar-tic-u-late \,in-ār-'tik-yə-lət\ *adj* **1** : not understand-
 able as spoken words **2** : MUTE **3** : incapable of being
 expressed by speech; *also* : UNSPOKEN **4** : not having
 the power of distinct utterance or effective expression
 — **in-ar-tic-u-late-ly** *adv*
in-as-much as \,in-əz-,məch-əz\ *conj* : seeing that : SINCE
in-at-ten-tion \,in-ə-'ten-chən\ *n* : failure to pay attention
 : DISREGARD
in-au-gu-ral \in-'ō-gyā-rəl, -g(ə)-rəl\ *adj* **1** : of or relating
 to an inauguration **2** : marking a beginning
inaugural **1** : an inaugural address **2** : INAUGURATION
in-au-gu-rate \in-'ō-g(y)ə-,rāt\ *vb* -rat-ed; -rat-ing **1** : to
 introduce into an office with suitable ceremonies : IN-
 STALL **2** : to dedicate ceremoniously **3** : BEGIN, INITIATE
 — **in-au-gu-ra-tion** \-,ō-g(y)ə-'rā-shən\ *n*
in-board \in-'bōrd\ *adv* **1** : inside the hull of a ship **2**
 : close or closest to the center line of a ship or aircraft
 — **inboard** *adj*
in-born \in-'bōrn\ *adj* : present from birth rather than
 acquired : NATURAL *syn* innate, congenital, native

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ə'r'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
 \ə'u'out \ch\chin \e'bet \e'easy \g'go \i'hit \i'vice \j'job
 \ŋ'sing \ō'go \ō'law \ō'l'boy \th'thin \th'the \u'loot
 \u'foot \y'yet \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

in-bound \ˈin-,baʊnd\ *adj* : inward bound (∼ traffic)

in-bred \ˈin-,bred\ *adj* 1 : INBORN, INNATE 2 : subjected to or produced by inbreeding

in-breed-ing \ˈin-,brəd-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : the interbreeding of closely related individuals esp. to preserve and fix desirable characters of and to eliminate unfavorable characters from a stock 2 : confinement to a narrow range or a local or limited field of choice — **in-breed** \-ˈbrəd\ *vb*

inc *abbr* 1 incomplete 2 incorporated 3 increase

In-ca \ˈɪŋ-kə\ *n* [Sp, fr. Quechua (a So. American Indian language) *inka* king, prince] 1 : a noble or a member of the ruling family of an Indian empire of Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador until the Spanish conquest 2 : a member of any people under Inca influence

in-cal-cu-la-ble (ˈ) \ˈɪn-ˈkəl-kyə-lə-bəl\ *adj* : not capable of being calculated; *esp* : too large or numerous to be calculated — **in-cal-cu-la-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

in-can-des-cent \ˈɪn-kən-ˈdes-ənt\ *adj* 1 : glowing with heat 2 : SHINING, BRILLIANT — **in-can-des-cence** \-ns\ *n*
incandescent lamp *n* : a lamp in which an electrically heated filament emits light

in-can-ta-tion \ˈɪn-,kan-ˈtā-shən\ *n* : a use of spells or verbal charms spoken or sung as a part of a ritual of magic; *also* : a formula of words used in or as if in such a ritual

in-ca-pa-ble (ˈ) \ˈɪn-ˈkə-pə-bəl\ *adj* : lacking ability or qualification for a particular purpose; *also* : UNQUALIFIED — **in-ca-pa-bil-i-ty** (ˈ) \ˈɪn-,kə-pə-ˈbɪl-ət-ē\ *n*

in-ca-pac-i-tate \ˈɪn-kə-ˈpas-ə-,tāt\ *vb* -**tat-ed**; -**tat-ing** : to make incapable or unfit : DISQUALIFY, DISABLE

in-ca-pac-i-ty \ˈɪn-kə-ˈpas-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**ties** : the quality or state of being incapable

in-car-cer-ate \ˈɪn-ˈkär-sə-,rāt\ *vb* -**at-ed**; -**at-ing** : IMPRISON, CONFIN — **in-car-cer-a-tion** (ˈ) \ˈɪn-,kär-sə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

in-car-na-dine \ˈɪn-ˈkär-nə-,dɪn-,ˈdēn\ *vb* -**dined**; -**din-ing** : REDDEN

in-car-nate \ˈɪn-ˈkär-nət-,ˈnāt\ *adj* 1 : having bodily and esp. human form and substance 2 : PERSONIFIED — **in-car-nate** \-,nāt\ *vb*

in-car-na-tion \ˈɪn-,kär-ˈnā-shən\ *n* 1 : the embodiment of a deity or spirit in an earthly form 2 *cap* : the union of divine and human natures in Jesus Christ 3 : a person showing a trait or typical character to a marked degree 4 : the act of incarnating : the state of being incarnate

incase *var of* ENCASE

in-cen-di-ary \ˈɪn-sen-dē-,er-ē\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to a deliberate burning of property 2 : tending to excite or inflame 3 : designed to kindle fires (an ∼ bomb)
incendiary *n*

in-cense \ˈɪn-,sens\ *n* 1 : material used to produce a fragrant odor when burned 2 : the perfume or smoke from some spices and gums when burned

in-cense \ˈɪn-,sens\ *vb* **in-censed**; **in-cens-ing** : to make extremely angry

in-cen-tive \ˈɪn-sent-iv\ *n* [ME, fr. LL *incentivum*, fr. *incentivus* stimulating, fr. L, setting the tune, fr. *incinere* to set the tune, fr. *canere* to sing] : something that incites or is likely to incite to determination or action

in-cep-tion \ˈɪn-sɛp-shən\ *n* : BEGINNING, COMMENCEMENT

in-cer-ti-tude (ˈ) \ˈɪn-ˈsɔrt-ə-,t(y)ūd\ *n* 1 : UNCERTAINTY, DOUBT, INDECISION 2 : INSECURITY, INSTABILITY

in-ces-sant (ˈ) \ˈɪn-ses-ənt\ *adj* : continuing or flowing without interruption (∼ rains) — **in-ces-sant-ly** *adv*

in-cest \ˈɪn-,sɛst\ *n* [ME, fr. L *incestum*, fr. *incestus* impure, fr. *castus* pure] : sexual intercourse between persons so closely related that marriage is illegal — **in-ces-tu-ous** \ˈɪn-ses-chə-wəs\ *adj*

inch \ˈɪnch\ *n* [ME, fr. OE *ynce*, fr. L *uncia* twelfth part, inch, ounce] — see WEIGHT table

inch *vb* : to move by small degrees

in-cho-ate \ˈɪn-kō-ət-,ˈɪn-kə-,wāt\ *adj* [L *inchoatus*, pp. of

inchoare, lit., to hitch up, fr. *cohū* strap fastening a plow beam to the yoke] : being only partly in existence or operation : INCOMPLETE, INCIPIENT

inch-worm \ˈɪnch-,wɔrm\ *n* : LOOPER

in-ci-dence \ˈɪn-səd-əns\ *n* : rate of occurrence or effect

in-ci-dent \ˈɪn-səd-ənt\ *n* 1 : OCCURRENCE, HAPPENING 2 : an action likely to lead to grave consequences esp. in diplomatic matters

incident *adj* 1 : occurring or likely to occur esp. in connection with some other happening 2 : falling or striking on something (∼ light rays)

in-ci-den-tal \ˈɪn-sə-ˈdent-əl\ *adj* 1 : subordinate, nonessential, or attendant in position or significance (∼ expenses) 2 : CASUAL, CHANCE — **in-ci-den-tal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

incidental *n* 1 *pl* : minor items (as of expense) that are not individually accounted for 2 : something that is incidental

in-cin-er-ate \ˈɪn-ˈsɪn-ə-,rāt\ *vb* -**at-ed**; -**at-ing** : to burn to ashes

in-cin-er-a-tor \ˈɪn-ˈsɪn-ə-,rāt-ər\ *n* : a furnace for burning waste

in-cip-i-ent \ˈɪn-sip-ē-ənt\ *adj* : beginning to be or become apparent

in-cise \ˈɪn-ˈsɪz\ *vb* **in-cised**; **in-cis-ing** : to cut into : CARVE, ENGRAVE

in-ci-sion \ˈɪn-ˈsɪz-ən\ *n* : CUT, GASH; *esp* : a surgical wound

in-ci-sive \ˈɪn-ˈsɪ-siv\ *adj* : impressively direct and decisive — **in-ci-sive-ly** *adv*

in-ci-sor \ˈɪn-ˈsɪ-zər\ *n* : a tooth for cutting; *esp* : one of the cutting teeth in front of the canines of a mammal

in-cite \ˈɪn-sɪt\ *vb* **in-cited**; **in-cit-ing** : to arouse to action : stir up — **in-cite-ment** *n*

in-ci-vil-i-ty \ˈɪn-sə-ˈvil-ət-ē\ *n* 1 : DISCOURTESY, RUDENESS 2 : a rude or discourteous act

incl *abbr* including; inclusive

in-clem-ent (ˈ) \ˈɪn-ˈklem-ənt\ *adj* : SEVERE, STORMY (∼ weather) — **in-clem-en-cy** \-ən-sē\ *n*

in-cli-na-tion \ˈɪn-klə-ˈnā-shən\ *n* 1 : PROPENSITY, BENT; *esp* : LIKING 2 : BOW, NOD (an ∼ of the head) 3 : a tilting of something 4 : SLANT, SLOPE

in-cline \ˈɪn-ˈklɪn\ *vb* **in-clined**; **in-clin-ing** 1 : BOW, BEND 2 : to be drawn toward an opinion or course of action 3 : to deviate from the vertical or horizontal : SLOPE 4 : INFLUENCE, PERSUADE

in-cline \ˈɪn-,klɪn\ *n* : SLOPE

inclose, inclosure *var of* ENCLOSE, ENCLOSURE

in-clude \ˈɪn-ˈklüd\ *vb* **in-clud-ed**; **in-clud-ing** : to take in or comprise as a part of a whole (the price ∼s tax) —

in-clu-sion \ˈɪn-ˈklü-zhən\ *n* — **in-clu-sive** \-ˈklü-siv\ *adj*
incog *abbr* incognito

in-cog-ni-to \ˈɪn-,käg-ˈnēt-ō-,ˈɪn-käg-nə-,tō\ *adv or adj* [It, fr. L *incognitus* unknown, fr. *cognoscere* to know] : with one's identity concealed

incognito *n*, *pl* -**tos** 1 : one appearing or living incognito 2 : the state or disguise of an incognito

in-co-her-ent \ˈɪn-kō-ˈhɪr-ənt-,ˈher-ə\ *adj* 1 : not sticking closely or compactly together : LOOSE 2 : not clearly or logically connected : RAMBLING — **in-co-her-ence** \-əns\ *n* — **in-co-her-ent-ly** *adv*

in-com-bus-ti-ble \ˈɪn-kəm-ˈbəs-tə-bəl\ *adj* : incapable of being burned — **incombustible** *n*

in-come \ˈɪn-,kəm\ *n* : a gain usu. measured in money that derives from labor, business, or property

income tax \ˈɪn-,kəm-ˈ\ *n* : a tax on the net income of an individual or business concern

in-com-ing \ˈɪn-,kəm-ɪŋ\ *adj* : coming in (the ∼ tide) (∼ freshmen)

in-com-men-su-rate \ˈɪn-kə-ˈmens-(ə-)rət-,ˈmench-(ə-)rət\ *adj* : not commensurate; *esp* : INADEQUATE

in-com-mode \ˈɪn-kə-ˈmōd\ *vb* -**mod-ed**; -**mod-ing** : INCONVENIENCE, DISTURB

in-com-mu-ni-ca-ble \ˈɪn-kə-ˈmyū-ni-kə-bəl\ *adj* : not

communicable; not capable of being communicated or imparted; *also* : UNCOMMUNICATIVE

in-com-mu-ni-ca-do \,in-kə-,myū-nə-'käd-ə\ *adv or adj* : without means of communication; *also* : in solitary confinement (a prisoner held ~)

in-com-pa-ra-ble \(')in-'käm-p(ə-)rə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : eminent beyond comparison : MATCHLESS **2** : not suitable for comparison

in-com-pat-i-ble \,in-kəm-'pat-ə-bəl\ *adj* : incapable of or unsuitable for association or use together (~ colors) (temperamentally ~) — **in-com-pat-i-bil-i-ty** \,in-kəm-'pat-ə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n*

in-com-pe-tent \(')in-'käm-pət-ənt\ *adj* **1** : not legally qualified **2** : not competent : lacking sufficient knowledge, skill, or ability — **in-com-pe-tence** \-pət-əns\ *n* — **in-com-pe-ten-cy** \-ən-sē\ *n* — **incompetent** *n*

in-com-plete \,in-kəm-'plēt\ *adj* : lacking a part or parts : UNFINISHED, IMPERFECT — **in-com-plete-ly** *adv* — **in-com-plete-ness** *n*

in-com-pre-hen-si-ble \,in-,käm-prē-'hen-sə-bəl\ *adj* : impossible to comprehend : UNINTELLIGIBLE

in-com-press-ible \,in-kəm-'pres-ə-bəl\ *adj* : not capable of or resistant to compression

in-con-gru-ent \,in-kən-'grü-ənt, (')in-'käng-grə-wənt\ *adj* : not congruent

in-con-gru-ous \(')in-'käng-grə-wəs\ *adj* : not consistent with or suitable to the surroundings or associations — **in-con-gru-i-ty** \,in-kən-'grü-ət-ē, -,kän-sə-,kwens\ *n* — **in-con-gru-ous-ly** \(')in-'käng-grə-wəs-lē\ *adv*

in-con-se-quen-tial \,in-,kän-sə-'kwen-chəl\ *adj* **1** : ILLOGICAL; *also* : IRRELEVANT **2** : of no significance : UNIMPORTANT — **in-con-se-quence** \(')in-'kän-sə-,kwens\ *n* — **in-con-se-quen-tial-ly** \,in-,kän-sə-'kwench-(ə)-lē\ *adv*

in-con-sid-er-able \,in-kən-'sid-ər-(ə)-bəl, -'sid-rə-bəl\ *adj* : SLIGHT, TRIVIAL

in-con-sid-er-ate \,in-kən-'sid-(ə)-rət\ *adj* : HEEDLESS, THOUGHTLESS; *esp* : not respecting the rights or feelings of others — **in-con-sid-er-ate-ly** *adv* — **in-con-sid-er-ate-ness** *n*

in-con-sol-able \,in-kən-'sō-lə-bəl\ *adj* : incapable of being consoled — **in-con-sol-a-ble-ly** \-blē\ *adv*

in-con-spic-u-ous \,in-kən-'spik-yə-wəs\ *adj* : not readily noticeable — **in-con-spic-u-ous-ly** *adv*

in-con-stant \(')in-'kän-stənt\ *adj* : not constant : CHANGEABLE *syn* fickle, capricious, mercurial, unstable, volatile — **in-con-stant-ly** \-stən-sē\ *n* — **in-con-stant-ly** *adv*

in-con-test-able \,in-kən-'tes-tə-bəl\ *adj* : not contestable : INDISPUTABLE — **in-con-test-ably** \-tes-tə-blē\ *adv*

in-con-ti-nent \(')in-'kän-t-ənt\ *adj* **1** : lacking self-restraint **2** : unable to retain a bodily discharge (as urine) voluntarily — **in-con-ti-nence** \-n-əns\ *n*

in-con-tro-vert-ible \,in-,kän-trə-'vərt-ə-bəl\ *adj* : not open to question : INDISPUTABLE (~ evidence) — **in-con-tro-vert-ibly** \-blē\ *adv*

in-con-ve-nience \,in-kən-'vē-nyəns\ *n* **1** : something that is inconvenient **2** : the quality or state of being inconvenient

inconvenience *vb* : to subject to inconvenience

in-con-ve-nient \,in-kən-'vē-nyənt\ *adj* : not convenient : causing trouble or annoyance : INOPPORTUNE — **in-con-ve-nient-ly** *adv*

in-cor-po-rate \in-'kōr-pə-,rāt\ *vb* -rat-ed; -rat-ing **1** : to unite closely or so as to form one body : BLEND **2** : to form, form into, or become a corporation **3** : to give material form to : EMBODY — **in-cor-po-ra-tion** \-,kōr-pə-'rā-shən\ *n*

in-cor-po-re-al \,in-kōr-'pōr-ē-əl\ *adj* : having no material body or form

in-cor-rect \,in-kə-'rekt\ *adj* **1** : INACCURATE, FAULTY **2** : not true : WRONG **3** : UNBECOMING, IMPROPER — **in-cor-rect-ly** \-rek-(t)lē\ *adv* — **in-cor-rect-ness** \-rek(t)-nəs\ *n*

in-cor-ri-gi-ble \(')in-'kōr-ə-jə-bəl\ *adj* : incapable of being corrected, amended, or reformed — **in-cor-ri-gi-bil-i-ty** \(')in-,kōr-ə-jə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **in-cor-ri-gi-bly** \(')in-'kōr-ə-jə-blē\ *adv*

in-cor-rupt-ible \,in-kə-'rəp-tə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : not subject to decay or dissolution **2** : incapable of being bribed or morally corrupted — **in-cor-rupt-ibil-i-ty** \-,rəp-tə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **in-cor-rupt-ibly** \-rəp-tə-blē\ *adv*

incr *abbr* increase; increased

in-crease \in-'krēs, 'in-,krēs\ *vb* in-creased; in-creas-ing **1** : to become greater : GROW **2** : to multiply by the production of young (rabbits ~ rapidly) **3** : to make greater — **in-creas-ing-ly** \-krē-siŋ-lē\ *adv*

in-crease \in-,krēs, in-'krēs\ *n* **1** : addition or enlargement in size, extent, or quantity : GROWTH **2** : something (as offspring, produce, or profit) that is added

in-cred-i-ble \(')in-'kred-ə-bəl\ *adj* : too extraordinary and improbable to be believed; *also* : hard to believe — **in-cred-i-bil-i-ty** \(')in-,kred-ə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **in-cred-i-bly** \(')in-'kred-ə-blē\ *adv*

in-cred-u-lous \(')in-'krej-ə-ləs\ *adj* **1** : SKEPTICAL **2** : expressing disbelief — **in-cres-du-li-ty** \,in-kri-'d(y)ū-lət-ē\ *n* — **in-cred-u-lous-ly** *adv*

in-cre-ment \iŋ-kre-mənt, 'in- n\ **1** : the action or process of increasing esp. in quantity or value : ENLARGEMENT; *also* : QUANTITY **2** : something gained or added; *esp* : one of a series of regular consecutive additions — **in-cre-men-tal** \iŋ-kre-'ment-əl, in- n\ *adj* — **in-cre-men-tal-ly** \-l-ē\ *adv*

in-crim-i-nate \in-'krim-ə-,nāt\ *vb* -nat-ed; -nat-ing : to charge with or prove involvement in a crime or fault : ACCUSE — **in-crim-i-na-tion** \-,krim-ə-'nā-shən\ *n* — **in-crim-i-na-to-ry** \-'krim-(ə)-nə-,tōr-ē\ *adj*

incrusted *var* of ENCRUST

in-crus-ta-tion \,in-,krəs-'tā-shən\ *n* **1** : the act of encrusting : the state of being encrusted **2** : CRUST; *also* : something resembling a crust (~ of habits)

in-cu-bate \iŋ-kyə-,bāt, 'in- n\ *vb* -bat-ed; -bat-ing : to sit on eggs to hatch them; *also* : to keep (as eggs) under conditions favorable for development — **in-cu-ba-tion** \iŋ-kyə-'bā-shən, in- n\ *n*

in-cu-ba-tor \iŋ-kyə-,bāt-ər, 'in- n\ *n* : one that incubates; *esp* : an apparatus providing suitable conditions (as of warmth and moisture) for incubating something

in-cu-bus \iŋ-kyə-bəs, 'in- n, pl -bi-'bī, -bē\ *also* -bus-es [ME, fr. LL, fr. L *incubare* to lie on] **1** : a spirit supposed to work evil on persons in their sleep **2** : NIGHTMARE **3** : one that oppresses like a nightmare

in-cul-cate \in-'kəl-,kāt, 'in-(,)kəl- n\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing [L *inculcare*, lit., to tread on, fr. *calcare* to trample, fr. *calx* heel] : to teach and impress by frequent repetitions or admonitions — **in-cul-ca-tion** \,in-(,)kəl-'kā-shən\ *n*

in-cul-pa-ble \(')in-'kəl-pə-bəl\ *adj* : free from guilt : BLAMELESS

in-cul-pate \in-'kəl-,pāt, 'in-(,)kəl- n\ *vb* -pat-ed; -pat-ing : to involve or implicate in guilt : INCRIMINATE

in-cum-ben-cy \in-'kəm-bən-sē\ *n*, pl -cies **1** : something that is incumbent **2** : the quality of state of being incumbent **3** : the office or period of office of an incumbent

in-cum-bent \in-'kəm-bənt\ *n* : the holder of an office or position

incumbent *adj* **1** : imposed as a duty **2** : occupying a specified office **3** : lying or resting on something else

incumber *var* of ENCUMBER

in-cu-nab-u-lum \,in-kyə-'nab-yə-ləm, iŋ- n, pl -la \-lə\ [NL, fr. L *incunabula*, pl., swaddling clothes, cradle, fr. *cunae* cradle] : a book printed before 1501

in-cur \in-'kər\ *vb* in-curred; in-cur-ring **1** : to meet with

ə'about 'ə'kitten 'ə'further 'ə'wash 'ə'vace 'ə'cot, cart
 ə'out 'ch'chin 'ə'bet 'ə'easy 'g'go 'i'hlt 'i'ice 'j'job
 'ŋ'sing 'ə'go 'ə'law 'ə'boy 'th'thin 'th'the 'u'loot
 'u'foot 'y'yet 'zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

(as an inconvenience) **2** : to become liable or subject to : bring down upon oneself
in-cur-able \(')in-'kyūr-ə-bəl/ *adj* : not subject to cure —
in-cur-abil-ity \(')in-,kyūr-ə-'bil-ət-ē/ *n* — **incurable** *n*
 — **in-cur-ably** \(')in-'kyūr-ə-blē/ *adv*
in-cu-ri-ous \(')in-'kyūr-ē-əs/ *adj* : not curious or inquisitive
in-cur-sion \in-'kər-zhən/ *n* : a sudden usu. temporary invasion : RAID
in-cus \'in-kəs/ *n*, *pl* **in-cu-des** \in-'kyūd-(ə)ēz/ [NL, fr. L, anvil] : the middle of a chain of three small bones in the ear of a mammal
ind abbr **1** independent **2** index **3** industrial; industry
Ind abbr **1** Indian **2** Indiana
in-debt-ed \in-'det-əd/ *adj* **1** : owing money **2** : owing gratitude or recognition to another — **in-debt-ed-ness** *n*
in-de-cent \(')in-'dēs-ənt/ *adj* : not decent : UNBECOMING, UNSEEMLY; *also* : morally offensive — **in-de-cen-cy** \-'n-sē/ *n* — **in-de-cent-ly** *adv*
in-de-ci-sion \,in-di-'sīz-ən/ *n* : a wavering between two or more possible courses of action : IRRESOLUTION
in-de-ci-sive \,in-di-'sī-siv/ *adj* **1** : not decisive : INCONCLUSIVE **2** : marked by or prone to indecision **3** : INDEFINITE — **in-de-ci-sive-ly** *adv* — **in-de-ci-sive-ness** *n*
in-de-co-rous \(')in-'dek-(ə)-rəs; ,in-di-'kōr-əs/ *adj* : not decorous *syn* improper, unseemly, indecent, unbecoming, indelicate — **in-de-co-rous-ly** *adv* — **in-de-co-rous-ness** *n*
in-deed \in-'dēd/ *adv* **1** : without any question : TRULY — often used interjectionally to express irony, disbelief, or surprise **2** : in reality **3** : all things considered
indef abbr indefinite
in-de-fat-i-ga-ble \,in-di-'fat-i-gə-bəl/ *adj* : UNTIRING — **in-de-fat-i-ga-bly** \-blē/ *adv*
in-de-fea-si-ble \-'fē-zə-bəl/ *adj* : not capable of or not liable to be annulled, made void, or forfeited — **in-de-fea-si-bly** \-'fē-zə-blē/ *adv*
in-de-fin-able \-'fi-nə-bəl/ *adj* : incapable of being precisely described or analyzed
in-def-i-nite \(')in-'def-(ə)-nət/ *adj* **1** : not defining or identifying (*an* is an ~ article) **2** : not precise : VAGUE **3** : having no fixed limit or amount — **in-def-i-nite-ly** *adv* — **in-def-i-nite-ness** *n*
in-del-i-ble \in-'del-ə-bəl/ *adj* [ML *indelibilis*, fr. L *indelebilis*, fr. *delēre* to delete, destroy] **1** : not capable of being removed or erased (~ impression) **2** : making marks that cannot easily be removed (*an* ~ pencil) — **in-del-i-bly** \in-'del-ə-blē/ *adv*
in-del-i-cate \(')in-'del-i-kət/ *adj* : not delicate; *esp* : IMPROPER, COARSE, TACTLESS *syn* indecent, unseemly, indecorous, unbecoming — **in-del-i-ca-cy** \in-'del-ə-kə-sē/ *n*
in-dem-ni-fy \in-'dem-nə-,fī/ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing [L *indemnitas* unharmed, fr. *in-* not + *damnum* damage] **1** : to secure against hurt, loss, or damage **2** : to make compensation for some loss or damage — **in-dem-ni-fi-ca-tion** \-,dem-nə-fə-'kā-shən/ *n*
in-dem-ni-ty \in-'dem-nə-tē/ *n*, *pl* -ties **1** : security against hurt, loss, or damage; *also* : exemption from incurred penalties or liabilities **2** : something that indemnifies
in-dent \in-'dent/ *vb* [ME *indenten*, fr. MF *enderter*, fr. OF, fr. *dent* tooth, fr. L *dent-*, *dens*] **1** : INDENTURE **2** : to make a toothlike cut on the edge of **3** : to space in (*as* the first line of a paragraph) from the margin
indent *vb* **1** : to force inward so as to form a depression : IMPRESS (~ a pattern in metal) **2** : to form a dent in **in-den-ta-tion** \,in-,den-'tā-shən/ *n* **1** : NOTCH; *also* : a usu. deep recess (*as* in a coastline) **2** : the action of indenting : the condition of being indented **3** : DENT **4** : INDENTION **2**
in-den-tion \in-'den-chən/ *n* **1** : the action of indenting : the condition of being indented **2** : the blank space produced by indenting
in-den-ture \in-'den-chər/ *n* **1** : a written certificate or

agreement; *esp* : a contract binding one person (as an apprentice) to work for another for a given period of time — usu. used in pl. **2** : INDENTATION **1** **3** : DENT
indenture *vb* **in-den-tured**; **in-den-tur-ing** : to bind (as an apprentice) by indentures
in-de-pen-dence \,in-də-'pen-dəns/ *n* : the quality or state of being independent : FREEDOM
Independence Day *n* : July 4 observed as a legal holiday in commemoration of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776
in-de-pen-dent \,in-də-'pen-dənt/ *adj* **1** : SELF-GOVERNING; *also* : not affiliated with a larger controlling unit **2** : not requiring or relying on something else or somebody else (*an* ~ conclusion) (*an* ~ source of income) **3** : not easily influenced : showing self-reliance (*an* ~ mind) **4** : not committed to a political party (*an* ~ voter) **5** : refusing or disliking to look to others for help (*too* ~ to accept charity) **6** : MAIN (*an* ~ clause) — **independent** *n* — **in-de-pen-dent-ly** *adv*
in-de-scrib-able \,in-di-'skri-bə-bəl/ *adj* **1** : that cannot be described (*an* ~ sensation) **2** : being too intense or great for description — **in-de-scrib-ably** \-blē/ *adv*
in-de-ter-mi-nate \,in-di-'tərm-(ə)-nət/ *adj* **1** : VAGUE; *also* : not known in advance **2** : not limited in advance; *also* : not leading to a definite end or result — **in-de-ter-mi-na-cy** \-(ə)-nə-sē/ *n* — **in-de-ter-mi-nate-ly** *adv*
in-dex \'in-,deks/ *n*, *pl* **in-dex-es** or **in-di-ces** \-də-,sēz/ **1** : POINTER, INDICATOR **2** : SIGN, TOKEN (*an* ~ of character) **3** : a guide for facilitating references; *esp* : an alphabetical list of items (*as* topics or names) treated in a printed work with the page number where each item may be found **4** : a list of restricted or prohibited material (*an* ~ of forbidden books) **5** *pl usu indices* : a number or symbol or expression (*as* an exponent) associated with another to indicate a mathematical operation or use or position in an arrangement or expansion **6** : a character Ⓐ used to direct attention (*as* to a note) **7** : INDEX NUMBER
index *vb* **1** : to provide with or put into an index **2** : to serve as an index of **3** : to regulate by indexation
in-dex-a-tion \,in-,dek-'sā-shən/ *n* : a system of economic control in which a body of variables (*as* wages and interest) rise or fall at the same rate as an index of the cost of living
index finger *n* : FOREFINGER
in-dex-ing *n* : INDEXATION
index number *n* : a number used to indicate change in magnitude (*as* of cost) as compared with the magnitude at some specified time usu. taken as 100
index of refraction : the ratio of the velocity of radiation in the first of two media to its velocity in the second
in-dia ink \,in-dē-ə/ *n*, *often cap* **1st I** **1** : a black solid pigment used in drawing **2** : a fluid made from india ink
in-di-an \'in-dē-ən/ *n* **1** : a native or inhabitant of the subcontinent of India **2** : AMERICAN INDIAN — **Indian** *adj*
Indian corn *n* : a tall widely grown American cereal grass bearing seeds on long ears; *also* : its ears or seeds
Indian meal *n* : CORNMEAL
Indian paintbrush *n* : any of a genus of herbaceous plants with brightly colored bracts that are related to the snapdragon
Indian pipe *n* : a waxy white leafless saprophytic herb of Asia and the U.S.
Indian summer *n* : a period of mild weather in late autumn or early winter
in-dia paper \,in-dē-ə/ *n* **1** : a thin absorbent paper used esp. for taking impressions (*as* of steel engravings) **2** : a thin tough opaque printing paper
indic abbr indicative
in-di-cate \'in-də-,kāt/ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing **1** : to point out or to **2** : to state briefly : show indirectly : SUGGEST — **in-di-ca-tion** \,in-də-'kā-shən/ *n* — **in-di-ca-tor** \'in-də-,kāt-ər/ *n*

in-dic-a-tive \in-'dik-ət-iv\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or being a verb form that represents an act or state as a fact (~ mood) 2 : serving to indicate (actions ~ of fear)

indicative *n* 1 : the indicative mood of a language 2 : a form in the indicative mood

in-di-cia \in-'dish-(ē)-ə\ *pl* 1 : distinctive marks 2 : postal markings often imprinted on mail or mailing labels

in-dict \in-'dit\ *vb* 1 : to charge with an offense 2 : to charge with a crime by the finding of a grand jury — **in-dict-able** *adj* — **in-dict-ment** *n*

in-dif-fer-ent \in-'dif-ə-rnt, -'dif-(ə)-rnt\ *adj* 1 : UNBIASED, UNPREJUDICED 2 : of no importance one way or the other 3 : marked by no special liking for or dislike of something 4 : being neither excessive nor defective 5 : PASSABLE, MEDIOCRE 6 : being neither right nor wrong — **in-dif-fer-ence** \in-'dif-ə-rns, -'dif-(ə)-rns\ *n* — **in-dif-fer-ent-ly** *adv*

in-dig-e-nous \in-'dij-ə-nəs\ *adj* : produced, growing, or living naturally in a particular region

in-di-gent \in-'di-jənt\ *adj* : IMPOVERISHED, NEEDY — **in-di-gence** \-jəns\ *n*

in-di-gest-ible \in-'di-'jes-tə-bəl, -də-\ *adj* : not readily digested

in-di-ges-tion \-'jes-chən\ *n* : inadequate or difficult digestion — **DYSPEPSIA**

in-dig-nant \in-'dig-nənt\ *adj* : filled with or marked by indignation — **in-dig-nant-ly** *adv*

in-dig-na-tion \in-'dig-'nā-shən\ *n* : anger aroused by something unjust, unworthy, or mean

in-dig-ni-ty \in-'dig-nət-ē\ *n, pl -ties* : an offense against personal dignity or self-respect; *also* : humiliating treatment

in-di-go \in-'di-'gō\ *n, pl -gos or -goes* [It dial., fr. L *indicum*, fr. Gk *indikon*, fr. *indikos* Indic, fr. *Indos* India] 1 : a blue dye obtained from plants or synthesized 2 : a color between blue and violet

indigo bunting *n* : a common small finch of the eastern U.S. of which the male is largely indigo-blue

indigo snake *n* : a large harmless blue-black snake of the southern U.S.

in-di-rect \in-'dē-'rekt, -di-\ *adj* 1 : not straight (an ~ route) 2 : not straightforward and open (~ methods) 3 : not having a plainly seen connection (an ~ cause) 4 : not directly to the point (an ~ answer) — **in-di-rec-tion** \-'rek-shən\ *n* — **in-di-rec-tly** \-'rek-(t)lē\ *adv* — **in-di-rect-ness** \-'rek-(t)-nəs\ *n*

in-dis-cree-t \in-'dis-'krēt\ *adj* : not discreet : IMPRUDENT — **in-dis-cre-tion** \-'dis-'kresh-ən\ *n*

in-dis-crim-i-nate \in-'dis-'krim-ə-nət\ *adj* 1 : not marked by discrimination or careful distinction 2 : HAPHAZARD, RANDOM 3 : UNRESTRAINED 4 : JUMBLED, CONFUSED — **in-dis-crim-i-nate-ly** *adv*

in-dis-pens-able \in-'dis-'pen-sə-bəl\ *adj* : absolutely essential : REQUISITE — **in-dis-pens-a-bil-i-ty** \-,pen-sə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **indispensable** *n* — **in-dis-pens-a-bly** \-'pen-sə-blē\ *adv*

in-dis-posed \-'pōzd\ *adj* 1 : slightly ill 2 : AVERSE — **in-dis-po-si-tion** \(ə)in-'dis-pə-'zish-ən\ *n*

in-dis-put-a-ble \in-'dis-'pyüt-ə-bəl, (ə)in-'dis-pyət-\ *adj* : not disputable : UNQUESTIONABLE (~ proof) — **in-dis-put-a-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

in-dis-sol-u-ble \in-'dis-'äl-yə-bəl\ *adj* : not capable of being dissolved, undone, or broken : PERMANENT

in-dis-tinct \in-'dis-'tinkt\ *adj* 1 : not sharply outlined or separable : BLURRED, FAINT, DIM 2 : not readily distinguishable : UNCERTAIN — **in-dis-tinct-ly** *adv* — **in-dis-tinct-ness** *n*

in-dite \in-'dit\ *vb* **in-dit-ed**; **in-dit-ing** : COMPOSE (~ a poem); *also* : to put in writing (~ a letter)

in-di-um \in-'dē-əm\ *n* : a malleable silvery metallic chemical element — see **ELEMENT** table

indiv *abbr* individual

in-di-vid-u-al \in-'dē-'vij-(ə-wə)\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or used by an individual (~ traits) 2 : being an individual : existing as an indivisible whole 3 : intended for one person (an ~ serving) 4 : SEPARATE (~ copies) 5 : having marked individuality (an ~ style) — **in-di-vid-u-al-ly** \-lē\ *adv*

individual *n* 1 : a single member of a category : a particular person, animal, or thing 2 : PERSON (a disagreeable ~)

in-di-vid-u-al-ism \in-'dē-'vij-ə-(wə)-,līz-əm\ *n* 1 : EGOISM 2 : a doctrine that the interests of the individual are primary 3 : a doctrine holding that the individual has political or economic rights with which the state must not interfere

in-di-vid-u-al-ist \-ləst\ *n* 1 : one that pursues a markedly independent course in thought or action 2 : one that advocates or practices individualism — **individualist** *or* **in-di-vid-u-al-is-tic** \-,vij-ə-(wə)-'lis-tik\ *adj*

in-di-vid-u-al-i-ty \-,vij-ə-'wal-ət-ē\ *n, pl -ties* 1 : the sum of qualities that characterize and distinguish an individual from all others; *also* : PERSONALITY 2 : INDIVIDUAL, PERSON 3 : separate or distinct existence

in-di-vid-u-al-ize \-'vij-ə-(wə)-,līz\ *vb -ized; -iz-ing* 1 : to make individual in character 2 : to treat or notice individually : PARTICULARIZE 3 : to adapt to the needs of an individual

in-di-vid-u-ate \in-'dē-'vij-ə-,wāt\ *vb -at-ed; -at-ing* : to give individuality to : form into an individual — **in-di-vid-u-a-tion** \-,vij-ə-'wā-shən\ *n*

in-di-vis-i-ble \in-'dē-'viz-ə-bəl\ *adj* : not divisible — **in-di-vis-i-bil-i-ty** \-,viz-ə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **in-di-vis-i-bly** \-'viz-ə-blē\ *adv*

in-doc-tri-nate \in-'dāk-trə-,nāt\ *vb -nat-ed; -nat-ing* 1 : to instruct esp. in fundamentals or rudiments : TEACH 2 : to teach the beliefs and doctrines of a particular group — **in-doc-tri-na-tion** \(ə)in-'dāk-trə-'nā-shən\ *n*

In-do-Eu-ro-pe-an \in-'dō-,yūr-ə-'pē-ən\ *adj* : of, relating to, or constituting a family of languages comprising those spoken in most of Europe and in the parts of the world colonized by Europeans since 1500 and also in Persia, the subcontinent of India, and some other parts of Asia

in-do-lent \in-'dē-lənt\ *adj* [LL *indolens* insensitive to pain, fr. L *dolere* to feel pain] 1 : slow to develop or heal (~ ulcers) 2 : LAZY — **in-do-lence** \-ləns\ *n*

in-dom-i-t-a-ble \in-'dām-ət-ə-bəl\ *adj* : UNCONQUERABLE (~ courage) — **in-dom-i-t-a-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

In-do-ne-sian \in-'dē-'nē-zhən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of the Republic of Indonesia — **Indonesian** *adj*

in-door \in-,dōr\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to the inside of a building 2 : living, located, or carried on within a building

in-doors \in-'dōrz\ *adv* : in or into a building

indorse *var of* **ENDORSE**

in-du-bi-ta-ble \(ə)in-'d(y)ü-bət-ə-bəl\ *adj* : UNQUESTIONABLE — **in-du-bi-ta-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

in-duce \in-'d(y)üs\ *vb* **in-duced**; **in-duc-ing** 1 : PERSUADE, INFLUENCE 2 : BRING ABOUT (illness induced by overwork) 3 : to produce (as an electric current) by induction 4 : to determine by induction; *esp* : to infer from particulars — **in-duc-er** *n*

in-duce-ment \in-'d(y)üs-mənt\ *n* 1 : something that induces : MOTIVE 2 : the act or process of inducing

in-duct \in-'dakt\ *vb* 1 : to place in office 2 : to admit as a member 3 : to enroll for military training or service

in-duc-tance \in-'däk-təns\ *n* : a property of an electric circuit by which a varying current produces an electromotive force in that circuit or in a nearby circuit

\ə'about \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
 \ə'u'out \ch'chin \et'bet \ē'easy \ə'go \i'hlt \i'ce \j'job
 \ŋ'sing \d'go \d'law \d'boy \th'thin \th'the \ü'lout
 \ü'foot \y'yet \zh'vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

in-duct-ee \(\jɪn-ˈdʌk-ˈtē\ *n* : a person inducted into military service

in-duc-tion \in-ˈdʌk-shən\ *n* **1** : INSTALLATION; *also* : INITIATION **2** : the formality by which a civilian is inducted into military service **3** : inference of a generalized conclusion from particular instances; *also* : a conclusion so reached **4** : the act of causing or bringing on or about **5** : the process by which an electric current, an electric charge, or magnetism is produced in a body by the proximity of an electric or magnetic field

in-duc-tive \in-ˈdʌk-tiv\ *adj* : of, relating to, or employing induction

indue *var* of **ENDUE**

in-dulge \in-ˈdʌlj\ *vb* **in-dulged**; **in-dul-ging** **1** : to give free rein to : GRATIFY (~ a taste for exotic dishes) **2** : to yield to the desire of (~ a sick child) **3** : to gratify one's taste or desire for (~ in alcohol)

in-dul-gence \in-ˈdʌl-jəns\ *n* **1** : remission of temporal punishment due in Roman Catholic doctrine for sins whose eternal punishment has been remitted by reception of the sacrifice of penance **2** : the act of indulging : the state of being indulgent **3** : an indulgent act **4** : the thing indulged in **5** : SELF-INDULGENCE — **in-dul-gent** \-jənt\ *adj* — **in-dul-gent-ly** *adv*

in-du-rate \in-ˈdʌ(r)ət\ *adj* : physically or morally hardened

in-du-rate \in-ˈdʌ(r)ət\ *vb* **-rat-ed**; **-rat-ing** **1** : to make unfeeling, stubborn, or obdurate **2** : to make hardy : INURE **3** : to make hard **4** : to grow hard : HARDEN — **in-du-ra-tion** \in-ˈdʌ(r)-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

in-dus-tri-al \in-ˈdʌs-trē-əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or having to do with industry — **in-dus-tri-al-ly** \-əl\ *adv*

in-dus-tri-al-ist \-ə-ləst\ *n* : a person owning or engaged in the management of an industry : MANUFACTURER

in-dus-tri-al-ize \in-ˈdʌs-trē-ə-līz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to make or become industrial — **in-dus-tri-al-iza-tion** \-dʌs-trē-ə-lə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*

in-dus-tri-ous \in-ˈdʌs-trē-əs\ *adj* : DILIGENT, BUSY — **in-dus-tri-ous-ly** *adv* — **in-dus-tri-ous-ness** *n*

in-dus-try \in-ˈ(ɪ)dʌs-trē\ *n*, *pl* **-tries** **1** : DILIGENCE **2** : a department or branch of a craft, art, business, or manufacture; *esp* : one that employs a large personnel and capital **3** : a distinct group of productive enterprises **4** : manufacturing activity as a whole

in-dwell \(\jɪn-ˈdwell\ *vb* : to exist within as an activating spirit, force, or principle

ine-bri-ate \in-ˈē-brē-āt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** : to make drunk : INTOXICATE — **ine-bri-a-tion** \-ē-brē-ā-shən\ *n*

ine-bri-ate \-ət\ *n* : one that is drunk; *esp* : an habitual drunkard

in-eff-a-ble \(\jɪn-ˈef-ə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : incapable of being expressed in words : INDESCRIBABLE (~ joy) **2** : UNSPEAKABLE (~ disgust) **3** : not to be uttered : TABOO (the ~ name of Jehovah) — **in-eff-a-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

in-eff-face-able \in-ə-ˈfā-sə-bəl\ *adj* : not effaceable : INERADICABLE

in-eff-ec-tive \in-ə-ˈfek-tiv\ *adj* **1** : not effective : INEFFECTUAL **2** : INCAPABLE — **in-eff-ec-tive-ly** *adv*

in-eff-ec-tu-al \in-ə-ˈfek-ʃə(w)-əl\ *adj* : not producing the proper or usual effect — **in-eff-ec-tu-al-ly** \-əl\ *adv*

in-eff-ic-i-ent \in-ə-ˈfīsh-ənt\ *adj* **1** : not producing the effect intended or desired **2** : INCAPABLE, INCOMPETENT — **in-eff-ic-i-ent-ly** \-fīsh-ən-sē\ *adv* — **in-eff-ic-i-ent-ly** *adv*

in-el-e-gant \(\jɪn-ˈel-i-gənt\ *adj* : lacking in refinement, grace, or good taste — **in-el-e-gance** \-gəns\ *n*

in-el-i-gi-ble \(\jɪn-ˈel-i-gə-bəl\ *adj* : not qualified to be chosen for an office — **in-el-i-gi-bil-i-ty** \(\jɪn-ˈel-ə-gə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n* — **ineligible** *n*

in-eluc-ta-ble \in-ɪ-ˈlək-tə-bəl\ *adj* : not to be avoided, changed, or resisted

in-ept \in-ˈept\ *adj* **1** : lacking in fitness or aptitude : UNFIT **2** : FOOLISH **3** : being out of place : INAPPROPRIATE **4**

: generally incompetent : BUNGLING — **in-ept-i-tude** \in-ˈep-tə-ˈ(t)jəd\ *n* — **in-ept-ly** *adv* — **in-ept-ness** *n*

in-equal-i-ty \in-ɪ-ˈkwəl-ət-ē\ *n* **1** : the quality of being unequal or uneven; *esp* : UNEVENNESS, DISPARITY, CHANGEABleness **2** : an instance of being unequal

in-er-rant \(\jɪn-ˈer-ənt\ *adj* : INFALLIBLE

in-ert \in-ˈərt\ *adj* [L *inert-*, *iners* unskilled, idle, fr. *art-*, *ars* skill] **1** : powerless to move itself **2** : SLUGGISH **3** : lacking in active properties (chemically ~) — **in-ert-ly** *adv* — **in-ert-ness** *n*

in-er-tia \in-ˈər-sh(ē)-ə\ *n* **1** : a property of matter whereby it remains at rest or continues in uniform motion unless acted upon by some outside force **2** : INERTNESS, SLUGGISHNESS — **in-er-tial** \-shəl\ *adj*

in-es-cap-able \in-ə-ˈskā-pə-bəl\ *adj* : incapable of being escaped : INEVITABLE — **in-es-cap-a-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

in-es-ti-ma-ble \(\jɪn-ˈes-tə-mə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : incapable of being estimated or computed (~ errors) **2** : too valuable or excellent to be fully appreciated — **in-es-ti-ma-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

in-ev-i-ta-ble \in-ˈev-ət-ə-bəl\ *adj* : incapable of being avoided or evaded : bound to happen — **in-ev-i-ta-bil-i-ty** \(\jɪn-ˈev-ət-ə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n* — **in-ev-i-ta-bly** \in-ˈev-ət-ə-blē\ *adv*

in-ex-act \in-ig-ˈzakt\ *adj* **1** : not precisely correct or true : INACCURATE **2** : not rigorous and careful — **in-ex-act-ly** \-zak-(t)lē\ *adv*

in-ex-cus-able \in-ik-ˈskyü-zə-bəl\ *adj* : being without excuse or justification — **in-ex-cus-a-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

in-ex-haust-ible \in-ig-ˈzō-stə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : incapable of being used up (an ~ supply) **2** : UNTIRING — **in-ex-haust-ibly** \-blē\ *adv*

in-ex-o-ra-ble \(\jɪn-ˈeks-(ə)rə-bəl\ *adj* : not to be moved by entreaty : RELENTLESS — **in-ex-o-ra-bly** *adv*

in-ex-pe-ri-ence \in-ik-ˈspir-ē-əns\ *n* : lack of experience or of knowledge or proficiency gained by experience — **in-ex-pe-ri-enced** \-ənst\ *adj*

in-ex-pert \(\jɪn-ˈek-spərt\ *adj* : not expert : UNSKILLED — **in-ex-pert-ly** *adv*

in-ex-pi-a-ble \(\jɪn-ˈek-spē-ə-bəl\ *adj* : not capable of being atoned for

in-ex-plic-a-ble \in-ik-ˈsplik-ə-bəl, \(\jɪn-ˈek-(ɪ)splik-ə\ *adj* : incapable of being explained or accounted for — **in-ex-plic-a-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

in-ex-press-ible \-ˈspres-ə-bəl\ *adj* : not capable of being expressed — **in-ex-press-ibly** \-blē\ *adv*

in ex-tre-mis \in-ik-ˈstrā-məs, -ˈstrē-ə\ *adv* : in extreme circumstances; *esp* : at the point of death

in-ex-tri-ca-ble \in-ik-ˈstri-kə-bəl, \(\jɪn-ˈek-(ɪ)stri-k-ə\ *adj* **1** : forming a maze or tangle from which it is impossible to get free **2** : incapable of being disentangled or untied : UNSOLVABLE — **in-ex-tri-ca-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

inf *abbr* **1** infantry **2** infinitive

in-fal-li-ble \(\jɪn-ˈfal-ə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : incapable of error : UNERRING **2** : SURE, CERTAIN (an ~ remedy) — **in-fal-li-bil-i-ty** \(\jɪn-ˈfal-ə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n* — **in-fal-li-bly** \(\jɪn-ˈfal-ə-blē\ *adv*

in-fa-mous \in-ˈfə-məs\ *adj* **1** : having a reputation of the worst kind **2** : DISGRACEFUL — **in-fa-mous-ly** *adv*

in-fa-my \-mə\ *n*, *pl* **-mies** **1** : evil reputation brought about by something grossly criminal, shocking, or brutal **2** : an extreme and publicly known criminal or evil act **3** : the state of being infamous

in-fan-cy \in-ˈfən-sē\ *n*, *pl* **-cies** **1** : early childhood **2** : a beginning or early period of existence

in-fant \in-ˈfənt\ *n* [ME *enfaunt*, fr. MF *enfant*, fr. L *infans*, *infans*, incapable of speech, young, fr. *fans*, *fans*, prp. of *fari* to speak] : BABY; *also* : a person who is a legal minor

in-fan-ti-cide \in-ˈfant-ə-ˈsīd\ *n* : the killing of an infant; *also* : one who kills an infant

in-fan-tile \in-ˈfən-ˈtīl, -ˈtīl, -ˈtēl\ *adj* : of or relating to infants; *also* : CHILDISH

infantile paralysis *n* : POLIOMYELITIS

in-fan-try \in-fən-trē\ *n*, *pl* -tries [MF & It; MF *infanterie*, fr. It *infanteria*, fr. *infante* boy, foot soldier] : soldiers trained, armed, and equipped for service on foot — **in-fan-try-man** \-mən\ *n*

in-farct \in-färkt\ *n* [L *infarctus*, pp. of *infarcire* to stuff] : an area of dead tissue (as of the heart wall) caused by blocking of local blood circulation — **in-farction** \in-färk-shən\ *n*

in-fat-u-ate \in-fach-ə-, wät\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to inspire with a foolish or extravagant love or admiration — **in-fat-u-a-tion** \-,fach-ə-wä-shən\ *n*

in-fect \in-fekt\ *vb* 1 : to contaminate with disease-producing matter 2 : to communicate a germ or disease to 3 : to cause to share one's feelings

in-fec-tion \in-fek-shən\ *n* 1 : an act of infecting : the state of being infected 2 : a communicable disease; *also* : an infective agent (as a germ) — **in-fec-tious** \-shəs\ *adj* — **in-fec-tive** \-fek-tiv\ *adj*

in-fe-li-ci-tous \in-fi-lis-ət-əs\ *adj* : not apt in application or expression — **in-fe-li-ci-ty** \-ət-ē\ *n*

in-fer \in-fər\ *vb* **in-ferred**; **in-fer-ring** 1 : to derive as a conclusion from facts or premises 2 : GUESS, SURMISE 3 : to lead to as a conclusion or consequence 4 : HINT, SUGGEST *syn* deduce, conclude, judge, gather — **in-fer-ence** \in-f(ə)rəns\ *n* — **in-fer-en-tial** \in-fə-ren-chəl\ *adj*

in-fe-ri-or \in-fir-ē-ər\ *adj* 1 : situated lower down 2 : of low or lower degree or rank 3 : of little or less importance, value, or merit — **inferior** *n* — **in-fe-ri-or-ity** \-,fir-ē-ər-ət-ē\ *n*

in-fer-nal \in-fərn-əl\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to hell (~ fires) 2 : HELLISH, FIENDISH (~ schemes) 3 : DAMNABLE, DAMNED — **in-fer-nal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

in-fer-no \in-fər-nō\ *n*, *pl* -nos [It, hell, fr. LL *infernus* hell, fr. L, lower] : a place or a state that resembles or suggests hell

in-fer-tile \in-fərt-əl\ *adj* : not fertile or productive : BARREN — **in-fer-til-ity** \in-fər-til-ət-ē\ *n*

in-fest \in-fest\ *vb* : to trouble by spreading or swarming in or over; *also* : to live in or on as a parasite — **in-fes-tation** \in-fes-ṭā-shən\ *n*

in-fi-del \in-fad-əl-, fə-, del\ *n* 1 : one who is not a Christian or opposes Christianity 2 : an unbeliever *esp.* with respect to a particular religion

in-fi-del-ity \in-fə-del-ət-ē-, -fi-\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : lack of belief in a religion 2 : UNFAITHFULNESS, DISLOYALTY

in-field \in-fēld\ *n* : the part of a baseball field inside the baselines — **in-field-er** *n*

in-fight-ing \in-fit-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : fighting or boxing at close quarters 2 : dissension or rivalry among members of a group

in-fil-trate \in-fil-, trāt-, in-(ɹ)fil- \ *vb* -trat-ed; -trat-ing 1 : to enter or filter into or through something 2 : to pass into or through by or as if by filtering or permeating — **in-fil-tra-tion** \in-(ɹ)fil-ṭrā-shən\ *n*

in-fi-nite \in-fə-nēt\ *adj* 1 : LIMITLESS, BOUNDLESS, ENDLESS (~ space) (~ wisdom) (~ patience) 2 : VAST, IMMENSE; *also* : INEXHAUSTIBLE (~ wealth) 3 : greater than any preassigned finite value however large (~ number of positive integers); *also* : extending to infinity (~ plane surface) — **infinite** *n* — **in-fi-nite-ly** *adv*

in-fin-i-tes-i-mal \in-fin-ə-tes-ə-məl\ *adj* : immeasurably or incalculably small : very minute — **in-fin-i-tes-i-mal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

in-fin-i-tive \in-fin-ət-iv\ *n* : a verb form having the characteristics of both verb and noun and in English usu. being used with *to*

in-fin-i-tude \in-fin-ə-, t(y)üd\ *n* 1 : the quality or state of being infinite 2 : something that is infinite *esp.* in extent

in-fin-ity \in-fin-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : the quality of being infinite 2 : unlimited extent of time, space, or quantity

: BOUNDLESSNESS 3 : an indefinitely great number or amount

in-firm \in-fərm\ *adj* 1 : deficient in vitality; *esp.* : feeble from age 2 : not solid or stable : INSECURE

in-fir-ma-ry \in-fərm-(ə)rē\ *n*, *pl* -ries : a place for the care of the infirm or sick

in-fir-mi-ty \in-fər-mət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : FEEBLENESS 2 : DISEASE, AILMENT 3 : a personal failing : FOIBLE

infl *abbr* influenced

in-flame \in-flām\ *vb* **in-flamed**; **in-flam-ing** 1 : KINDLE 2 : to excite to excessive or uncontrollable action or feeling; *also* : INTENSIFY 3 : to affect or become affected with inflammation

in-flam-ma-ble \in-flam-ə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : FLAMMABLE 2 : easily inflamed, excited, or angered : IRASCIBLE

in-flam-ma-tion \in-flā-mā-shən\ *n* : a bodily response to injury in which an affected area becomes red, hot, and painful and congested with blood

in-flam-ma-to-ry \in-flam-ə-, tōr-ē\ *adj* 1 : tending to excite the senses or to arouse anger, disorder, or tumult : SEDITIOUS 2 : causing or accompanied by inflammation (an ~ disease)

in-flate \in-flāt\ *vb* **in-flat-ed**; **in-flat-ing** 1 : to swell with air or gas (~ a balloon) 2 : to puff up : ELATE (*inflated* with pride) 3 : to expand or increase abnormally (~ prices) — **in-flat-able** *adj*

in-fla-tion \in-flā-shən\ *n* 1 : an act of inflating : the state of being inflated 2 : empty pretentiousness : POMPOSITY 3 : an abnormal increase in the volume of money and credit resulting in a substantial and continuing rise in the general price level

in-fla-tion-ary \-shə-, ner-ē\ *adj* : of, characterized by, or productive of inflation

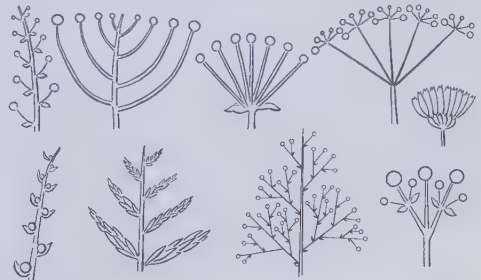
in-flect \in-flekt\ *vb* 1 : to turn from a direct line or course : CURVE 2 : to vary a word by inflection 3 : to change or vary the pitch of the voice

in-flec-tion \in-flek-shən\ *n* 1 : the act or result of curving or bending 2 : a change in pitch or loudness of the voice 3 : the change of form that words undergo to mark case, gender, number, tense, person, mood, or voice — **in-flec-tion-al** \-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj*

in-flex-i-ble \in-flek-sə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : UNYIELDING 2 : RIGID 3 : UNALTERABLE — **in-flex-i-bil-ity** \in-flek-sə-bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **in-flex-i-bly** \in-flek-sə-blē\ *adv*

in-flex-ion \in-flek-shən\ *chiefly Brit var* of INFLECTION **in-flict** \in-flikt\ *vb* : IMPOSE, AFFLICT; *also* : to give or deliver by or as if by striking — **in-flic-tion** \-flik-shən\ *n*

in-flo-res-cence \in-flə-res-əns\ *n* : the manner of development and arrangement of flowers on a stem; *also* : a flowering stem with its appendages : a flower cluster



inflorescence

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\vice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \θ\loot
 \ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

in-flow \ˈin-,flō\ *n* : a flowing in

in-flu-ence \ˈin-,flū-əns\ *n* 1 : the act or power of producing an effect without apparent force or direct authority 2 : the power or capacity of causing an effect in indirect or intangible ways (under the ~ of liquor) 3 : a person or thing that exerts influence — **in-flu-en-tial** \,in-flū-ˈen-chəl\ *adj*

influence *vb* -enced; -enc-ing 1 : to affect or alter by influence : SWAY 2 : to have an effect on the condition or development of : MODIFY

in-flu-en-za \,in-flū-ˈen-zə\ *n* [It, lit., influence, fr. ML *influentia*; fr. the belief that epidemics were due to the influence of the stars] : an acute and very contagious virus disease marked by fever, prostration, aches and pains, and respiratory inflammation; *also* : any of various feverish usu. virus diseases typically with respiratory symptoms

in-flux \ˈin-,flʌks\ *n* : a coming in

in-fo \ˈin-,fō\ *n* : INFORMATION

in-fold \ˈin-ˈfɒld\ *vb* 1 : FOLD 2 : to fold inward or toward one another

in-form \ˈin-ˈfɔrm\ *vb* 1 : to communicate knowledge to : TELL 2 : to give information or knowledge 3 : to act as an informer *syn* acquaint, apprise, advise, notify

in-for-mal (ˈ) \ˈin-ˈfɔr-məl\ *adj* 1 : conducted or carried out without formality or ceremony (an ~ party) 2 : characteristic of or appropriate to ordinary, casual, or familiar use (~ clothes) — **in-for-mal-i-ty** \,in-ˈfɔr-ˈmal-ət-ē-,fə-rəl-*n* — **in-for-mal-ly** (ˈ) \ˈin-ˈfɔr-mə-lē\ *adv*

in-for-mant \ˈin-ˈfɔr-mənt\ *n* : one who gives information : INFORMER

in-for-ma-tion \,in-ˈfɔr-ˈmā-shən\ *n* 1 : the communication or reception of knowledge or intelligence 2 : knowledge obtained from investigation, study, or instruction : FACTS, DATA — **in-for-ma-tion-al** \-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj*

in-for-ma-tive \ˈin-ˈfɔr-mət-iv\ *adj* : imparting knowledge : INSTRUCTIVE

in-formed \ˈin-ˈfɔrmd\ *adj* : EDUCATED, KNOWLEDGEABLE

informed consent *n* : consent to a medical procedure by a subject who understands what is involved

in-form-er \ˈin-ˈfɔr-mər\ *n* : one that informs; *esp* : a person who secretly provides information about the activities of another

in-frac-tion \ˈin-ˈfrak-shən\ *n* [deriv. of L *infractus*, pp. of *infringere* to break off] : the act of infringing : VIOLATION

in-fra dig \,in-ˈfrə-ˈdɪg\ *adj* [short for L *infra dignitatem*] : being beneath one's dignity

in-fra-red \,in-ˈfrə-ˈred\ *adj* : being, relating to, or using radiation having wavelengths longer than those of red light — **infrared** *n*

in-fra-son-ic \ˈin-ˈsən-ik\ *adj* : having a frequency too low to hear (~ vibration)

in-fre-quent (ˈ) \ˈin-ˈfrē-kwənt\ *adj* 1 : seldom happening : RARE 2 : placed or occurring at considerable distances or intervals : OCCASIONAL *syn* uncommon, scarce, rare, sporadic — **in-fre-quent-ly** *adv*

in-fringe \ˈin-ˈfrɪŋ\ *vb* **in-fringed**; **in-fring-ing** [L *infringere*] 1 : VIOLATE, TRANSGRESS (~ a patent) 2 : ENCROACH, TRESPASS — **in-fringe-ment** *n*

in-fu-ri-ate \ˈin-ˈfyur-ē-,āt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to make furious : ENRAGE — **in-fu-ri-at-ing-ly** \-,āt-ing-lē\ *adv*

in-fuse \ˈin-ˈfyüz\ *vb* **in-fused**; **in-fus-ing** 1 : to instill a principle or quality in : INTRODUCE 2 : INSPIRE, ANIMATE 3 : to steep (as tea) without boiling — **in-fu-sion** \ˈin-fyū-zhən\ *n*

in-fus-ible (ˈ) \ˈin-ˈfyū-zə-bəl\ *adj* : very difficult or impossible to fuse

-ing \ɪŋ\ *vb* suffix or *adj* suffix — used to form the present participle (sailing) and sometimes to form an adjective resembling a present participle but not derived from a verb (swashbuckling)

-ing *n* suffix : one of a (specified) kind

-ing *n* suffix 1 : action or process (sleeping) : instance of an action or process (a meeting) 2 : product or result of an action or process (an engraving) (earnings) 3 : something used in an action or process (a bed covering) 4 : something connected with, consisting of, or used in making (a specified thing) (scaffolding) 5 : something related to (a specified concept) (offing)

in-gath-er-ing \ˈin-ˈgath-(ə-)rɪŋ\ *n* 1 : COLLECTION, HARVEST 2 : ASSEMBLY

in-ge-nious \ˈin-ˈjēn-yəs\ *adj* 1 : marked by special aptitude at discovering, inventing, or contriving 2 : marked by originality, resourcefulness, and cleverness in conception or execution — **in-ge-nious-ly** *adv* — **in-ge-nious-ness** *n*

in-ge-nue or **in-gé-nue** \ˈan-jə-,nū-,ˈān-; ˈa-zhə-\ *n* : a naive girl or young woman; *esp* : an actress representing such a person

in-ge-nu-ity \,in-jə-ˈn(y)ū-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ities : skill or cleverness in planning or inventing : INVENTIVENESS

in-gen-u-ous \ˈin-ˈjēn-yə-wəs\ *adj* [L *ingenuus* native, freeborn, fr. *gignere* to beget] 1 : STRAIGHTFORWARD, FRANK 2 : NAIVE — **in-gen-u-ous-ly** *adv* — **in-gen-u-ous-ness** *n*

in-gest \ˈin-ˈjest\ *vb* : to take in for or as if for digestion : ABSORB — **in-ges-tion** \-ˈjes-chən\ *n*

in-gle-nook \-,nūk\ *n* 1 : a corner by the fire or chimney 2 : a high-backed wooden settee placed close to a fireplace

in-glo-ri-ous (ˈ) \ˈin-ˈglɔr-ē-əs\ *adj* 1 : SHAMEFUL 2 : not glorious : lacking fame or honor — **in-glo-ri-ous-ly** *adv*

in-got \ˈin-ɡət\ *n* : a mass of metal cast in a form convenient for storage or transportation

in-grain (ˈ) \ˈin-ˈgrān\ *vb* : to work indelibly into the natural texture or mental or moral constitution : IMBUE — **in-grained** *adj*

in-grain \,in-ˈgrān\ *adj* 1 : made of fiber that is dyed before being spun into yarn 2 : made of yarn that is dyed before being woven or knitted 3 : INNATE — **in-grain** \ˈin-ˈgrān\ *n*

in-grate \ˈin-ˈgrāt\ *n* : an ungrateful person

in-gra-ti-ate \ˈin-ˈgrā-shē-,āt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to gain favor by deliberate effort

in-gra-ti-at-ing *adj* 1 : capable of winning favor : PLEASING (an ~ smile) 2 : FLATTERING (an ~ manner)

in-grat-i-tude (ˈ) \ˈin-ˈgrat-ē-,t(y)ūd\ *n* : lack of gratitude : UNGRATEFULNESS

in-gre-di-ent \ˈin-ˈgrēd-ē-ənt\ *n* : one of the substances that make up a mixture or compound : CONSTITUENT

in-gress \ˈin-,gres\ *n* : ENTRANCE, ACCESS

in-grow-ing \ˈin-,grō-ɪŋ\ *adj* : growing or tending inward

in-grown \-,grōn\ *adj* : grown in; *esp* : having the free tip or edge embedded in the flesh (~ toenail)

in-gui-nal \ˈin-ɡwən-əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or situated in the region of the groin

in-hab-it \ˈin-ˈhab-ət\ *vb* : to live or dwell in — **in-hab-it-able** *adj*

in-hab-it-ant \ˈin-ˈhab-ət-ənt\ *n* : a permanent resident in a place

in-hal-ant \ˈin-ˈhā-lənt\ *n* : something (as a medicine) that is inhaled

in-ha-la-tor \ˈin-(h)ə-,lāt-ər\ *n* : a device that provides a mixture of carbon dioxide and oxygen for breathing

in-hale \ˈin-ˈhāl\ *vb* **in-haled**; **in-hal-ing** : to draw in by breathing : draw air into the lungs — **in-ha-la-tion** \,in-(h)ə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*

in-hal-er \ˈin-ˈhā-lər\ *n* : a device by means of which medicinal material is inhaled

in-her-e \ˈin-ˈhiər\ *vb* **in-hered**; **in-her-ing** : to be inherent : BELONG

in-her-ent \ˈin-ˈhɪr-ənt-,ˈher-\ *adj* : established as an essential part of something : INTRINSIC — **in-her-ent-ly** *adv*

in-her-it \ˈin-ˈher-ət\ *vb* : to receive esp. from one's ances-

tors — **in-her-it-able** \ə-bəl/ *adj* — **in-her-i-tance** \ə-təns/ *n* — **in-her-i-tor** \ət-ər/ *n*

in-hib-it \in-ˈhib-ət/ *vb* **1** : PROHIBIT, FORBID **2** : to hold in check : RESTRAIN

in-hi-bi-tion \,in-(h)ə-ˈbish-ən/ *n* **1** : PROHIBITION, RESTRAINT **2** : a usu. inner check on free activity, expression, or functioning

in-house \,in-,haʊs, ˈin-ˈhaʊs/ *adj* : existing, originating, or carried on within a group or organization

in-hu-man \(')in-(h)yü-mən/ *adj* **1** : lacking pity or kindness : CRUEL, SAVAGE **2** : COLD, IMPERSONAL **3** : not worthy of or conforming to the needs of human beings **4** : of or suggesting a nonhuman class of beings — **in-hu-man-ly** *adv*

in-hu-mane \,in-(h)yü-ˈmān/ *adj* : not humane : INHUMAN

in-hu-man-i-ty \-ˈman-ət-ē/ *n*, *pl* -ities **1** : the quality or state of being cruel or barbarous **2** : a cruel or barbarous act

in-hu-ma-tion \,in-hyü-ˈmā-shən/ *n* : BURIAL

in-im-i-cal \in-ˈim-i-kəl/ *adj* **1** : being adverse often by reason of hostility **2** : HOSTILE, UNFRIENDLY — **in-im-i-cal-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

in-im-i-ta-ble \(')in-ˈim-ət-ə-bəl/ *adj* : not capable of being imitated

in-iq-ui-ty \in-ˈik-wət-ē/ *n*, *pl* -ties [ME *iniquite*, fr. MF *iniquité*, fr. L *iniquitas*, fr. *iniquus* uneven, fr. *aequus* equal] **1** : WICKEDNESS **2** : a wicked act — **in-iq-ui-tous** \-wət-əs/ *adj*

ini-tial \in-ˈish-əl/ *adj* **1** : of or relating to the beginning : INCIPIENT **2** : FIRST — **ini-tial-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

initial *n* : the first letter of a word or name

initial *vb* -tialled or -tialled; -tial-ing or -tial-ling \-ˈish-(ə-)lɪŋ/ : to affix an initial to

ini-ti-ate \in-ˈish-ē-,āt/ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing **1** : START, BEGIN **2** : to induct into membership by or as if by special ceremonies **3** : to instruct in the first principles of something — **ini-ti-a-tion** \-,ish-ē-ˈā-shən/ *n*

ini-tiate \in-ˈish-(ē-)ət/ *n* **1** : a person who is undergoing or has passed an initiation **2** : a person who is instructed or adept in some special field

ini-tia-tive \in-ˈish-ət-iv/ *n* **1** : an introductory step **2** : self-reliant enterprise **3** : a process by which laws may be introduced or enacted directly by vote of the people

ini-tia-to-ry \in-ˈish-(ē-)ə-,tör-ē/ *adj* **1** : INTRODUCTORY **2** : tending or serving to initiate (<~ rites)

in-ject \in-ˈjekt/ *vb* **1** : to force into something (<~ serum with a needle) **2** : to introduce into some situation or subject (<~ a note of suspicion) — **in-jec-tion** \-ˈjek-shən/ *n*

in-junc-tion \in-ˈjʌŋk-shən/ *n* **1** : ORDER, ADMONITION **2** : a court writ whereby one is required to do or to refrain from doing a specified act

in-jure \in-ˈjər/ *vb* in-jured; **in-jur-ing** \ˈinj-(ə-)rɪŋ/ : WRONG, DAMAGE, HURT *syn* harm, impair, mar, spoil

in-ju-ry \ˈinj-(ə-)rē/ *n*, *pl* -ries **1** : an act that damages or hurts : WRONG **2** : hurt, damage, or loss sustained — **in-ju-ri-ous** \in-ˈjür-ē-əs/ *adj*

in-jus-tice \(')in-ˈjʊs-təs/ *n* **1** : violation of a person's rights : UNFAIRNESS, WRONG **2** : an unjust act or deed

ink \ˈɪŋk/ *n* [ME *enke*, fr. OF, fr. LL *encaustum*, fr. L *encaustus* burned in, fr. Gk *enkaustos*, verbal of *enkaiein* to burn in] : a usu. liquid and colored material for writing and printing — **inky** *adj*

ink *vb* : to put ink on; *esp* : SIGN

ink-blot test \-,blät-/ *n* : any of several psychological tests based on the interpretation of irregular figures

ink-horn \ˈɪŋk-,hörn/ *n* : a small bottle (as of horn) for holding ink

in-king \ˈɪŋ-klɪŋ/ *n* **1** : HINT, INTIMATION **2** : a vague idea

ink-stand \ˈɪŋk-,stand/ *n* : INKWELL; *also* : a pen and ink stand

ink-well \-,wel/ *n* : a container for ink

in-laid \ˈin-ˈlād/ *adj* : decorated with material set into a surface

in-land \ˈin-,land, -lənd/ *n* : the interior of a country

in-lay \(')in-ˈlā, ˈin-,lā/ *vb* in-laid \-ˈlād/; **in-lay-ing** : to set (one material into another) by way of decoration

in-lay \ˈin-,lā/ *n* **1** : inlaid work **2** : a shaped filling cemented into a tooth

in-let \ˈin-,let, -lət/ *n* **1** : a bay in the shore of a sea, lake, or river **2** : a narrow strip of water running into the land

in-mate \ˈin-,māt/ *n* : a person who lives in the same house or institution with another; *esp* : a person confined to an institution (as a hospital or prison)

in-me-di-as res \in-,mäd-ē-əs-rās/ *adv* [L, lit., into the midst of things] : in or into the middle of a narrative or plot

in-me-mo-ri-am \,in-mə-ˈmōr-ē-əm/ *prep* : in memory of

in-most \ˈin-,mōst/ *adj* : deepest within : INNERMOST

inn \ˈɪn/ *n* : HOTEL, TAVERN

in-nards \ˈin-ərdz/ *n pl* **1** : the internal organs of a man or animal; *esp* : VISCERA **2** : the internal parts of a structure or mechanism

in-nate \in-ˈāt/ *adj* **1** : existing in, belonging to, or determined by factors present in an individual from birth : NATIVE **2** : belonging to the essential nature of something : INHERENT — **in-nate-ly** *adv*

in-ner \ˈin-ər/ *adj* **1** : situated farther in (the ~ bark) **2** : near a center *esp.* of influence (the ~ circle) **3** : of or relating to the mind or spirit

in-ner-di-rect-ed \,in-ər-də-ˈrek-təd, -(,)(d)ɪ-/ *adj* : directed in thought and action by one's own scale of values as opposed to external norms

inner ear *n* : the part of the ear that consists of a complex membranous labyrinth located in a cavity in the temporal bone and contains sense organs of hearing and of awareness of position in space

in-ner-most \ˈin-ər-,mōst/ *adj* : farthest inward : INMOST

in-ner-sole \ˈin-ər-,sōl/ *n* : INSOLE

in-ner-spring \,in-ər-,sprɪŋ/ *adj* : having coil springs inside a padded casing

inner tube *n* : TUBE 5

in-ning \ˈin-ɪŋ/ *n* : a baseball team's turn at bat; *also* : a division of a baseball game consisting of a turn at bat for each team

in-nings \ˈin-ɪŋz/ *n sing or pl* : a division of a cricket match

inn-keep-er \ˈin-ˈkē-pər/ *n* **1** : the landlord of an inn **2** : a hotel manager

in-no-cence \ˈin-ə-səns/ *n* **1** : BLAMELESSNESS; *also* : freedom from legal guilt **2** : GUILTESSNESS, SIMPLICITY; *also* : IGNORANCE

in-no-cent \-sənt/ *adj* [ME, fr. L *innocens*, fr. *nocens*, wicked, fr. *nocere* to harm] **1** : free from guilt or sin : BLAMELESS **2** : harmless in effect or intention; *also* : CANDID **3** : free from legal guilt or fault : LAWFUL **4** : INGENUOUS **5** : DESTITUTE — **innocent** *n* — **in-no-cent-ly** *adv*

in-noc-u-ous \in-ˈāk-yə-wəs/ *adj* **1** : HARMLESS **2** : INOFFENSIVE, INSPID

in-nom-i-nate \in-ˈām-ə-nət/ *adj* : having no name; *also* : ANONYMOUS

in-no-vate \ˈin-ə-,vāt/ *vb* -vat-ed; -vat-ing : to introduce as or as if new : make changes — **in-no-va-tive** \-,vāt-iv/ *adj* — **in-no-va-tor** \-,vāt-ər/ *n*

\əbut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
 \aʊˈout \chˈchin \əˈbet \ēˈeasy \gˈgo \hˈhit \fˈice \jˈjob
 \jˈsing \dˈgo \dˈlaw \dˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \vˈfoot
 \vˈfoot \yˈyet \zhˈvision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

in-no-va-tion \in-ə-ˈvā-shən/ *n* 1 : the introduction of something new 2 : a new idea, method, or device
in-nu-en-do \in-nyə-ˈwen-dō/ *n*, *pl* -dos or -does [L, by hinting, fr. *innuere* to hint, fr. *nuere* to nod] : HINT, INSINUATION; *esp* : a veiled reflection on character or reputation

in-nu-mer-a-ble \in-ˈ(y)üm-(ə)-rə-bəl/ *adj* : too many to be numbered

in-oc-u-late \in-ˈäk-yə-ˈlāt/ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing [ME *inoculaten* to insert a bud in a plant, fr. L *inoculare*, fr. *oculus* eye, bud] : to introduce something into; *esp* : to treat with a serum or antibody to prevent or cure a disease — **in-oc-u-la-tion** \-ˈäk-yə-ˈlā-shən/ *n*

in-op-er-a-ble \ˈ(ɪ)in-ˈäp-(ə)-rə-bəl/ *adj* 1 : not suitable for surgery 2 : not operable

in-op-er-a-tive \-ˈäp-(ə)-rät-iv, -ˈäp-ə-,rät-/ *adj* : not functioning

in-op-por-tune \ˈ(ɪ)in-ˈäp-ər-ˈt(y)ün/ *adj* : happening or coming at the wrong time — **in-op-por-tune-ly** *adv*

in-or-di-nate \in-ˈörd-(ə)-nət/ *adj* 1 : UNREGULATED, DISORDERLY 2 : EXTRAORDINARY, IMMODERATE (an ~ curiosity) — **in-or-di-nate-ly** *adv*

in-or-gan-ic \in-ˈör-ˈgan-ik/ *adj* : being or composed of matter of other than plant or animal origin : MINERAL
in-pa-tient \ˈin-,pā-shənt/ *n* : a hospital patient who receives lodging and food as well as treatment

in-put \ˈin-,püt/ *n* 1 : something put in 2 : power or energy put into a machine or system 3 : information fed into a data processing system or computer 4 : ADVICE, OPINION — **input** *vb*

in-quest \ˈin-,kwɛst/ *n* 1 : an official inquiry or examination *esp.* before a jury 2 : INQUIRY, INVESTIGATION

in-qui-etude \ˈ(ɪ)in-ˈkwī-ə-,t(y)üd/ *n* : UNEASINESS, RESTLESSNESS

in-quire \in-ˈkwī(ə)r/ *vb* **in-quired**; **in-quir-ing** 1 : to ask about : ASK 2 : INVESTIGATE, EXAMINE — **in-quir-er** *n* — **in-quir-ing-ly** *adv*

in-qui-ry \ˈin-,kwī(ə)r-ē, -ˈkwī(ə)r-ē; ˈin-kwə-rē, ˈiq-/ *n*, *pl* -ries 1 : a request for information; *also* : a search for truth or knowledge 2 : a systematic investigation of a matter of public interest

in-qui-si-tion \in-kwə-ˈzish-ən, ˈiq-/ *n* 1 : a judicial or official inquiry *usu.* before a jury 2 *cap* : a former Roman Catholic tribunal for the discovery and punishment of heretics 3 : a severe questioning — **in-quis-i-tor** \in-ˈkwiz-ət-ər/ *n* — **in-quis-i-to-ri-al** \-ˈkwiz-ət-ör-ē-əl/ *adj*

in-quis-i-tive \in-ˈkwiz-ət-iv/ *adj* 1 : given to examination or investigation (an ~ mind) 2 : unduly curious — **in-quis-i-tive-ly** *adv* — **in-quis-i-tive-ness** *n*

in re \in-ˈrā, -ˈrē/ *prep* : in the matter of

INRI *abbr* [L *Iesus Nazareus Rex Iudaeorum*] Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews

in-road \in-ˈrōd/ *n* 1 : INVASION, RAID 2 : ENCROACHMENT

in-rush \in-ˈrəʃ/ *n* : a crowding or flooding in

ins *abbr* 1 inches 2 insurance

INS *abbr* Immigration and Naturalization Service

in-sa-lu-bri-ous \in-sə-ˈlü-brē-əs/ *adj* : UNWHOLESOME, NOXIOUS

ins and outs *n pl* : characteristic peculiarities : RAMIFICATIONS

in-sane \ˈ(ɪ)in-ˈsän/ *adj* 1 : not mentally sound : MAD; *also* : used by or for the insane 2 : FOOLISH, WILD — **in-sane-ly** *adv* — **in-san-i-ty** \in-ˈsan-ət-ē/ *n*

in-sa-tia-ble \ˈ(ɪ)in-ˈsā-shə-bəl/ *adj* : incapable of being satisfied

in-sa-tiate \ˈ(ɪ)in-ˈsā-sh(ē)-ət/ *adj* : INSATIABLE

in-scribe \in-ˈskrib/ *vb* 1 : to write, engrave, or print *esp.* as a lasting record 2 : ENROLL 3 : to write, engrave, or print characters upon 4 : to dedicate to someone 5 : to stamp deeply or impress *esp.* on the memory 6 : to draw within a figure so as to touch in as many places as possible — **in-scrip-tion** \-ˈskrip-shən/ *n*

in-scru-ta-ble \in-ˈskrüt-ə-bəl/ *adj* : not readily compre-

hensible : MYSTERIOUS (an ~ smile) — **in-scru-ta-bly** \-blē/ *adv*

in-seam \ˈin-,sēm/ *n* : the seam on the inside of the leg of a pair of pants; *also* : the length of this seam

in-sect \ˈin-,sekt/ *n* [L *insectum*, fr. *insectus*, pp. of *insecare* to cut into, fr. *secare* to cut] : any of a major group of small usu. winged animals (as flies, bees, beetles, and moths) with three pairs of legs

in-sec-ti-cide \in-ˈsek-tə-,sīd/ *n* : a preparation for destroying insects — **in-sec-ti-cid-al** \ˈ(ɪ)in-,sek-tə-ˈsīd-/ *adj*

in-sec-tiv-o-rous \in-,sek-ˈtiv-(ə)-rəs/ *adj* : depending on insects as food

in-se-cure \in-si-ˈkyūr/ *adj* 1 : UNCERTAIN 2 : UNPROTECTED, UNSAFE 3 : LOOSE, SHAKY 4 : INFIRM 5 : beset by fear or anxiety — **in-se-cure-ly** *adv* — **in-se-cu-ri-ty** \-ˈkyūr-ət-/ *n*

in-sem-i-nate \in-ˈsem-ə-,nāt/ *vb* -nat-ed; -nat-ing : to introduce semen into the genital tract of (a female) — **in-sem-i-na-tion** \-,sem-ə-ˈnā-shən/ *n*

in-sen-sate \ˈ(ɪ)in-ˈsen-,sāt, -sət/ *adj* 1 : INANIMATE 2 : lacking sense or understanding; *also* : FOOLISH 3 : BRUTAL, INHUMAN (~ rage)

in-sen-si-ble \ˈ(ɪ)in-ˈsen-sə-bəl/ *adj* 1 : IMPERCEPTIBLE; *also* : SLIGHT, GRADUAL 2 : INANIMATE 3 : UNCONSCIOUS 4 : lacking sensory perception or ability to react (~ to pain) (~ from cold) 5 : APATHETIC, INDIFFERENT; *also* : UNAWARE (~ of their danger) 6 : MEANINGLESS 7 : lacking delicacy or refinement — **in-sen-si-bil-i-ty** \ˈ(ɪ)in-,sen-sə-ˈbil-ət-ē/ *n* — **in-sen-si-bly** \ˈ(ɪ)in-ˈsen-sə-blē/ *adv*

in-sen-tient \ˈ(ɪ)in-ˈsen-ch(ē)-ənt/ *adj* : lacking perception, consciousness, or animation — **in-sen-tience** \-ch(ē)-əns/ *n*

in-sep-a-ra-ble \ˈ(ɪ)in-ˈsep-(ə)-rə-bəl/ *adj* : incapable of being separated or disjoined — **in-sep-a-ra-bil-i-ty** \ˈ(ɪ)in-,sep-(ə)-rə-ˈbil-ət-ē/ *n* — **in-sep-a-ra-bly** \ˈ(ɪ)in-ˈsep-(ə)-rə-blē/ *adv*

in-sert \in-ˈsərt/ *vb* 1 : to put or thrust in (~ a key in a lock) (~ a comma) 2 : INTERPOLATE 3 : to set in (as a piece of fabric) and make fast

in-sert \ˈin-,sərt/ *n* : something that is inserted or is for insertion; *esp* : written or printed material inserted (as between the leaves of a book)

in-ser-tion \in-ˈsər-shən/ *n* 1 : something that is inserted 2 : the act or process of inserting

in-set \ˈin-,set/ *vb* **inset** or **in-set-ted**; **in-set-ting** : to set in : INSERT — **inset** *n*

in-shore \ˈin-ˈshōr/ *adj* 1 : situated or carried on near shore 2 : moving toward shore

inshore *adv* : to or toward shore

in-side \in-ˈsīd, ˈin-,sīd/ *n* 1 : an inner side or surface : INTERIOR 2 : inward nature, thoughts, or feeling 3 *pl* : VISCERA, ENTRAILS 4 : a position of power or confidence — **inside** *adj*

inside *prep* 1 : in or into the inside of 2 : before the end of (~ an hour)

inside *adv* 1 : on the inner side 2 : in or into the interior

inside of *prep* : INSIDE

in-sid-er \in-ˈsīd-ər/ *n* : a person who is in a position of power or has access to confidential information

in-sid-i-ous \in-ˈsīd-ē-əs/ *adj* [L *insidiosus*, fr. *insidiare* ambush, fr. *insidēre* to sit in, sit on, fr. *sedēre* to sit] 1 : SLY, TREACHEROUS 2 : SEDUCTIVE 3 : having a gradual and cumulative effect : SUBTLE — **in-sid-i-ous-ly** *adv* — **in-sid-i-ous-ness** *n*

in-sight \ˈin-,sīt/ *n* : the power or act of seeing into a situation : UNDERSTANDING, PENETRATION; *also* : INTUITION — **in-sight-ful** \ˈin-,sīt-fəl, in-ˈsīt-/ *adj*

in-sig-nia \in-ˈsig-nē-ə/ or **in-sig-ne** \-(ɪ)nē/ *n*, *pl* -nia or -ni-as : a distinguishing mark *esp.* of authority, office, or honor : BADGE, EMBLEM

in-sin-cere \in-sin-ˈsīər/ *adj* : not sincere : HYPOCRITICAL — **in-sin-cere-ly** *adv* — **in-sin-cer-i-ty** \-ˈser-ət-ē/ *n*

in-sin-u-ate \in-'sin-yə-,wät\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing [L *insinuare*, fr. *sinuare* to bend, curve, fr. *sinus* curve] 1 : to introduce gradually or in a subtle, indirect, or artful way 2 : to imply in a subtle or devious way — **in-sin-u-a-tion** \(\)in-,sin-yə-'wā-shən\ *n*

in-sin-u-at-ing *adj* 1 : tending gradually to cause doubt, distrust, or change of outlook 2 : winning favor and confidence by imperceptible degrees

in-sip-id \in-'sip-əd\ *adj* 1 : lacking savor 2 : DULL, UNINTERESTING — **in-si-pid-i-ty** \in-sə-'pid-ət-ē\ *n*

in-sist \in-'sist\ *vb* [MF or L; MF *insister*, fr. L *insistere* to stand upon, persist, fr. *sistere* to stand] : to take a resolute stand

in-sis-tence \in-'sis-təns\ *n* : the act of insisting; *also* : an insistent attitude or quality : URGENCY

in-sis-tent \in-'sis-tənt\ *adj* : disposed to insist — **in-sis-tent-ly** *adv*

in si-tu \in-'sī-tū\ *adv* or *adj* [L, in position] : in the natural or original position

insofar as \in-sə-'fār-əz\ *conj* : to the extent or degree that

insol *abbr* insoluble

in-so-la-tion \in-(\()sō-'lā-shən\ *n* : solar radiation that has been received

in-sole \in-'sōl\ *n* 1 : an inside sole of a shoe 2 : a loose thin strip placed inside a shoe for warmth or comfort

in-so-lent \in-sə-'lənt\ *adj* : contemptuous, rude, disrespectful, or brutal in behavior or language : OVERBEARING, BOLD — **in-so-lence** \-ləns\ *n*

in-sol-u-ble \(\)in-'säl-yə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : having or admitting of no solution or explanation 2 : difficult or impossible to dissolve — **in-sol-u-bil-i-ty** \(\)in-,säl-yə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n*

in-solv-able \(\)in-'säl-və-bəl\ *adj* : not capable of being solved

in-sol-vent \(\)in-'säl-vənt\ *adj* 1 : unable to pay one's debts 2 : insufficient to pay all debts charged against it (an ~ estate) 3 : IMPOVERISHED, DEFICIENT — **in-sol-ven-cy** \-vən-sē\ *n*

in-som-nia \in-'säm-nē-ə\ *n* : prolonged and usu. abnormal sleeplessness

in-so-much as \in-sə-'mäch-əz\ *conj* : INASMUCH AS

insomuch that *conj* : to such a degree that : so

in-sou-ci-ance \in-'sü-sē-əns, ə-'süs-yāns\ *n* [F] : light-hearted unconcern — **in-sou-ci-ant** \in-'sü-sē-ənt, ə-'süs-yā\ *adj*

insp *abbr* inspector

in-spect \in-'spekt\ *vb* : to view closely and critically : EXAMINE — **in-spec-tion** \-'spek-shən\ *n* — **in-spec-tor** \-tər\ *n*

in-spi-ra-tion \in-spə-'rā-shən\ *n* 1 : INHALATION 2 : the act or power of moving the intellect or emotions 3 : the quality or state of being inspired; *also* : something that is inspired 4 : an inspiring agent or influence — **in-spi-ra-tion-al** \-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj*

in-spire \in-'spi(ə)r\ *vb* **in-spired**; **in-spir-ing** 1 : INHALE 2 : to influence, move, or guide by divine or supernatural inspiration 3 : exert an animating, enlivening, or exalting influence upon 4 : AFFECT 5 : to communicate to an agent supernaturally; *also* : CREATE 6 : to bring about; *also* : INCITE 7 : to spread by indirect means — **in-spir-er** *n*

in-spir-it \in-'spir-ət\ *vb* : ANIMATE, HEARTEN

inst *abbr* 1 instant 2 institute; institution; institutional

in-sta-bil-i-ty \in-stə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* : lack of firmness or steadiness

in-stall or **in-stal** \in-'stól\ *vb* **in-stalled**; **in-stall-ing** 1 : to place formally in office : induct into an office, rank, or order 2 : to establish in an indicated place, condition, or status 3 : to set up for use or service — **in-stal-la-tion** \in-stə-'lā-shən\ *n*

in-stall-ment or **in-stal-ment** \in-'stól-mənt\ *n* : INSTALLATION

installment *also* **instalment** *n* 1 : one of the parts into

which a debt or sum is divided for payment 2 : one of several parts presented at intervals

in-stance \in-'stəns\ *n* 1 : INSTIGATION, REQUEST (entered the contest at the ~ of friends) 2 : EXAMPLE (an ~ of heroism) (for ~) 3 : an event or step that is part of a process or series *syn* case, illustration, sample, specimen

instance *vb* **in-stanced**; **in-stanc-ing** : to mention as a case or example

in-stant \in-'stənt\ *n* 1 : MOMENT (the ~ we met) 2 : the present or current month (your letter of the 10th ~)

instant *adj* 1 : URGENT 2 : PRESENT, CURRENT 3 : IMMEDIATE (~ relief) 4 : partially prepared by the manufacturer to make final preparation easy (~ cake mix); *also* : immediately soluble in water (~ coffee)

in-stan-ta-neous \in-stən-'tā-nē-əs\ *adj* : done or occurring in an instant or without delay — **in-stan-ta-neous-ly** *adv*

in-stan-ter \in-'stant-ər\ *adv* : at once

in-stan-ti-ate \in-'stan-chē-,āt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to represent by a concrete example — **in-stan-ti-a-tion** \-,stan-chē-'ā-shən\ *n*

in-stant-ly \in-'stənt-lē\ *adv* : at once : IMMEDIATELY

in-state \in-'stāt\ *vb* : to establish in a rank or office : INSTALL

in-stead \in-'sted\ *adv* 1 : as a substitute or equivalent 2 : as an alternative : RATHER

instead of \in-,sted-ə(v), -stid\ *prep* : as a substitute for or alternative to

in-step \in-'step\ *n* : the arched part of the human foot in front of the ankle joint

in-sti-gate \in-'stə-,gāt\ *vb* -gat-ed; -gat-ing : to goad or urge forward : PROVOKE, INCITE (~ a revolt) — **in-sti-ga-tion** \in-stə-'gā-shən\ *n* — **in-sti-ga-tor** \in-stə-,gāt-ər\ *n*

in-still *also* **in-stil** \in-'stil\ *vb* **in-stilled**; **in-still-ing** 1 : to cause to enter drop by drop 2 : to impart gradually

in-stinct \in-'stɪŋkt\ *n* 1 : a natural aptitude 2 : a largely inheritable and unalterable tendency of an organism to make a complex and specific response to environmental stimuli without involving reason; *also* : behavior originating below the conscious level — **in-stinc-tive** \in-'stɪŋk-tiv\ *adj* — **in-stinc-tive-ly** *adv*

in-stinct \in-'stɪŋkt, 'in-,stɪŋkt\ *adj* : IMBUED, INFUSED

in-stinc-tu-al \in-'stɪŋ(k)-chə(-wə)\ *adj* : of, relating to, or based on instinct

in-sti-tute \in-stə-'t(y)üt\ *vb* -tut-ed; -tut-ing 1 : to establish in a position or office 2 : to originate and get established : ORGANIZE 3 : INAUGURATE, INITIATE

institute *n* 1 : an elementary principle recognized as authoritative; *also*, *pl* : a collection of such principles and precepts 2 : an organization for the promotion of a cause : ASSOCIATION 3 : an educational institution 4 : a meeting for instruction or a brief course of such meetings

in-sti-tu-tion \in-stə-'t(y)ü-shən\ *n* 1 : an act of originating, setting up, or founding 2 : an established practice, law, or custom 3 : a society or corporation esp. of a public character (a charitable ~); *also* : the building which houses it — **in-sti-tu-tion-al** \-'t(y)ü-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj* — **in-sti-tu-tion-al-ize** \-,īz\ *vb* — **in-sti-tu-tion-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

instr *abbr* 1 instructor 2 instrument; instrumental

in-struct \in-'strəkt\ *vb* [ME *instruere*, fr. L *instruere*, pp. of *instruere*, fr. *struere* to build] 1 : TEACH 2 : INFORM 3 : to give directions or commands to

in-struc-tion \in-'strək-shən\ *n* 1 : LESSON, PRECEPT 2 : COMMAND, ORDER 3 *pl* : DIRECTIONS 4 : the action, prac-

\ə'bət \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ä'cot, cart
\aü'out \ch'chin \ə'bet \ə'easy \g'go \i'hít \i'vice \j'job
\g'sing \ö'go \ö'law \ö'boy \th'thin \th'the \ü'loot
\ü'foot \y'yet \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

tice, or profession of a teacher — **in-struc-tion-al** \-sh(ə)-nəl/ *adj*

in-struc-tive \in-'strək-tiv/ *adj* : carrying a lesson : ENLIGHTENING

in-struct-or \in-'strək-tər/ *n* : one that instructs; *esp* : a college teacher below professorial rank — **in-struc-tor-ship** *n*

in-stru-ment \in-'strə-mənt/ *n* **1** : a device used to produce music **2** : a means by which something is done **3** : TOOL, UTENSIL **4** : a legal document (as a deed) **5** : a device used in navigating an airplane

in-stru-ment \-,ment/ *vb* : to equip with instruments

in-stru-men-tal \in-'strə-'ment-əl/ *adj* **1** : acting as an agent or means **2** : of, relating to, or done with an instrument **3** : relating to, composed for, or performed on a musical instrument

in-stru-men-tal-ist \-əst/ *n* : a player on a musical instrument

in-stru-men-tal-i-ty \in-'strə-mən-'tal-ət-ē-, -men-/ *n, pl* -ties **1** : the quality or state of being instrumental **2** : MEANS, AGENCY

in-stru-men-ta-tion \in-'strə-mən-'tā-shən-, -men-/ *n* **1** : the arrangement or composition of music for instruments (as for an orchestra) **2** : the use or application of instruments

instrument flying *n* : airplane navigation by instruments only

instrument panel *n* : DASHBOARD

in-sub-or-di-nate \in-sə-'bōrd-(ə)-nət/ *adj* : disobedient to authority — **in-sub-or-di-na-tion** \-,bōrd-'n-'ā-shən/ *n*

in-sub-stan-tial \in-səb-'stan-chəl/ *adj* **1** : lacking substance or reality **2** : lacking firmness or solidity

in-suf-fer-able \(')in-'səf-(ə)-rə-bəl/ *adj* : not to be endured : INTOLERABLE (an ~ bore) — **in-suf-fer-ably** \-blē/ *adv*

in-suf-fi-cient \in-sə-'fish-ənt/ *adj* : not sufficient; *also* : INCOMPLETE — **in-suf-fi-cien-cy** \-'fish-ən-sē/ *n* — **in-suf-fi-cient-ly** *adv*

in-su-lar \ins-(y)ə-lər, 'in-shə-lər/ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or forming an island **2** : ISOLATED, DETACHED **3** : of or relating to island people **4** : NARROW, PREJUDICED — **in-su-lar-i-ty** \ins-(y)ə-'lār-ət-ē-, 'in-shə-'lār-/ *n*

in-su-late \in-sə-'lāt/ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing [L *insula* island] : ISOLATE; *esp* : to separate a conductor of electricity, heat, or sound from other conducting bodies by means of a nonconductor — **in-su-la-tion** \in-sə-'lā-shən/ *n* — **in-su-la-tor** \in-sə-'lāt-ər/ *n*

in-su-lin \in-s(ə)-lən/ *n* : a pancreatic hormone essential for bodily use of sugars and used in the control of diabetes mellitus

insulin shock *n* : hypoglycemia associated with the presence of excessive insulin in the system

in-sult \in-'səlt/ *vb* [MF or L; MF *insultare*, fr. L *insultare*, lit., to spring upon, fr. *saltare* to leap] : to treat with insolence or contempt : AFFRONT — **in-sult-ing-ly** \-iŋ-lē/ *adv*

in-sult \in-'səlt/ *n* : a gross indignity

in-su-per-a-ble \(')in-'sü-p(ə)-rə-bəl/ *adj* : incapable of being surmounted, overcome, or passed over — **in-su-per-a-bly** \-blē/ *adv*

in-sup-port-able \in-sə-'pōrt-ə-bəl/ *adj* **1** : UNENDURABLE **2** : UNJUSTIFIABLE

in-sur-able \in-'shür-ə-bəl/ *adj* : capable of being or proper to be insured

in-sur-ance \in-'shür-əns/ *n* **1** : the business of insuring persons or property **2** : coverage by contract whereby one party agrees to indemnify or guarantee another against loss by a specified contingent event or peril **3** : the state of being insured; *also* : means of insuring **4** : the sum for which something is insured

in-sure \in-'shür/ *vb* **in-sured**; **in-sur-ing** **1** : to provide or obtain insurance on or for : UNDERWRITE **2** : to make certain : ENSURE

in-sured \in-'shürd/ *n* : a person whose life or property is insured

in-sur-er \in-'shür-ər/ *n* : one that insures; *esp* : a company issuing insurance

in-sur-gent \in-'sər-jənt/ *n* **1** : a person who revolts against civil authority or an established government : REBEL **2** : one who acts contrary to the policies and decisions of his political party — **in-sur-ge-ncy** \-jəns/ *n* — **in-sur-gen-cy** \-jən-sē/ *n* — **in-sur-gent** *adj*

in-sur-mount-able \in-'sər-maunt-ə-bəl/ *adj* : INSUPERABLE — **in-sur-mount-ably** \-blē/ *adv*

in-sur-rec-tion \in-sə-'rek-shən/ *n* : an act or instance of revolting against civil authority or an established government — **in-sur-rec-tion-ist** *n*

int abbr **1** interest **2** interior **3** intermediate **4** internal **5** international **6** intransitive

in-tact \in-'təkt/ *adj* : untouched *esp.* by anything that harms or diminishes

in-taglio \in-'tal-yō/ *n, pl* -glios [It] : an engraving cut deeply into the surface of a hard material

in-take \in-'tāk/ *n* **1** : an opening through which fluid enters **2** : the act of taking in **3** : the amount taken in

in-tan-gi-ble \(')in-'tan-jə-bəl/ *adj* **1** : incapable of being touched : not tangible : IMPALPABLE **2** : impossible to define or determine with certainty or precision : VAGUE — **intangible** *n* — **in-tan-gi-bly** \-blē/ *adv*

in-te-ger \int-i-jər/ *n* [L, *adj.*, whole, entire] : a number (as 1, 2, 3, 12, 432) that is not a fraction and does not include a fraction, is the negative of such a number, or is 0

in-te-gral \int-i-grəl/ *adj* **1** : essential to completeness : CONSTITUENT **2** : formed as a unit with another part **3** : composed of parts that make up a whole **4** : ENTIRE

in-te-grate \int-ə-'grāt/ *vb* -grat-ed; -grat-ing **1** : to form, coordinate, or blend into a functioning or unified whole : UNITE **2** : to incorporate into a larger unit **3** : to end the segregation of and bring into common and equal membership in society or an organization; *also* : DESEGREGATE — **in-te-gra-tion** \int-ə-'grā-shən/ *n*

integrated circuit *n* : a group of tiny electronic components and their connections in or on a small slice of material (as silicon)

in-teg-ri-ty \in-'teg-rət-ē/ *n* **1** : SOUNDNESS **2** : adherence to a code of values : utter sincerity, honesty, and candor **3** : COMPLETENESS

in-teg-u-ment \in-'teg-yə-mənt/ *n* : a covering layer (as a skin or cuticle) of an organism

in-tel-lect \int-'l-ekt/ *n* **1** : the power of knowing : the capacity for knowledge **2** : the capacity for rational or intelligent thought *esp.* when highly developed **3** : a person with great intellectual powers

in-tel-lec-tu-al \int-'l-'ek-ch(ə)-wəl/ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or performed by the intellect : RATIONAL **2** : given to study, reflection, and speculation **3** : engaged in activity requiring the creative use of the intellect — **intellectual** *n* — **in-tel-lec-tu-al-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

in-tel-lec-tu-al-ism \-chə-(wə)-'līz-əm/ *n* : devotion to the exercise of intellect or to intellectual pursuits

in-tel-li-gence \in-'tel-ə-jəns/ *n* **1** : ability to learn and understand or to deal with new or trying situations **2** : relative intellectual capacity **3** : INFORMATION, NEWS **4** : an agency engaged in obtaining information *esp.* concerning an enemy or possible enemy; *also* : the information so gained

intelligence quotient *n* : a number expressing the intelligence of a person determined by dividing the person's mental age by his or her chronological age and multiplying by 100

in-tel-li-gent \in-'tel-ə-jənt/ *adj* : having or showing intelligence or intellect — **in-tel-li-gent-ly** *adv*

in-tel-li-gen-tsia \in-'tel-ə-'jent-sē-ə-, -'gent-/ *n* [Russ *intelligentsiya*, fr. L *intelligentia* intelligence] : intellectual people as a group : the educated class

in-tel-li-gi-ble \in-'tel-ə-jə-bəl/ *adj* : capable of being understood or comprehended — **in-tel-li-gi-bil-i-ty** \in-'tel-ə-jə-bil-ə-tē/ *n* — **in-tel-li-gi-bly** \in-'tel-ə-jə-blē/ *adv*

in-tem-per-ance \(')in-'tem-p(ə)-rəns/ *n* : lack of moderation; *esp* : habitual or excessive drinking of intoxicants — **in-tem-per-ate** \-p(ə)-rət/ *adj* — **in-tem-per-ate-ness** *n*

in-tend \in-'tend/ *vb* [ME *intenden*, *intenden*, fr. MF *entendre* to purpose, fr. L *intendere* to stretch out, to purpose, fr. *tendere* to stretch] 1 : to have in mind as a purpose or aim 2 : to design for a specified use or future

in-ten-dant \in-'ten-dənt/ *n* : a governor or similar administrative official *esp.* under the French, Spanish, or Portuguese monarchies

in-tend-ed \in-'ten-dəd/ *adj* 1 : expected to be such in the future; *esp* : betrothed 2 : intentional

intended *n* : an affianced person

in-tense \in-'tens/ *adj* 1 : existing in an extreme degree 2 : very large : considerable 3 : strained or straining to the utmost 4 : feeling deeply; *also* : deeply felt — **in-tense-ly** *adv*

in-ten-si-fy \in-'ten-sə-,fī/ *vb* -fied, -fy-ing 1 : to make or become intense or more intensive 2 : to make more acute : sharpen *syn* aggravate, heighten, enhance, magnify — **in-ten-si-fi-ca-tion** \in-'ten-sə-fə-'kā-shən/ *n*

in-ten-si-ty \in-'ten-sət-ē/ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : the quality or state of being intense 2 : degree of strength, energy, or force

in-ten-sive \in-'ten-siv/ *adj* 1 : involving or marked by special effort 2 : serving to give emphasis — **in-ten-sive-ly** *adv*

intensive *n* : an intensive word, particle, or prefix

intensive care *adj* : having special medical facilities, services, and equipment to meet the needs of gravely ill patients — **intensive care** *n*

in-tent \in-'tent/ *n* 1 : PURPOSE, AIM 2 : the state of mind with which an act is done : VOLITION 3 : MEANING, SIGNIFICANCE

intent *adj* 1 : directed with keen or eager attention (an ~ gaze) 2 : ENGROSSED; *also* : DETERMINED — **in-tent-ly** *adv* — **in-tent-ness** *n*

in-ten-tion \in-'ten-chən/ *n* 1 : a determination to act in a certain way 2 : PURPOSE, AIM, END *syn* intent, design, object, objective, goal

in-ten-tion-al \in-'tench-(ə)nəl/ *adj* : done by intention or design : INTENDED — **in-ten-tion-al-ly** *adv*

in-ter \in-'tər/ *vb* **in-ter-red**; **in-ter-ring** [ME *enteren*, fr. OF *enterer*, fr. L *in* in + *terra* earth] : BURY

in-ter-ac-tion \in-'tər-ək-shən/ *n* : mutual or reciprocal action or influence — **in-ter-act** \-ək't/ *vb*

in-ter-ac-tive \-ək-tiv/ *adj* 1 : mutually or reciprocally active 2 : allowing two-way electronic communications (as between a person and a computer) — **in-ter-ac-tive-ly** *adv*

in-ter alia \in-'tər-ə-'ā-lē-ə-, -'ā-lē-ə/ *adv* : among other things

in-ter-atom-ic \in-'tər-ə-'tām-ik/ *adj* : existing or acting between atoms

in-ter-breed \-'brēd/ *vb* -bred \-'bred/; -breed-ing : to breed together

in-ter-ca-la-ry \in-'tər-kə-,ler-ē/ *adj* 1 : INTERCALATED (February 29 is an ~ day) 2 : INTERPOLATED

in-ter-ca-late \-lāt/ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing 1 : to insert (as a day) in a calendar 2 : to insert between or among existing elements or layers — **in-ter-ca-la-tion** \in-'tər-kə-'lā-shən/ *n*

in-ter-cede \in-'tər-sēd/ *vb* -ced-ed; -ced-ing : to act between parties with a view to reconciling differences

in-ter-cept \in-'tər-sept/ *vb* 1 : to stop or interrupt the progress or course of 2 : to include (as part of a curve or solid) between two points, curves, or surfaces 3 : to gain possession of (an opponent's pass in football) — **in-ter-cep-tion** \-sep-shən/ *n*

in-ter-cept \in-'tər-sept/ *n* : INTERCEPTION; *esp* : the interception of a target by an interceptor or missile

in-ter-cep-tor \in-'tər-sep-tər/ *n* : a fighter plane or missile designed for defense against attacking bombers or missiles

in-ter-ces-sion \in-'tər-sesh-ən/ *n* 1 : MEDIATION 2 : prayer or petition in favor of another — **in-ter-ces-sor** \-ses-ər/ *n* — **in-ter-ces-so-ry** \-ses-(ə)-rē/ *adj*

in-ter-change \in-'tər-čhānj/ *vb* 1 : to put each in the place of the other 2 : EXCHANGE 3 : to change places mutually — **in-ter-change-able** \-čhānj-ə-bəl/ *adj* — **in-ter-change-ably** \-blē/ *adv*

in-ter-change \in-'tər-čhānj/ *n* 1 : EXCHANGE 2 : a highway junction that by separated levels permits passage between highways without crossing traffic streams

in-ter-col-le-giate \in-'tər-kə-'lē-j(ē)-əl/ *adj* : existing or carried on between colleges

in-ter-com \in-'tər-kəm/ *n* : INTERCOMMUNICATION SYSTEM

in-ter-com-mun-i-ca-tion system \in-'tər-kə-,myū-nə-'kā-shən-/ *n* : a two-way communication system with microphone and loudspeaker at each station for localized use

in-ter-con-ti-nen-tal \-,kənt-'n-ent-'l/ *adj* 1 : extending among or carried on between continents (~ trade) 2 : capable of traveling between continents (~ ballistic missiles)

in-ter-course \in-'tər-,kōrs/ *n* 1 : connection or dealings between persons or nations 2 : physical sexual contact between individuals that involves the genitalia of at least one person (oral ~) (heterosexual ~); *esp* : SEXUAL INTERCOURSE

in-ter-de-nom-i-na-tion-al \in-'tər-di-,nām-ə-'nā-sh(ə)-nəl/ *adj* : involving different denominations

in-ter-de-part-men-tal \in-'tər-di-,pärt-'ment-'l-, -dē-/ *adj* : carried on between or involving different departments (as of a college)

in-ter-de-pen-dent \in-'tər-di-'pen-dənt/ *adj* : dependent upon one another — **in-ter-de-pen-dence** \-dəns/ *n*

in-ter-dict \in-'tər-dikt/ *vb* 1 : to prohibit by decree 2 : to destroy, cut, or damage (as an enemy line of supply) — **in-ter-dic-tion** \-dik-shən/ *n*

in-ter-dis-ci-plin-ary \in-'dis-ə-plē-,ner-ē-/ *adj* : involving two or more academic, scientific, or artistic disciplines

in-ter-est \in-'t(ə)-rəst-,tə-'rest/ *n* 1 : right, title, or legal share in something 2 : a charge for borrowed money that is generally a percentage of the amount borrowed : the return received by capital on its investment 3 : WELFARE, BENEFIT; *also* : SELF-INTEREST 4 *pl* : a group financially interested in an industry or enterprise 5 : CURIOSITY, CONCERN 6 : readiness to be concerned with or moved by an object or class of objects 7 : a quality in a thing that arouses interest

interest *vb* 1 : to persuade to participate or engage 2 : to engage the attention of

in-ter-est-ing *adj* : holding the attention — **in-ter-est-ing-ly** *adv*

in-ter-face \in-'tər-,fās/ *n* 1 : a surface forming a common boundary of two bodies, spaces, or phases (an oil-water ~) 2 : the place at which two independent systems meet and act on or communicate with each other (the man-machine ~) 3 : the means by which interaction or communication is effected at an interface — **in-ter-facial** \in-'tər-'fā-shəl/ *adj*

in-ter-faith \in-'tər-'fāth/ *adj* : involving persons of different religious faiths

in-ter-fere \in-'tər-(r)-fiər/ *vb* -fered; -fer-ing [MF (*s'*)*entreferir* to strike one another, fr. OF, fr. *entre* between, among + *ferir* to strike, fr. L *ferire*] 1 : to come in collision or be in opposition : CLASH 2 : to enter into the affairs of others 3 : to affect one another

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
 \ə'u'out \ch'e'chin \ə'bet \ē'easy \g'o \i'h'it \i'vice \j'job
 \j'sing \d'go \d'law \d'boy \th'thin \th'the \u'l'oot
 \u'foot \y'et \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

in-ter-fer-ence \-fir-əns\ *n* 1 : the act or process of interfering 2 : something that interferes : OBSTRUCTION 3 : the mutual effect on meeting of two waves resulting in areas of increased and decreased amplitude 4 : the blocking of an opponent in football to make way for the ballcarrier 5 : the illegal hindering of an opponent in sports

in-ter-fer-om-e-ter \int-ə(r)-fə-'rām-ə-tər\ *n* : a device that uses the interference of waves for making precise measurements — **in-ter-fer-om-e-try** \-fə-'rām-ə-trē\ *n*

in-ter-fer-on \int-ə-r-'fiər-,ən\ *n* : an antiviral protein of low molecular weight produced usu. by animal cells in response to a virus, a parasite in the cell, or a chemical

in-ter-fuse \int-ə-r-'fyüz\ *vb* 1 : to combine by fusing : BLEND 2 : INFUSE

in-ter-ga-lac-tic \int-ə-r-gə-'lak-tik\ *adj* : relating to or situated in the spaces between galaxies

in-ter-gla-cial \-glā-shəl\ *adj* : occurring between successive glaciations

in-ter-gov-ern-men-tal \-gəv-ər(n)-'ment-əl\ *adj* : existing or occurring between two governments or levels of government

in-ter-im \int-ə-rəm\ *n* [L, adv., meanwhile, fr. *inter* between] : a time intervening : INTERVAL — **interim** *adj*

in-te-ri-or \in-'tir-ē-ər\ *adj* 1 : lying, occurring, or functioning within the limiting boundaries : INSIDE, INNER 2 : remote from the surface, border, or shore : INLAND

interior *n* 1 : INSIDE 2 : the inland part (as of a country) 3 : the internal affairs of a state or nation 4 : a scene or view of the interior of a building

interior decoration *n* : INTERIOR DESIGN — **interior decorator** *n*

interior design *n* : the art or practice of planning and supervising the design and execution of architectural interiors and their furnishings — **interior designer** *n*

interj *abbr* interjection

in-ter-ject \int-ə-r-'jekt\ *vb* : to throw in between or among other things

in-ter-jec-tion \int-ə-r-'jek-shən\ *n* : an exclamatory word (as *ouch*) — **in-ter-jec-tion-al-ly** \-sh(ə)-nəl-ē\ *adv*

in-ter-lace \int-ə-r-'lās\ *vb* 1 : to unite by or as if by lacing together : INTERWEAVE 2 : INTERPERSE

in-ter-lard \int-ə-r-'lārd\ *vb* : to insert or introduce at intervals : INTERPERSE

in-ter-leave \int-ə-r-'lēv\ *vb* -leaved; -leav-ing : to arrange in alternate layers

in-ter-line \int-ə-r-'lin\ *vb* : to insert between lines already written or printed

interline *vb* : to provide (as a coat) with an interlining **in-ter-lin-ear** \int-ə-r-'lin-ē-ər\ *adj* : inserted between lines already written or printed (an ~ translation of a text)

in-ter-lin-ing \int-ə-r-,li-niŋ\ *n* : a lining (as of a coat) between the ordinary lining and the outside fabric

in-ter-link \int-ə-r-'liŋk\ *vb* : to link together

in-ter-lock \int-ə-r-'lāk\ *vb* 1 : to engage or interlace together : lock together : UNITE 2 : to connect in such a way that action of one part affects action of another part — **in-ter-lock** \int-ə-r-,lāk\ *n*

in-ter-loc-u-tor \int-ə-r-'lāk-yət-ər\ *n* : one who takes part in dialogue or conversation

in-ter-loc-u-to-ry \-yə-,tör-ē\ *adj* : pronounced during the progress of a legal action and having only provisional force (an ~ decree)

in-ter-lope \int-ə-r-'löp\ *vb* -loped; -lop-ing 1 : to encroach on the rights (as in trade) of others 2 : INTRUDE, INTERFERE — **in-ter-lop-er** *n*

in-ter-lude \int-ə-r-,lūd\ *n* 1 : a usu. short simple play or dramatic entertainment 2 : an intervening period, space, or event 3 : a short piece of music inserted between the parts of a longer composition or a religious service

in-ter-mar-riage \int-ə-r-'mar-ij\ *n* : marriage between

members of different groups; *also* : marriage within one's own group

in-ter-mar-ry \-mar-ē\ *vb* 1 : to marry each other 2 : to marry within a group 3 : to become connected by intermarriage

in-ter-med-dle \int-ə-r-'med-əl\ *vb* : MEDDLER, INTERFERE

in-ter-me-di-ary \int-ə-r-'mēd-ē-,er-ē\ *adj* 1 : INTERMEDIATE 2 : acting as a mediator

intermediary *n*, *pl* -ar-ies : MEDIATOR, GO-BETWEEN

in-ter-me-di-ate \int-ə-r-'mēd-ē-ət\ *adj* : being or occurring at the middle place or degree or between extremes

intermediate *n* 1 : an intermediate term, object, or class 2 : INTERMEDIARY

intermediate school *n* 1 : JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2 : a school usu. comprising grades 4-6

in-ter-ment \in-'tər-mənt\ *n* : BURIAL

in-ter-mez-zo \int-ə-r-'met-sō-, 'mēd-zō\ *n*, *pl* -zi\ -sē-, -zē\ or -zos [It, deriv. of L *intermedius* intermediate] : a short movement connecting major sections of an extended musical work (as a symphony); *also* : a short independent instrumental composition

in-ter-mi-na-ble \(')in-'tərn-(ə)-nə-bəl\ *adj* : ENDLESS; *esp* : wearisomely protracted — **in-ter-mi-na-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

in-ter-min-gle \int-ə-r-'miŋ-gəl\ *vb* : to mingle or mix together

in-ter-mis-sion \int-ə-r-'mish-ən\ *n* 1 : INTERRUPTION, BREAK 2 : a temporary halt *esp.* in a public performance

in-ter-mit \-'mit\ *vb* -mit-ted; -mit-ting : DISCONTINUE; *also* : to be intermittent

in-ter-mit-tent \-'mit-'nt\ *adj* : coming and going at intervals *syn* recurrent, periodic, alternate — **in-ter-mit-tent-ly** *adv*

in-ter-mix \int-ə-r-'miks\ *vb* : to mix together : INTERMINGLE — **in-ter-mix-ture** \-'miks-chər\ *n*

in-ter-mo-lec-u-lar \mə-'lek-yə-lər\ *adj* : existing or acting between molecules

in-ter-mon-tane \int-ə-r-'män-,tān\ or **in-ter-mont** \int-ə-r-,mānt\ *adj* : situated between mountains

in-tern \in-,tərn, in-'tərn\ *vb* : to confine or impound *esp.* during a war — **in-tern-ee** \(')in-,tər-'nē\ *n* — **in-tern-ment** \in-'tərn-mənt\ *n*

in-tern or in-terne \in-,tərn\ *n* : an advanced student or recent graduate (as in medicine) gaining supervised practical experience — **in-tern-ship** *n*

in-tern \in-,tərn\ *vb* : to act as an intern

in-ter-nal \in-'tərn-əl\ *adj* 1 : INWARD, INTERIOR 2 : having to do with or situated in the inside of the body (~ pain) 3 : of or relating to the domestic affairs of a country or state (~ revenue) 4 : of, relating to, or existing within the mind 5 : INTRINSIC, INHERENT — **in-ter-nal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

internal-combustion engine *n* : a heat engine in which the combustion that generates the heat takes place inside the engine proper

internal medicine *n* : a branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of nonsurgical diseases

in-ter-na-tion-al \int-ə-r-'nash-(ə)-nəl\ *adj* 1 : common to or affecting two or more nations (~ trade) 2 : of, relating to, or constituting a group having members in two or more nations — **in-ter-na-tion-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

international *n* : one that is international; *esp* : an organization of international scope

in-ter-na-tion-al-ism \-'nash-(ə)-nəl-,iz-əm\ *n* : a policy of political and economic cooperation among nations; *also* : an attitude favoring such a policy

in-ter-na-tion-al-ize \int-ə-r-'nash-(ə)-nəl-,iz\ *vb* : to make international; *esp* : to place under international control **in-ter-ne-cine** \int-ə-r-'nes-,ēn, -'nē-,sīn\ *adj* [L *internecinus*, fr. *internecare* to destroy, kill, fr. *necare* to kill, fr. *nec-*, *nex* violent death] 1 : DEADLY; *esp* : mutually destructive 2 : of, relating to, or involving conflict within a group (~ feuds)

in-ter-nist \ˈin-ˌtər-nəst\ *n* : a specialist in internal medicine esp. as distinguished from a surgeon

in-ter-node \ˈint-ər-ˌnɒd\ *n* : an interval or part between two nodes (as of a stem)

in-ter-num-cio \ˈint-ər-ˌnən-sē-ˌɒ, -ˌnʌn\ *n* [It *internuncio*] : a papal legate of lower rank than a nuncio

in-ter-of-fice \-ˌɒf-əs\ *adj* : functioning or communicating between the offices of an organization

in-ter-per-son-al \-ˌpərs-(ə)-nəl\ *adj* : being, relating to, or involving relations between persons — **in-ter-per-son-al-ly** \-ˌɛ\ *adv*

in-ter-plan-e-tary \ˈint-ər-ˌplan-ə-ˌter-ē\ *adj* : existing, carried on, or operating between planets (~ space)

in-ter-play \ˈint-ər-ˌplā\ *n* : INTERACTION

in-ter-po-late \ˈin-ˌtər-pə-ˌlāt\ *vb* -**lat-ed**; -**lat-ing** **1** : to change (as a text) by inserting new or foreign matter **2** : to insert (as words) into a text or into a conversation **3** : to estimate values of (a function) between two known values — **in-ter-po-la-tion** \-ˌtər-pə-ˌlā-shən\ *n*

in-ter-pose \ˈint-ər-ˌpōz\ *vb* -**posed**; -**pos-ing** **1** : to place between **2** : to thrust in : INTRUDE, INTERRUPT **3** : to inject between parts of a conversation or argument **4** : to be or come between **syn** interfere, intercede, inter-mediate, intervene — **in-ter-po-si-tion** \-pə-ˌzish-ən\ *n*
in-ter-pret \ˈin-ˌtər-prət\ *vb* **1** : to explain the meaning of; *also* : to act as an interpreter : TRANSLATE **2** : to understand according to individual belief, judgment, or interest **3** : to represent artistically — **in-ter-pret-er** *n* — **in-ter-pre-tive** \-ˌtər-prət-iv\ *adj*

in-ter-pre-ta-tion \ˈin-ˌtər-prə-ˌtā-shən\ *n* **1** : EXPLANATION **2** : an instance of artistic interpretation in performance or adaptation — **in-ter-pre-ta-tive** \-ˌtər-prə-ˌtāt-iv\ *adj*
in-ter-ra-cial \-ˌrā-shəl\ *adj* : of, involving, or designed for members of different races

in-ter-reg-num \ˈint-ər-ˌreg-nəm\ *n*, *pl* -**nums** or -**na** \-nə\ **1** : the time during which a throne is vacant between two successive reigns or regimes **2** : a pause in a continuous series

in-ter-re-late \ˈint-ər-(r)-ri-ˌlāt\ *vb* : to bring into or have a mutual relationship — **in-ter-re-lat-ed-ness** \-lāt-əd-nəs\ *n* — **in-ter-re-la-tion** \-ˌlā-shən\ *n* — **in-ter-re-la-tion-ship** *n*

interrog *abbr* interrogative

in-ter-ro-gate \ˈin-ˌtər-ə-ˌgāt\ *vb* -**gat-ed**; -**gat-ing** : to question esp. formally and systematically : ASK — **in-ter-ro-ga-tion** \-ˌtər-ə-ˌgā-shən\ *n* — **in-ter-ro-ga-tor** \-ˌtər-ə-ˌgāt-ər\ *n*

in-ter-ro-g-a-tive \ˈint-ər-ˌræg-ət-iv\ *adj* : asking a question (~ sentence) — **interrogative** *n*

in-ter-ro-g-a-to-ry \ˈint-ər-ˌræg-ə-ˌtôr-ē\ *adj* : INTERROGATIVE

in-ter-rupt \ˈint-ər-ˌrəpt\ *vb* **1** : to stop or hinder by breaking in **2** : to break the uniformity or continuity of **3** : to break in with questions or remarks while another is speaking — **in-ter-rupt-er** *n* — **in-ter-rup-tion** \-ˌrəp-shən\ *n* — **in-ter-rup-tive** \-ˌrəp-tiv\ *adv*

in-ter-scho-las-tic \ˈint-ər-skə-ˌlas-tik\ *adj* : existing or carried on between schools

in-ter-sect \ˈint-ər-ˌsekt\ *vb* : to cut or divide by passing through : cut across : meet and cross : OVERLAP — **in-ter-sec-tion** \-ˌsek-shən\ *n*

in-ter-spere \ˈint-ər-ˌspɜrs\ *vb* -**spersed**; -**spers-ing** **1** : to place something at intervals in or among **2** : to insert at intervals among other things — **in-ter-sper-sion** \-ˌspɜr-zhən\ *n*

in-ter-state \ˈint-ər-ˌstāt\ *adj* : relating to, including, or connecting two or more states esp. of the U.S.

in-ter-state \ˈint-ər-ˌstāt\ *n* : an interstate highway

in-ter-stel-lar \ˈint-ər-ˌstel-ər\ *adj* : located or taking place among the stars

in-ter-stice \ˈin-ˌtər-stəs\ *n*, *pl* -**stices** \-stə-, sēz-, stə-səz\

: a space that intervenes between things : CHINK — **in-ter-sti-tial** \ˈint-ər-ˌstish-əl\ *adj*

in-ter-tid-al \ˈint-ər-ˌtīd-əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the area that is above low-tide mark but exposed to tidal flooding

in-ter-twine \-ˌtwɪn\ *vb* : to twine or cause to twine about one another : INTERLACE

in-ter-twist \-ˌtwɪst\ *vb* : INTERTWINE

in-ter-ur-ban \-ˌər-bən\ *adj* : going between cities or towns

in-ter-val \ˈint-ər-vəl\ *n* [ME *intervalle*, fr. MF, fr. L *intervallum* space between ramparts, interval, fr. *inter-* between + *vallum* rampart] **1** : a space of time between events or states : PAUSE **2** : a space between objects, units, or states **3** : the difference in pitch between two tones

in-ter-vene \ˈint-ər-ˌvæn\ *vb* -**vened**; -**ven-ing** **1** : to occur, fall, or come between points of time or between events **2** : to enter or appear as an unrelated feature or circumstance (rain *intervened* and we postponed the trip) **3** : to come in or between in order to stop, settle, or modify (~ in a quarrel) **4** : to occur or lie between two things — **in-ter-ven-tion** \-ˌven-chən\ *n*

in-ter-ven-tion-ism \ˈven-cha-ˌnɪz-əm\ *n* : interference by one country in the political affairs of another — **in-ter-ven-tion-ist** \-ˌvench-(ə)-nəst\ *n* or *adj*

in-ter-view \ˈint-ər-ˌvɪʊ\ *n* **1** : a formal consultation **2** : a meeting at which a writer or reporter obtains information from a person; *also* : the recorded or written account of such a meeting — **interview** *vb* — **in-ter-view-er** *n*

in-ter-vo-cal-ic \ˈint-ər-vō-ˌkal-ik\ *adj* : immediately pre-ceded and immediately followed by a vowel

in-ter-weave \ˈint-ər-wēv\ *vb* -**wove** \-ˌwɒv\ *also* -**weaved**; -**woven** \-ˌwɒ-vən\ *also* -**weaved**; -**weav-ing** : to weave or blend together : INTERTWINE, INTERMINGLE — **in-ter-woven** \-ˌwɒ-vən\ *adj*

in-tes-tate \ˈin-ˌtes-ˌtāt, -ˌtæt\ *adj* **1** : having made no valid will (died ~) **2** : not disposed of by will (~ estate)

in-tes-tine \ˈin-ˌtes-tən\ *n* : the tubular part of the alimentary canal that extends from stomach to anus and consists of a long narrow upper part (small intestine) followed by a broader shorter lower part (large intestine) — **in-tes-ti-nal** \-ˌtən-əl\ *adj*

in-ti \ˈint-ē\ *n* — see MONEY table

in-ti-mate \ˈint-ə-ˌmāt\ *vb* -**mat-ed**; -**mat-ing** **1** : ANNOUNCE, NOTIFY **2** : to communicate indirectly : HINT — **in-ti-ma-tion** \ˈint-ə-mā-shən\ *n*

in-ti-mate \ˈint-ə-mət\ *adj* **1** : INTRINSIC; *also* : INNERMOST **2** : marked by very close association, contact, or familiarity **3** : marked by a warm friendship **4** : suggesting informal warmth or privacy **5** : of a very personal or private nature — **in-ti-ma-cy** \ˈint-ə-mə-sē\ *n* — **in-ti-mate-ly** *adv*

in-ti-mate \ˈint-ə-mət\ *n* : an intimate friend, associate, or confidant

in-tim-i-date \ˈin-ˌtim-ə-ˌdāt\ *vb* -**dat-ed**; -**dat-ing** : to make timid or fearful : FRIGHTEN; *esp* : to compel or deter by or as if by threats **syn** cow, bulldoze, bully, browbeat — **in-tim-i-da-tion** \-ˌtim-ə-ˌdā-shən\ *n*

intl or **intnl** *abbr* international

in-to \ˈin-tə, ˈin-tū\ *prep* **1** : to the inside of (ran ~ the house) **2** : to the state, condition, or form of (got ~ trouble) **3** : AGAINST (ran ~ a wall)

in-tol-er-a-ble \-ˌtāl-(ə)-rə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : UNBEARABLE **2** : EXCESSIVE — **in-tol-er-a-bly** \-ˌblē\ *adv*

in-tol-er-ant \-ˌtāl-ə-rənt\ *adj* **1** : unable to endure **2** : unwilling to endure **3** : unwilling to grant equality,

\ə\əbut \ə\kitten \ə\rfurther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job \ŋ\sing \d\go \d\law \d\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot \ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

freedom, or other social rights : BIGOTED — **in-tol-er-ance** \-rəns\ *n*

in-to-na-tion \,in-tə-'nā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of intoning and esp. of chanting 2 : something that is intoned 3 : the manner of singing, playing, or uttering tones 4 : the rise and fall in pitch of the voice in speech

in-tone \in-'tōn\ *vb* **in-toned**; **in-ton-ing** : to utter in musical or prolonged tones : CHANT

in-to-to \in-'tōt-ō\ *adv* [L, on the whole] : TOTALLY, ENTIRELY

in-tox-i-cant \in-'tāk-si-kənt\ *n* : something that intoxicates; *esp* : an alcoholic drink — **intoxicant** *adj*

in-tox-i-cate \-sə-, kāt\ *vb* **-cat-ed**; **-cat-ing** [ML *intoxicare*, fr. L *toxicum* poison] 1 : to make drunk 2 : to excite or elate greatly — **in-tox-i-ca-tion** \-,tāk-sə-'kā-shən\ *n*

in-trac-ta-ble \(')in-'trak-tə-bəl\ *adj* : not easily controlled : OBSTINATE

in-tra-mo-lec-u-lar \,in-trə-mə-'lek-yə-lər\ *adj* : exciting or acting within a molecule

in-tra-mu-ral \-'myūr-əl\ *adj* : being or occurring within the walls or limits (as of a city or college) (~ sports)

in-tra-mus-cu-lar \-'məs-kyə-lər\ *adj* : situated within or administered by entering a muscle — **in-tra-mus-cu-lar-ly** *adv*

intrans *abbr* intransitive

in-tran-si-geance \in-'trans-ə-jəns, -'tranz-\ *n* : INTRANSIGENCE

in-tran-si-gence \-jəns\ *n* : the quality or state of being intransigent

in-tran-si-gent \-jənt\ *adj* : UNCOMPROMISING; *also* : IRRECONCILABLE — **intransigent** *n*

in-tran-si-tive \(')in-'trans-ət-iv, -'tranz-\ *adj* : not transitive; *esp* : not having or containing an object (an ~ verb) — **in-tran-si-tive-ly** *adv* — **in-tran-si-tive-ness** *n*

in-tra-state \,in-trə-'stāt\ *adj* : existing or occurring within a state

in-tra-uter-ine device \-'yüt-ə-rən-, -'rīn\ *n* : a device (as a spiral of plastic or a ring of stainless steel) inserted and left in the uterus to prevent pregnancy

in-tra-ve-nous \,in-trə-'və-nəs\ *adj* : being within or entering by way of the veins — **in-tra-ve-nous-ly** *adv*

intrench *var* of ENTRENCH

in-trep-id \in-'trep-əd\ *adj* : characterized by resolute fearlessness, fortitude, and endurance — **in-tre-pid-i-ty** \,in-trə-'pid-ət-ē\ *n*

in-tri-cate \in-'tri-kət\ *adj* [ME, fr. L *intricatus*, pp. of *intricare* to entangle, fr. *tricae* trifles, impediments] 1 : having many complexly interrelated parts : COMPLICATED 2 : difficult to follow, understand, or solve — **in-tri-ca-cy** \-tri-kə-sē\ *n* — **in-tri-cate-ly** *adv*

in-trigue \in-'trēg\ *vb* **in-trigued**; **in-trigu-ing** 1 : to accomplish by intrigue 2 : to carry on an intrigue; *esp* : PLOT, SCHEME 3 : to arouse the interest, desire, or curiosity of — **in-trigu-ing-ly** \-īg-lē\ *adv*

in-trigue \in-'trēg, in-'trēg\ *n* 1 : a secret scheme : MACHINATION 2 : a clandestine love affair

in-trin-sic \in-'trin-zik, -sik\ *adj* : belonging to the essential nature or constitution of a thing — **in-trin-sic-al-ly** \-zi-k(ə)-lē, -si-\ *adv*

introd *abbr* introduction

in-tro-duce \,in-trə-'d(y)ūs\ *vb* **-duced**; **-duc-ing** 1 : to lead or bring in *esp*. for the first time 2 : to bring into practice or use 3 : to cause to be acquainted 4 : to present for discussion 5 : to put in *syn* insinuate, interpolate, interpose, interject — **in-tro-duc-tion** \-dək-shən\ *n* — **in-tro-duc-to-ry** \-'dək-t(ə)-rē\ *adj*

in-troit \in-'trō-ət, -'trōit\ *n* *often cap* : the first part of the traditional proper of the Mass 2 : a piece of music sung or played at the beginning of a worship service

in-tro-mit \,in-trə-'mit\ *vb* **-mit-ted**; **-mit-ting** : to send or put in : INSERT — **in-tro-mis-sion** \-'mish-ən\ *n*

in-tro-spec-tion \-'spek-shən\ *n* : a reflective looking inward : an examination of one's own thoughts or feelings

— **in-tro-spect** \,in-trə-'spekt\ *vb* — **in-tro-spec-tive** \-'spek-tiv\ *adj* — **in-tro-spec-tive-ly** *adv*

in-tro-vert \in-'trə-,vərt\ *n* : a person more interested in his own mental life than in the world about him — **in-tro-ver-sion** \,in-trə-'vər-zhən\ *n* — **introvert** *adj* — **in-tro-vert-ed** \in-'trə-,vərt-əd\ *adj*

in-trude \in-'trüd\ *vb* **in-trud-ed**; **in-trud-ing** 1 : to thrust, enter, or force in or upon 2 : ENCROACH, TRESPASS — **in-trud-er** *n* — **in-tru-sion** \-'trü-zhən\ *n* — **in-tru-sive** \-'trü-siv\ *adj* — **in-tru-sive-ness** *n*

intrust *var* of ENTRUST

in-tu-it \in-'t(y)ü-ət\ *vb* : to apprehend by intuition

in-tu-ition \,in-t(y)ü-'ish-ən\ *n* 1 : the power or faculty of knowing things without conscious reasoning 2 : quick and ready insight — **in-tu-i-tive** \in-'t(y)ü-ət-iv\ *adj* — **in-tu-i-tive-ly** *adv*

in-tu-mes-cent \in-'t(y)ü-'mes-'ns\ *n* 1 : the state of being or the action of becoming swollen 2 : something swollen or enlarged — **in-tu-mesce** \-'mes\ *vb* — **in-tu-mes-cent** \-nt\ *adj*

In-u-it \in-(y)ə-wət\ *n* [Aleut *inuit*, pl. of *inuk* person] 1 : a member of the Eskimo people of America 2 : the language of the Inuit people

in-un-date \in-'ən-,dāt\ *vb* **-dat-ed**; **-dat-ing** : to cover with or as if with a flood : OVERFLOW — **in-un-da-tion** \,in-ən-'dā-shən\ *n*

in-ure \in-'(y)ūr\ *vb* **in-ured**; **in-ur-ing** [ME *enuren*, fr. *en-* in + *ure*, *n.*, use, custom, fr. MF *uevre* work, practice, fr. L *opera* work] 1 : to accustom to accept something undesirable 2 : to become of advantage : ACCRUE

inv *abbr* 1 inventor 2 invoice

in vac-uo \in-'vak-yə-,wō\ *adv* [L] : in a vacuum

in-vade \in-'vād\ *vb* **in-vad-ed**; **in-vad-ing** 1 : to enter for conquest or plunder 2 : to encroach upon 3 : to spread through and usu. harm (germs ~ the tissues) — **in-vad-er** *n*

in-val-id \(')in-'val-əd\ *adj* : being without foundation or force in fact, reason, or law — **in-val-id-i-ty** \,in-və-'lid-ət-ē\ *n* — **in-val-id-ly** *adv*

in-val-id \in-'və-ləd\ *adj* : defective in health : SICKLY

invalid \in-'və-ləd\ *n* : a person in usu. chronic ill health — **in-val-id-ism** \-,iz-əm\ *n*

in-val-id \in-'və-ləd, -'lid\ *vb* 1 : to remove from active duty by reason of sickness or disability 2 : to make sickly or disabled

in-val-i-date \(')in-'val-ə-,dāt\ *vb* : to make invalid; *esp* : to weaken or make valueless

in-val-u-able \(')in-'val-yə-(wə)-bəl\ *adj* : valuable beyond estimation

in-vari-able \(')in-'ver-ē-ə-bəl\ *adj* : not changing or capable of change : CONSTANT — **in-vari-ably** \-blē\ *adv*

in-va-sion \in-'vā-zhən\ *n* : an act or instance of invading; *esp* : entry of an army into a country for conquest

in-vec-tive \in-'vek-tiv\ *n* 1 : an abusive expression or speech 2 : abusive language — **invec-tive** *adj*

in-veigh \in-'vā\ : to protest or complain bitterly or vehemently : RAIL

in-vei-gle \in-'vā-gəl, -'vē-\ *vb* **in-vei-gled**; **in-vei-gling** \-g(ə)-līŋ\ [modif. of MF *aveugler* to blind, hoodwink] 1 : to win over by flattery : ENTICE 2 : to acquire by ingenuity or flattery

in-vent \in-'vent\ *vb* 1 : to think up 2 : to create or produce for the first time — **in-ven-tor** \-'vent-ər\ *n*

in-ven-tion \in-'ven-chən\ *n* 1 : INVENTIVENESS 2 : a creation of the imagination; *esp* : a false conception 3 : a device, contrivance, or process originated after study and experiment 4 : the act or process of inventing

in-ven-tive \in-'vent-iv\ *adj* 1 : CREATIVE, INGENIOUS (an ~ composer) 2 : characterized by invention (an ~ turn of mind) — **in-ven-tive-ness** *n*

in-ven-to-ry \in-'vən-,tōr-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ries** 1 : an itemized list of current goods or assets 2 : SURVEY, SUMMARY 3

: STOCK, SUPPLY **4** : the act or process of taking an inventory — **inventory** *vb*
in-verse \('in-vərs, 'in-vərs\ *adj* : opposite in order, nature, or effect : REVERSED — **in-verse-ly** *adv*
in-ver-sion \in-vər-zhən\ *n* **1** : a reversal of position, order, or relationship; *esp* : an increase of temperature with altitude through a layer of air **2** : the act or process of inverting
in-vert \in-'vɔrt\ *vb* **1** : to reverse in position, order, or relationship **2** : to turn upside down or inside out **3** : to turn inward
in-ver-te-brate \('in-'vɔrt-ə-brət, -brāt\ *adj* : lacking a backbone; *also* : of or relating to invertebrates
invertebrate *n* : an invertebrate animal
in-vest \in-'vest\ *vb* **1** : to install formally in an office or honor **2** : to furnish with power or authority : VEST **3** : to cover completely : ENVELOP **4** : CLOTHE, ADORN **5** : BESIEGE **6** : to endow with a quality or characteristic
invest *vb* **1** : to commit money in order to earn a financial return **2** : to expend for future benefits or advantages **3** : to make an investment — **in-ves-tor** \-'ves-tər\ *n*
in-ves-ti-gate \in-'ves-tə-'gāt\ *vb* **gat-ed; gat-ing** [L *investigare* to track, investigate, fr. *vestigium* footprint, track] : to study by close examination and systematic inquiry — **in-ves-ti-ga-tion** \-'ves-tə-'gā-shən\ *n* — **in-ves-ti-ga-tor** \-'ves-tə-'gāt-ər\ *n*
in-ves-ti-ture \in-'ves-tə-'chūr, -chər\ *n* **1** : the act of ratifying or establishing in office : CONFIRMATION **2** : something that covers or adorns
in-vest-ment \in-'ves(t)-mənt\ *n* **1** : an outer layer : ENVELOPE **2** : INVESTITURE **3** : BLOCKADE, SIEGE
investment *n* : the outlay of money for income or profit; *also* : the sum invested or the property purchased
in-vet-er-ate \in-'vet-(ə-'rət\ *adj* **1** : firmly established by age or long persistence **2** : confirmed in a habit — **in-vet-er-a-cy** \-(ə-'rə-sē\ *n*
in-vi-a-ble \('in-'vī-ə-bəl\ *adj* : incapable of surviving
in-vid-i-ous \in-'vī-dī-əs\ *adj* **1** : tending to cause discontent, animosity, or envy **2** : ENVIOUS **3** : INJURIOUS — **in-vid-i-ous-ly** *adv*
in-vig-o-rate \in-'vig-ə-'rāt\ *vb* **-rat-ed; -rat-ing** : to give life and energy to : ANIMATE — **in-vig-o-ra-tion** \-'vig-ə-'rā-shən\ *n*
in-vin-ci-ble \('in-'vin-sə-bəl\ *adj* : incapable of being conquered, overcome, or subdued — **in-vin-ci-bil-i-ty** \('in-'vin-sə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **in-vin-ci-bly** \('in-'vin-sə-blē\ *adv*
in-vi-o-la-ble \('in-'vī-ə-lə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : safe from violation or profanation **2** : UNASSAILABLE — **in-vi-o-la-bil-i-ty** \('in-'vī-ə-lə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n*
in-vi-o-late \('in-'vī-ə-lət\ *adj* : not violated or profaned : PURE
in-vis-i-ble \('in-'viz-ə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : incapable of being seen (~ to the naked eye) **2** : HIDDEN **3** : IMPERCEPTIBLE, INCONSPICUOUS — **in-vis-i-bil-i-ty** \('in-'viz-ə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **in-vis-i-bly** \('in-'viz-ə-blē\ *adv*
in-vi-ta-tion-al \in-və-'tā-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj* : limited to invited participants
in-vite \in-'vīt\ *vb* **in-vit-ed; in-vit-ing** **1** : ENTICE, TEMPT **2** : to increase the likelihood of **3** : to request the presence or participation of : ASK **4** : to request formally **5** : ENCOURAGE — **in-vi-ta-tion** \in-və-'tā-shən\ *n*
in-vit-ing \in-'vīt-ɪŋ\ *adj* : ATTRACTIVE, TEMPTING
in-vo-ca-tion \in-və-'kā-shən\ *n* **1** : SUPPLICATION; *esp* : a prayer at the beginning of a service **2** : a formula for conjuring : INCANTATION
in-voice \in-'vɔis\ *n* [modif. of MF *envois*, pl. of *envoi* message] **1** : an itemized list of goods shipped usu. specifying the price and the terms of sale : BILL **2** : a consignment of merchandise
invoice *vb* **in-voiced; in-voic-ing** : to make an invoice for : BILL
in-voke \in-'vøk\ *vb* **in-voked; in-vok-ing** **1** : to petition for

help or support **2** : to appeal to or cite as authority (~ a law) **3** : to call forth by incantation : CONJURE (~ spirits) **4** : to make an earnest request for : SOLICIT **5** : to put into effect or operation **6** : to bring about : CAUSE
in-vo-lu-cre \in-və-'lū-kər\ *n* : one or more whorls of bracts below and close to a flower or fruit
in-vol-un-tary \('in-'vāl-ən-'ter-ē\ *adj* **1** : done contrary to or without choice **2** : COMPULSORY **3** : not subject to control by the will (~ muscles) — **in-vol-un-tari-ly** \('in-'vāl-ən-'ter-ə-lē\ *adv*
in-vo-lute \in-və-'lūt\ *adj* **1** : curled spirally and usu. closely (~ shell) **2** : INVOLVED, INTRICATE
in-vo-lu-tion \in-və-'lū-shən\ *n* **1** : the act or an instance of enfolding or entangling **2** : COMPLEXITY, INTRICACY
in-volve \in-'vāl\ *vb* **in-volved; in-volv-ing** **1** : to draw in as a participant **2** : ENVELOP **3** : to relate closely : CONNECT **4** : to have as part of itself : INCLUDE **5** : ENTAIL, IMPLY **6** : to have an effect on — **in-volve-ment** *n*
in-volved \-'vālv\ *adj* : INTRICATE, COMPLEX (an ~ assassination plot)
in-vul-ner-a-ble \('in-'vəl-nə-rə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : incapable of being wounded, injured, or damaged **2** : immune to or proof against attack — **in-vul-ner-a-bil-i-ty** \('in-'vəl-nə-rə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **in-vul-ner-a-bly** \('in-'vəl-nə-rə-blē\ *adv*
in-ward \in-wərd\ *adj* **1** : situated on the inside **2** : MENTAL; *also* : SPIRITUAL **3** : directed toward the interior
inward or inwards \-wərdz\ *adv* **1** : toward the inside, center, or interior **2** : toward the inner being
in-ward-ly \in-wərd-lē\ *adv* **1** : MENTALLY, SPIRITUALLY **2** : INTERNALLY (bled ~) **3** : to oneself (cursed ~) **4** : toward the center or interior
IOC abbr International Olympic Committee
io-dide \i-'ɔ-'dīd\ *n* : a compound of iodine with another element or group
io-dine \i-'ɔ-'dīn, -əd-ən\ *n* : a nonmetallic chemical element used in medicine and photography — see ELEMENT table
io-dize \i-'ɔ-'dīz\ *vb* **io-dized; io-diz-ing** : to treat with iodine or an iodide
ion \i-'ɔn, 'i-'ān\ *n* [Gk, neut. of *iōn*, prp. of *ienai* to go; so called because in electrolysis it goes to one of the two poles] : an electrically charged particle or group of atoms — **ion-ic** \i-'ān-ik\ *adj*
ion-ize \i-'ɔ-'nīz\ *vb* **ion-ized; ion-iz-ing** **1** : to convert wholly or partly into ions **2** : to become ionized — **ion-iz-able** \-'nī-zə-bəl\ *adj* — **ion-iza-tion** \i-'ɔ-'nī-zā-shən\ *n* — **ion-iz-er** \i-'ɔ-'nī-zər\ *n*
ion-o-sphere \i-'ān-ə-'sfīər\ *n* : the part of the earth's atmosphere beginning at an altitude of about 30 miles and extending outward 300 miles or more that contains free electrically charged particles — **ion-o-spher-ic** \i-'ān-ə-'sfī(ə)r-ik, -sfer-\ *adj*
IOOF abbr Independent Order of Odd Fellows
io-ta \i-'ɔt-ə\ *n* [L, fr. Gk *iōta*, the 9th letter of the Greek alphabet] : a very small quantity : JOT
IOU \i-'(j)ō-'yū\ *n* : an acknowledgement of a debt
IP abbr innings pitched
ipe-cac \ip-'i-, kak\ *n* [Pg *ipeacuanha*] **1** : the dried rhizome and roots of *ipeacac* used *esp.* as the source of an emetic **2** : a tropical *Sc.* American creeping plant related to the madder
ip-so fac-to \ip-sō-'fak-tō\ *adv* [NL, lit., by the fact itself] : by the very nature of the case
iq abbr [L *idem quod*] the same as
IQ \i-'kyū\ *n* : INTELLIGENCE QUOTIENT
Ir abbr Irish
Ir symbol iridium

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ə'further \ə'wash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
\ə'u'out \ə'h'chin \ə'bet \ə'easy \ə'go \i'hlt \i'vice \i'job
\ə'ysing \ə'go \ə'law \ə'i'boy \ə'h'thin \ə'h'the \ə'u'loot
\ə'u'foot \ə'y'et \ə'h'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

IR *abbr* 1 information retrieval 2 internal revenue

IRA *abbr* 1 individual retirement account 2 Irish Republican Army

Ira-ni-an \ir-'ā-nē-ən *also* -'ā-*n* : a native or inhabitant of Iran — **Iranian** *adj*

Iraqi \ir-'rāk-ē, -'rāk-*n* : a native or inhabitant of Iraq — **Iraqi** *adj*

iras-ci-ble \ir-'as-ə-bəl, i-'ras-*adj* : marked by hot temper and easily provoked anger *syn* choleric, testy, touchy, cranky, cross — **iras-ci-bil-i-ty** \-,as-ə-'bil-ət-ē, -,ras-*n*

irate \ir-'rāt-*adj* 1 : roused to ire 2 : arising from anger (~ words) — **irate-ly** *adv*

IRBM *abbr* intermediate range ballistic missile

ire \i(ə)-*n* : ANGER, WRATH — **ire-ful** *adj*

Ire *abbr* Ireland

ire-nic \ir-'ren-ik-*adj* : conducive to or operating toward peace or conciliation

ir-i-des-cence \ir-'ə-des-əns-*n* : a rainbowlike play of colors — **ir-i-des-cent** \-nt-*adj*

irid-ium \ir-'id-ē-əm-*n* : a hard brittle very heavy metallic chemical element used in alloys — see **ELEMENT** table
iris \i-'ras-*n*, *pl* **irises** or **irides** \i-'rə-,dēz, 'ir-ə-*[ME, fr. L iris* rainbow, iris plant, fr. Gk. rainbow, iris plant, iris of the eye] 1 : the colored part around the pupil of the eye 2 : any of a large genus of plants with linear basal leaves and large showy flowers

Irish \ir-'ish-*n* 1 **Irish** *pl* : the people of Ireland 2 : the Celtic language of Ireland — **Irish** *adj* — **Irish-man** \-mən-*n* — **Irish-wom-an** \-,wūm-ən-*n*

Irish bull *n* : an incongruous statement (as "it was hereditary in his family to have no children")

Irish coffee *n* : hot sugared coffee with Irish whiskey and whipped cream

Irish moss *n* : the dried and bleached plants of two red algae; *also* : either of these two red algae

Irish setter *n* : any of a breed of bird dogs with a mahogany-red coat

irk \'ər-k-*vb* : to make weary, irritated, or bored : ANNOY

irk-some \'ər-k-səm-*adj* : tending to irk : ANNOYING — **irk-some-ly** *adv*

iron \i(ə)-rən-*n* 1 : a heavy magnetic metallic chemical element that rusts easily, can be readily shaped, and is vital to biological processes — see **ELEMENT** table 2 : something made of metal and esp. iron; *also* : something (as handcuffs) used to bind or restrain (put them in ~s) 3 : a household device with a flat base that is heated and used for pressing cloth 4 : STRENGTH, HARDNESS

iron *vb* 1 : to press or smooth with or as if with a heated flatiron 2 : to remove (as wrinkles) by ironing — **iron-er** *n*

iron-bound \i(ə)-rən-'baund-*adj* 1 : HARSH, RUGGED (~ coast) 2 : STERN, RIGOROUS (~ traditions)

iron-clad \-'klad-*adj* 1 : sheathed in iron armor 2 : so firm or secure as to be unbreakable

iron-clad \-,klad-*n* : an armored naval vessel

iron curtain *n* : a political, military, and ideological barrier that cuts off and isolates an area; *esp* : one between an area under Soviet control and other areas

iron-ic \i-'rən-ik-*or* **iron-i-cal** \-i-kəl-*adj* 1 : of, relating to, or marked by irony 2 : given to irony — **iron-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē-*adv*

iron-ing \i(ə)-r-niŋ-*n* : clothes ironed or to be ironed
iron lung *n* : a device for artificial respiration (as in polio) that encloses the chest or body in a chamber in which changes of pressure force air into and out of the lungs
iron out *vb* : to remove or lessen difficulties in or extremes of

iron oxide *n* : FERRIC OXIDE

iron-stone \i(ə)-rən-'stōn-*n* 1 : a hard iron-rich sedimentary rock 2 : a hard heavy durable pottery developed in England in the 19th century

iron-ware \-,waər-*n* : articles made of iron

iron-weed \-,wēd-*n* : any of several weedy American plants related to the daisy that have terminal heads of red or purple tubular flowers

iron-wood \-,wūd-*n* : a tree or shrub with exceptionally hard wood; *also* : its wood

iron-work \-,wɜrk-*n* 1 : work in iron 2 *pl* : a mill or building where iron or steel is smelted or heavy iron or steel products are made — **iron-work-er** *n*

iro-ny \i-'rə-nē-*n*, *pl* -nies [L *ironia*, fr. Gk *eirōnia*, fr. *eirōn* dissembler] 1 : the use of words to express the opposite of what one really means 2 : incongruity between the actual result of a sequence of events and the expected result

Iro-o-quois \i-'rə-,kwōi-*n*, *pl* **Iroquois** \-,kwōi(z)- [F, fr. Algonquin (a No. American Indian dialect) *Irinakhoiw*, lit., real address] 1 *pl* : an American Indian confederacy of New York that consisted of the Cayuga, Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, and Seneca and later included the Tuscarora 2 : a member of any of the Iroquois peoples
ir-ra-di-ate \ir-'ād-ē-,āt-*vb* -at-ed; -at-ing 1 : ILLUMINATE 2 : ENLIGHTEN 3 : to treat by exposure to radiation 4 : RADIATE — **ir-ra-di-a-tion** \-,ād-ē-'ā-shən-*n*

ir-ra-tio-nal \(')ir-'ash-(ə)-nəl-*adj* 1 : incapable of reasoning (~ beasts); *also* : defective in mental power (~ with fever) 2 : not based on reason (~ fears) 3 : relating to, consisting of, or being one or more irrational numbers — **ir-ra-tio-nal-i-ty** \(')ir-'ash-ə-'nal-ət-ē-*n* — **ir-ra-tio-nal-ly** \(')ir-'ash-(ə)-nə-lē-*adv*

irrational *n* : IRRATIONAL NUMBER

irrational number *n* : a real number that cannot be expressed as the quotient of two integers

ir-rec-on-cil-able \(')ir-'ek-ən-'sī-lə-bəl, ('')ir-'ek-ən-,sī-*adj* : impossible to reconcile, adjust, or harmonize — **ir-rec-on-cil-abil-i-ty** \(')ir-'ek-ən-,sī-lə-'bil-ət-ē-*n*

ir-re-cov-er-able \,ir-i-'kəv-(ə)-rə-bəl-*adj* : not capable of being recovered or rectified : IRREPARABLE — **ir-re-cov-er-ably** \-blē-*adv*

ir-re-deem-able \,ir-i-'dē-mə-bəl-*adj* 1 : not redeemable; *esp* : not terminable by payment of the principal (an ~ bond) 2 : not convertible into gold or silver at the will of the holder 3 : being beyond remedy : HOPELESS

ir-re-den-tism \-'den-,tiz-əm-*n* : a principle or policy directed toward the incorporation of a territory historically or ethnically part of another into that other — **ir-re-den-tist** \-'dent-əst-*n* or *adj*

ir-re-duc-ible \,ir-i-'d(y)ū-sə-bəl-*adj* : not reducible — **ir-re-duc-ibly** \-'d(y)ū-sə-blē-*adv*

ir-re-fra-ga-ble \(')ir-'i(r)ef-rə-gə-bəl-*adj* : IRREFUTABLE

ir-re-fut-able \,ir-i-'fyüt-ə-bəl, ('')ir-'i(r)ef-yüt-*adj* : impossible to refute

irreg *abbr* irregular

ir-reg-u-lar \(')ir-'eg-yə-lər-*adj* 1 : not regular : not natural or uniform 2 : not conforming to the normal or usual manner of inflection (~ verbs) 3 : not belonging to a regular or organized army organization (~ troops) — **irregular** *n* — **ir-reg-u-lar-i-ty** \(')ir-'eg-yə-'lar-ət-ē-*n* — **ir-reg-u-lar-ly** \(')ir-'eg-yə-lər-lē-*adv*

ir-rel-e-vant \(')ir-'el-ə-vənt-*adj* : not relevant — **ir-rel-e-vance** \-vəns-*n*

ir-re-li-gious \,ir-i-'lij-əs-*adj* : lacking religious emotions, doctrines, or practices

ir-re-me-di-a-ble \,ir-i-'mēd-ē-ə-bəl-*adj* : impossible to remedy or correct : INCURABLE

ir-re-mov-able \-'mū-və-bəl-*adj* : not removable

• **ir-rep-a-ra-ble** \(')ir-'ep-(ə)-rə-bəl-*adj* : impossible to make good, undo, repair, or remedy (~ damage)

ir-re-place-able \,ir-i-'plā-sə-bəl-*adj* : not replaceable

ir-re-press-ible \-'pres-ə-bəl-*adj* : impossible to repress or control

ir-re-proach-able \-'prō-chə-bəl-*adj* : not reproachable : BLAMELESS

ir-re-sist-ible \i-r-i-'zís-tə-bəl/ *adj* : impossible to successfully resist — **ir-re-sist-ibly** \-blē/ *adv*
ir-res-o-lute \(')ir-'ez-ə-,lüt/ *adj* : uncertain how to act or proceed : VACILLATING — **ir-res-o-lute-ly** \-,lüt-lē; (')ir-'ez-ə-'lüt/ *adv* — **ir-res-o-lution** \(')ir-'ez-ə-'lū-shən/ *n*
ir-re-spec-tive of \i-r-i-'spek-tív-/ *prep* : without regard to
ir-re-spon-si-ble \-'spän-sə-bəl/ *adj* : not responsible — **ir-re-spon-si-bil-i-ty** \-,spän-sə-'bil-ət-ē/ *n* — **ir-re-spon-si-bly** \-'spän-sə-blē/ *adv*
ir-re-triev-able \i-r-i-'trē-və-bəl/ *adj* : not retrievable : IR-RECOVERABLE
ir-re-ver-ence \(')ir-'ev-(ə-)rəns/ *n* 1 : lack of reverence 2 : an irreverent act or utterance — **ir-re-ver-ent** \-(ə-)rənt/ *adj*
ir-re-vers-ible \i-r-i-'vər-sə-bəl/ *adj* : incapable of being reversed
ir-re-vo-ca-ble \(')ir-'ev-ə-kə-bəl/ *adj* : incapable of being revoked or recalled — **ir-re-vo-ca-bly** \-blē/ *adv*
ir-ri-gate \i-r-'ə-,gāt/ *vb* -gat-ed; -gat-ing : to supply (as land) with water by artificial means; *also* : to flush with liquid — **ir-ri-ga-tion** \i-r-'ə-'gā-shən/ *n*
ir-ri-ta-ble \i-r-'ət-ə-bəl/ *adj* : capable of being irritated; *esp* : readily or easily irritated — **ir-ri-ta-bil-i-ty** \i-r-'ət-ə-'bil-ət-ē/ *n* — **ir-ri-ta-bly** \i-r-'ət-ə-blē/ *adv*
ir-ri-tate \i-r-'ə-,tāt/ *vb* -tat-ed; -tat-ing 1 : to excite to anger : EXASPERATE 2 : to act as a stimulus toward : STIMULATE; *also* : to make sore or inflamed — **ir-ri-tant** \i-r-'ə-tənt/ *adj* or *n* — **ir-ri-tat-ing-ly** \-,tāt-īŋ-lē/ *adv* — **ir-ri-ta-tion** \i-r-'ə-'tā-shən/ *n*
ir-rupt \(')ir-'əpt/ *vb* 1 : to rush in forcibly or violently 2 : to increase suddenly in numbers (rabbits ~ in cycles) — **ir-rupt-ion** \-'əp-shən/ *n*
IRS *abbr* Internal Revenue Service
is *pres 3d sing of BE*
Isa or **Is** *abbr* Isaiah
Isa-iah \i-'zā-ə/ *n* — see BIBLE table
Isa-ias \i-'zā-əs/ *n* — see BIBLE table
ISBN *abbr* International Standard Book Number
-ish \ish/ *adj suffix* 1 : of, relating to, or being (Finnish) 2 : characteristic of (boyish) (mulish) 3 : having a touch or trace of : somewhat (purplish) 4 : having the approximate age of (fortyish) 5 : being or occurring at the approximate time of (eightish)
isin-glass \i'z-n-,glas, 'i-zīŋ-/ *n* 1 : a gelatin obtained from various fish 2 : MICA
isl *abbr* island
Is-lam \is-'lām, iz-, -'lam, 'is-, 'iz-/ *n* [Ar *islām* submission (to the will of God)] : the religious faith of Muslims; *also* : the civilization built on this faith — **Is-lam-ic** \is-'lām-ik, iz-, -'lam-/ *adj*
is-land \i-'lənd/ *n* 1 : a body of land surrounded by water and smaller than a continent 2 : something resembling an island in its isolation
is-land-er \i-'lən-dər/ *n* : a native or inhabitant of an island
isle \i'l/ *n* : ISLAND; *esp* : a small island
is-let \i-'lət/ *n* : a small island
ism \i'z-əm/ *n* : a distinctive doctrine, cause, or theory
-ism \i'z-əm/ *n suffix* 1 : act : practice : process (criticism) 2 : manner of action or behavior characteristic of (a specified) person or thing 3 : state : condition : property (barbarianism) 4 : abnormal state or condition resulting from excess of (a specified) thing or marked by resemblance to (such) a person or thing (alcoholism) (mongolism) 5 : doctrine : theory : cult (Buddhism) 6 : adherence to a set of principles (stoicism) 7 : characteristic or peculiar feature or trait (colloquialism)
iso-bar \i-'sə-,bär/ *n* : a line on a map connecting places of equal barometric pressure — **iso-bar-ic** \i-'sə-'bär-ik, -'bar-/ *adj*
iso-late \i-'sə-,lāt, 'is-ə-/ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing [fr. *isolated* set apart, fr. *F isolé*, fr. *It isolato*, fr. *isola* island, fr. *L*

insula] : to place or keep by itself : separate from others — **iso-la-tion** \i-'sə-'lā-shən, 'is-ə-/ *n*
iso-lat-ed *adj* 1 : occurring alone or once : UNIQUE 2 : SPORADIC
iso-la-tion-ism \i-'sə-'lā-shə-,niz-əm, 'is-ə-/ *n* : a policy of national isolation by abstention from international political and economic relations — **iso-la-tion-ist** \-sh(ə-)nəst/ *n* or *adj*
iso-mer \i-'sə-mər/ *n* : any of two or more chemical compounds that contain the same numbers of atoms of the same elements but differ in structural arrangement and properties — **iso-mer-ic** \i-'sə-'mer-ik/ *adj* — **isom-er-ism** \i-'sām-ə-,riz-əm/ *n*
iso-met-rics \i-'sə-'me-triks/ *n sing or pl* : exercise involving contraction of muscles taking place against resistance but without significant shortening of muscle fibers — **isometric** *adj*
iso-prene \i-'sə-,prēn/ *n* : a hydrocarbon used esp. in making synthetic rubber
isos-ce-les \i-'sās-ə-,lēz/ *adj* : having two equal sides (an ~ triangle)
isos-ta-sy \i-'sās-tə-sē/ *n* : general equilibrium in the earth's crust maintained by the gravity-induced flow of deep rock material — **iso-stat-ic** \i-'sə-'stat-ik/ *adj* — **iso-stat-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē/ *adv*
iso-therm \i-'sə-,thərm/ *n* : a line on a map connecting points having the same temperature
iso-ther-mal \i-'sə-'thər-məl/ *adj* : of, relating to, or marked by equality of temperature
iso-ton-ic \i-'sə-'tān-ik/ *adj* : having the same or equal osmotic pressure (a salt solution ~ with red blood cells)
iso-tope \i-'sə-,tōp/ *n* [Gk *isos* equal + *topos* place] : any of the forms of a chemical element that differ chiefly in the number of neutrons in an atom — **iso-to-pic** \i-'sə-'tāp-ik, -'tō-pik/ *adj* — **iso-to-pi-cal-ly** \-'tāp-ik(ə)-lē, -'tō-pi-/ *adv*
Isr *abbr* Israel; Israelis
Is-rae-li \iz-'rā-lē/ *n, pl* Israelis *also* Israeli : a native or inhabitant of Israel — **Israeli** *adj*
Is-ra-el-ite \iz-'rē-ə-,lit/ *n* : a member of the Hebrew people, descended from Jacob
is-su-ance \i'sh-ə-wəns/ *n* : the act of issuing or giving out esp. officially
is-sue \i'sh-ū/ *n pl* 1 : proceeds from a source of revenue (as an estate) 2 : the action of going, coming, or flowing out : EGRESS, EMERGENCE 3 : EXIT, OUTLET, VENT 4 : OFFSPRING, PROGENY 5 : OUTCOME, RESULT 6 : a point of debate or controversy; *also* : the point at which an unsettled matter is ready for a decision 7 : a discharge (as of blood) from the body 8 : something coming forth from a specified source 9 : the act of officially giving out or printing : PUBLICATION; *also* : the quantity of things given out at one time
2 issue *vb* **is-sued; is-suing** 1 : to go, come, or flow out 2 : to come forth or cause to come forth : EMERGE, DISCHARGE, EMIT 3 : ACCRUE 4 : to descend from a specified parent or ancestor 5 : to result in 6 : to put forth or distribute officially 7 : PUBLISH 8 : EMANATE, RESULT — **is-su-er** *n*
-ist \əst/ *n suffix* 1 : one that performs (a specified) action (cyclist) : one that makes or produces (novelist) 2 : one that plays a (specified) musical instrument (harpist) 3 : one that operates a (specified) mechanical instrument or contrivance (automobilist) 4 : one that specializes in a (specified) art or science or skill (geologist) 5 : one that adheres to or advocates a (specified) doctrine or system or code of behavior (socialist) or that of a (specified) individual (Darwinist)

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
\ə'out \ch'chin \e'bet \e'easy \g'go \i'hít \i'ice \j'job
\ŋ'sing \o'go \o'law \o'boy \th'thin \th'the \ú'loot
\ú'foot \y'yet \zh'vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

²-ist *adj* **suffix** : -ISTIC**isth-mi-an** \ˈis-mē-ən\ *adj* : of, relating to, or situated in or near an isthmus**isth-mus** \ˈis-məs\ *n* : a narrow strip of land connecting two larger portions of land**-is-tic** \ˈis-tik\ *or* **-is-ti-cal** \ˈis-ti-kəl\ *adj* **suffix** : of, relating to, or characteristic of (altruistic)**ISV** *abbr* International Scientific Vocabulary**it** \(\)it, ət\ *pron* **1** : that one — used of a lifeless thing, a plant, a person or animal, or an abstract entity (ˈs a big building) (ˈs a shade tree) (who is ˈs) (beauty is everywhere and ˈs is a source of joy) **2** — used as an anticipatory subject or object (ˈs good to see you)**²it** \ˈit\ *n* : the player in a game who performs a function (as trying to catch others in a game of tag) essential to the nature of the game**It** *abbr* Italian; Italy**ital** *abbr* italic; italicized**Ital** *abbr* Italian**Ital-ian** \ə-ˈtal-yən, i-ˈn\ **1** : a native or inhabitant of Italy **2** : the language of Italy — **Italian** *adj***Italian sandwich** *n* : SUBMARINE **2****ital-ic** \i-ˈtal-ik, i-ˈ\ *adj* : relating to type in which the letters slope up toward the right (as in “italic”) — **italic** *n***ital-i-ize** \i-ˈtal-ə-, siz, i-ˈ\ *vb* **-cized; -ciz-ing** : to print in italics**itch** \ˈich\ *n* **1** : an uneasy irritating skin sensation related to pain **2** : a skin disorder accompanied by an itch **3** : a persistent desire — **itch** *vb* — **itchy** *adj***-ite** \,it\ *n* **suffix** **1** : native : resident (Brooklynite) **2** : descendant (Ishmaelite) **3** : adherent : follower (Leninite) **4** : product (metabolite) **5** : mineral : rock (quartzite)**item** \ˈit-əm\ *n* [L, likewise, also] **1** : a separate particular in a list, account, or series : ARTICLE **2** : a separate piece of news (as in a newspaper)**item-ize** \ˈit-ə-, mīz\ *vb* **-ized; -iz-ing** : to set down in detail : LIST — **item-iza-tion** \,it-ə-mə-ˈzā-shən\ *n***it-er-ate** \ˈit-ə-, rāt\ *vb* **-at-ed; -at-ing** : REITERATE, REPEAT **it-er-a-tion** \,it-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* : REPETITION; *esp* : a computational process in which a series of operations is repeated a number of times**itin-er-ant** \i-ˈtin-ə-rənt, ə-ˈ\ *adj* : traveling from place to place; *esp* : covering a circuit (an ~ preacher)**itin-er-ary** \i-ˈtin-ə-, rer-ē, ə-ˈ\ *n*, *pl* **-ar-ies** **1** : the route of a journey or the proposed outline of one **2** : a travel diary **3** : GUIDEBOOK**its** \(\)its, əts\ *adj* : of or relating to it or itself**it-self** \ˈit-ˌself, ət-ˈ\ *pron* : that identical one — used reflexively, for emphasis, or in absolute constructions **-ity** \ət-ē\ *n* **suffix** : quality : state : degree (alkalinity)**IUD** \,i-, yū-ˈdē\ *n* : INTRAUTERINE DEVICE**IV** *abbr* intravenous; intravenously**-ive** \iv\ *adj* **suffix** : that performs or tends toward an (indicated) action (corrective)**ivo-ry** \ˈiv-(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* **-ries** [ME *ivorie*, fr. OF *ivoire*, fr. L *eboreus* of ivory, fr. *ebur* ivory] **1** : the hard creamy-white material composing elephants' tusks **2** : a variable door averaging a pale yellow **3** : something made of ivory or of a similar substance**ivory tower** **1** : an impractical lack of concern with urgent problems **2** : a place of learning**ivy** \ˈi-vē\ *n*, *pl* **ivies** : a trailing woody vine with evergreen leaves and small black berries**IWW** *abbr* Industrial Workers of the World**-ize** \,iz\ *vb* **suffix** **1** : cause to be or conform to or resemble (Americanize) : cause to be formed into (unionize) **2** : subject to a (specified) action (satirize) **3** : saturate, treat, or combine with (macadamize) **4** : treat like (idolize) **5** : become : become like (crystallize) **6** : be productive in or of : engage in a (specified) activity (philosophize) **7** : adopt or spread the manner of activity or the teaching of (Christianize)

J

¹j \jā\ *n*, *pl* **j's** or **js** \jāz\ *often cap* : the 10th letter of the English alphabet**²j** *abbr*, *often cap* **1** jack **2** journal **3** judge **4** justice**¹jab** \ˈjab\ *vb* **jabbed; jab-bing** : to thrust quickly or abruptly : POKE**²jab** *n* : a usu. short straight punch**jab-ber** \ˈjab-ər\ *vb* **jab-bered; jab-ber-ing** \ˈjab-(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to talk rapidly, indistinctly, or unintelligibly : CHATTER — **jabber** *n***jab-ber-wocky** \ˈjab-ər-, wāk-ē\ *n* : meaningless speech or writing**ja-bot** \zha-ˈbō, ˈjab-, ð\ *n* : a ruffle worn down the front of a dress or shirt**jac-a-ran-da** \ˈjak-ə-ˈran-də\ *n* : any of a genus of pinnate-leaved tropical American trees with clusters of showy blue flowers**ja-cinth** \ˈjas-nth\ *n* : HYACINTH**¹jack** \ˈjak\ *n* **1** : a mechanical device; *esp* : one used to raise a heavy body a short distance **2** : a male donkey **3** : a small target ball in lawn bowling **4** : a small national flag flown by a ship **5** : a small 6-pointed metal object used in a game (jacks) **6** : a playing card bearing the figure of a soldier or servant **7** : a socket into which a plug is inserted for connecting electric circuits**²jack** *vb* **1** : to raise by means of a jack **2** : INCREASE (ˈ up prices)**jack-al** \ˈjak-əl, -ɒl\ *n* [Turk *çakal*, fr. Per *shagāl*, fr. Skt *śṛgāla*] : an Old World wild dog smaller than the related wolves**jack-a-napes** \ˈjak-ə-, nāps\ *n* **1** : MONKEY, APE **2** : an impudent or conceited person**jack-ass** \-, əs\ *n* **1** : a male ass; *also* : DONKEY **2** : a stupid person : FOOL**jack-boot** \-ˌbüt\ *n* **1** : a heavy military boot of glossy black leather extending above the knee **2** : a military boot reaching to the calf and having no laces**jack-daw** \ˈjak-, dō\ *n* : a black and gray Eurasian crow-like bird**jack-et** \ˈjak-ət\ *n* [ME *jaket*, fr. MF *jaquet*, dim. of *jaque* short jacket, fr. *jacque* peasant, fr. the name *Jacques* James] **1** : a garment for the upper body usu. having a front opening, collar, and sleeves **2** : an outer covering or casing (a book ~)**Jack Frost** *n* : frost or frosty weather personified**jack-ham-mer** \ˈjak-, ham-ər\ *n* : a pneumatic percussion tool for drilling rock or breaking pavement**jack-in-the-box** \ˈjak-ən-thə-, bāks\ *n*, *pl* **jack-in-the-box-es** or **jacks-in-the-box** : a toy consisting of a small box out of which a figure springs when the lid is raised**jack-in-the-pul-pit** \ˈjak-ən-thə-ˈpūl-, pīt, -pēt, -ˈpəl-*n*, *pl* **jack-in-the-pulpits** or **jacks-in-the-pulpit** : an American spring-flowering woodland herb having an

upright club-shaped spadix arched over by a green and purple spathe

1 *jack-knife* \ˈjæk-nɪf\ *n* 1 : a large pocketknife 2 : a dive in which the diver bends from the waist and touches his ankles before straightening out

2 *jackknife* *vb* : to fold like a jackknife (the trailer truck *jackknifed*)

jack-leg \ˈjæk-leg\ *adj* 1 : lacking skill or training 2 : MAKESHIFT

jack-of-all-trades \ˈjæk-əv-, ɒl-ˈtrædz\ *n*, *pl* **jacks-of-all-trades** : one who is able to do passable work at various tasks

jack-o'-lan-tern \ˈjæk-ə-, lant-ərn\ *n* : a lantern made of a pumpkin cut to look like a human face

jack-pot \ˈjæk-, pät\ *n* 1 : a large sum of money formed by the accumulation of stakes from previous play (as in poker) 2 : an impressive and often unexpected success or reward

jack-rab-bit \-, rab-ət\ *n* : a large hare of western No. America with very long hind legs

jack-screw \-, skrū\ *n* : a screw-operated jack

jack-straw \-, strō\ *n* 1 : a straw or a thin strip used in the game of jackstraws 2 *pl* : a game in which jackstraws are let fall in a heap and each player in turn tries to remove them one at a time without disturbing the rest

jack-tar \-ˈtār\ *n*, *often cap* : SAILOR

Ja-cob's ladder \jā-kəbz-\ *n* : any of several perennial herbs related to phlox that have pinnate leaves and bright blue or white bell-shaped flowers

jac-quard \ˈjæk-, ärd\ *n*, *often cap* : a fabric of intricate variegated weave or pattern

1 *jade* \ˈjäd\ *n* 1 : a broken-down, vicious, or worthless horse 2 : a disreputable woman

2 *jade* *vb* **jad-ed**; **jad-ing** 1 : to wear out by overwork or abuse 2 : to become weary *syn* exhaust, fatigue, tire

3 *jade* *n* [F, fr. obs. Sp (*pedra de la*) *ijada*, lit., loin stone; fr. the belief that jade cures renal colic] : a usu. green gemstone that takes a high polish

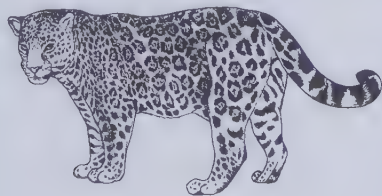
jad-ed \ˈjäd-əd\ *adj* : dulled by a surfeit or excess

1 *jag* \ˈjag\ *n* : a sharp projecting part

2 *jag* *n* : SPREE

jag-ged \ˈjag-əd\ *adj* : sharply notched

jag-uar \ˈjag-(yə)-, wär\ *n* : a black-spotted tropical American cat that is larger and stockier than the Old World leopard



jaguar

jai alai \ˈhi-, li\ *n* [Sp, fr. Basque, fr. *jai* festival + *alai* merry] : a court game played by usu. two or four players with a ball and a curved wicker basket strapped to the right wrist

1 *jail* \ˈjäl\ *n* [ME *jaiole*, fr. OF, fr. LL *caveola*, dim. of L *cavea* cage] : PRISON; *esp* : one for persons held in lawful custody

2 *jail* *vb* : to confine in a jail

jail-bird \-, bərd\ *n* : an habitual criminal

jail-break \-, brāk\ *n* : a forcible escape from jail

jail-er or **jail-or** \ˈjā-lər\ *n* : a keeper of a jail

jai-ap \ˈjäl-ap, ˈjäl-\ *n* : a purgative drug from the root of a Mexican plant related to the morning glory; *also* : this root or plant

ja-la-pe-ño \hāl-ə-ˈpän-(,)yō\ *n* : a Mexican hot pepper

ja-lopy \jə-ˈlöp-ē\ *n*, *pl* **ja-lop-ies** : a dilapidated automobile

jai-lou-sie \ˈjäl-ə-sē\ *n* [F, lit., jealousy] : a blind, window, or door with adjustable horizontal slats or louvers

1 *jam* \ˈjam\ *vb* **jammed**; **jam-ming** 1 : to press into a close or tight position 2 : to cause to become wedged so as to be unworkable; *also* : to make or become unworkable through the jamming of a movable part 3 : to push forcibly (~ on the brakes) 4 : CRUSH, BRUISE 5 : to make unintelligible by sending out interfering signals or messages 6 : to take part in a jam session

2 *jam* *n* 1 : a crowded mass that impedes or blocks (traffic ~) 2 : a difficult state of affairs

3 *jam* *n* : a food made by boiling fruit and sugar to a thick consistency

Jam *abbr* Jamaica

jamb \ˈjam\ *n* [ME *jambe*, fr. MF, lit., leg] : an upright piece forming the side of an opening (as of a door)

jam-ba-laya \ˈjam-bə-ˈli-ə\ *n* [LaF] : rice cooked with ham, sausage, chicken, shrimp, or oysters and seasoned with herbs

jam-bo-ree \ˈjam-bə-ˈrē\ *n* : a large festive gathering

James \ˈjæmz\ *n* — see BIBLE table

jam-pack \ˈjam-ˈpak\ *vb* : to pack tightly or to excess

jam session *n* : an impromptu performance by jazz musicians

Jan *abbr* January

jan-gle \ˈjan-gəl\ *vb* **jan-gled**; **jan-gling** \-g(ə-)liŋ\ : to make a harsh or discordant sound — *jangle* *n*

jan-i-tor \ˈjan-ət-ər\ *n* [L, fr. *janua* door] : a person who has the care of a building — **jan-i-to-ri-al** \ˈjan-ə-ˈtör-ē-əl\ *adj*

Jan-u-ary \ˈjan-yə-, wer-ē\ *n* [ME *Januarie*, fr. L *Januarius*, first month of the ancient Roman year, fr. *Janus*, two-faced god of gates and beginnings] : the 1st month of the year having 31 days

1 *ja-pan* \jə-ˈpan\ *n* : a varnish giving a hard brilliant finish

2 *japan* *vb* **ja-panned**; **ja-pan-ning** : to cover with a coat of japan

Jap-a-nese \ˈjap-ə-ˈnēz, -ˈnēs\ *n*, *pl* **Japanese** 1 : a native or inhabitant of Japan 2 : the language of Japan — *Japanese* *adj*

Japanese beetle *n* : a small metallic green and brown beetle introduced from Japan that is a pest on the roots of grasses as a grub and on foliage and fruits as an adult

1 *jape* \ˈjāp\ *vb* **japed**; **jap-ing** 1 : JOKE 2 : MOCK

2 *jape* *n* : JEST, GIBE

1 *jar* \ˈjār\ *vb* **jarred**; **jar-ring** 1 : to make a harsh or discordant sound 2 : to have a harsh or disagreeable effect 3 : VIBRATE, SHAKE

2 *jar* *n* 1 : a harsh discordant sound 2 : QUARREL, DISPUTE 3 : JOLT 4 : a painful effect : SHOCK

3 *jar* *n* : a broad-mouthed container usu. of glass or earthenware

jar-di-niere \ˈjārd-ˈn-i-ər\ *n* : an ornamental stand or pot for plants or flowers

jar-gon \ˈjār-gən, -ˈgän\ *n* 1 : confused unintelligible language 2 : the special vocabulary of a particular group or activity 3 : obscure and often pretentious language

Jas *abbr* James

jas-mine \ˈjaz-mən\ *n* [F *jasmin*, fr. Ar *yāsamin*] : any of various climbing shrubs with fragrant flowers

jas-per \ˈjas-pər\ *n* : a red, yellow, or brown opaque quartz

jaun-dice \ˈjɒn-dəs\ *n* : yellowish discoloration of skin, tissues, and body fluids by bile pigments; *also* : a disorder marked by jaundice

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 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ə\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \i\job
 \ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

jaun-diced \-dəst\ *adj* **1** : affected with or as if with jaundice **2** : exhibiting envy, distaste, or hostility
jaunt \'jɒnt\ *n* : a short trip usu. for pleasure
jaun-ty \'jɒnt-ē\ *adj* **jaun-ti-er**; **-est** : sprightly in manner or appearance : LIVELY — **jaun-ti-ly** \'jɒnt-ē\ *adv* — **jaun-ti-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*

Ja-va-nese \jəv-ə-'nēz, jāv-, -'nēs\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of the Indonesian island of Java

jav-e-lin \jəv-(ə-)lən\ *n* **1** : a light spear **2** : a slender shaft thrown for distance in a track-and-field contest

jaw \'jɔ\ *n* **1** : either of the bony or cartilaginous structures that support the soft tissues enclosing the mouth and that usu. bear teeth **2** : the parts forming the walls of the mouth and serving to open and close it — usu. used in pl. **3** : one of a pair of movable parts for holding or crushing something — **jaw-bone** \-'bɒn, -'bɒn\ *n* — **jawed** \'jɔd\ *adj*

jaw vb : to talk abusively, indignantly, or at length
jaw-break-er \-brā-kər\ *n* **1** : a word difficult to pronounce **2** : a round hard candy

jay \'jā\ *n* : any of various noisy brightly colored birds smaller than the related crows

jay-bird \'jā-, bərd\ *n* : JAY

jay-gee \'jā-'jē\ *n* : LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE

jay-vee \'jā-'vē\ *n* **1** : JUNIOR VARSITY **2** : a member of a junior varsity team

jay-walk \'jā-, wɒk\ *vb* : to cross a street carelessly without regard for traffic regulations — **jay-walk-er** *n*

jazz \'jəz\ *n* **1** : American music characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and contrapuntal ensemble playing **2** : empty talk **3** : similar but unspecified things : STUFF

jazz vb : ENLIVEN (∼ things up)

jazzy \'jəz-ē\ *adj* **jazz-i-er**; **-est** **1** : having the characteristics of jazz **2** : marked by unrestraint, animation, or flashiness

JCS *abbr* joint chiefs of staff

jct *abbr* junction

JD *abbr* **1** [L *juris doctor*] doctor of jurisprudence; doctor of law **2** [L *jurum doctor*] doctor of laws **3** justice department **4** juvenile delinquent

jeal-ous \'jel-əs\ *adj* **1** : demanding complete devotion **2** : suspicious of a rival or of one believed to enjoy an advantage **3** : VIGILANT — **jeal-ous-ly** *adv* — **jeal-ou-sy** \-ə-sē\ *n*

jeans \'jēnz\ *n pl* [short for *jean fustian*, fr. ME *Gene* Genoa] : pants made of durable twilled cotton cloth

jeep \'jēp\ *n* [alter. of *gee pee*, fr. general-purpose] : a small four-wheel drive general-purpose motor vehicle used by the U.S. army in World War II

jear \'jīər\ *vb* : to speak or cry out in derision : MOCK
jear n : TAUNT

Je-ho-vah \jī-'hō-və\ *n* : GOD **1**

je-hu \'jē-h(y)ū\ *n* : a driver of a coach or cab

je-june \jī-'jūn\ *adj* : lacking interest or significance : DULL

je-ju-num \jī-'jū-nəm\ *n* [L] : the section of the small intestine between the duodenum and the ileum — **je-junal** \-'jūn-əl\ *adj*

jell \'jel\ *vb* **1** : to come to the consistency of jelly **2** : to take shape

jel-ly \'jel-ē\ *n, pl* **jellies** **1** : a food with a soft elastic consistency due usu. to the presence of gelatin or pectin; *esp* : a fruit product made by boiling sugar and the juice of a fruit **2** : a substance resembling jelly — **jelly** *vb*

jelly bean *n* : a bean-shaped candy

jel-ly-fish \'jel-ē-, fish\ *n* : an invertebrate sea animal with a saucer-shaped jellylike body

jen-net \'jen-ət\ *n* **1** : a small Spanish horse **2** : a female donkey

jen-ny \'jen-ē\ *n, pl* **jennies** : a female bird or donkey
je-on \jā-'ɒn\ *n, pl* **jeon** — see *won* at MONEY table

jeop-ar-dy \'jep-ərd-ē\ *n* [ME *jeopardie*, fr. OF *jeu parti* alternative, lit., divided game] : exposure to death, loss, or injury *syn* peril, hazard, risk, danger — **jeop-ar-dize** \-ər-, dīz\ *vb*

Jer *abbr* Jeremiah; Jeremias

jer-e-mi-ad \jər-ə-'mī-əd, -'ad\ *n* : a prolonged lamentation or complaint

Jer-e-mi-ah \jər-ə-'mī-ə\ *n* — see BIBLE table

Jer-e-mi-as \jər-ə-'mī-əs\ *n* — see BIBLE table

jerk \'jɜrk\ *n* **1** : a short quick pull or twist : TWITCH **2** : a stupid, foolish, or eccentric person — **jerk-i-ly** \jər-kə-lē\ *adv* — **jerky** \jər-kē\ *adj*

jerk vb **1** : to give a sharp quick push, pull, or twist **2** : to move in short abrupt motions

jer-kin \'jɜrkən\ *n* : a close-fitting usu. sleeveless jacket

jerk-wa-ter \'jɜrk-, wɒt-ər, -'wāt-ə\ *adj* [fr. *jerkwater* (rural train); fr. the fact that it took on water carried in buckets from the source of supply] : of minor importance : INSIGNIFICANT (∼ towns)

jer-ry-built \'jer-ē-, bilt\ *adj* : built cheaply and flimsily

jer-sey \'jɜr-zē\ *n, pl* **jerseys** [*Jersey*, one of the Channel islands] **1** : a plain weft-knitted fabric **2** : a close fitting knitted shirt **3** : any of a breed of small usu. fawn-colored dairy cattle

jess \'jes\ *n* : a leg strap by which a captive bird of prey may be controlled

jes-sa-mine \'jes-ə-mən\ *var of* JASMINE

jest \'jest\ *n* **1** : an act intended to provoke laughter **2** : a witty remark **3** : a frivolous mood (spoken in ∼) — **jest** *vb*

jest-er \'jes-tər\ *n* : a retainer formerly kept to provide casual entertainment

j'et \'jet\ *n* : a velvet-black coal that takes a good polish and is used for jewelry

j'et vb **jet-ted**; **jet-ting** : to spout or emit in a stream

j'et n **1** : a forceful rush (as of liquid or gas) through a narrow opening; *also* : a nozzle for a jet of fluid **2** : a jet-propelled airplane

j'et vb **jet-ted**; **jet-ting** : to travel by jet

jet lag *n* : a condition that is marked esp. by fatigue and irritability and occurs following a long flight through several time zones

jet-lin-er \'jet-, li-nər\ *n* : a jet-propelled airliner

jet-port \'jet-, pɔrt\ *n* : an airport designed to handle jets

jet-propelled \'jet-prə-'peld\ *adj* : driven by an engine (jet engine) that produces propulsion (jet propulsion) by the rearward discharge of a jet of fluid (as heated air and exhaust gases)

jet-sam \'jet-səm\ *n* : jettisoned goods; *esp* : such goods washed ashore

jet set *n* : an international group of wealthy people who frequent fashionable resorts

jet stream *n* : a long narrow high-altitude current of high-speed winds blowing generally from the west

jet-ti-son \'jet-ə-sən\ *vb* **1** : to throw (goods) overboard to lighten a ship or aircraft in distress **2** : DISCARD — **jettison** *n*

jet-ty \'jet-ē\ *n, pl* **jetties** **1** : a pier built to influence the current or to protect a harbor **2** : a landing wharf

jeu d'es-prit \zhē-des-prē\ *n, pl* **jeux d'esprit** \same\ [F, lit., play of the mind] : a witty comment or composition

Jew \'ju\ *n* **1** : ISRAELITE **2** : one whose religion is Judaism — **Jew-ish** *adj*

jew-el \'ju-əl\ *n* [ME *juel*, fr. OF, dim. of *jeu* game, play, fr. L *lucus* game, joke] **1** : an ornament of precious metal **2** : GEMSTONE, GEM

jewel vb **-eled or -elled**; **-el-ing or -el-ling** : to adorn or equip with jewels

jew-el-er or jew-el-ler \'ju-ə-lər\ *n* : a person who makes or deals in jewelry and related articles

jew-el-ry \'ju-əl-rē\ *n* : JEWELS; *esp* : objects of precious metal set with gems and worn for personal adornment

jew-el-weed \-, wēd\ *n* : IMPATIENS

Jew-ry \ˈju(ə)r-ē, ˈju-rē/ *n* : the Jewish people

jg *abbr* junior grade

jib \ˈjɪb/ *n* : a triangular sail set on a line running from the bow to the mast

jib *vb* jibbed; **jib-bing** : to refuse to proceed further

jibe \ˈjɪb/ *vb* jibed; **jib-ing** : to be in accord : AGREE

jif-fy \ˈjɪf-ē/ *n, pl* jiffies : MOMENT, INSTANT (I'll be ready in a ~)

jig \ˈjɪg/ *n* 1 : a lively dance in triple rhythm 2 : TRICK, GAME (the ~ is up) 3 : a device used to hold work during manufacture or assembly

jig *vb* jugged; **jig-ging** : to dance a jig

jig-ger \ˈjɪg-ər/ *n* : a measure usu. holding 1½ ounces used in mixing drinks

jig-gle \ˈjɪg-əl/ *vb* jig-gled; **jig-gling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ/ : to move with quick little jerks — **jiggle** *n*

jig-saw \ˈjɪg-, sɔ/ *n* : a machine saw with a narrow vertically reciprocating blade for cutting curved lines

jigsaw puzzle *n* : a puzzle consisting of small irregularly cut pieces to be fitted together to form a picture

ji-had \jɪ-ˈhād, ˈhād/ *n* 1 : a Muslim holy war 2 : CRUSADE

jilt \ˈjɪlt/ *vb* : to drop (one's lover) unfeelingly

jilt *n* : one who jilts a lover

jim crow \ˈjim-ˈkrō/ *n, often cap* J&C : discrimination against blacks esp. by legal enforcement or traditional sanctions — **jim crow** *adj, often cap* J&C — **jim crow-ism** *n, often cap* J&C

jim-dan-dy \ˈjim-ˈdan-dē/ *n* : something excellent of its kind

jim-mies \ˈjim-ēz/ *n pl* : tiny rod-shaped bits of usu. chocolate-flavored candy often sprinkled on ice cream

jim-my \ˈjim-ē/ *n, pl* jimmies : a small crowbar

jimmy *vb* jim-mied; **jim-my-ing** : to force open with a jimmy

jim-son-weed \ˈjim-sən-, wēd/ *n, often cap* : a coarse poisonous weed that is related to the potato and tomato and has large trumpet-shaped white or violet flowers

jig-gle \ˈjɪg-əl/ *vb* jin-gled; **jig-gling** \-g(ə-)lɪŋ/ : to make a light clinking or tinkling sound

jingle *n* 1 : a light clinking or tinkling sound 2 : a short verse or song with catchy repetition

jig-go-ism \ˈjɪg-gō-, ɪz-əm/ *n* : extreme chauvinism or nationalism marked esp. by a belligerent foreign policy — **jig-go-ist** \-əst/ *n* — **jig-go-is-tic** \ˈjɪg-gō-ˈis-tɪk/ *adj*

jig-rik-i-sha \ˈjɪn-ˈrɪk-, shə/ *n* : RICKSHA

jinx \ˈjɪŋks/ *n* : one that brings bad luck

jinx *vb* : to foredoom to failure or misfortune

jit-ney \ˈjɪt-nē/ *n, pl* jitneys : a small bus that serves a regular route according to a flexible schedule

jit-ter-bug \ˈjɪt-ər-, bəg/ *n* : a dance in which couples two-step, balance, and twirl vigorously in standardized patterns — **jitterbug** *vb*

jit-ters \ˈjɪt-ərz/ *n pl* : extreme nervousness — **jit-tery** \-ə-rē/ *adj*

jive \ˈjɪv/ *n* 1 : swing music or dancing performed to it 2 : glib, deceptive, or foolish talk 3 : the jargon of jazz enthusiasts

jive *vb* jived; **jiv-ing** 1 : KID, TEASE; *also* : DECEIVE, SWINDLE 2 : to dance to or play jive

Jn or **Jno** *abbr* John

Jo *abbr* Joel

job \ˈjɒb/ *n* 1 : a piece of work 2 : something that has to be done : DUTY 3 : a regular remunerative position — **job-less** *adj*

job *vb* jobbed; **job-bing** 1 : to do occasional pieces of work for hire 2 : to hire or let by the job

Job \ˈjɒb/ *n* — see BIBLE table

job action *n* : a protest action by workers to force compliance with demands

job-ber \ˈjɒb-ər/ *n* 1 : a person who buys goods and then sells them to other dealers : MIDDLEMAN 2 : a person who does work by the job

job-hold-er \ˈjɒb-, hōl-dər/ *n* : one having a regular job

jack \ˈjæk/ *n* [jockstrap] : ATHLETE; *esp* : a college athlete

jack-ey \ˈjæk-ē/ *n, pl* jockeys : one who rides a horse esp. as a professional in a race

jockey *vb* jockey-eyed; **jock-ey-ing** : to maneuver or manipulate by adroit or devious means

jock-strap \ˈjæk-, strəp/ *n* [E slang jock (penis)] : ATHLETIC SUPPORTER

jo-cose \jō-ˈkōs/ *adj* : MERRY, HUMOROUS *syn* jocular, facetious, witty

joc-u-lar \ˈjɒk-yə-lər/ *adj* : marked by jesting : PLAYFUL — **joc-u-lar-i-ty** \ˈjɒk-yə-ˈlɑr-ət-ē/ *n*

jo-cund \ˈjɒk-ənd/ *adj* : marked by mirth or cheerfulness

jodh-pur \ˈjɒd-pər/ *n* 1 *pl* : riding breeches loose above the knee and tight-fitting below 2 : an ankle-high boot fastened with a strap

Jo-el \ˈjō-əl/ *n* — see BIBLE table

jog \ˈjɒg/ *vb* jogged; **jog-ging** 1 : to give a slight shake or push to 2 : to go at a slow monotonous pace 3 : to run or ride at a slow trot — **jog-ger** *n*

jog *n* 1 : a slight shake 2 : a jogging movement or pace

jog *n* 1 : a projecting or retreating part of a line or surface 2 : a brief abrupt change in direction

jog-gle \ˈjɒg-əl/ *vb* jog-gled; **jog-gling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ/ : to shake slightly — **joggle** *n*

john \ˈjɒn/ *n* 1 : TOILET 2 : a prostitute's client

John \ˈjɒn/ *n* — see BIBLE table

john-ny \ˈjɒn-ē/ *n, pl* johnnies : a short gown opening in the back that is worn by hospital patients

John-ny-jump-up \ˈjɒn-ē-ˈjəm-, pəp/ *n* : any of various small-flowered cultivated pansies

joie de vi-vre \ˌzhwä-də-ˈvēvr/ *n* [F] : keen enjoyment of life

join \ˈjɔɪn/ *vb* 1 : to come or bring together so as to form a unit 2 : to come or bring into close association 3 : to become a member of (~ a church) 4 : ADJOIN 5 : to take part in a collective activity

join-er \ˈjɔɪ-nər/ *n* 1 : a worker who constructs articles by joining pieces of wood 2 : a gregarious person who joins many organizations

joint \ˈjɔɪnt/ *n* 1 : the point of contact between bones of an animal skeleton with the parts that surround and support it 2 : a cut of meat suitable for roasting 3 : a place where two things or parts are connected 4 : ESTABLISHMENT; *esp* : a shabby or disreputable establishment 5 : a marijuana cigarette

joint *adj* 1 : UNITED 2 : common to two or more — **joint-ly** *adv*

joint *vb* 1 : to unite by or provide with a joint 2 : to separate the joints of

joist \ˈjɔɪst/ *n* : any of the small beams ranged parallel from wall to wall in a building to support the floor or ceiling

joke \ˈjɒk/ *n* : something said or done to provoke laughter; *esp* : a brief narrative with a humorous climax

joke *vb* joked; **jok-ing** : to make jokes — **jok-ing-ly** \ˈjɒk-ɪŋ-lē/ *adv*

jok-er \ˈjɒ-kər/ *n* 1 : a person who jokes 2 : an extra card used in some card games 3 : a misleading part of an agreement that works to one party's disadvantage

jol-fi-fi-ca-tion \ˈjɒl-i-fə-ˈkə-shən/ *n* : a festive celebration

jol-li-ty \ˈjɒl-ət-ē/ *n, pl* -ties : GAIETY, MERRIMENT

jol-ly \ˈjɒl-ē/ *adj* **jol-li-er**; -est : full of high spirits : MERRY

jolt \ˈjɒlt/ *vb* 1 : to give a quick hard knock or blow to 2 : to move with a sudden jerky motion — **jolt-er** *n*

jolt *n* 1 : an abrupt jerky blow or movement 2 : a sudden shock

Jo-nah \ˈjō-nə/ *n* — see BIBLE table

ʌ\abut ʌʔ\kitten ʌr\urther ʌʌ\ash ʌʌ\ace ʌʌ\cot, cart
ʌʌ\out ʌh\chin ʌe\bet ʌe\easy ʌg\go ʌi\hit ʌi\ce ʌj\job
ʌŋ\sing ʌo\go ʌo\law ʌo\boy ʌh\thin ʌh\the ʌu\loot
ʌʌ\foot ʌy\et ʌh\vision ʌe\also Pronunciation Symbols page

Jo-nas ˈjō-nəs\ *n* — see BIBLE table

Jon-gleur ˈzhō-ˈglər\ *n* : an itinerant medieval minstrel
Jon-quil ˈjān-kwəl\ *n* [F *jonquille*, fr. Sp *junquillo*, dim. of *junco* reed, fr. L *juncus*] : a narcissus with fragrant clustered white or yellow flowers

josh ˈjəʃh\ *vb* : TEASE, JOKE

Josh *abbr* Joshua

Josh-ua ˈjəʃh-(ə)-wə\ *n* — see BIBLE table

Joshua tree *n* : a tall branched yucca of the southwestern U.S.

jost-ile ˈjās-əl\ *vb* **jost-iled**; **jost-ling** ˈ-(ə)-liŋ\ **1** : to come in contact or into collision **2** : to make one's way by pushing and shoving

Jos-ue ˈjəʃh-ə,-wē\ *n* — see BIBLE table

jot ˈjət\ *n* : the least bit : IOTA

2jot *vb* **jot-ted**; **jot-ting** : to write briefly and hurriedly

jot-ting ˈjāt-iŋ\ *n* : a brief note

joule ˈjül\ *n* : a unit of work or energy equal to the work done by a force of one newton acting through a distance of one meter

jounce ˈjauns\ *vb* **jounced**; **jounce-ing** : JOLT — **jounce** *n* **jour** *abbr* **1** journal **2** journeyman

jour-nal ˈjɔrn-əl\ *n* [ME, service book containing the day hours, fr. MF, fr. *journal* daily, fr. L *diurnalis*, fr. *dies* day] **1** : a brief account of daily events **2** : a record of proceedings (as of a legislative body) **3** : a periodical (as a newspaper) dealing esp. with current events **4** : the part of a rotating axle or spindle that turns in a bearing

jour-nal-ese ˈjɔrn-əl-ēz, -ēs\ *n* : a style of writing held to be characteristic of newspapers

jour-nal-ism ˈjɔrn-əl,-iz-əm\ *n* **1** : the business of writing for, editing, or publishing periodicals (as newspapers) **2** : writing designed for or characteristic of newspapers — **jour-nal-ist** ˈəst-ə\ *n* — **jour-nal-is-tic** ˈjɔrn-əl-ˈis-tik\ *adj*

1jour-ney ˈjər-nē\ *n*, *pl* **journeys** [ME, fr. OF *journee* day's journey, fr. *jour* day] : travel from one place to another

2journey *vb* **jour-neyed**; **jour-ney-ing** : to go on a journey : TRAVEL

jour-ney-man ˈmən\ *n* **1** : a worker who has learned a trade and works for another person **2** : an experienced reliable worker

1joust ˈjaʊst\ *n* : a combat on horseback between two knights with lances esp. as part of a tournament

2joust *vb* : to engage in a joust

jō-ial ˈjō-vē-əl\ *adj* : marked by good humor — **jō-vi-al-i-ty** ˈjō-vē-ˈal-ət-ē\ *n* — **jō-vi-al-ly** ˈjō-vē-əl-lē\ *adv*

1jowl ˈjaʊl\ *n* **1** : the lower jaw **2** : CHEEK

2jowl *n* : loose flesh about the lower jaw or throat

1joy ˈjɔi\ *n* [ME, fr. OF *joie*, fr. L *gaudia*] **1** : a feeling of happiness that comes from success, good fortune, or a sense of well-being **2** : a source of happiness *syn* bliss, delight, enjoyment, pleasure — **joy-less** *adj*

2joy *vb* : REJOICE

joy-ful ˈfəl\ *adj* : experiencing, causing, or showing joy — **joy-ful-ly** ˈl-lē\ *adv*

joy-ous ˈjɔi-əs\ *adj* : JOYFUL — **joy-ous-ly** *adv* — **joy-ous-ness** *n*

joy-ride ˈ-rid\ *n* : a ride for pleasure often marked by reckless driving — **joy-rid-er** *n* — **joy-rid-ing** *n*

JP *abbr* **1** jet propulsion **2** justice of the peace

Jr *abbr* junior

JRC *abbr* Junior Red Cross

jt or **jnt** *abbr* joint

ju-bi-lant ˈjü-bə-lənt\ *adj* [L *jubilans*, prp. of *jubilare* to rejoice] : EXULTANT — **ju-bi-lant-ly** *adv*

ju-bi-la-tion ˈjü-bə-ˈlā-shən\ *n* : EXULTATION

ju-bi-lee ˈjü-bə,-lē\ *n* [ME, fr. MF & LL; MF *jubilé*, fr. LL *jubilaeus*, fr. LGk *iōbēlaios*, fr. Heb *yōbhēl* ram's horn, trumpet, jubilee] **1** : a 50th anniversary **2** : a season or occasion of celebration

Jud *abbr* Judith

Ju-da-ic ˈjü-dā-ik\ *also* **Ju-da-ical** ˈ-dā-ə-kəl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or characteristic of Jews or Judaism

Ju-da-ism ˈjüd-ə,-iz-əm\ *n* : a religion developed among the ancient Hebrews and marked by belief in one God and by the moral and ceremonial laws of the Old Testament and the rabbinic tradition

Ju-das tree ˈjüd-əs-\ *n* : a Eurasian leguminous tree with purplish rosy flowers

Jude ˈjüd\ *n* — see BIBLE table

Judge *abbr* Judges

1judge ˈjəʃ\ *vb* **judged**; **judg-ing** **1** : to form an authoritative opinion **2** : to decide as a judge : TRY **3** : to form an estimate or evaluation about something : THINK *syn* conclude, deduce, gather, infer

2judge *n* **1** : a public official authorized to decide questions brought before a court **2** : UMPIRE **3** : one who gives an authoritative opinion : CRITIC — **judge-ship** *n*

Judges *n* — see BIBLE table

judg-ment or **judge-ment** ˈjəʃ-mənt\ *n* **1** : a decision or opinion given after judging; *esp* : a formal decision given by a court **2** *cap* : the final judging of mankind *by* God **3** : the process of forming an opinion by discerning and comparing **4** : the capacity for judging : DISCERNMENT

Judgment Day *n* : the day of the final judging of all human beings by God

ju-di-ca-ture ˈjüd-i-kə,-chūr\ *n* **1** : the administration of justice **2** : JUDICIARY **1**

ju-di-cial ˈjü-dish-əl\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to the administration of justice or the judiciary **2** : ordered or enforced by a court **3** : CRITICAL — **ju-di-cial-ly** ˈ-əl\ *adv*

ju-di-ci-a-ry ˈjü-dish-ē,-er-ē, -ˈdish-ə-rē\ *n* **1** : a system of courts of law; *also* : the judges of these courts **2** : a branch of government in which judicial power is vested — **judiciary** *adj*

ju-di-cious ˈjü-dish-əs\ *adj* : having, exercising, or characterized by sound judgment *syn* prudent, sage, sane, sensible, wise — **ju-di-cious-ly** *adv*

Ju-dith ˈjüd-əth\ *n* — see BIBLE table

ju-do ˈjüd-ə\ *n* [Jp, lit., gentleness art] : a sport derived from jujitsu that emphasizes the use of quick movement and leverage to throw an opponent — **ju-do-ist** *n*

1jug ˈjəʃ\ *n* **1** : a large deep container with a narrow mouth and a handle **2** : JAIL, PRISON

2jug *vb* **jugged**; **jug-ging** : JAIL, IMPRISON

jug-ger-naut ˈjəʃ-ər,-nót\ *n* [Hindi *Jagannāth*, title of Vishnu (a Hindu god), lit., lord of the world] : a massive inexorable force or object that crushes everything in its path

jug-gle ˈjəʃ-əl\ *vb* **jug-gled**; **jug-gling** ˈ-(ə)-liŋ\ **1** : to keep several objects in motion in the air at the same time **2** : to manipulate esp. in order to achieve a desired and often fraudulent end — **jug-gler** ˈjəʃ-lər\ *n*

jug-u-lar ˈjəʃ-yə-lər\ *adj* : of, relating to, or situated in or on the throat or neck (the ~ veins)

juice ˈjüs\ *n* **1** : the extractable fluid contents of cells or tissues **2** *pl* : the natural fluids of an animal body **3** : a medium (as electricity) that supplies power

juic-er ˈjü-sər\ *n* : an appliance for extracting juice (as from fruit)

juice up *vb* : to give life, energy, or spirit to

juicy ˈjü-sē\ *adj* **juice-i-er**; **-est** **1** : SUCCULENT **2** : rich in interest; *also* : RACY — **juic-i-ly** ˈjü-sə-lē\ *adv* — **juic-i-ness** ˈsē-nəs\ *n*

ju-jit-su or **ju-jut-su** ˈjü-ˈjit-sü\ *n* [Jp *jūjutsu*, fr. *jū* weakness, gentleness + *jutsu* art, skill] : an art of fighting employing holds, throws, and paralyzing blows

ju-jube ˈjü,-jüb, ˈjü-jü,-bē\ *n* : a fruit-flavored gumdrop or lozenge

juke-box ˈjük,-bäks\ *n* : a coin-operated automatic record player

Jul *abbr* July

ju-lep ˈjü-ləp\ *n* [ME sweetened water, fr. MF, fr. Ar

julāb, fr. Per *gulāb*, fr. *gul* rose + *āb* water] : a drink made of bourbon, sugar, and mint served over crushed ice in a tall glass

Ju-ly ˈjū-ɪ lɪ n [ME *Julie*, fr. OE *Julius*, fr. L, fr. Gaius *Julius* Caesar] : the 7th month of the year having 31 days

jum-ble ˈjəm-bəl vb **jum-bled**; **jum-bling** ˌb(ə-)lɪŋ : to mix in a confused mass

jumble n : a disorderly mass or pile

jum-bo ˈjəm-bō n, pl **jumbos** [*Jumbo*, a huge elephant exhibited by P.T. Barnum] : a very large specimen of its kind — **jumbo** adj

jump ˈjʌmp vb **1** : to spring into the air : leap over **2** : to give a start **3** : to rise or increase suddenly or sharply **4** : to make a sudden attack **5** : ANTICIPATE (∼ the gun) **6** : to leave hurriedly and often furtively (∼ town) **7** : to act or move before (as a signal)

jump n **1** : a spring into the air; esp : one made for height or distance in a track meet **2** : a sharp sudden increase **3** : an initial advantage

jump-er ˈjəm-pər n : one that jumps

jun-ger n **1** : a loose blouse **2** : a sleeveless one-piece dress worn usu. with a blouse **3** pl : a child's sleeveless coverall

jumping bean n : a seed of any of several Mexican shrubs that tumbles about because of the movements of the larva of a small moth inside it

jumping-off place ˌjəm-pɪŋ-ɔf n **1** : a remote or isolated place **2** : a place from which an enterprise is launched

jump-suit ˈjəm-p, sɪt n **1** : a uniform worn by parachutists in jumping **2** : a one-piece garment consisting of a blouse or shirt with attached trousers or shorts

jumpy ˈjəm-pē adj **jump-i-er**; -est : NERVOUS, JITTERY

jun ˈjʌn n, pl **jun** — see *won* at MONEY table

jun abbr junior

Jun abbr June

junc abbr junction

jun-co ˈjʌŋ-kō n, pl **juncos** or **juncoes** : any of several small common pink-billed American finches that are largely gray with conspicuous white feathers in the tail

junction ˈjʌŋk-shən n **1** : an act of joining **2** : a place or point of meeting (a railroad ∼)

junction ˈjʌŋk-shən n **1** : JOINT, CONNECTION **2** : UNION **3** : a critical time or state of affairs

June ˈjʌn n [ME, fr. L *Junius*] : the 6th month of the year having 30 days

jun-gle ˈjʌŋ-gəl n **1** : a thick tangled mass of tropical vegetation; also : a tract overgrown with vegetation **2** : a place of ruthless struggle for survival

jun-ior ˈjū-njər adj **1** : YOUNGER **2** : lower in rank **3** : of or relating to juniors

junior n **1** : a person who is younger or of lower rank than another **2** : a student in his next-to-last year (as at a college)

junior college n : a school that offers studies corresponding to those of the 1st two years of college

junior high school n : a school usu. including grades 7-9

junior varsity n : a team whose members lack the experience or qualifications required for the varsity

ju-ni-per ˈjū-nə-pər n : any of various evergreen shrubs or trees related to the pines

junk ˈjʌŋk n **1** : old iron, glass, paper, or waste; also : discarded articles **2** : a shoddy product **3** slang : NARCOTICS; esp : HEROIN — **junky** adj

junk vb : DISCARD, SCRAP

junk n : a ship of Chinese waters with a high poop and overhanging stem

junk-er ˈjʌŋ-kər n : something (as an old automobile) ready for scrapping

Jun-ker ˈjʌŋ-kər n [G] : a member of the Prussian landed aristocracy

jun-ket ˈjʌŋ-kət n **1** : a dessert of sweetened flavored



³junk

milk set by rennet as a pudding **2** : a trip made by an official at public expense

junk food n : food that is high in calories but low in nutritional content

junk-ie or **junky** ˈjʌŋ-kē n, pl **junkies** **1** slang : a narcotics peddler or addict **2** : one that derives inordinate pleasure from or is dependent on something (sugar ∼)

jun-ta ˈhʌn-tə, ˈjənt-ə, ˈhən-tə n [Sp, fr. *junto* joined, fr. L *jungere* to join] : a group of persons controlling a government esp. after a revolutionary seizure of power

Ju-pi-ter ˈjū-pət-ər n : the largest of the planets and the one 5th in order of distance from the sun

Ju-ras-sic ˈjū-ras-ɪk adj : of, relating to, or being the period of the Mesozoic era between the Triassic and the Cretaceous — **Jurassic** n

ju-rid-i-cal ˈjū-ˈrɪd-ɪ-kəl or **ju-rid-ic** ˈ-ɪk adj **1** : of or relating to the administration of justice **2** : LEGAL — **ju-rid-i-cal-ly** ˌɪ-k(ə-)lə adv

ju-ris-dic-tion ˈjūr-əs-ˈdɪk-shən n **1** : the power, right, or authority to interpret and apply the law **2** : the authority of a sovereign power **3** : the limits or territory within which authority may be exercised — **ju-ris-dic-tion-al** ˌsh(ə-)nəl adj

ju-ris-pru-dence ˈjū-ˈprʊd-ns n **1** : a system of laws **2** : the science or philosophy of law

ju-rist ˈjūr-ɪst n : one having a thorough knowledge of law

ju-ris-tic ˈjū-ˈrɪs-tɪk adj **1** : of or relating to a jurist or jurisprudence **2** : of, relating to, or recognized in law

ju-ror ˈjūr-ər n : a member of a jury

ju-ry ˈjūr-ē n, pl **juries** **1** : a body of persons sworn to inquire into a matter submitted to them and to give their verdict **2** : a committee for judging and awarding prizes (as at a contest)

jury adj : improvised for temporary use esp. in an emergency (a ∼ mast)

jury-rig ˈjūr-ē-ˈrɪg vb : to erect, construct, or arrange in a makeshift fashion

just ˈjʌst adj **1** : having a basis in or conforming to fact or reason : REASONABLE (∼ comment) **2** : CORRECT, PROPER (∼ proportions) **3** : morally or legally right (a ∼ title)

4 : DESERVED, MERITED (∼ punishment) **syn** upright, honorable, conscientious, honest — **just-ly** adv — **just-ness** n

just ˈ(ɹ)jʌst, ˈ(ɹ)jɪst adv **1** : EXACTLY (∼ right) **2** : very recently (has ∼ left) **3** : BARELY (lives ∼ outside the city) **4** : DIRECTLY (∼ across the street) **5** : ONLY (∼ a note) **6** : VERY

jus-tice ˈjʌs-təs n **1** : the administration of what is just (as by assigning merited rewards or punishments) **2** : JUDGE **3** : the administration of law **4** : FAIRNESS; also : RIGHTEOUSNESS

ˈəʊabʊt ˈəʊkɪtən ˈəʊfʊrðə ˈəʊʌʃ ˈəʊeɪs ˈəʊkɒt, kɑrt
ˈaʊt ˈtʃʌɪn ˈeɪbet ˈeɪeɪs ˈgɔː ˈɪhɪt ˈɪsɪs ˈɪdʒəb
ˈɪsɪŋ ˈdɔː ˈdɔːlɔː ˈdɔːbɔɪ ˈθɪn ˈθɪt ˈθɪt ˈθɪt ˈθɪt ˈθɪt
ˈʊfʊt ˈyɪt ˈzɪvɪʃən see also Pronunciation Symbols page

justice of the peace : a local magistrate empowered chiefly to try minor cases, to administer oaths, and to perform marriages
jus-ti-fi \jəs-tə-,fī\ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing **1** : to prove to be just, right, or reasonable **2** : to pronounce free from guilt or blame **3** : to adjust or arrange spaces in a line of printed text so the margins are even — **jus-ti-fi-able** *adj* — **jus-ti-fi-ca-tion** \jəs-tə-fə-kā-shən\ *n*
jut \jət\ *vb* **jut-ted**; **jut-ting** : PROJECT, PROTRUDE
jute \jüt\ *n* : a strong glossy fiber from a tropical herb used esp. for making sacks and twine

juv *abbr* juvenile

ju-ve-nile \jü-və-,nīl, -vən-əl\ *adj* **1** : showing incomplete development **2** : of, relating to, or characteristic of children or young people

juvenile *n* **1** : a young person **2** : a young lower animal (as a fish or a bird) **3** : an actor or actress who plays youthful parts

jux-ta-pose \jək-stə-,pōz\ *vb* -posed; -pos-ing : to place side by side — **jux-ta-po-si-tion** \jək-stə-pə-'zish-ən\ *n*
JV *abbr* junior varsity

K

k \kā\ *n*, *pl* **k's** or **ks** \kəz\ *often cap* : the 11th letter of the English alphabet

k *abbr* **1** karat **2** kilogram **3** kitchen **4** knit **5** kosher
K *abbr* Kelvin

K *symbol* **1** [NL. *kalium*] potassium **2** knockout

ka-bob \kā-,bāb, kə-'bāb\ *n* : cubes of meat cooked with vegetables usu. on a skewer

ka-bu-ki \kə-'bü-kē\ *n* : traditional Japanese popular drama with highly stylized singing and dancing

kad-dish \kād-ish\ *n*, *often cap* : a Jewish prayer recited in the daily synagogue ritual and by mourners at public services after the death of a close relative

kaf-fee-klatsch \kóf-ē-,klach, 'käf-\ *n*, *often cap* [G] : an informal social gathering for coffee and talk

kai-ser \ki-zər\ *n* : EMPEROR; *esp* : the ruler of Germany from 1871 to 1918

kale \kāl\ *n* : a hardy cabbage with curled leaves that do not form a head

ka-lei-do-scope \kə-'līd-ə-,sköp\ *n* : an instrument containing loose bits of colored glass between two flat plates and two plane mirrors so placed that changes of position of the bits of glass are reflected in an endless variety of patterns — **ka-lei-do-scope-ic** \-,līd-ə-'skāp-ik\ *adj* — **ka-lei-do-scope-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

ka-ma-ai-na \kām-ə-'ī-nə\ *n* [Hawaiian *kama'āina*, fr. *kama* child + *'āina* land] : one who has lived in Hawaii for a long time

kame \kām\ *n* [Sc, lit., comb] : a short ridge or mound of material deposited by glacial meltwater

ka-mi-ka-ze \kām-i-'kāz-ē\ *n* [Jp, lit., divine wind] : a member of a corps of Japanese pilots assigned to make a suicidal crash on a target; *also* : an airplane flown in such an attack

Kan or **Kans** *abbr* Kansas

kan-ga-roo \kən-gə-'rū\ *n*, *pl* -roos : any of several large leaping marsupial mammals of Australia with powerful hind legs and a long thick tail

kangaroo court *n* : a court or an illegal self-appointed tribunal characterized by irresponsible, perverted, or irregular procedures

ka-olin \kā-ə-lən\ *n* : a fine usu. white clay used in ceramics and refractories and in medicine in the treatment of diarrhea

ka-pok \kā-,pāk\ *n* : silky fiber from the seeds of a tropical tree used esp. as a filling (as for life preservers)

Kap-o-si's sar-co-ma \kəp-ə-sēz-sār-'kō-mə\ *n* : a serious disease now usu. associated with AIDS that affects esp. the skin and mucous membranes and is characterized usu. by the formation of pink to reddish-brown or bluish plaques

ka-put *also* **ka-putt** \kā-'püt, kə-, -'püt\ *adj* [G, fr. F *capot* not having made a trick at piquet] **1** : utterly defeated or destroyed **2** : made useless or unable to function

kar-a-kul \kar-ə-kəl\ *n* : the dark tightly curled pelt of the newborn lamb of an Asian sheep

kar-at \kar-ət\ *n* : a unit for expressing proportion of gold in an alloy equal to 1/24 part of pure gold

ka-ra-te \kə-'rāt-ē\ *n* [Jp, lit., empty hand] : an art of self-defense in which an attacker is disabled by crippling kicks and punches

kar-ma \kär-mə\ *n*, *often cap* [Skt] : the force generated by a person's actions held in Hinduism and Buddhism to perpetuate transmigration and to determine his destiny in his next existence — **kar-mic** \-'mik\ *adj*, *often cap*

karst \kärst\ *n* [G] : an irregular limestone region with sinks, underground streams, and caverns

ka-ty-did \kät-ē-,dīd\ *n* : any of several large green tree-dwelling American grasshoppers

kay-ak \ki-,ak\ *n* : an Eskimo canoe made of a skin-covered frame with a small opening and propelled by a double-bladed paddle; *also* : a similar portable boat

kayo \(')kā-'ō, 'kə-'ō\ *n* : KNOCKOUT — **kayo** *vb*

ka-zoo \kə-'zū\ *n*, *pl* **kazoos** : a toy musical instrument consisting of a tube with a membrane sealing one end and a side hole to sing or hum into

KB *abbr* kilobyte

kc *abbr* kilocycle

KC *abbr* **1** Kansas City **2** King's Counsel **3** Knights of Columbus

ke/s *abbr* kilocycles per second

KD *abbr* knocked down

ke-bab or **ke-bob** \kə-'bāb\ *var* of **KABOB**

kedge \kej\ *vb* **kedged**; **kedg-ing** : to move a ship by hauling on a line attached to a small anchor dropped at the distance and in the direction desired

kedge *n* : a small anchor

keel \kēl\ *n* **1** : a timber or plate running lengthwise along the center of the bottom of a ship **2** : something (as a bird's breastbone) like a ship's keel in form or use — **keeled** \kēld\ *adj*

keel-boat \kēl-'bōt\ *n* : a shallow covered keeled riverboat for freight that is usu. rowed, poled, or towed
keel-haul \-'hōl\ *vb* : to haul under the keel of a ship as punishment

keel over *vb* **1** : OVERTURN, CAPSIZE **2** : FAINT, SWOON

keel-son \kel-son, 'kēl-\ *n* : a reinforcing structure above and fastened to a ship's keel

'keen \kēn\ *adj* **1** : SHARP (a ~ knife) **2** : SEVERE (a ~ wind) **3** : ENTHUSIASTIC (~ about swimming) **4** : mentally alert (a ~ mind) **5** : STRONG, ACUTE (~ eyesight) **6** : WONDERFUL, EXCELLENT — **keen-ly** *adv* — **keen-ness** \kēn-nəs\ *n*

keen *n* : a lamentation for the dead uttered in a loud wailing voice or in a wordless cry — **keen** *vb*

'keep \kēp\ *vb* **kept** \kept\; **keep-ing** **1** : FULFILL, OBSERVE (~ a promise) (~ a holiday) **2** : GUARD (~ us from

harm); *also* : to take care of (∼ a neighbor's children) **3** : MAINTAIN (∼ silence) **4** : to have in one's service or at one's disposal (∼ a horse) **5** : to preserve a record in (∼ a diary) **6** : to have in stock for sale **7** : to retain in one's possession (∼ what you find) **8** : to carry on (as a business) : CONDUCT **9** : HOLD, DETAIN (∼ him in jail) **10** : to refrain from revealing (∼ a secret) **11** : to continue in good condition (meat will ∼ in a freezer) **12** : ABSTAIN, REFRAIN — **keep-er** *n*

keep *n* **1** : FORTRESS **2** : the means or provisions by which one is kept — **for keeps** **1** : with the provision that one keeps what he wins (play marbles *for keeps*) **2** : PERMANENTLY

keep-ing 'kē-piŋ *n* : CONFORMITY (in ∼ with good taste)

keep-sake 'kēp-sāk *n* : MEMENTO

keep up *vb* **1** : to persevere in **2** : MAINTAIN, SUSTAIN **3** : to keep informed **4** : to continue without interruption

keg 'keg *n* : a small cask or barrel

keg-ler 'keg-lər *n* : 'BOWLER

kelp 'kelp *n* : any of various coarse brown seaweeds; *also* : a mass of these or their ashes often used as fertilizer

Kelt 'kelt *var of* CELT

kel-vin 'kel-vən *n* : a unit of temperature equal to 1/273.16 of the Kelvin scale temperature of the triple point of water and equal to the Celsius degree in size

Kelvin *adj* : relating to, conforming to, or being a temperature scale according to which absolute zero is 0 K, the equivalent of —273.15°C

ken 'ken *n* **1** : range of vision : SIGHT **2** : range of understanding

ken-nel 'ken-əl *n* : a shelter for a dog or cat; *also* : an establishment for the breeding or boarding of dogs or cats — **kennel** *vb*

ke-no 'kē-nō *n* : a game resembling bingo

Ken-tucky bluegrass 'kən-,tək-ē- *n* : a valuable pasture and meadow grass of both Europe and America

Ke-ogh plan 'kē-(i)ō- *n* [Eugene James Keogh b1907 Am. politician] : an individual retirement account for the self-employed

ke-pi 'kē-pē, 'kep-ē *n* [F] : a military cap with a round flat top sloping toward the front and a visor

ker-a-tin 'ker-ət-ən *n* : any of various sulfur-containing fibrous proteins that form the chemical basis of hair and horny tissues — **ke-ra-ti-nous** 'kə-'rat-'n-əs, 'ker-ə-'ti-nəs *adj*

kerb 'kərb *n, Brit* : CURB

ker-chief 'kər-chəf, -chēf *n, pl kerchiefs* -chəfs, -chēfs *also kerchieves* -chēvz [ME *courchef*, fr. OF *cuevrechief*, fr. *covrir* to cover + *chief* head] **1** : a square of cloth worn by women esp. as a head covering **2** : HANDKERCHIEF

kerf 'kərf *n* : a slit or notch made by a saw or cutting torch

ker-nel 'kərn-əl *n* **1** : the inner softer part of a seed, fruit stone, or nut **2** : a whole seed of a cereal **3** : a central or essential part : CORE

ker-o-sene or ker-o-sine 'ker-ə-,sēn, 'ker-ə-'sēn, 'kar-, 'kar- *n* : a thin oil produced from petroleum and used for a fuel and as a solvent

ketch 'kech *n* : a large fore-and-aft rigged boat with two masts

ketch-up *var of* CATSUP

ket-tle 'ket-əl *n* : a metallic vessel for boiling liquids

ket-tle-drum -,drəm *n* : a brass or copper drum with parchment stretched across the top

'key 'kē *n* **1** : a usu. metal instrument by which the bolt of a lock is turned; *also* : a device having the form or function of a key **2** : a means of gaining or preventing entrance, possession, or control **3** : EXPLANATION, SOLUTION **4** : one of the levers pressed by a finger in operating or playing an instrument **5** : a leading individual or

principle **6** : a system of seven tones based on their relationship to a tonic; *also* : the tone or pitch of a voice **7** : a small switch for opening or closing an electric circuit

key *vb* **1** : SECURE, FASTEN **2** : to regulate the musical pitch of **3** : to bring into harmony or conformity **4** : to make nervous — *usu. used with up*

key *adj* : BASIC, CENTRAL (∼ issues)

key *n* : a low island or reef (as off the southern coast of Florida)

key *n, slang* : a kilogram esp. of marijuana or heroin

key-board -,bōrd *n* **1** : a row of keys (as on a piano) **2** : an assemblage of keys for operating a machine

key club *n* : a private club serving liquor and providing entertainment

key-hole 'kē-,hōl *n* : a hole for receiving a key

key-note -,nōt *n* **1** : the first and harmonically fundamental tone of a scale **2** : the central fact, idea, or mood

keynote *vb* **1** : to set the keynote of **2** : to deliver the major address (as at a convention) — **key-not-er** *n*

key-punch 'kē-,pəntʃ *n* : a machine with a keyboard used to cut holes or notches in punch cards — **keypunch** *vb* — **key-punch-er** *n*

key-stone 'kē-,stōn *n* : the wedge-shaped piece at the crown of an arch that locks the other pieces in place

key word *n* : a word that is a key; *esp* : a word exemplifying the meaning or value of a letter or symbol

kg *abbr* kilogram

KGB *abbr* [Russ *Komitet Gosudarstvennoi Bezopasnosti*] (Soviet) State Security Committee

kha-ki 'kāk-ē, 'kāk- *n* [Hindi *khaki* dust-colored, fr. *khāk* dust, fr. Per] **1** : a light yellowish brown **2** : a khaki-colored cloth; *also* : a military uniform of this cloth

khan 'kän, 'kan *n* : a Mongol leader; *esp* : a successor of Genghis Khan

khe-dive 'kə-'dēv *n* : a ruler of Egypt from 1867 to 1914 governing as a viceroy of the sultan of Turkey

khoun 'kü-m *n* — see *ouguiya* at MONEY table

kHz *abbr* kilohertz

KIA *abbr* killed in action

kib-ble 'kib-əl *vb* **kib-bled**; **kib-bling** : to grind coarsely — **kibble** *n*

kib-butz 'kib-'üts, -'üts *n, pl kib-but-zim* -,üt-'sēm, -,üt- [NHeb *qibbūs*] : a collective farm or settlement in Israel

ki-bitz-er 'kib-ət-sər, kə-'bit- *n* [Yiddish] : one who looks on and uses. offers unwanted advice esp. at a card game — **kib-itiz** 'kib-its- *vb*

ki-bosh 'ki-,bāsh *n* : something that serves as a check or stop (put the ∼ on his plan)

'kick 'kik *vb* **1** : to strike out or hit with the foot; *also* : to score by kicking a ball **2** : to object strongly **3** : to recoil when fired — **kick-er** *n*

'kick *n* **1** : a blow or thrust with the foot; *esp* : a propelling of a ball with the foot **2** : the recoil of a gun **3** : a feeling or expression of objection **4** : stimulating effect esp. of pleasure

kick-back 'kik-,bak *n* **1** : a sharp violent reaction **2** : a secret return of a part of a sum received

kick in *vb* **1** : CONTRIBUTE **2** *slang* : DIE

kick-off 'kik-,ōf *n* **1** : a kick that puts the ball in play (as in football) **2** : COMMENCEMENT

kick off *vb* **1** : to start or resume play with a placekick **2** : to begin proceedings **3** *slang* : DIE

kick over *vb* : to begin or cause to begin to fire — used of an internal-combustion engine

ʌ\abut ʌ^\kitten ʌʁ\urther ʌ\ash ʌ\ace ʌ\cot, cart
 ʌu\out ʃh\chin ʌ\bet ʌ\easy ʌ\go ʌ\hit ʌ\ice ʌ\job
 ʌ\sing ʌ\go ʌ\law ʌ\boy ʌ\thin ʌ\the ʌ\loot
 ʌ\foot ʌ\yet ʌ\hvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

kickshaw ^{ˈkɪk-, shəʊ} *n* [Fr. *F quelque chose* something] **1** : DELICACY **2** : BAUBLE
kick-stand ^{ˈkɪk-, stænd} *n* : a swiveling metal bar attached to a 2-wheeled vehicle for holding it up when not in use
kicky ^{ˈkɪk-ə} *adj* : providing a kick or thrill : EXCITING
kid ^{ˈkɪd} *n* **1** : a young goat **2** : the flesh, fur, or skin of a young goat; *also* : something (as leather) made of kid **3** : CHILD, YOUNGSTER — **kid-dish** ^{ˈkɪd-ɪʃ} *adj*
²**kid** *vb* **kid-ded**; **kid-ding** ^{ˈkɪd-ɪŋ} *1* : FOOL **2** : TEASE — **kid-der** *n* — **kid-ding-ly** ^{ˈkɪd-ɪŋ-lē} *adv*
kid-nap ^{ˈkɪd-, næp} *vb* -**napped** or -**naped** \-, næpt\; -**napping** or -**napping** : to hold or carry a person away by unlawful force or by fraud and against his will — **kid-nap-per** or **kid-nap-er** *n*
kid-ney ^{ˈkɪd-nē} *n*, *pl* **kidneys** **1** : either of a pair of organs lying near the backbone that excrete waste products of the body in the form of urine **2** : TEMPERAMENT; *also* : SORT
kidney bean *n* **1** : an edible seed of the common cultivated bean; *esp* : one that is large and dark red **2** : a plant bearing kidney beans
kid-skin ^{ˈkɪd-, skɪn} *n* : the skin of a young goat used for leather
kiel-ba-sa ^{k(y)el-ˈbās-ə, kil-} *n*, *pl* **basas** *also* -**ba-sy** \-ˈbās-ē : a smoked sausage of Polish origin
kie-sel-guhr or **kie-sel-gur** ^{ˈkē-zəl-, gūr} *n* : loose or porous diatomite
¹**kill** ^{ˈkɪl} *vb* **1** : to deprive of life **2** : to put an end to (competition); *also* : DEFEAT (a proposed amendment) **3** : USE UP (time) **4** : to mark for omission *syn* slay, murder, assassinate, execute — **kill-er** *n*
²**kill** *n* **1** : an act of killing **2** : an animal or animals killed (as in a hunt); *also* : an aircraft, ship, or vehicle destroyed by military action
kill-deer ^{ˈkɪl-, diər} *n*, *pl* **killdeers** or **killdeer** [imit.] : a plover of temperate No. America with a plaintive penetrating cry
kill-ing ^{ˈkɪl-ɪŋ} *n* : a sudden notable gain or profit
kill-joy ^{ˈkɪl-, jōi} *n* : one who spoils the pleasures of others
kiln ^{ˈkɪl(n)} *n* : a heated enclosure (as an oven) for processing a substance by burning, firing, or drying — **kiln** *vb*
ki-lo ^{ˈkē-lō} *n*, *pl* **kilos** : KILOGRAM
ki-lo-byte ^{ˈkɪl-ə-, bɪt, ˈkē-lə-} *n* : 1024 bytes
kilo-cy-cle ^{ˈkɪl-ə-, sɪ-kəl} *n* : KILOHERTZ
ki-lo-gram ^{ˈkē-lə-, gram, ˈkɪl-ə-} *n* : the basic metric unit of mass and weight — *see* METRIC SYSTEM table
ki-lo-hertz ^{ˈkɪl-ə-, hɜrts, ˈkē-lə-, -hɜrts} *n* : 1000 hertz
kilo-li-ter ^{ˈkɪl-ə-, lē-tər} *n* — *see* METRIC SYSTEM table
ki-lo-me-ter ^{ˈkɪl-ˈām-ət-ər, ˈkɪl-ə-, mē-tər} *n* — *see* METRIC SYSTEM table
ki-lo-ton ^{ˈkɪl-ə-, tən, ˈkē-lō-} *n* **1** : 1000 tons **2** : an explosive force equivalent to that of 1000 tons of TNT
ki-lo-volt ^{ˈkɪl-, vɒlt} *n* : 1000 volts
kilo-watt ^{ˈkɪl-ə-, wāt} *n* : 1000 watts
kilowatt-hour *n* : a unit of energy equal to that expended by one kilowatt in one hour
kilt ^{ˈkɪlt} *n* : a knee-length pleated skirt usu. of tartan worn by men in Scotland
kill-ter ^{ˈkɪl-tər} *n* : proper condition (out of ~)
ki-mo-no ^{kə-ˈmō-nə} *n*, *pl* **nos** **1** : a loose robe with wide sleeves traditionally worn with a wide sash as an outer garment by the Japanese **2** : a loose dressing gown or jacket
kin ^{ˈkɪn} *n* **1** : an individual's relatives **2** : KINSMAN
ki-na ^{ˈkē-nə} *n* — *see* MONEY table
¹**kind** ^{ˈkɪnd} *n* **1** : essential quality or character **2** : a group united by common traits or interests : CATEGORY; *also* : VARIETY **3** : goods or commodities as distinguished from money
²**kind** *adj* **1** : of a sympathetic, forbearing, or pleasant

nature (friends) **2** : arising from sympathy or forbearance (deeds) *syn* benevolent, benign, benignant, kindly — **kind-ness** ^{ˈkɪn(d)-nəs} *n*
kin-der-gar-ten ^{ˈkɪn-dər-, gärt-n} *n* [Ger. lit., children's garden] : a school or class for children usu. from four to six years old
kin-der-gart-ner ^{ˈgärt-nər} *n* **1** : a kindergarten pupil **2** : a kindergarten teacher
kind-heart-ed ^{ˈkɪnd-ˈhært-əd} *adj* : marked by a sympathetic nature
kin-dle ^{ˈkɪn-dəl} *vb* **kin-dled**; **kin-dling** ^{ˈ(d)ɪŋ, -dɪl-ɪŋ} **1** : to set on fire : start burning **2** : to stir up : AROUSE **3** : ILLUMINATE, GLOW
kin-dling ^{ˈkɪn-(d)ɪŋ, ˈkɪn-lən} *n* : easily combustible material for starting a fire
¹**kind-ly** ^{ˈkɪn-dlē} *adj* **kind-li-er**; -**est** **1** : of an agreeable or beneficial nature **2** : of a sympathetic or generous nature (men) — **kind-li-ness** *n*
²**kindly** *adv* **1** : READILY (does not take ~ to criticism) **2** : SYMPATHETICALLY **3** : COURTEOUSLY, OBLIGINGLY
kind of ^{ˈkɪn-də(v)} *adv* : to a moderate degree (it's kind of late to begin)
¹**kin-dred** ^{ˈkɪn-drəd} *n* **1** : a group of related individuals **2** : one's relatives
²**kindred** *adj* : of a like nature or character
kine ^{ˈkɪn} *archaic pl* of cow
ki-ne-mat-ics ^{ˈkɪn-ə-ˈmat-iks} *n* : a science that deals with motion apart from considerations of mass and force — **ki-ne-mat-ic** ^{-ɪk} or **ki-ne-mat-i-cal** ^{-i-kəl} *adj*
kin-e-scope ^{ˈkɪn-ə-, sköp} *n* **1** : PICTURE TUBE **2** : a moving picture made from the image on a picture tube
kin-es-the-sia ^{ˈkɪn-əs-ˈthē-zh(ē)-ə} or **kin-es-the-sis** ^{-ˈthē-səs} *n*, *pl* -**the-sias** or -**the-ses** ^{-sēz} : a sense mediated by nervous elements in muscles, tendons, and joints and stimulated by bodily movements and tensions; *also* : sensory experience derived from this source — **kin-es-thet-ic** ^{-ˈthet-ɪk} *adj*
ki-net-ic ^{kə-ˈnet-ɪk} *adj* : of or relating to the motion of material bodies and the forces and energy (kinetic energy) associated with them
ki-net-ics ^{kə-ˈnet-ɪks} *n* *sing* or *pl* : a science that deals with the effects of forces upon the motions of material bodies or with changes in a physical or chemical system
kin-folk ^{ˈkɪn-fōk} or **kin-folks** *n* *pl* : RELATIVES
king ^{ˈkɪŋ} *n* **1** : a male sovereign **2** : a chief among competitors (home-run ~) **3** : the principal piece in the game of chess **4** : a playing card bearing the figure of a king **5** : a checker that has been crowned — **king-less** *adj* — **king-ly** *adj* — **king-ship** *n*
king-bolt ^{ˈkɪŋ-, bɒlt} *n* : a vertical bolt by which the forward axle and wheels of a vehicle are connected to the other parts
king crab *n* **1** : HORSESHOE CRAB **2** : any of several very large crabs
king-dom ^{ˈkɪŋ-dəm} *n* **1** : a country whose head is a king or queen **2** : a realm or region in which something or someone is dominant (a cattle ~) **3** : one of the three primary divisions of lifeless material, plants, and animals into which natural objects are grouped
king-fish-er ^{ˈkɪŋ-, fɪʃ-ər} *n* : a bright-colored crested bird that feeds chiefly on fish
king-pin ^{ˈkɪŋ-, pɪn} *n* **1** : any of several bowling pins **2** : the leader in a group or undertaking **3** : KINGBOLT
Kings *n* — *see* BIBLE table
king-size ^{ˈkɪŋ-, sɪz} or **king-sized** ^{-, sɪzd} *adj* **1** : longer than the regular or standard size **2** : unusually large **3** : having dimensions of about 76 by 80 inches (a ~ bed); *also* : of a size that fits a king-size bed
kink ^{ˈkɪŋk} *n* **1** : a short tight twist or curl **2** : a mental peculiarity : QUIRK **3** : CRAMP (a ~ in the back) **4** : an imperfection likely to cause difficulties in operation — **kinky** *adj*
kin-ship ^{ˈkɪn-, ʃɪp} *n* : RELATIONSHIP

make unconscious or inoperative **3** : to tire out : EXHAUST

knock-wurst or **knack-wurst** \ˈnäk-,wɜrst-, -vù(r)st/ *n* : a short thick heavily seasoned sausage

knoll \ˈnɒl/ *n* : a small round hill

knot \ˈnɑt/ *n* **1** : an interlacing (as of string or ribbon) that forms a lump or knob **2** : PROBLEM **3** : a bond of union; *esp* : the marriage bond **4** : a protuberant lump or swelling in tissue; *also* : the base of a woody branch enclosed in the stem from which it arises **5** : GROUP, CLUSTER **6** : an ornamental bow of ribbon **7** : one nautical mile per hour; *also* : one nautical mile — **knot-ty** *adj*

***knot** *vb* **knot-ted**; **knot-ting** **1** : to tie in or with a knot **2** : ENTANGLE

knot-hole \-hɒl/ *n* : a hole in a board or tree trunk where a knot has come out

knout \ˈnaʊt, ˈnüt/ *n* : a whip used for flogging

know \ˈnɒ/ *vb* **knew** \ˈn(y)ü/; **known** \ˈnɒn/; **know-ing** **1** : to perceive directly : have understanding or direct cognition of; *also* : to recognize the nature of **2** : to be acquainted or familiar with **3** : to be aware of the truth of **4** : to have a practical understanding of — **know-able** *adj* — **know-er** *n* — **in the know** : possessing confidential information

know-how \ˈnɒ-,haʊ/ *n* : knowledge of how to do something smoothly and efficiently

know-ing \ˈnɒ-ɪŋ/ *adj* **1** : having or reflecting knowledge, intelligence, or information **2** : shrewdly and keenly alert **3** : DELIBERATE, INTENTIONAL *syn* intelligent, clever, bright, smart — **know-ing-ly** *adv*

knowl-edge \ˈnɒl-ɪj/ *n* **1** : understanding gained by actual experience (a ~ of carpentry) **2** : range of information (within my ~) **3** : clear perception of truth **4** : something learned and kept in the mind

knowl-edge-able \ə-bəl/ *adj* : having or showing knowledge or intelligence

knuck-le \ˈnæk-əl/ *n* : the rounded knob at a joint and *esp.* at a finger joint

knuck-le-bone \ˈnæk-əl-,bɒn/ *n* : one of the bones forming a knuckle

knuckle down *vb* : to apply oneself earnestly

knuckle under *vb* : SUBMIT, SURRENDER

knurl \ˈnɜrl/ *n* **1** : KNOB **2** : one of a series of small ridges on a metal surface to aid in gripping — **knurled** \ˈnɜrlɪd/ *adj*

***KO** \(\)kɑ-ˈɒ, ˈkɑ-ɒ/ *n* : KNOCKOUT

***KO** *vb* **KO'd** \kɑ-ˈɒd, ˈkɑ-ɒd/; **KO-ing** \-ɒ-ɪŋ, -ɒ-/ : to knock out in boxing

ko-ala \kə-ˈæl-ə/ *n* : a gray furry Australian marsupial with large hairy ears that feeds on eucalyptus leaves **ko-bo** \ˈkə-(ɹ)bō/ *n*, *pl* **kobo** — see *naira* at MONEY table **K of C** *abbr* Knights of Columbus

kohl-ra-bi \kɒl-ˈræb-ē/ *n*, *pl* **-bies** [G, fr. It *cavolo rapa*, lit., cabbage turnip] : a cabbage that forms no head but has a swollen fleshy edible stem

ko-lin-sky \kə-ˈlɪn-skē/ *n*, *pl* **-skies** : the fur of various Asian minks

kook \ˈkük/ *n* : SCREWBALL **2**

kooky *also* **kook-ie** \ˈkü-kē/ *adj* **kook-i-er**; **-est** : having the characteristics of a kook — **kook-i-ness** *n*

ko-peck or **ko-pek** \ˈkə-,pek/ *n* — see *ruble* at MONEY table

Ko-ran \kə-ˈræn, -ˈræn/ *n* [Ar *qurʿān*] : a book of sacred

writings accepted by Muslims as revelations made to Muhammad by Allah

Ko-re-an \kə-ˈrē-ən/ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Korea — **Korean** *adj*

ko-ru-na \ˈkɔr-ə-,nā/ *n*, *pl* **ko-ru-ny** \-ə-nē/ or **korunas** or **ko-rum** \ˈkɔr-əm/ — see MONEY table

ko-sher \ˈkō-shər/ *adj* [Yiddish, fr. Heb *kāshēr* fit, proper] : ritually fit for use according to Jewish law; *also* : selling or serving such food

kow-tow \kaʊ-ˈtaʊ, ˈkaʊ-,taʊ/ *vb* [Chin *k'ou' t'ou²*, fr. *k'ou'* to bump + *t'ou²* head] **1** : to show obsequious deference **2** : to kneel and touch the forehead to the ground as a sign of homage or deep respect

KP \(\)kā-ˈpē/ *n* **1** : enlisted persons detailed to help the cooks in a military mess **2** : the work of KPs

kph *abbr* kilometers per hour

Kr *symbol* krypton

kraal \ˈkrāl, ˈkrɒl/ *n* **1** : a village of southern African natives **2** : an enclosure for domestic animals in southern Africa

kraut \ˈkraʊt/ *n* : SAUERKRAUT

Krem-lin \ˈkrem-lən/ *n* : the Russian government

Krem-lin-ol-o-gist \,krem-lə-ˈnāl-ə-jəst/ *n* : a specialist in the policies and practices of the Soviet government

***kro-na** \ˈkrō-nə/ *n*, *pl* **kro-nor** \-,nɒr/ [Sw] — see MONEY table

***kro-na** \ˈkrō-nə/ *n*, *pl* **kro-nur** \-nər/ [Icel] — see MONEY table

kro-ne \ˈkrō-nə/ *n*, *pl* **kro-ner** \-nər/ — see MONEY table

Kru-ger-rand \ˈkrü-gə(r)-,rand, -,ränd/ *n* : a 1-ounce gold coin of the Republic of South Africa equal in bullion value to 25 rand and having an official price of 31 rand

kryp-ton \ˈkrip-tən/ *n* : a gaseous chemical element that occurs in small quantities in air and is used in electric lamps — see ELEMENT table

KS *abbr* Kansas

kt *abbr* **1** karat **2** knight

ku-do \ˈk(y)üd-ō/ *n*, *pl* **kudos** [fr. *kudos* (taken as pl.)] **1** : AWARD, HONOR **2** : COMPLIMENT, PRAISE

ku-dos \ˈk(y)ü-,däs/ *n* : fame and renown resulting from achievement

kud-zu \ˈküd-zü/ *n* [Jp *kuzu*] : a creeping vine widely grown for hay and forage and for erosion control

ku-lak \k(y)ü-ˈlak/ *n* [Russ, lit., fist] **1** : a wealthy peasant farmer in 19th century Russia **2** : a farmer characterized by Communists as too wealthy

kum-quat \ˈkəm-,kwät/ *n* [Chin *kam kwat*, fr. *kam* gold + *kwat* orange] : a small citrus fruit with sweet spongy rind and acid pulp

kung fu \ˈkʌŋ-ˈfū, ˈkuŋ-/ *n* : a Chinese art of self-defense resembling karate

ku-rus \kə-ˈrüş/ *n*, *pl* **kurus** — see *lira* at MONEY table

kv *abbr* kilovolt

kw *abbr* kilowatt

kwa-cha \ˈkwäch-ə/ *n*, *pl* **kwacha** — see MONEY table

kwan-za \ˈkwän-zə/ *n*, *pl* **kwanzas** or **kwanza** — see MONEY table

kwash-i-or-kor \,kwāsh-ē-ˈôr-kôr, -ôr-ˈkôr/ *n* : a disease of young children resulting from deficient intake of protein

kwhr or **kwh** *abbr* kilowatt-hour

Ky or **KY** *abbr* Kentucky

kyat \ˈchāt/ *n* — see MONEY table

L

l *l* \el\ *n*, *pl* *l*'s or *ls* \elz\ *often cap* : the 12th letter of the English alphabet

l *abbr*, *often cap* **1** lake **2** large **3** left **4** [*L libra*] pound **5** line **6** liter

La *abbr* Louisiana

La *symbol* lanthanum

LA *abbr* **1** law agent **2** Los Angeles **3** Louisiana

lab \ˈlɑb\ *n* : LABORATORY

Lab *abbr* Labrador

la-bel \ˈlɑ-bəl\ *n* **1** : a slip attached to something for identification or description **2** : a descriptive or identifying word or phrase **3** : BRAND **3**

label *vb* **-beled** or **-belled**; **-bel-ing** or **-bel-ling** \-b(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : to affix a label to **2** : to describe or name with a label **la-bi-al** \ˈlɑ-bē-əl\ *adj* : of or relating to the lips or labia **la-bia ma-jo-ra** \ˈlɑ-bē-ə-mə-ˈjōr-ə\ *n pl* : the outer fatty folds of the vulva

labia mi-no-ra \-mə-ˈnōr-ə\ *n pl* : the inner highly vascular folds of the vulva

la-bile \ˈlɑ-,bil-, -bəl\ *adj* **1** : UNSTABLE **2** : ADAPTABLE

la-bi-um \ˈlɑ-bē-əm\ *n*, *pl* **la-bia** \-ə\ [*NL*, fr. *L*, lip] : any of the folds at the margin of the vulva

la-bor \ˈlɑ-bər\ *n* **1** : physical or mental effort; *also* : human activity that provides the goods or services in an economy **2** : the physical activities involved in parturition **3** : TASK **4** : those who do manual labor or work for wages; *also* : labor unions or their officials

labor *vb* **la-bored**; **la-bor-ing** \-b(ə-)riŋ\ **1** : WORK **2** : to move with great effort **3** : to be in the labor of giving birth **4** : to suffer from some disadvantage or distress (~ under a delusion) **5** : to treat or work out laboriously — **la-bor-er** *n*

lab-o-ra-to-ry \ˈlɑb-(ə-)rə-,tōr-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ries** : a place equipped for making scientific experiments or tests

Labor Day *n* : the 1st Monday in September observed as a legal holiday in recognition of the working people **la-bored** \ˈlɑ-bərd\ *adj* : not freely or easily done (~ breathing)

la-bo-ri-ous \lə-ˈbōr-ē-əs\ *adj* **1** : INDUSTRIOUS **2** : requiring great effort — **la-bo-ri-ous-ly** *adv*

la-bor-sav-ing \ˈlɑ-bər-,sā-viŋ\ *adj* : designed to replace or decrease labor

la-bour *chiefly Brit var* of LABOR

lab-ra-dor-ite \ˈlɑb-rə-,dōr-,it\ *n* : a feldspar showing a play of several colors

Lab-ra-dor retriever \ˈlɑb-rə-,dōr-\ *n* : a strongly built retriever having a short dense black, yellow, or chocolate coat

la-bur-num \lə-ˈbər-nəm\ *n* : a leguminous shrub or tree with hanging clusters of yellow flowers

lab-y-rinth \ˈlɑb-ə-,rinθ\ *n* : a place constructed of or filled with confusing intricate passageways : MAZE — **lab-y-rin-thine** \ˈlɑb-ə-ˈrin-θən\ *adj*

lac \ˈlɑk\ *n* : a resinous substance secreted by a scale insect and used in the manufacture of shellac and lacquers

laced \ˈlās\ *vb* **laced**; **lac-ing** **1** : TIE **2** : to adorn with lace **3** : INTERTWINE **4** : BEAT, LASH **5** : to give zest or savor to

lace *n* [*ME*, fr. *OF laz*, fr. *L laqueus* snare, noose] **1** : a cord or string used for drawing together two edges **2** : an ornamental braid **3** : a fine openwork usu. figured fabric made of thread — **lacy** \ˈlɑ-sē\ *adj*

lac-er-ate \ˈlɑs-ə-,rāt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** : to tear roughly — **lac-er-a-tion** \ˈlɑs-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

lace-wing \ˈlās-,wiŋ\ *n* : any of various insects with delicate wing veins, long antennae, and brilliant eyes

lach-ry-mose \ˈlɑk-rə-,mōs\ *adj* **1** : TEARFUL **2** : MOURNFUL

lack \ˈlɑk\ *vb* **1** : to be wanting or missing **2** : to be deficient in

lack *n* : the fact or state of being wanting or deficient : NEED

lack-a-dai-si-cal \ˈlɑk-ə-ˈdā-zi-kəl\ *adj* : lacking life, spirit, or zest — **lack-a-dai-si-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

lack-ey \ˈlɑk-ē\ *n*, *pl* **lackeys** **1** : a liveried retainer **2** : TOADY

lack-lus-ter \ˈlɑk-,ləs-tər\ *adj* : DULL

la-con-ic \lə-ˈkän-ik\ *adj* [*L laconicus* Spartan, fr. *Gk lakōnikos*; fr. the Spartan reputation for terseness of speech] : sparing of words : TERSE — **la-con-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

lac-quer \ˈlɑk-ər\ *n* : a clear or colored usu. glossy and quick-drying surface coating that contains natural or synthetic substances — **lacquer** *vb*

lac-ri-mal *also* **lac-ry-mal** \ˈlɑk-rə-məl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the glands that produce tears

lac-ri-ma-tion \ˈlɑk-rə-ˈmā-shən\ *n* : secretion of tears

la-crosse \lə-ˈkrōs\ *n* [*CanF la crosse*, lit., the crozier] : a game played on a field by two teams with a hard ball and long-handled rackets

lac-tate \ˈlɑk-,tāt\ *vb* **lac-tat-ed**; **lac-tat-ing** : to secrete milk — **lac-ta-tion** \ˈlɑk-ˈtā-shən\ *n*

lac-tic \ˈlɑk-tik\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to milk **2** : formed in the souring of milk

lactic acid *n* : a syrupy acid present in blood and muscle tissue, produced by bacterial fermentation of carbohydrates, and used in food and medicine

lac-tose \ˈlɑk-,tōs\ *n* : a sugar present in milk

la-cu-na \lə-ˈk(y)ü-nə\ *n*, *pl* **la-cu-nae** \-nē\ or **la-cu-nas** [*L*, pool, pit, gap, fr. *lacus* lake] : a blank space or missing part : GAP

lad \ˈlɑd\ *n* : YOUTH; *also* : FELLOW

lad-der \ˈlɑd-ər\ *n* : a device for climbing that consists of two parallel sidepieces joined at intervals by cross-pieces

lad-die \ˈlɑd-ē\ *n* : a young lad

lad-en \ˈlād-ən\ *adj* : LOADED, BURDENED

lad-ing \ˈlād-iŋ\ *n* : CARGO, FREIGHT

lad-dle \ˈlād-əl\ *n* : a deep-bowled long-handled spoon used in taking up and conveying liquids — **ladle** *vb*

la-dy \ˈlād-ē\ *n*, *pl* **ladies** [*ME*, fr. *OE hlāfdige*, fr. *hlāf* bread + *-dige* (akin to *dæge* kneader of bread)] **1** : a woman of property, rank, or authority; *also* : a woman of superior social position or of refinement **2** : WOMAN **3** : WIFE

lady beetle *n* : LADYBUG

la-dy-bird \ˈlād-ē-,bərd\ *n* : LADYBUG

la-dy-bug \-,bæg\ *n* : any of various small nearly hemispherical and usu. brightly colored beetles that feed mostly on other insects

la-dy-fin-ger \ˈlād-ē-,fiŋ-gər\ *n* : a small finger-shaped sponge cake

la-dy-in-wait-ing \ˈlād-ē-in-ˈwāt-iŋ\ *n*, *pl* **ladies-in-waiting** : a lady appointed to attend or wait on a queen or princess

la-dy-like \ˈlād-ē-,lik\ *adj* : WELL-BRED

la-dy-love \-,ləv\ *n* : SWEETHEART

la-dy-ship \ˈlād-ē-,ship\ *n* : the condition of being a lady : rank of lady

lady's slipper \ˈlād-ē(z)-,slip-ər\ *n* : any of several No. American orchids with slipper-shaped flowers

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\oot, cart
 \aʊ\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\vice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \v\foot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

lag \ˈlɑɡ\ *n* 1 : a slowing up or falling behind; *also* : the amount by which one lags 2 : INTERVAL
lag *vb* **lagged**; **lag-ging** 1 : to fail to keep up : stay behind 2 : to slacken gradually *syn* dawdle, dally, tarry, loiter
la-ger \ˈlā-ɡər\ *n* : a light-colored usu. dry beer
lag-gard \ˈlɑɡ-ərd\ *adj* : DILATORY, SLOW — **lag-gard-ly** *adv* or *adj* — **lag-gard-ness** *n*
laggard *n* : one that lags or lingers
la-gniappe \ˈlɑn-ˌjap\ *n* : something given free esp. with a purchase
la-goon \lə-ˈɡūn\ *n* : a shallow sound, channel, or pond near or communicating with a larger body of water
laid *past* and *past part* of **LAY**
laid-back \ˈlād-ˈbæk\ *adj* : having a relaxed style or character (∼ music)
lain *past part* of **LIE**
lair \ˈlɑər\ *n* : the resting or living place of a wild animal : DEN
laird \ˈlɑərd\ *n*, *Scot* : a landed proprietor
laissez-faire \ˌles-ˌɑ-ˈfar\ *n* [F *laissez faire* let do] : a doctrine opposing governmental interference in economic affairs beyond that necessary to maintain peace and property rights
la-ity \ˈlɑ-ot-ē\ *n* 1 : the people of a religious faith who are not members of its clergy 2 : the mass of people who are of a particular field
lake \ˈlāk\ *n* : an inland body of standing water of considerable size; *also* : a pool of liquid (as lava or pitch)
lam \ˈlɑm\ *vb* **lammed**; **lam-ming** : to flee hastily — **lam** *n*
lam *abbr* laminated
Lam *abbr* Lamentations
la-ma \ˈlām-ə\ *n* : a Buddhist monk of Tibet or Mongolia
la-ma-sery \ˈlām-ə-,ser-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ser-ies** : a monastery for lamas
lamb \ˈlɑm\ *n* 1 : a young sheep; *also* : its flesh used as food 2 : an innocent or gentle person
lamb *vb* : to bring forth a lamb
lam-baste or **lam-bast** \ˈlɑm-ˈbāst-, ˈbāst\ *vb* 1 : BEAT 2 : EXCORIATE
lam-bent \ˈlɑm-bənt\ *adj* [L *lambens*, *prp.* of *lambere* to lick] 1 : FLICKERING 2 : softly radiant (∼ eyes) 3 : marked by lightness or brilliance (∼ humor) — **lam-ben-cy** \-bən-sē\ *n* — **lam-bent-ly** *adv*
lamb-skin \ˈlɑm-,skɪn\ *n* : a lamb's skin or a small fine-grade sheepskin or the leather made from either
lame \ˈlɑm\ *adj* **lam-er**; **lam-est** 1 : having a body part and usu. a limb so disabled as to impair freedom of movement; *also* : marked by stiffness and soreness 2 : lacking substance : WEAK — **lame-ly** *adv* — **lame-ness** *n*
lame *vb* **lamed**; **lam-ing** : to make lame : CRIPPLE
la-mé \lə-ˈmā-, lə-ˈn\ [F] : a brocaded clothing fabric with tinsel filling threads (as of gold or silver)
lame-brain \ˈlɑm-,brān\ *n* : a stupid person
lame duck *n* : an elected official continuing to hold office between an election and the inauguration of a successor
la-ment \lə-ˈment\ *vb* 1 : to mourn aloud : WAIL 2 : to express sorrow for : BEWAIL — **lam-en-ta-ble** \ˈlɑm-ən-tə-bəl-, lə-ˈment-ə\ *adj* — **lam-en-ta-bly** \-blē\ *adv* — **lam-en-ta-tion** \ˈlɑm-ən-ˈtā-shən\ *n*
lament *n* 1 : a crying out in grief : WAIL 2 : DIRGE, ELEGY
Lamentations *n* — see BIBLE table
la-mia \ˈlā-mē-ə\ *n* : a female demon
lam-i-na \ˈlɑm-ə-nə\ *n*, *pl* **-nae** \-nē\ or **-nas** : a thin plate or scale
lam-i-nar \ˈlɑm-ə-nər\ *adj* : arranged in or consisting of laminae
lam-i-nated \-ˌnāt-əd\ *adj* : consisting of laminae; *esp* : composed of layers of firmly united material — **lam-i-nate** \-ˌnāt\ *vb* — **lam-i-nate** \-nət\ *n* or *adj* — **lam-i-na-tion** \ˈlɑm-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n*
lamp \ˈlɑmp\ *n* 1 : a vessel with a wick for burning a flammable liquid (as oil) to produce light 2 : a device for producing light or heat

lamp-black \-,blæk\ *n* : black soot made by incomplete burning of carbonaceous matter and used esp. as a pigment
lamp-light-er \-,līt-ər\ *n* : a person employed to light gas streetlights
lam-poon \ˈlɑm-ˈpūn\ *n* : SATIRE; *esp* : one that is harsh and usu. directed against an individual — **lampoon** *vb*
lam-prey \ˈlɑm-prē\ *n*, *pl* **lampreys** : an eellike aquatic vertebrate animal with sucking mouth and no jaws



lamprey

la-nai \lə-ˈnā\ *n* [Hawaiian] : a porch furnished for use as a living room
lance \ˈlɑns\ *n* 1 : a spear carried by mounted soldiers 2 : any of various sharp-pointed implements; *esp* : LANCET
lance *vb* **lanced**; **lanc-ing** : to pierce or open with a lance (∼ a boil)
lance corporal *n* : an enlisted man in the marine corps ranking above a private first class and below a corporal
lanc-er \ˈlɑn-sər\ *n* : a cavalryman of a unit formerly armed with lances
lan-cet \ˈlɑn-sət\ *n* : a sharp-pointed and usu. 2-edged surgical instrument
land \ˈlɑnd\ *n* 1 : the solid part of the surface of the earth; *also* : a part of the earth's surface (fenced ∼) (marshy ∼) 2 : NATION 3 : REALM, DOMAIN — **land-less** *adj*
land *vb* 1 : DISEMBARK; *also* : to touch at a place on shore 2 : to alight or cause to alight on a surface 3 : to bring to or arrive at a destination 4 : to catch with a hook and bring in (∼ a fish); *also* : GAIN, SECURE (∼ a job)
lan-dau \ˈlɑn-,daʊ\ *n* 1 : a 4-wheeled carriage with a top divided into two sections that can be lowered, thrown back, or removed 2 : an automobile with a folding top over the rear passenger compartment
land-ed \ˈlɑn-dəd\ *adj* : having an estate in land (∼ gentry)
land-er \ˈlɑn-dər\ *n* : a space vehicle designed to land on a celestial body
land-fall \ˈlɑnd(d)-ˈfɒl\ *n* : a sighting or making of land (as after a voyage); *also* : the land first sighted
land-fill \-,fɪl\ *n* : a low-lying area on which trash and garbage is buried between layers of earth
land-form \-,fɔrm\ *n* : a natural feature of a land surface
land-hold-er \ˈlɑnd-,hɒl-dər\ *n* : a holder or owner of land — **land-hold-ing** \-dɪŋ\ *adj* or *n*
land-ing \ˈlɑn-dɪŋ\ *n* 1 : the action of one that lands 2 : a place for discharging or taking on passengers and cargo 3 : a level part of a staircase
landing gear *n* : the part that supports the weight of an airplane or spacecraft
land-la-dy \ˈlɑnd-,lād-ē\ *n* : a woman who is a landlord
land-locked \-,lækt\ *adj* 1 : enclosed or nearly enclosed by land (a ∼ country) 2 : confined to fresh water by some barrier (∼ salmon)
land-lord \-,lɔrd\ *n* 1 : the owner of property leased or rented to another 2 : a person who rents lodgings : INN-KEEPER
land-lub-ber \-,ləb-ər\ *n* : one who knows little of the sea or seamanship
land-mark \ˈlɑnd(d)-ˈmɑrk\ *n* 1 : an object that marks a course or boundary or serves as a guide 2 : an event that marks a turning point 3 : a structure of unusual historical and usu. aesthetic interest
land-mass \-,mas\ *n* : a large area of land
land-own-er \ˈlɑnd-,ō-nər\ *n* : an owner of land

land-scape \ˈlɑnd(-)skɑp/ **n** 1 : a picture of natural inland scenery 2 : a portion of land that can be seen in one glance

landscape *vb* **land-scaped**; **land-scaping** : to improve the natural beauties of a tract of land by grading, clearing, or decorative planting

land-slide \ˈlɑnd(-)slɪd/ **n** 1 : the slipping down of a mass of rocks or earth on a steep slope; *also* : the mass of material that slides 2 : an overwhelming victory esp. in a political contest

lands-man \ˈlɑnd(d)z-mən/ **n** : a person who lives or works on land

land-ward \ˈlɑnd-wərd/ *adv or adj* : to or toward the land
lane \ˈlɑn/ **n** 1 : a narrow passageway (as between fences) 2 : a relatively narrow way or track (traffic ~)

lang *abbr* language

lan-guage \ˈlɑŋ-gwɪj/ **n** [ME, fr. OF, fr. *langue* tongue, language, fr. L *lingua*] 1 : the words, their pronunciation, and the methods of combining them used and understood by a considerable community 2 : form or style of verbal expression 3 : a system of signs and symbols and rules for using them that is used to carry information

lan-guid \ˈlɑŋ-gwəd/ *adj* 1 : WEAK 2 : sluggish in character or disposition : LISTLESS 3 : SLOW — **lan-guid-ly** *adv* — **lan-guid-ness** *n*

lan-guish \ˈlɑŋ-gwɪʃ/ *vb* 1 : to become languid 2 : to become dispirited : PINE 3 : to appeal for sympathy by assuming an expression of grief

lan-guor \ˈlɑŋ-(g)ər/ **n** 1 : a languid feeling 2 : SLUGGISHNESS *syn* lethargy, lassitude, torpidity, torpor — **lan-guor-ous** *adj* — **lan-guor-ous-ly** *adv*

lank \ˈlɑŋk/ *adj* 1 : not well filled out 2 : hanging straight and limp

lanky \ˈlɑŋ-kē/ *adj* **lank-i-er**; **-est** : ungracefully tall and thin

lan-o-lin \ˈlɑn-əl-ən/ **n** : the fatty coating of sheep's wool esp. when refined for use in ointments and cosmetics
lan-ta-na \ˈlɑn-ˈtæn-ə/ **n** : any of a genus of tropical shrubs related to the vervains with heads of small bright flowers

lan-tern \ˈlɑnt-ərən/ **n** 1 : a usu. portable light with a protective covering 2 : the chamber in a lighthouse containing the light 3 : a projector for slides

lan-tha-num \ˈlɑn-thə-nəm/ **n** : a soft malleable metallic chemical element — *see* ELEMENT table

lan-yard \ˈlɑn-yərd/ **n** : a piece of rope for fastening something in ships; *also* : any of various cords

lap \lɑp/ **n** 1 : a loose panel of a garment 2 : the clothing that lies on the knees, thighs, and lower part of the trunk when one sits; *also* : the front part of the lower trunk and thighs of a seated person 3 : an environment of nurture (the ~ of luxury) 4 : CHARGE, CONTROL (in the ~ of the gods)

lap *vb* **lapped**; **lap-ping** 1 : FOLD 2 : WRAP 3 : to lay over or near so as to partly cover

lap **n** 1 : the amount by which an object overlaps another; *also* : the part of an object that overlaps another 2 : a smoothing and polishing tool 3 : one circuit around a racecourse 4 : one complete turn (as of a rope around a drum)

lap *vb* **lapped**; **lap-ping** 1 : to scoop up food or drink with the tip of the tongue; *also* : DEVOUR — *usu.* used with *up* 2 : to splash gently (*lapping* waves)

lap **n** 1 : an act or instance of lapping 2 : a gentle splashing sound

lap-board \ˈlɑp-bōrd/ **n** : a board used on the lap as a table or desk

lap-dog \-dɔg/ **n** : a small dog that may be held in the lap
la-pel \lə-ˈpeɪ/ **n** : the fold of the front of a coat that is usu. a continuation of the collar

lap-idary \ˈlɑp-ə-ˈder-ē/ **n, pl -dar-ies** : one who cuts, polishes, and engraves precious stones

lapidary *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or suitable for engraved inscriptions 2 : of or relating to precious stones or the art of cutting them

lap-in \ˈlɑp-ən/ **n** : rabbit fur usu. sheared and dyed

la-pis la-zu-li \ˌlɑp-əs-ˈlɑz(h)-ə-lē-/ **n** : a usu. blue semiprecious stone often having sparkling bits of pyrite

Lapp \ˈlɑp/ **n** : a member of a people of northern Scandinavia, Finland, and the Kola peninsula of Russia

lap-pet \ˈlɑp-ət/ **n** : a fold or flap on a garment

lapse \ˈlɑps/ **n** [L *lapsus*, fr. *labi* to slip] 1 : a slight error 2 : a fall from a higher to a lower state 3 : the termination of a right or privilege through failure to meet requirements 4 : a passage of time; *also* : INTERVAL

lapse *vb* **lapsed**; **laps-ing** 1 : to commit apostasy 2 : to sink or slip gradually : SUBSIDE 3 : CEASE

lap-wing \ˈlɑp-wɪŋ/ **n** : an Old World crested plover

lar-board \ˈlār-bərd/ **n** : ^{PORT}

lar-ce-ny \ˈlɑrs(-)nē/ **n, pl -nies** [ME, fr. MF *larcin* theft, fr. L *latrocinium* robbery, fr. *latro* mercenary soldier] : THEFT — **lar-ce-nous** \-nəs/ *adj*

larch \ˈlɑrch/ **n** : a conical tree related to the pines that sheds its needles in the fall

lard \ˈlɑrd/ *vb* 1 : to insert strips of usu. pork fat into (meat) before cooking; *also* : GREASE 2 *obs* : ENRICH

lard **n** : a soft white fat obtained by rendering fatty tissue of the hog

lar-der \ˈlɑrd-ər/ **n** : a place where foods (as meat) are kept

lar-es and pe-na-tes \ˌlɑr-ēz-ən-pə-ˈnāt-ēz/ **n pl** 1 : household gods 2 : personal or household effects

large \ˈlɑrj/ *adj* **larg-er**; **larg-est** 1 : having more than usual power, capacity, or scope 2 : exceeding most other things of like kind in quantity or size *syn* big, great, oversize — **large-ness** **n** — **at large** 1 : UNCONFINED 2 : as a whole

large-ly \ˈlɑrj-lē/ *adv* : to a large extent

lar-gess or **lar-gesse** \lār-ˈzhes, -ˈjes/ **n** 1 : liberal giving 2 : a generous gift

lar-go \ˈlār-gō/ *adv or adj* [It, slow, broad, fr. L *largus* abundant] : in a very slow and stately manner — used as a direction in music

largo **n, pl largos** : a largo movement

lar-i-at \ˈlɑr-ē-ət/ **n** [AmerSp *la reata* the lasso, fr. Sp *la* the + AmerSp *reata* lasso, fr. Sp *reatar* to tie again] : a long rope used to catch or tether livestock

lark \ˈlɑrk/ **n** : any of various small songbirds; *esp* : SKYLARK

lark **n** : something done solely for fun or adventure : ESCAPADE

lark *vb* : to engage in harmless fun or mischief — *usu.* used with *about*

lark-spur \ˈlɑrk-spər/ **n** : any of various mostly annual delphiniums

lar-va \ˈlār-və/ **n, pl lar-vae** \-(ı)vē/ *also* **larvas** [L, spec-ter, mask] : the wingless often wormlike form in which insects hatch from the egg; *also* : any young animal (as a tadpole) that is fundamentally unlike its parent — **lar-val** \-vəl/ *adj*

lar-yn-gi-tis \ˌlɑr-ən-ˈjɪt-əs/ **n** : inflammation of the larynx
lar-ynx \ˈlɑr-ɪŋks/ **n, pl lar-yn-ges** \lə-ˈrɪn-,jēz/ or **lar-ynx-es** : the upper part of the trachea containing the vocal cords — **lar-yn-ge-al** \ˌlɑr-ən-ˈjē-əl, lə-ˈrɪn-jē-əl/ *adj*

la-sa-gna \lə-ˈzæn-yə/ **n** [It] : boiled broad flat noodles baked with a sauce usu. of tomatoes, cheese, and meat

las-car \ˈlɑs-kər/ **n** : an Indian sailor

las-civ-i-ous \lə-ˈsɪv-ē-əs/ *adj* : LEWD, LUSTFUL — **las-civ-i-ous-ness** **n**

la-ser \ˈlā-zər/ **n** [light amplification by stimulated

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ə\rfurther \ə\wash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ə\ch\chin \ə\bet \ə\easy \ə\go \ə\hit \ə\ice \ə\job
\ə\g\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \ə\thin \ə\the \ə\loot
\ə\foot \ə\yet \ə\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- emission of radiation] : a device that produces an intense monochromatic beam of light
- lash** ¹ˈlʌʃ *vb* **1** : to move vigorously **2** : WHIP **3** : to attack verbally
- lash** ²*n* **1** : a stroke esp. with a whip **2** : a stinging rebuke **3** : EYELASH
- lash** *vb* : to bind with a rope, cord, or chain
- lass** ¹ˈlʌs *n* : GIRL
- lass-ie** ¹ˈlʌs-ē *n* : LASS
- las-si-tude** ¹ˈlʌs-ə-t(y)üd *n* **1** : WEARINESS, FATIGUE **2** : LANGUAGE
- lass-o** ¹ˈlʌs-ō, ˈlʌ-sü *n, pl* lassos or lassoes [Sp *lazo*] : a rope or long leather thong with a noose used for catching livestock — **lasso** *vb*
- last** ¹ˈlʌst *vb* **1** : to continue in existence or operation **2** : to remain valid, valuable, or important : ENDURE **3** : to be enough for the needs of
- last** *n* : a foot-shaped form on which a shoe is shaped or repaired
- last** *vb* : to shape with a last
- last** *adj* **1** : following all the rest : FINAL **2** : next before the present **3** : least likely (the ~ thing he wants) **4** : CONCLUSIVE; *also* : SUPREME — **last-ly** *adv*
- last** *adv* **1** : at the end **2** : most recently **3** : in conclusion
- last** *n* : something that is last — **at last** : FINALLY
- Last Supper** *n* : the supper eaten by Jesus and his disciples on the night of his betrayal
- lat** *abbr* latitude
- Lat** *abbr* Latin
- lat-a-kia** ¹ˌlʌt-ə-ˈkē-ə *n* : an aromatic Turkish smoking tobacco
- latch** ¹ˈlʌtʃ *vb* : to catch or get hold
- latch** *n* : a catch that holds a door or gate closed
- latch** *vb* : CATCH, FASTEN
- latch-et** ¹ˈlʌtʃ-ət *n* : a strap, thong, or lace for fastening a shoe or sandal
- latch-key** ¹ˈlʌtʃ-kē *n* : a key for opening a door latch esp. from the outside
- latch-string** ¹ˌlʌtʃ-ˈstriŋ *n* : a string on a latch that may be left hanging outside the door for raising the latch
- late** ¹ˈlāt *adj* **lat-er**; **lat-est** **1** : coming or remaining after the due, usual, or proper time : TARDY **2** : far advanced toward the close or end **3** : recently deceased (her ~ husband) **4** : made, appearing, or happening just previous to the present : RECENT — **late-ly** *adv* — **late-ness** *n*
- late** *adv* **lat-er**; **lat-est** **1** : after the usual or proper time; *also* : at or to an advanced point in time **2** : RECENTLY
- late-com-er** ¹ˌlāt-ˌkəm-ər *n* : one who arrives late
- la-teen** ¹ˌlā-ˈtēn *adj* : relating to or being a triangular sail extended by a long spar slung to a low mast
- la-tent** ¹ˌlāt-nt̩ *adj* : present but not visible or active syn dormant, quiescent, potential — **la-ten-cy** ¹ˌn-sē *n*
- lat-er-al** ¹ˌlʌt-(ə)-rəl *adj* : situated on, directed toward, or coming from the side — **lat-er-al-ly** ¹-ē *adv*
- lateral** *n* **1** : a lateral passage (as a drainage ditch) **2** : a football pass thrown parallel to the line of scrimmage or away from the opponent's goal
- la-tex** ¹ˈlā-, ˈtɛks *n, pl* la-ti-ces ¹ˌlāt-ə-, ˌsēz, ˈlāt- or ˌla-tex-es **1** : a milky plant juice esp. of members of the milkweed group (rubber is made from a ~) **2** : a water emulsion of a synthetic rubber or plastic used esp. as a paint
- lath** ¹ˈlath, ˈlath̩ *n, pl* laths or lath : a thin narrow strip of wood used esp. as a base for plaster; *also* : a building material in sheets used for the same purpose — **lath-ing** ¹-iŋ *n*
- lathe** ¹ˈlath̩ *n* : a machine in which a piece of material is held and turned while being shaped by a tool
- lath-er** ¹ˈlath-ər *n* **1** : a foam or froth formed when a detergent is agitated in water; *also* : foam from profuse sweating (as by a horse) **2** : DITHER
- lather** *vb* **lath-er-ed**; **lath-er-ing** ¹-(ə)-riŋ *:* to spread lather over; *also* : to form a lather
- Lat-in** ¹ˈlʌt-ən *n* **1** : the language of ancient Rome **2** : a member of any of the peoples whose languages derive from Latin — **Latin** *adj*
- Latin American** *n* : a native or inhabitant of any of the countries of No., Central, or So. America whose official language is Spanish or Portuguese — **Latin-American** *adj*
- La-ti-no** ˌlā-ˈtē-nō *n, pl* -nos : a native or inhabitant of Latin America; *also* : a person of Latin-American origin living in the U.S.
- lat-i-tude** ¹ˈlʌt-ə-, t(y)üd *n* **1** : angular distance north or south from the earth's equator measured in degrees **2** : a region marked by its latitude **3** : freedom of action or choice
- lat-i-tu-di-nar-i-an** ¹ˌlʌt-ə-, t(y)üd-ən-ˈer-ē-ən *n* : a person who is broad and liberal in religious belief and conduct
- la-trine** ¹ˌlə-ˈtrēn *n* : TOILET
- lat-ter** ¹ˈlʌt-ər *adj* **1** : more recent; *also* : FINAL **2** : of, relating to, or being the second of two things referred to — **lat-ter-ly** *adv*
- lat-ter-day** *adj* **1** : of present or recent times **2** : of a later or subsequent time
- Latter-day Saint** *n* : a member of a religious body founded by Joseph Smith in 1830 and accepting the Book of Mormon as divine revelation : MORMON
- lat-tice** ¹ˈlʌt-əs *n* **1** : a framework of crossed wood or metal strips; *also* : a window, door, or gate having a lattice **2** : a regular geometrical arrangement
- lat-tice-work** ¹-ˌwɜrk *n* : LATTICE; *also* : work made of lattices
- laud** ¹ˈlɔd *n* : PRAISE, ACCLAIM
- laud** *vb* : PRAISE, EXTOL — **laud-able** *adj* — **laud-ably** *adv*
- lau-da-num** ¹ˌlɔd-(ə)-nəm *n* : OPIATE; *esp* : a tincture of opium
- lau-da-to-ry** ¹ˌlɔd-ə-, tɔr-ē *adj* : of, relating to, or expressive of praise
- laugh** ¹ˈlɑf, ˈlɒf *vb* : to show mirth, joy, or scorn with a smile and chuckle or explosive sound; *also* : to become amused or derisive — **laugh-able** *adj* — **laugh-ing-ly** ¹-iŋ-lē *adv*
- laugh** *n* **1** : the act of laughing **2** : JOKE; *also* : JEER
- laugh-ing-stock** ¹ˌlɑf-iŋ-, stɒk, ˈlɒf- *n* : an object of ridicule
- laugh-ter** ¹ˈlɑf-tər, ˈlɒf- *n* : the action or sound of laughing
- launch** ¹ˈlɒnʃ *vb* [ME *launchen*, fr. OF *lancer*, fr. LL *lanceare* to wield a lance] **1** : THROW, HURL; *also* : to send off (~ a rocket) **2** : to set afloat **3** : to set in operation : START
- launch** *n* : an act or instance of launching
- launch** *n* : a small open or half-decked motorboat
- launch-er** ¹ˌlɒn-ʃər *n* **1** : one that launches **2** : a device for firing a grenade from a rifle **3** : a device for launching a rocket or rocket shell
- launch-pad** ¹ˌlɒnʃ-, ˌpad *n* : a platform from which a rocket is launched
- laun-der** ¹ˌlɒn-dər *vb* **laun-dered**; **laun-der-ing** ¹-d(ə)-riŋ *:* to wash or wash and iron clothing and household linens — **laun-der-er** *n* — **laun-dress** ¹-drəs *n*
- laun-dry** ¹ˌlɒn-drē *n, pl* laundries [fr. obs. *launder* laundrer, fr. MF *lavandier*, fr. ML *lavandarius*, fr. L *lavandus* needing to be washed, fr. *lavare* to wash] **1** : a place where laundering is done **2** : clothes or linens that have been or are to be laundered — **laun-dry-man** ¹-mən *n* — **laun-dry-wom-an** ¹-wʊm-ən *n*
- lau-re-ate** ¹ˌlɔr-ē-ət *n* : the recipient of honor for achievement in an art or science — **lau-re-ate-ship** *n*
- lau-rel** ¹ˌlɔ-rəl *n* **1** : any of several trees or shrubs related to the sassafras and cinnamon; *esp* : a small evergreen tree of southern Europe **2** : MOUNTAIN LAUREL **3** : a crown of laurel : HONOR, DISTINCTION — *usu.* used in pl.
- lav** *abbr* lavatory

la-va \lāv-ə, 'lav-ə/ *n* [It] : melted rock coming from a volcano; *also* : such rock solidified

la-vage \lə-'vāzh/ *n* [F] : WASHING; *esp* : the washing out (as of an organ) for medicinal reasons

la-va-li-ere or **la-val-li-ere** \lāv-ə-'li-ər/ *n* [F *lavallière* necklace with a large bow] : a pendant on a fine chain that is worn as a necklace

lav-a-to-ry \lāv-ə-,tōr-ē/ *n*, *pl* -ries **1** : a fixed washbowl with running water and drainpipe **2** : BATHROOM

lave \lāv/ *vb* **laved**; **lav-ing** : WASH

lav-en-der \lāv-ən-dər/ *n* **1** : a European mint or its dried leaves and flowers used to perfume clothing and bed linen **2** : a pale purple

lav-ish \lāv-ish/ *adj* [ME *lavas* abundance, fr. MF *lavasse* downpour, fr. *laver* to wash] **1** : expending or bestowing profusely **2** : expended or produced in abundance — **lav-ish-ly** *adv*

lav-ish *vb* : to expend or give freely

law \lō/ *n* **1** : a rule of conduct or action established by custom or laid down and enforced by a governing authority; *also* : the whole body of such rules **2** : the control brought about by enforcing rules **3** *cap* : the revelation of the divine will set forth in the Old Testament; *also* : the first part of the Jewish scriptures **4** : a rule or principle of construction or procedure **5** : the science that deals with laws and their interpretation and application **6** : the profession of a lawyer **7** : a rule or principle stating something that always works in the same way under the same conditions

law-break-er \lō-,brā-kər/ *n* : one who violates the law
law-ful \lō-fəl/ *adj* **1** : permitted by law **2** : RIGHTFUL — **law-ful-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

law-giv-er \-,giv-ər/ *n* : LEGISLATOR

law-less \lō-ləs/ *adj* **1** : having no laws **2** : UNRULY, DISORDERLY (a ~ mob) — **law-less-ness** *n*

law-mak-er \-,mā-kər/ *n* : LEGISLATOR

law-man \lō-mən/ *n* : a law enforcement official (as a sheriff or marshal)

lawn \lōn/ *n* : ground (as around a house) covered with closely mowed grass

lawn *n* : a fine sheer linen or cotton fabric

law-ren-ci-um \lō-'ren-sē-əm/ *n* : a short-lived radioactive element — *see* ELEMENT table

law-suit \lō-,sūt/ *n* : a suit in law

law-yer \lō-yər/ *n* : one who conducts lawsuits for clients or advises as to legal rights and obligations in other matters

lax \laks/ *adj* **1** : not strict (~ discipline) **2** : not tense or rigid *syn* remiss, negligent, neglectful, delinquent, derelict — **lax-i-ty** \lak-sət-ē/ *n* — **lax-ly** *adv*

lax-a-tive \lak-sət-iv/ *adj* : relieving constipation

laxative *n* : a usu. mild laxative drug

lay \lā/ *vb* **laid** \lād/; **lay-ing** **1** : to beat or strike down **2** : to put on or against a surface : PLACE **3** : to produce and deposit eggs **4** : SETTLE; *also* : ALLAY **5** : SPREAD **6** : PREPARE, CONTRIVE **7** : WAGER **8** : to impose *esp.* as a duty or burden **9** : to set in order or position **10** : to bring to a specified condition **11** : to put forward : SUBMIT

lay *n* : the way in which something lies or is laid in relation to something else

lay *past of* 'LIE

lay *n* **1** : a simple narrative poem **2** : SONG

lay *adj* : of or relating to the laity

lay-away \lā-ə-,wā/ *n* : a purchasing agreement by which a retailer agrees to hold merchandise secured by a deposit until the price is paid in full by the customer
lay-er \lā-ər/ *n* **1** : one that lays **2** : one thickness, course, or fold laid or lying over or under another

lay-ette \lā-'et/ *n* [F, fr. MF, dim. of *laye* box] : an outfit of clothing and equipment for a newborn infant

lay-man \lā-mən/ *n* : a member of the laity

lay-off \lā-,ōf/ *n* **1** : the act of dismissing an employee temporarily **2** : a period of inactivity

lay-out \lā-,aūt/ *n* **1** : ARRANGEMENT **2** : SET, OUTFIT

lay-wom-an \lā-,wūm-ən/ *n* : a woman who is a member of the laity

la-zar \lāz-ər, 'lā-zər/ *n* : LEPER

laze \lāz/ *vb* **lazed**; **laz-ing** : to pass time in idleness or relaxation

la-zy \lā-zē/ *adj* **la-zi-er**; -est **1** : disliking activity or exertion **2** : SLUGGISH — **la-zi-ly** \lā-zē-lē/ *adv* — **la-zi-ness** \-zē-nəs/ *n*

la-zy-bones \lā-zē-,bōnz/ *n* : a lazy person

lazy Su-san \lā-zē-'süz-n/ *n* : a revolving tray placed on a dining table

lb *abbr* [L *libra*] pound

lc *abbr* lowercase

LC *abbr* Library of Congress

LCD \el-'sē-'dē/ *n* [liquid crystal display] : a display (as of the time in a watch) that consists of segments of a liquid crystal whose reflectivity varies with the voltage applied to them

LCD *abbr* least common denominator; lowest common denominator

LCDR *abbr* lieutenant commander

LCM *abbr* least common multiple; lowest common multiple

LCpl *abbr* lance corporal

ld *abbr* 1 load 2 lord

LD *abbr* lethal dose

LDC *abbr* less developed country

ldg *abbr* 1 landing 2 loading

LDS *abbr* Latter-day Saints

lea \lē, 'lā/ *n* : PASTURE, MEADOW

leach \lēch/ *vb* : to pass a liquid (as water) through to carry off the soluble components; *also* : to dissolve out by such means (~ alkali from ashes)

lead \lēd/ *vb* **led** \led/; **lead-ing** **1** : to guide on a way; *also* : to run in a specified direction **2** : LIVE (~ a quiet life) **3** : to direct the operations, activity, or performance of (~ an orchestra) **4** : to go at the head of : be first (~ a parade) **5** : to begin play with; *also* : BEGIN, OPEN **6** : to tend toward a definite result (study ~ing to a degree) — **lead-er** *n* — **lead-er-less** *adj* — **lead-er-ship** *n*

lead \lēd/ *n* **1** : a position at the front; *also* : a margin by which one leads **2** : the privilege of leading in cards; *also* : the card or suit led **3** : EXAMPLE **4** : one that leads **5** : a principal role (as in a play); *also* : one who plays such a role **6** : INDICATION, CLUE **7** : an insulated electrical conductor

lead \lēd/ *n* **1** : a heavy bluish white chemical element that is easily bent and shaped — *see* ELEMENT table **2** : an article made of lead; *esp* : a weight for sounding at sea **3** : a thin strip of metal used to separate lines of type in printing **4** : a thin stick of marking substance in or for a pencil

lead \lēd/ *vb* **1** : to cover, line, or weight with lead **2** : to fix (glass) in position with lead **3** : to treat or mix with lead or a lead compound

lead-en \lēd-ən/ *adj* **1** : made of lead; *also* : of the color of lead **2** : SLUGGISH, DULL

lead off \lēd-'ōf/ *vb* : OPEN, BEGIN; *esp* : to bat first in an inning — **lead-off** \lēd-'ōf/ *adj*

lead poisoning *n* : chronic intoxication produced by the absorption of lead into the system

leaf \lēf/ *n*, *pl* leaves \lēvz/ **1** : a usu. flat and green outgrowth of a plant stem that is a unit of foliage and functions *esp.* in photosynthesis; *also* : FOLIAGE **2**

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ə'r'further \ə'vash \ə'vace \ə'cot, cart
\ə'u'out \ch'chin \e'bet \e'veasy \e'go \i'hīt \i'vice \i'job
\g'sing \ō'go \ō'law \ō'boy \th'thin \th'thice \ū'loot
\\ū'foot \y'yet \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

: something that is suggestive of a leaf — **leaf-less** *adj* — **leafy** *adj*



leaf 1

leaf *vb* 1 : to produce leaves 2 : to turn the pages of a book

leaf-age 'lɛf-ʃiː *n* : FOLIAGE

leafed 'lɛft *adj* : LEAVED

leaf-hopper 'lɛf-,hɒp-ər *n* : any of numerous small leaping insects related to the cicadas that suck the juices of plants

leaf-let 'lɛf-lət *n* 1 : a division of a compound leaf 2 : PAMPHLET, FOLDER

leaf mold *n* : a compost or layer composed chiefly of decayed vegetable matter

leaf-stalk 'lɛf-,stɒk *n* : PETIOLE

league 'lɛg *n* : a measure of distance equal to about three miles

league *n* 1 : an association or alliance for a common purpose 2 : CLASS, CATEGORY — **league** *vb*

leagu-er 'lɛ-gər *n* : a member of a league

leak 'lɛk *vb* 1 : to enter or escape through a leak 2 : to let a substance in or out through an opening 3 : to become or make known

leak *n* 1 : a crack or hole that accidentally admits a fluid or light or lets it escape; *also* : something that secretly or accidentally permits the admission or escape of something else 2 : LEAKAGE — **leaky** *adj*

leak-age 'lɛ-kij *n* 1 : the act of leaking 2 : the thing or amount that leaks

leal 'lɛl *adj*, chiefly *Scot* : LOYAL

lean 'lɛn *vb* 1 : to bend from a vertical position : INCLINE 2 : to cast one's weight to one side for support 3 : to rely on for support 4 : to incline in opinion, taste, or desire — **lean** *n*

lean *adj* 1 : lacking or deficient in flesh and esp. in fat 2 : lacking richness or productiveness 3 : low in fuel content — **lean-ness** 'lɛn-nəs *n*

lean-to 'lɛn-,tʊ *n*, *pl* **lean-tos** -,tʊz : a wing or extension of a building having a roof of only one slope; *also* : a rough shed or shelter with a similar roof

leap 'lɛp *vb* **leapt** 'lɛpt, *leapt* or **leaped**; **leap-ing** : to spring free from a surface or over an obstacle : JUMP

leap *n* : JUMP

leap-frog 'lɛp-,frɒg, -,fræg *n* : a game in which one player bends down and another vaults over him — **leapfrog** *vb*

leap year *n* : a year containing 366 days with February 29 as the extra day

learn 'lɛrn *vb* **learned** 'lɛrnd, 'lɛrnt; **learn-ing** 1 : to gain knowledge, understanding, or skill by study or experience; *also* : MEMORIZE 2 : to find out : ASCERTAIN — **learn-er** *n*

learn-ed 'lɛr-nəd *adj* : SCHOLARLY, ERUDITE

learn-ing 'lɛr-nɪŋ *n* : KNOWLEDGE, ERUDITION

learnt 'lɛrnt *chiefly Brit past & past part of LEARN*

lease 'liːs *n* : a contract transferring real estate for a term of years or at will usu. for a specified rent

lease *vb* **leased**; **leasing** 1 : to grant by lease 2 : to hold under a lease *syn* let, charter, hire, rent

lease-hold 'lɛs-,hɒld *n* 1 : a tenure by lease 2 : land held by lease — **lease-hold-er** *n*

leash 'lɛʃ *n* [ME *lees*, *leshe*, fr. OF *laisse*, fr. *laisser* to let go, fr. L *laxare* to loosen, fr. *laxus* slack] : a line for leading or restraining an animal — **leash** *vb*

least 'lɛst *adj* 1 : lowest in importance or position 2 : smallest in size or degree 3 : SLIGHTEST

least *n* : one that is least

least *adv* : in the smallest or lowest degree

least common denominator *n* : the least common multiple of two or more denominators

least common multiple *n* : the smallest common multiple of two or more numbers

least-wise 'lɛst-,wɪz *adv* : at least

leath-er 'lɛθ-ər *n* : animal skin dressed for use — **leath-ern** -ərn *adj* — **leath-ery** *adj*

leath-er-neck -,nek *n* : MARINE

leave 'lɛv *vb* **left** 'lɛft; **leav-ing** 1 : to allow or cause to remain behind; *also* : DELIVER 2 : to have as a remainder 3 : BEQUEATH 4 : to let stay without interference 5 : to go away : depart from 6 : to give up : ABANDON

leave *n* 1 : PERMISSION; *also* : authorized absence from duty 2 : DEPARTURE

leave *vb* **leaved**; **leav-ing** : LEAF

leaved 'lɛvd *adj* : having leaves

leav-en 'lɛv-ən *n* 1 : a substance (as yeast) used to produce fermentation (as in dough) 2 : something that modifies or lightens a mass or aggregate

leaven *vb* **leav-ened**; **leav-en-ing** 'lɛv-(ə-)nɪŋ : to raise (dough) with a leaven; *also* : to permeate with a modifying or vivifying element

leav-en-ing 'lɛv-(ə-)nɪŋ *n* : LEAVEN

leaves *pl* of LEAF

leave-tak-ing 'lɛv-,tāk-ɪŋ *n* : DEPARTURE, FAREWELL

leav-ings 'lɛ-vɪŋz *n pl* : REMNANT, RESIDUE

lech-ery 'lɛch-ə-rɪ *n* : inordinate indulgence in sexual activity — **lech-er** 'lɛch-ər *n* — **lech-er-ous** *adj* — **lech-er-ous-ness** *n*

lec-i-thin 'lɛs-ə-thən *n* : any of several waxy phosphorus-containing substances that are common in animals and plants, form colloidal solutions in water, and have emulsifying and wetting properties

lect *abbr* lecture; lecturer

lec-tern 'lɛk-tɜrn *n* : a desk to support a book in a convenient position for a standing reader

lec-tor -tər *n* : one whose chief duty is to read the lessons in a church service

lec-ture 'lɛk-chər *n* 1 : a discourse given before an audience or a class esp. for instruction 2 : REPRIMAND — **lec-ture** *vb* — **lec-tur-er** *n* — **lec-ture-ship** *n*

led *past and past part of LEAD*

LED 'el-ɛd *n* [light-emitting diode] : a semiconductor diode that emits light when a voltage is applied to it and is used esp. for electronic displays

le-der-ho-sen 'läd-ər-,höz-n *n pl* : leather shorts often with suspenders worn esp. in Bavaria

ledge 'lɛj *n* [ME *legge* bar of a gate] 1 : a shelflike projection from a top or an edge 2 : REEF

led-ger 'lɛj-ər *n* : a book containing accounts to which debits and credits are transferred in final form

lee 'liː *n* 1 : a protecting shelter 2 : the side (as of a ship) that is sheltered from the wind — **lee** *adj*

leech 'liːʃ *n* [ME *leche* physician, fr. OE *læce*] 1 : any of various segmented usu. freshwater worms related to the earthworms; *esp* : one formerly used by physicians to draw blood 2 : a hanger-on who seeks gain

leek 'lɛk *n* : an onionlike herb grown for its mildly pungent leaves and stalk

leer 'liər *n* : a suggestive, knowing, or malicious look — **leer** *vb*

leery 'li(ə)r-ɪ *adj* : SUSPICIOUS, WARY

lees \lēz\ *n pl* : DREGS

lee-ward \lē-wərd, \lī-ərd\ *n* : the lee side

leeward *adj* : situated away from the wind

lee-way \lē-wā\ *n 1* : lateral movement of a ship when under way **2** : an allowable margin of freedom or variation

left \left\ *adj* [ME, fr. OE, weak; fr. the left hand's being the weaker in most individuals] **1** : of, relating to, or being the side of the body in which the heart is mostly located; *also* : located nearer to this side than to the right **2 often cap** : of, adhering to, or constituted by the political Left — *left adv*

left *n 1* : the left hand; *also* : the side or part that is on or toward the left side **2 cap** : those professing political views marked by desire to reform the established order and usu. to give greater freedom to the common man

left past and past part of LEAVE

left-hand *adj 1* : LEFT-HANDED **2** : situated on the left **left-hand-ed** \left-'han-dəd\ *adj 1* : using the left hand habitually or better than the right **2** : designed for or done with the left hand **3** : INSINCERE, BACKHANDED **4** : COUNTERCLOCKWISE — *left-handed adv*

left-ism \lef-,tiz-əm\ *n 1* : the principles and views of the Left; *also* : the movement embodying these principles **2** : advocacy of or adherence to the doctrines of the Left — *left-ist* \-təst\ *n or adj*

left-over \left-,ō-vər\ *n* : an unused or unconsumed residue

leg \leg\ *n 1* : a limb of an animal used esp. for supporting the body and in walking; *esp* : the part of the vertebrate leg between knee and foot **2** : something resembling or analogous to an animal leg (table ~) **3** : the part of an article of clothing that covers the leg **4** : a portion of a trip — *legged* \leg-əd\ *adj* — *leg-less* *adj*

leg *vb* *legged*; *leg-ging* : to use the legs in walking or esp. in running

leg *abbr 1* legal **2** legislative; legislature

leg-a-cy \leg-ə-sē\ *n, pl -cies* : INHERITANCE, BEQUEST; *also* : something that has come from an ancestor or predecessor or the past

le-gal \lē-gəl\ *adj 1* : of or relating to law or lawyers **2** : LAWFUL; *also* : STATUTORY **3** : enforced in courts of law — *le-gal-i-ty* \li-'gāt-ē\ *n* — *le-gal-ize* \lē-gə-'līz\ *vb* — *le-gal-ly* \-gə-lē\ *adv*

le-gal-ism \lē-gə-'līz-əm\ *n* : strict, literal, or excessive conformity to the law or to a religious or moral code — *le-gal-is-tic* \lē-gə-'līs-tīk\ *adj*

leg-ate \leg-ət\ *n* : an official representative; *esp* : AMBASSADOR

leg-a-tee \lē-gə-'tē\ *n* : a person to whom a legacy is bequeathed

le-ga-tion \li-'gā-shən\ *n 1* : a diplomatic mission headed by a minister **2** : the official residence and office of a minister to a foreign government

le-ga-to \li-'gāt-ō\ *adv or adj* [It, lit., tied] : in a smooth and connected manner — used as a direction in music **leg-end** \lej-ənd\ *n* [ME *legende*, fr. MF & ML; MF *legende*, fr. ML *legenda*, fr. L *legere* to gather, select, read] **1** : a story coming down from the past; *esp* : one popularly accepted as historical though not verifiable **2** : an inscription on an object; *also* : CAPTION **3** : an explanatory list of the symbols on a map or chart

leg-end-ary \lej-ən-,der-ē\ *adj* : of, relating to, or characteristic of a legend

leg-er-de-main \lej-ərd-ə-'mān\ *n* [ME, fr. MF *leger de main* light of hand] : SLEIGHT OF HAND

leg-ging or **leg-gin** \lej-ə-ŋ-,ŋ\ *n* : a covering for the leg **leg-gy** \leg-ē\ *adj* *leg-gier*; *-est 1* : having unusually long legs **2** : having attractive legs **3** : SPINDLY — used of a plant

leg-horn \leg-,(h)örn, \leg-ərn\ *n 1* : a fine plaited straw; *also* : a hat made of this straw **2** : any of a Mediterranean breed of small hardy fowls

leg-i-ble \lej-ə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being read : CLEAR — *leg-i-bil-i-ty* \lej-ə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — *leg-i-bly* \lej-ə-blē\ *adv*

le-gion \lē-jən\ *n 1* : a unit of the Roman army comprising 3000 to 6000 soldiers **2** : MULTITUDE **3** : an association of ex-servicemen — *le-gion-ary* \-,er-ē\ *n* — *le-gion-naire* \lē-jən-'aər\ *n*

2legion *adj* : MANY, NUMEROUS

Le-gion-naire's disease *also* **Le-gion-naire's** disease \lē-jə-'nerz\ *n* [so called fr. its first recognized occurrence during the 1976 American Legion convention] : a pneumonia that is caused by a bacterium and affects one or more lobes of the lung

legis *abbr* legislation; legislative; legislature

leg-is-late \lej-ə-,slāt\ *vb -lat-ed; -lat-ing* : to make or enact laws; *also* : to bring about by legislation — *leg-is-la-tor* \-,slāt-ər\ *n*

leg-is-la-tion \lej-ə-'slā-shən\ *n 1* : the action of legislating **2** : laws made by a legislative body

leg-is-la-tive \lej-ə-,slāt-iv\ *adj 1* : having the power of legislating **2** : of or relating to a legislature

leg-is-la-ture \lej-ə-,slā-chər\ *n* : an organized body of persons having the authority to make laws

le-git \li-'jit\ *adj, slang* : LEGITIMATE

le-git-i-mate \li-'jit-ə-mət\ *adj 1* : lawfully begotten **2** : GENUINE **3** : LAWFUL **4** : conforming to recognized principles or accepted rules or standards — *le-git-i-ma-cy* \-mə-sē\ *n* — *le-git-i-mate-ly* *adv*

le-git-i-mize \li-'jit-ə-,mīz\ *vb -mized; -miz-ing* : LEGITIMATE

leg-man \leg-,mən\ *n 1* : a reporter assigned usu. to gather information **2** : an assistant who gathers information and runs errands

le-gume \leg-,yüm, li-'gyüm\ *n* [F] **1** : any of a large group of plants having fruits that are dry pods and split when ripe and including important food and forage plants (as beans and clover) **2** : the part of a legume used as food; *also* : VEGETABLE **2** — *le-gu-mi-nous* \li-'gyü-mə-nəs\ *adj*

'lei \lā-,ē\ *n* : a wreath or necklace usu. of flowers

'lei \lā\ *pl of LEU*

lei-sure \lēzh-ər, \lezh-, \lāzh-\ *n 1* : time free from work or duties **2** : EASE; *also* : CONVENIENCE *syn* relaxation, rest, repose — *lei-sure-ly* *adj*

leit-mo-tiv or **leit-mo-tif** \līt-mō-,tēf\ *n* [G *leitmotiv*, fr. *leiten* to lead + *motiv* motive] : a dominant recurring theme

lek \lek\ *n, pl leks* or *le-ke* *also* *lek* or *le-ku* — see MONEY table

lem-ming \lem-ŋ\ *n* [Norw] : any of several short-tailed northern rodents

lem-on \lem-ən\ *n 1* : an acid yellow usu. nearly oblong citrus fruit; *also* : a citrus tree that bears lemons **2** : something unsatisfactory or defective (as an automobile) : DUD — *lem-only* *adj*

lem-on-ade \lem-ə-'nād\ *n* : a beverage of lemon juice, sugar, and water

lem-pi-ra \lem-'pī-ə\ *n* — see MONEY table

le-mur \lē-mər\ *n* : any of numerous arboreal mammals largely of Madagascar usu. with a muzzle like a fox, large eyes, very soft woolly fur, and a long furry tail **lend** \lend\ *vb lent* \lent\; **lend-ing** **1** : to give for temporary use on condition that the same or its equivalent be returned **2** : AFFORD, FURNISH **3** : ACCOMMODATE — *lend-er* *n*

lend-lease \-'lēs\ *n* : the transfer of goods and services to an ally to aid in a common cause with payment being made by a return of the items or their use in the common

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \i\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\foot
 \ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

cause or by a similar transfer of other goods and services

length \ˈlɛŋθ\ *n* 1 : the longer or longest dimension of an object; *also* : a measured distance 2 : duration or extent in time or space 3 : the length of something taken as a unit of measure (the horse won by a ~) 4 : PIECE; *esp* : one in a series of pieces designed to be joined

length-en \ˈlɛŋ-thən\ *vb* **length-ened**; **length-en-ing** \ˈlɛŋθ-(ə-)niŋ\ : to make or become longer *syn* extend, elongate, prolong, protract

length-wise \-,wɪz\ *adv* : in the direction of the length — **lengthwise** *adj*

lengthy \ˈlɛŋ-thə\ *adj* **length-i-er**; **-est** 1 : protracted excessively 2 : EXTENDED, LONG

le-nient \lɛ-nē-ənt, -nyənt\ *adj* : of mild and tolerant disposition or effect *syn* indulgent, forbearing, merciful, tolerant — **le-ni-en-cy** \lɛ-nē-ən-sē, -nyən-sē\ *n* — **le-ni-ent-ly** *adv*

len-i-tive \ˈlɛn-ət-iv\ *adj* : alleviating pain or acrimony **len-i-ty** \ˈlɛn-ət-ē\ *n* : LENIENCY, MILDNESS

lens \ˈlɛnz\ *n* [L *lent-*, *lens* lentil; so called fr. the shape of a convex lens] 1 : a curved piece of glass or plastic used singly or combined in an optical instrument for forming an image; *also* : a device for focusing radiation other than light 2 : a transparent body in the eye that focuses light rays on receptors at the back of the eye

Lent \ˈlɛnt\ *n* : a 40-day period of penitence and fasting observed from Ash Wednesday to Easter by many churches — **Lent-en** \-n\ *adj*

len-til \ˈlɛnt-əl\ *n* : an Old World legume grown for its flat edible seeds and for fodder; *also* : its seed

Leo \ˈli-ə\ *n* [L, *lit.*, lion] : the 5th sign of the zodiac in astrology

le-one \lɛ-ˈɒn\ *n*, *pl* **leones** or **leone** — see **MONEY** table

le-o-nine \lɛ-ə-,nɪn\ *adj* : of, relating to, or resembling a lion

leop-ard \ˈlep-ərd\ *n* : a large strong usu. tawny and black-spotted cat of southern Asia and Africa

le-o-tard \lɛ-ə-,tārd\ *n* : a close-fitting garment worn esp. by dancers and people doing exercises

lep-er \ˈlep-ər\ *n* 1 : a person affected with leprosy 2 : OUTCAST

lep-re-chaun \ˈlep-rə-,kän\ *n* : a mischievous elf of Irish folklore

lep-ro-sy \ˈlep-rə-sē\ *n* : a chronic bacterial disease marked esp. by slow-growing swellings with deformity and loss of sensation of affected parts — **lep-rous** \-rəs\ *adj*

lep-ton \lep-ˈtän\ *n*, *pl* **lep-ta** \-ˈtā\ — see **drachma** at **MONEY** table

les-bi-an \ˈlez-bē-ən\ *n*, *often cap* [fr. the reputed homosexual group associated with the poet Sappho of Lesbos] : a female homosexual — **lesbian** *adj* — **les-bi-an-ism** \-,iz-əm\ *n*

lèse ma-jes-té or **lese maj-es-ty** \lɛz-ˈmaj-ə-stē\ *n* [MF *lese majesté*, fr. L *laesa majestas*, lit., injured majesty] : an offense violating the dignity of a sovereign

le-sion \ˈlē-zhən\ *n* : an abnormal structural change in the body due to injury or disease

less \les\ *adj* 1 : FEWER (~ than six) 2 : of lower rank, degree, or importance 3 : SMALLER; *also* : more limited in quantity

less *adv* : to a lesser extent or degree

less *prep* : diminished by : MINUS

less *n*, *pl* **less** 1 : a smaller portion 2 : something of less importance

-less \ləs\ *adj* *suffix* 1 : destitute of : not having (childless) 2 : unable to be acted on or to act (in a specified way) (dauntless)

les-see \le-ˈsē\ *n* : a tenant under a lease

less-en \ˈles-n\ *vb* **less-ened**; **less-en-ing** \ˈles-(ə-)niŋ\ : to make or become less *syn* decrease, diminish, dwindle, abate

less-er \ˈles-ər\ *adj* : of less size, quality, or significance **les-son** \ˈles-n\ *n* 1 : a passage from sacred writings read in a service of worship 2 : a reading or exercise to be studied by a pupil; *also* : something learned 3 : a period of instruction 4 : an instructive example

les-sor \ˈles-,ər, le-ˈsər\ *n* : one who conveys property by a lease

lest \,lest\ *conj* : for fear that

let \ˈlet\ *n* [ME *lette*, fr. *letten* to delay, hinder, fr. OE *lettan*] 1 : HINDRANCE, OBSTACLE 2 : a shot or point in racket games that does not count

let *vb* **let**; **let-ting** [ME *leten*, fr. OE *lætan*] 1 : to cause to : MAKE (~ it be known) 2 : RENT, LEASE; *also* : to assign *esp.* after bids 3 : ALLOW, PERMIT (~ me go)

-let \lət\ *n* *suffix* 1 : small one (booklet) 2 : article worn on (wristlet)

let-down \ˈlet-,daʊn\ *n* 1 : DISAPPOINTMENT 2 : a slackening of effort 3 : the descent of an aircraft to the beginning of a landing approach

le-thal \ˈlɛ-thəl\ *adj* : DEADLY, FATAL — **le-thal-ly** \-ē\ *adv* **leth-ar-gy** \ˈlɛθ-ər-jē\ *n* 1 : abnormal drowsiness 2 : the quality or state of being lazy or indifferent *syn* languor, lassitude, torpidity, torpidness — **le-thar-gic** \li-ˈthär-jik\ *adj*

let on *vb* 1 : REVEAL, ADMIT 2 : PRETEND

let-ter \ˈlet-ər\ *n* 1 : a symbol that stands for a speech sound and constitutes a unit of an alphabet 2 : a written or printed communication 3 *pl* : LITERATURE; *also* : LEARNING 4 : the literal meaning (the ~ of the law) 5 : a single piece of type

letter *vb* : to mark with letters : INSCRIBE — **let-ter-er** *n* **let-ter-head** \ˈlet-ər-,hed\ *n* : stationery with a printed or engraved heading; *also* : the heading itself

let-ter-per-fect \,let-ər-ˈpər-fikt\ *adj* : correct to the smallest detail

let-ter-press \ˈlet-ər-,pres\ *n* 1 : printing done directly by impressing the paper on an inked raised surface 2 *chiefly Brit* : TEXT

letters of marque \-ˈmärk\ : written authority granted to a private person by a government to seize the subjects of a foreign state or their goods; *esp* : a license granted to a private person to fit out an armed ship to plunder the enemy

letters patent *n pl* : a written grant from a government to a person in a form readily open for inspection by all **let-tuce** \ˈlet-əs\ *n* [ME *letuse*, fr. OF *laitues*, pl. of *laitue*, fr. L *lactuca*, fr. *lac* milk; fr. its milky juice] : a garden plant with crisp leaves used esp. in salads

let-up \ˈlet-,əp\ *n* : a lessening of effort

leu \ˈleu\ *n*, *pl* **lei** \ˈlɛ\ — see **MONEY** table

leu-ke-mia \lū-ˈkē-mē-ə\ *n* : a cancerous disease in which white blood cells increase greatly — **leu-ke-mic** \-mɪk\ *adj* or *n*

leu-ko-cyte *also* **leu-co-cyte** \lū-kə-,sɪt\ *n* : WHITE BLOOD CELL

lev \ˈlev\ *n*, *pl* **le-va** \ˈlev-ə\ — see **MONEY** table

Lev or **Levit** *abbr* Leviticus

le-vee \ˈlev-ē; lə-ˈvē, -ˈvā\ *n* [F *lever* act of arising] : a reception held by a person of distinction

lev-ee \ˈlev-ē\ *n* : an embankment to prevent or confine flooding (as by a river); *also* : a river landing place

lev-el \ˈlev-əl\ *n* 1 : a device for establishing a horizontal line or plane 2 : horizontal condition 3 : a horizontal position, line, or surface often taken as an index of altitude; *also* : a flat area of ground 4 : height, position, rank, or size in a scale

level *vb* **-eled** or **-elled**; **-el-ling** or **-el-ling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ 1 : to make flat or level; *also* : to come to a level 2 : AIM, DIRECT 3 : EQUALIZE 4 : RAZE — **lev-el-er** *n*

level *adj* 1 : having a flat even surface 2 : HORIZONTAL 3 : of the same height or rank; *also* : UNIFORM 4 : steady and cool in judgment — **lev-el-ly** \ˈlev-əl-(l)ē\ *adv* — **lev-el-ness** *n*

lev-el-head-ed \ˈlev-əl-ˈhed-əd/ *adj* : having sound judgment : SENSIBLE

le-ver \ˈlev-ər, ˈlě-vər/ *n* 1 : a bar used for prying or dislodging something; *also* : a means for achieving one's purpose 2 : a rigid piece turning about an axis and used for transmitting and changing force and motion
le-ver-age \ˈlev-(ə-)rij, ˈlě-v-/ *n* : the action or mechanical effect of a lever

le-vi-a-than \li-ˈvī-ə-thən/ *n* 1 : a large sea animal 2 : something very large or formidable of its kind

lev-i-tate \ˈlev-ə-, tāt/ *vb* -**tat-ed**; -**tat-ing** : to rise or cause to rise in the air in seeming defiance of gravitation — **lev-i-ta-tion** \ˈlev-ə-ˈtā-shən/ *n*

Le-vit-i-cus \li-ˈvit-ə-kəs/ *n* — see BIBLE table

lev-i-ty \ˈlev-ət-ē/ *n* : lack of earnestness *syn* lightness, flippancy, frivolity

lev-y \ˈlev-ē/ *n, pl lev-ies* 1 : the imposition or collection of an assessment; *also* : an amount levied 2 : the enlistment of men for military service; *also* : troops raised by levy

lev-y *vb* **lev-ied**; **lev-y-ing** 1 : to impose or collect by legal authority 2 : to enlist for military service 3 : WAGE (~ war) 4 : to seize property in satisfaction of a legal claim
lewd \ˈlūd/ *adj* [ME *lewed* vulgar, fr. OE *læwede* lay, ignorant] 1 : sexually unchaste 2 : OBSCENE, SALACIOUS — **lewd-ly** *adv* — **lewd-ness** *n*

lex-i-cog-ra-phy \ˌlek-sə-ˈkäg-rə-fē/ *n* 1 : the editing or making of a dictionary 2 : the principles and practices of dictionary making — **lex-i-cog-ra-pher** \-fər/ *n* — **lex-i-cog-graph-i-cal** \-kō-ˈgräf-i-kəl/ or **lex-i-cog-graph-ic** \-ik/ *adj*

lex-i-con \ˈlek-sə-, kən/ *n, pl lex-i-ca* \-si-kə/ or **lexicons** : DICTIONARY

LF *abbr* low frequency

lg *abbr* 1 large 2 long

LH *abbr* 1 left hand 2 lower half

li *abbr* link

Li *symbol* lithium

LI *abbr* Long Island

li-a-bil-i-ty \li-ə-ˈbil-ət-ē/ *n, pl -ties* 1 : the quality or state of being liable 2 *pl* : DEBTS 3 : DISADVANTAGE

li-a-ble \li-ə-bəl/ *adj* 1 : legally obligated : RESPONSIBLE 2 : LIKELY, APT (~ to fall) 3 : SUSCEPTIBLE

li-ai-son \li-ə-, zān, lě-ˈā-/ *n* [F] 1 : a close bond : INTER-RELATIONSHIP 2 : an illicit sexual relationship 3 : communication for mutual understanding (as between parts of an armed force)

li-ar \li-ər/ *n* : a person who lies

lib \li-b/ *n* : LIBERATION

lib *abbr* 1 liberal 2 librarian; library

li-ba-tion \li-ˈbā-shən/ *n* 1 : an act of pouring a liquid as a sacrifice (as to a god); *also* : the liquid poured 2 : DRINK — **li-ba-tion-ary** *adj*

li-bel \li-bəl/ *n* [ME, written declaration, fr. MF, fr. L *libellus*, dim. of *liber* book] 1 : a spoken or written statement or a representation that gives an unjustly unfavorable impression of a person or thing 2 : the action or crime of publishing a libel — **li-bel-ous** or **li-bel-lous** \-bə-ləs/ *adj*

li-bel *vb* -**beled** or -**belled**; -**bel-ing** or -**bel-ling** : to make or publish a libel — **li-bel-er** *n* — **li-bel-ist** *n*

lib-er-al \ˈlib-(ə-)rəl/ *adj* [ME, fr. MF, fr. L *liberalis* suitable for a freeman, generous, fr. *liber* free] 1 : of, relating to, or based on the liberal arts 2 : GENEROUS, BOUNTIFUL 3 : not literal 4 : not narrow in opinion or judgment : TOLERANT; *also* : not orthodox 5 : not conservative — **lib-er-al-i-ty** \ˌlib-ə-ˈral-ət-ē/ *n* — **lib-er-al-ize** \ˈlib-(ə-)rə-, līz/ *vb* — **lib-er-al-ly** \-rə-lē/ *adv*

lib-er-al *n* : a person who holds liberal views

lib-er-arts *n pl* : the studies (as language, philosophy, history, literature, or abstract science) in a college or university intended to provide chiefly general knowledge and to develop the general intellectual capacities

lib-er-al-ism \ˈlib-(ə-)rə-, līz-əm/ *n* : liberal principles and theories

lib-er-ate \ˈlib-ə-, rāt/ *vb* -**at-ed**; -**at-ing** 1 : to free from bondage or restraint; *also* : to raise to equal rights and status 2 : to free (as a gas) from combination — **lib-er-a-tion** \ˌlib-ə-ˈrā-shən/ *n* — **lib-er-a-tor** \ˈlib-ə-, rāt-ər/ *n*

lib-er-at-ed *adj* : freed from or opposed to traditional social and sexual attitudes or roles (a ~ woman)

lib-er-tar-i-an \ˌlib-ər-ˈter-ē-ən/ *n* 1 : an advocate of the doctrine of free will 2 : one who upholds the principles of liberty

lib-er-time \ˈlib-ər-, tēn/ *n* : one who leads a dissolute life

lib-er-ty \ˈlib-ər-tē/ *n, pl -ties* 1 : FREEDOM 2 : an action going beyond normal limits; *esp* : FAMILIARITY 3 : a short leave from naval duty

li-bid-i-nous \lə-ˈbid-nəs/ *adj* 1 : LASCIVIOUS 2 : LIBIDINAL

li-bi-do \lə-ˈbēd-ō, -ˈbid-/ *n, pl -dos* [NL, fr. L, desire, lust] : psychic energy derived from basic biological urges; *also* : sexual drive — **li-bid-i-nal** \lə-ˈbid-nəl/ *adj*

Li-bra \li-brə/ *n* [L, lit., scales] : the 7th sign of the zodiac in astrology

li-brar-i-an \li-ˈbrer-ē-ən/ *n* : a specialist in the management of a library

li-brary \ˈli-, brer-/ *n, pl -brar-ies* 1 : a place in which books and related materials are kept for use but not for sale 2 : a collection of books

li-bret-to \lə-ˈbret-ō/ *n, pl -tos or -ti* \-ē/ [It, dim. of *libro* book, fr. L *liber*] : the text of a work (as an opera) for the musical theater — **li-bret-tist** \-əst/ *n*

Lib-y-an \ˈlib-ē-ən/ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Libya — **Libyan** *adj*

lice *pl* of LOUSE

li-cense or **li-cence** \ˈlis-ns/ *n* 1 : permission to act; *esp* : legal permission to engage in an activity 2 : a document, plate, or tag evidencing a license granted 3 : freedom used irresponsibly — **license** *vb*

licensed practical nurse *n* : a specially trained person who is licensed (as by a state) to provide routine care for the sick

li-cens-ee \lis-ˈn-ē/ *n* : a licensed person

li-cen-tē \lə-ˈsent-ē/ *n, pl licente* or **li-cen-ti** \-ē/ — see *loti* at MONEY table

li-cen-ti-ate \li-ˈsen-chē-ət/ *n* : one licensed to practice a profession

li-cen-tious \li-ˈsen-chəs/ *adj* : LEWD, LASCIVIOUS — **li-cen-tious-ly** *adv* — **li-cen-tious-ness** *n*

li-chee *var* of LITCHI

li-chen \ˈli-kən/ *n* : any of various complex lower plants made up of an alga and a fungus growing as a unit on a solid surface — **li-chen-ous** *adj*



lichen

lic-it \ˈlis-ət/ *adj* : LAWFUL

lick \ˈlik/ *vb* 1 : to draw the tongue over; *also* : to flicker over like a tongue 2 : THRASH; *also* : DEFEAT

lick *n* 1 : a stroke of the tongue 2 : a small amount 3 : a hasty careless effort 4 : BLOW 5 : a natural deposit of salt that animals lick

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chain \et\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \d\go \d\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot
\d\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

lick-e-ty-split \lik-ət-ē-split\ *adv* : at great speed

lick-spit-tle \ˈlik-,spit-əl\ *n* : a fawning subordinate
: TOADY

lic-o-ri-ce \ˈlik-(ə)-rish-, -rəs\ *n* [ME *licorice*, fr. OF, fr. LL *liquiritia*, alter. of L *glycyrrhiza*, fr. Gk *glykyrrhiza*, fr. *glykys* sweet + *rhiza* root] 1 : the dried root of a European leguminous plant; *also* : an extract from it used esp. as a flavoring and in medicine 2 : a confection flavored with licorice 3 : a plant yielding licorice

lid \ˈlid\ *n* 1 : a movable cover 2 : EYELID 3 : a force that represses — **lid-ded** \ˈlid-əd\ *adj*

li-do \ˈled-ō\ *n*, *pl* **lidos** : a fashionable beach resort

lie \ˈli\ *vb* **lay** \ˈlā\; **lain** \ˈlān\; **ly-ing** \ˈli-ɪŋ\ 1 : to be in, stay at rest in, or assume a horizontal position; *also* : to be in a helpless or defenseless state 2 : EXTEND 3 : to occupy a certain relative position 4 : to have an effect esp. through mere presence

lie *n* : the position in which something lies

lie *vb* **lied**; **ly-ing** \ˈli-ɪŋ\ : to tell a lie

lie *n* : an untrue statement made with intent to deceive
lied \ˈlet\ *n*, *pl* **lie-der** \ˈled-ər\ [G] : a German song esp. of the 19th century

lie \ˈlæv, ˈlɛf\ *adv* : GLADLY, WILLINGLY

liege \ˈliːj\ *adj* [ME, fr. OF, fr. LL *laeticus*, fr. *laetus* serf]
: LOYAL, FAITHFUL

liege *n* 1 : VASSAL 2 : a feudal superior

lien \ˈlɛn, ˈlɛ-ən\ *n* : a legal claim on the property of another for the satisfaction of a debt or the fulfillment of a duty

lieu \ˈliu\ *n*, *archaic* : PLACE, STEAD — **in lieu of** : in the place of

lieut *abbr* lieutenant

lieu-ten-ant \ˈli-ˈten-ənt\ *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. *lieu* place + *tenant* holding, fr. *tenir* to hold, fr. L *tenēre*] 1 : a representative of another in the performance of duty 2 : FIRST LIEUTENANT; *also* : SECOND LIEUTENANT 3 : a commissioned officer in the navy ranking next below a lieutenant commander — **lieu-ten-an-cy** \-ən-sē\ *n*

lieutenant colonel *n* : a commissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a colonel

lieutenant commander *n* : a commissioned officer in the navy ranking next below a commander

lieutenant general *n* : a commissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a general

lieutenant governor *n* : a deputy or subordinate governor

lieutenant junior grade *n*, *pl* **lieutenants junior grade** : a commissioned officer in the navy ranking next below a lieutenant

life \ˈlif\ *n*, *pl* **lives** \ˈlɪvz\ 1 : the quality that distinguishes a vital and functional being from a dead body or inanimate matter; *also* : a state of an organism characterized esp. by capacity for metabolism, growth, reaction to stimuli, and reproduction 2 : the physical and mental experiences of an individual 3 : BIOGRAPHY 4 : the period of existence 5 : manner of living 6 : PERSON 7 : ANIMATION, SPIRIT; *also* : LIVELINESS 8 : animate activity (signs of ~) 9 : one providing interest and vigor — **life-less** *adj* — **life-like** *adj*

life-blood \ˈlif-ˈbləd, -ˌbləd\ *n* : a basic source of strength and vitality

life-boat \-ˌbōt\ *n* : a sturdy boat designed for use in saving lives at sea

life-guard \-ˌgärd\ *n* : a usu. expert swimmer employed to safeguard bathers

life-line \-ˌlin\ *n* 1 : a line to which persons may cling for safety 2 : a trade route or means of communication considered indispensable

life-long \-ˌlɒŋ\ *adj* : continuing through life

life preserver *n* : a device designed to save a person from drowning by providing buoyancy in water

lif-er \ˈli-fər\ *n* 1 : a person sentenced to life imprisonment 2 : a person who makes a career in the armed forces

life raft *n* : a raft for use by people forced into the water
life-sav-ing \ˈlif-,sā-vɪŋ\ *n* : the skill or practice of saving or protecting lives esp. of drowning persons — **life-saver** \-,sā-vər\ *n*

life science *n* : a branch of science (as biology, medicine, anthropology, or sociology) that deals with living organisms and life processes — usu. used in pl

life-time \-,tɪm\ *n* : the duration of an individual's existence

life-work \-ˈwɜrk\ *n* : the entire or principal work of one's lifetime; *also* : a work extending over a lifetime

LIFO *abbr* last in, first out

lift \ˈlɪft\ *vb* 1 : RAISE, ELEVATE; *also* : RISE, ASCEND 2 : to put an end to; STOP 3 : to pay off (~ a mortgage)

lift *n* 1 : LOAD 2 : the action or an instance of lifting 3 : HELP; *also* : a ride along one's way 4 : RISE, ADVANCE 5 chiefly *Brit* : ELEVATOR 6 : an elevation of the spirits 7 : the upward force that is developed by a moving airfoil and that opposes the pull of gravity

lift-off \ˈlif-,tɒf\ *n* : a vertical takeoff (as by a rocket)

lift truck *n* : a small truck for lifting and transporting loads

lig-a-ment \ˈlig-ə-mənt\ *n* : a band of tough tissue that holds bones together

li-gate \ˈli-,gāt\ *vb* **li-gat-ed**; **li-gat-ing** : to tie with a ligature — **li-ga-tion** \li-ˈgā-shən\ *n*

lig-a-ture \ˈlig-ə-,chūr-, -chər\ *n* 1 : something that binds or ties; *also* : a thread used in surgery esp. for tying blood vessels 2 : a printed or written character consisting of two or more letters or characters (as æ) united

light \ˈliht\ *n* 1 : something that makes vision possible : electromagnetic radiation visible to the human eye; *also* : BRIGHTNESS 2 : DAYLIGHT 3 : a source of light (as a candle) 4 : ENLIGHTENMENT; *also* : TRUTH 5 : public knowledge 6 : a particular aspect or appearance presented to view (now saw the matter in a different ~) 7 : WINDOW 8 *pl* : STANDARDS (according to his ~s) 9 : CELEBRITY 10 : LIGHTHOUSE, BEACON; *also* : a traffic signal 11 : a flame for lighting something

light *adj* 1 : BRIGHT 2 : PALE (~ blue) — **light-ness** *n*

light *vb* **light-ed** or **lit** \ˈlit\; **light-ing** 1 : to make or become light 2 : to cause to burn : BURN 3 : to conduct with a light 4 : ILLUMINATE

light *adj* 1 : not heavy 2 : not serious (~ reading) 3 : SCANTY (~ rain) 4 : GENTLE (a ~ blow) 5 : easily enduring (~ cold); *also* : requiring little effort (~ exercise) 6 : SWIFT, NIMBLE 7 : FRIVOLOUS 8 : DIZZY 9 : producing goods for direct consumption by the consumer (~ industry) — **light-ly** *adv* — **light-ness** *n*

light *adv* 1 : LIGHTLY 2 : with little baggage (travel ~)

light *vb* **light-ed** or **lit** \ˈlit\; **light-ing** 1 : SETTLE, ALIGHT 2 : to fall unexpectedly 3 : HAPPEN

light adaptation *n* : the whole process by which the eye adapts to seeing in strong light — **light-adapt-ed** \ˈlit-ə-,dæp-təd\ *adj*

light-emitting diode *n* : LED

light-en \ˈlit-ən\ *vb* **light-ened**; **light-en-ing** \ˈlit-(ə-)niŋ\ 1 : ILLUMINATE, BRIGHTEN 2 : to give out flashes of lighting

lighten *vb* **light-ened**; **light-en-ing** \ˈlit-(ə-)niŋ\ 1 : to relieve of a burden 2 : GLADDEN 3 : to become lighter

ligh-ter \ˈlit-ər\ *n* : a barge used esp. in loading or unloading ships

light-er \ˈlit-ər\ *n* : a device for lighting (a cigarette ~)

light-face \ˈlit-,fas\ *n* : a type having light thin lines — **light-faced** \-ˈfæst\ *adj*

light-head-ed \ˈlit-ˈhed-əd\ *adj* 1 : feeling confused or dizzy 2 : lacking maturity or seriousness

light-heart-ed \-ˈhært-əd\ *adj* : free from worry — **light-heart-ed-ly** *adv* — **light-heart-ed-ness** *n*

light-house \-,haus\ *n* : a structure with a powerful light for guiding mariners

light meter *n* : a small portable device for measuring

linch-pin \ˈlɪn-tʃ-, pɪn\ *n* : a locking pin inserted crosswise (as through the end of an axle)

lin-den \ˈlɪn-dən\ *n* : any of a genus of trees with large heart-shaped leaves and clustered yellowish flowers rich in nectar

line \ˈlɪn\ *vb* **lined**; **lin-ing** : to cover the inner surface of
¹**line** *n* 1 : CORD, ROPE, WIRE; *also* : a length of material used in measuring and leveling 2 : pipes for conveying a fluid (a gas ~) 3 : a horizontal row of written or printed characters; *also* : VERSE 4 : NOTE 5 : the words making up a part in a drama — *usu.* used in pl. 6 : something distinct, long, and narrow; *also* : ROUTE 7 : a state of agreement 8 : a course of conduct, action, or thought; *also* : OCCUPATION 9 : LIMIT 10 : an arrangement of persons or objects of one kind in an orderly series (a ~ of trees) (waiting in ~) 11 : a transportation system 12 : the football players who are stationed on the line of scrimmage 13 : a long narrow mark; *also* : EQUATOR 14 : a geometric element that is the path of a moving point 15 : CONTOUR 16 : a general plan 17 : an indication based on insight or investigation

²**line** *vb* **lined**; **lin-ing** 1 : to mark with a line 2 : to place or form a line along 3 : ALIGN

line-age \ˈlɪn-ē-jə\ *n* : lineal descent from a common progenitor; *also* : FAMILY

lin-eal \ˈlɪn-ē-əl\ *adj* 1 : LINEAR 2 : consisting of or being in a direct line of ancestry; *also* : HEREDITARY

lin-ea-ment \ˈlɪn-ē-ə-mənt\ *n* : an outline, feature, or contour of a body and esp. of a face — *usu.* used in pl.

lin-ear \ˈlɪn-ē-ər\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or consisting of a line : STRAIGHT 2 : composed of simply drawn lines with little attempt at pictorial representation (~ script) 3 : being long and uniformly narrow

line-back-er \ˈlɪn-, bak-ər\ *n* : a defensive football player who lines up immediately behind the line of scrimmage
line drive *n* : a baseball hit in a nearly straight line not far above the ground

line-man \ˈlɪn-mən\ *n* 1 : one who sets up or repairs communication or power lines 2 : a player in the line in football

lin-en \ˈlɪn-ən\ *n* 1 : cloth made of flax; *also* : thread or yarn spun from flax 2 : clothing or household articles made of linen cloth or similar fabric

line of scrimmage : an imaginary line in football parallel to the goal lines and tangent to the nose of the ball laid on the ground before a scrimmage

¹**lin-er** \ˈli-nər\ *n* : a ship or airplane of a regular transportation line

²**liner** *n* : one that lines or is used as a lining

line score *n* : a score of a baseball game giving the runs, hits, and errors made by each team

lines-man \ˈlɪnz-mən\ *n* 1 : LINEMAN 2 : an official who assists a referee

line-up \ˈlɪn-, əp\ *n* 1 : a list of players taking part in a game (as of baseball) 2 : a line of persons arranged esp. for identification by police

ling \ˈlɪŋ\ *n* : any of several fishes related to the cod
lin-ger \ˈlɪŋ-ɡər\ *vb* **lin-gered**; **lin-ger-ing** \-ɡ(ə-)rɪŋ\ : TARRY; *also* : PROCRASTINATE

lin-ge-rie \ˌlɪŋ-jə-ˈrɪ-, ˌlɪŋ-zhə-, ˈrɪ-ən\ [F, fr. MF, fr. *linge* linen, fr. L *linēus* made of linen, fr. *linum* flax, linen] : women's intimate apparel

lin-go \ˈlɪŋ-ɡo\ *n*, *pl* **lingoes** : *usu.* strange or incomprehensible language

lin-gua fran-ca \ˌlɪŋ-ɡwə-ˈfrɑŋ-kə\ *n*, *pl* **lingua francas** or **lin-guae fran-cae** \-ɡwē-ˈfrɑŋ-, kə\ [It] 1 : a common language that consists of Italian mixed with French, Spanish, Greek, and Arabic and is spoken in Mediterranean ports 2 : any of various languages used as common or commercial tongues among speakers of different languages

lin-gual \ˈlɪŋ-ɡwəl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or produced by the tongue

lin-guist \ˈlɪŋ-ɡwəst\ *n* 1 : a person skilled in languages 2 : one who specializes in linguistics

lin-guis-tics \ˈlɪŋ-ˈɡwis-tiks\ *n* : the study of human speech including the units, nature, structure, and development of language or a language — **lin-guis-tic** *adj*

lin-i-ment \ˈlɪn-ə-mənt\ *n* : a liquid preparation rubbed on the skin esp. to relieve pain

lin-ing \ˈli-nɪŋ\ *n* : material used to line esp. an inner surface

link \ˈlɪŋk\ *n* 1 : a connecting structure; *esp.* : a single ring of a chain 2 : BOND, TIE — **link** *vb*

link-age \ˈlɪŋ-kij\ *n* 1 : the manner or style of being united 2 : the quality or state of being linked 3 : a system of links

linking verb *n* : a word or expression (as a form of *be*, *become*, *feel*, or *seem*) that links a subject with its predicate

links \ˈlɪŋks\ *n* *pl* : a golf course

link-up \ˈlɪŋk-, əp\ *n* 1 : MEETING 2 : something that serves as a linking device or factor

lin-net \ˈlɪn-ət\ *n* : an Old World finch

lin-no-leum \ˌlɪ-nō-lē-əm\ *n* [L *linum* flax + *oleum* oil] : a floor covering with a canvas back and a surface of hardened linseed oil and a filler (as cork dust)

lin-seed \ˈlɪn-, sēd\ *n* : the seeds of flax yielding a yellowish oil (**linseed oil**) used esp. in paints and linoleum

lin-sey-wool-sey \ˌlɪn-zē-ˈwul-zē\ *n* : a coarse sturdy fabric of wool and linen or cotton

lint \ˈlɪnt\ *n* 1 : linen made into a soft fleecy substance for use in surgical dressings 2 : fine ravels, fluff, or loose short fibers from yarn or fabrics 3 : the fibers that surround cotton seeds and form the cotton staple

lin-tel \ˈlɪnt-əl\ *n* : a horizontal piece across the top of an opening (as of a door) that carries the weight of the structure above it

li-on \ˈli-ən\ *n*, *pl* **lions** : a large flesh-eating cat of Africa and southern Asia with a shaggy mane in the male

li-on-ess \ˈli-ə-nəs\ *n* : a female lion

li-on-heart-ed \ˌli-ən-ˈhɑrt-əd\ *adj* : COURAGEOUS, BRAVE

li-on-ize \ˈli-ə-, nɪz\ *vb* -ized; **iz-ing** : to treat as an object of great interest or importance — **li-on-iza-tion** \ˌli-ə-nə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*

lip \ˈlɪp\ *n* 1 : either of the two fleshy folds that surround the mouth; *also* : a part or projection suggesting such a lip 2 : the edge of a hollow vessel or cavity — **lip-ped** \ˈlɪpt\ *adj*

lip-read-ing \ˈlɪp-, rēd-ɪŋ\ *n* : the interpreting of a speaker's words without hearing the voice by watching lip and facial movements

lip service *n* : avowal of allegiance that goes no further than verbal expression

lip-stick \ˈlɪp-, stɪk\ *n* : a waxy solid colored cosmetic in stick form for the lips

lip abbr 1 liquid 2 liquor

liq-ue-fy *also* **liq-ui-fy** \ˈlɪk-wə-, fɪ\ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing : to make or become liquid — **liq-ue-fac-tion** \ˌlɪk-wə-ˈfak-shən\ *n* — **liq-ue-fi-able** \-, fɪ-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **liq-ue-fier** \-, fɪ(-ə)r\ *n*

li-queur \ˈli-kər\ *n* [F] : a distilled alcoholic liquor flavored with aromatic substances and *usu.* sweetened

¹**liq-uid** \ˈlɪk-wəd\ *adj* 1 : flowing freely like water 2 : neither solid nor gaseous 3 : shining and clear (large ~ eyes) 4 : smooth and musical in tone; *also* : smooth and unconstrained in movement 5 : consisting of or capable of ready conversion into cash (~ assets) — **li-quad-i-ty** \ˌlɪk-ˈwid-ət-ē\ *n*

²**liquid** *n* : a liquid substance

liq-ui-date \ˈlɪk-wə-, dāt\ *vb* -dat-ed; -dat-ing 1 : to pay off (~ a debt) 2 : to settle the accounts and distribute the assets of (as a business) 3 : to get rid of; *esp.* : KILL — **liq-ui-da-tion** \ˌlɪk-wə-ˈdā-shən\ *n*

liquid crystal *n* : an organic liquid that resembles a crystal in having ordered molecular arrays

liquid crystal display *n* : LCD

liquid measure *n* : a unit or series of units for measuring liquid capacity — see METRIC SYSTEM table, WEIGHT table

li-quer \lī-kər\ *n* : a liquid substance; *esp* : a distilled alcoholic beverage

li-ra \lī-rə, 'lě-rə\ *n* — see MONEY table

lisle \līl\ *n* : a smooth tightly twisted thread usu. made of long-staple cotton

lisp \lisp\ *vb* : to pronounce \s\ and \z\ imperfectly *esp*. by giving them the sounds of \th\ and \tʰ\; *also* : to speak childishly — **lisp** *n*

lis-some *also* **lis-som** \līs-əm\ *adj* : LITHE; *also* : NIMBLE

list \list\ *vb*, *archaic* : PLEASE; *also* : WISH

list *vb*, *archaic* : LISTEN

list *n* 1 : a simple series of words or numerals; *also* : an official roster 2 : CATALOG, CHECKLIST

list *vb* : to make a list of; *also* : to include on a list

list *vb* : TILT

list *n* : a leaning to one side : TILT

lis-ten \līs-ən\ *vb* **lis-tened**; **lis-ten-ing** \līs-(ə-)nɪŋ\ 1 : to pay attention in order to hear 2 : HEED — **lis-ten-er** \līs-(ə-)nər\ *n*

lis-ten-er-ship \līs-(ə-)nər-,ship\ *n* : the audience for, a radio program or record album

list-ing \līs-tɪŋ\ *n* 1 : an act or instance of making or including in a list 2 : something that is listed

list-less \līs-ləs\ *adj* : LANGUID, SPIRITLESS — **list-less-ly** *adv* — **list-less-ness** *n*

list price *n* : the price of an item as published in a catalog, price list, or advertisement but subject to discounts

lists \lists\ *n pl* : an arena for combat (as jousting)

lit \lɪt\ *past* and *past part* of LIGHT

lit *abbr* 1 liter 2 literal; literally 3 literary 4 literature

lit-a-ny \līt-'n-ē\ *n*, *pl* -nies [ME *letanie*, fr. OF, fr. LL *litania*, fr. LGK *litaneia*, fr. Gk, entreaty, fr. *litanos* entreating] : a prayer consisting of a series of supplications and responses said alternately by a leader and a group

li-tchi \lī-chē, 'lě-ə\ *n* [Chin (Peking dialect) *lī⁴ chih¹*] 1 : an oval fruit with a hard scaly outer covering, a small hard seed, and edible flesh 2 : a tree bearing litchis

li-ter \līt-ər\ *n* — see METRIC SYSTEM table

li-ter-al \līt-(ə-)rəl\ *adj* 1 : adhering to fact or to the ordinary or usual meaning (as of a word) 2 : UN-ADORNED; *also* : PROSAIC 3 : VERBATIM

li-ter-al-ism \līt-(ə-)rə-,līz-əm\ *n* 1 : adherence to the explicit substance (as of an idea) 2 : fidelity to observable fact — **li-ter-al-is-tic** \līt-(ə-)rə-'līs-tik\ *adj*

li-ter-al-ly \līt-ər-(ə-)lē, 'lī-trə-lē\ *adv* 1 : ACTUALLY (was ~ insane) 2 : VIRTUALLY (~ poured out new ideas)

li-ter-ary \līt-ə-,rər-ē\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to literature 2 : versed in literature : WELL-READ

li-ter-ate \līt-(ə-)rət\ *adj* 1 : EDUCATED; *also* : able to read and write 2 : LITERARY; *also* : POLISHED, LUCID — **li-ter-a-cy** \līt-(ə-)rə-sē\ *n*

li-te-ra-ti, **li-ter-āt-ē** \n pl 1 : the educated class 2 : persons interested in literature or the arts

li-ter-a-tim \līt-ə-'rāt-əm, -'rāt-\ *adv* or *adj* : letter for letter

li-ter-a-ture \līt-(ə-)rə-,chūr, -chər\ *n* 1 : the production of written works having excellence of form or expression and dealing with ideas of permanent interest 2 : the written works produced in a particular language, country, or age

lithe \līth, 'lith\ *adj* 1 : SUPPLE, RESILIENT 2 : characterized by effortless grace

lithe-some \līth-səm, 'lith-\ *adj* : LISSOME

lith-i-um \līth-ē-əm\ *n* : a light silver-white chemical element — see ELEMENT table

li-thog-ra-phy \lith-'äg-rə-fē\ *n* : the process of printing from a plane surface (as a smooth stone or metal plate) on which the image to be printed is ink-receptive and the blank area ink-repellent — **li-tho-graph** \lith-ə-

grəf\ *vb* — **lithograph** *n* — **li-thog-ra-pher** \lith-'äg-rə-fər, 'lith-ə-,grəf-ər\ *n* — **li-tho-graph-ic** \lith-ə-'grəf-ik\ *adj* — **li-tho-graph-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

li-thol-o-gy \lith-'äl-ə-jē\ *n*, *pl* -gies : the study of rocks — **li-tho-log-ic** \lith-ə-'lāj-ik\ *adj*

li-tho-sphere \lith-ə-,sfēr\ *n* : the outer part of the solid earth

Lith-u-a-nian \lith-(y)ə-'wā-nē-ən\ *n* 1 : a native or inhabitant of Lithuania 2 : the language of the Lithuanians — **Lithuanian** *adj*

lit-i-gant \līt-i-gənt\ *n* : a party to a lawsuit

lit-i-gate \līt-ə-,gāt\ *vb* -**gated**; -**gat-ing** : to carry on a legal contest by judicial process; *also* : to contest at law — **lit-i-ga-tion** \līt-ə-'gā-shən\ *n*

li-ti-gious \lə-'tij-əs\ *adj* 1 : CONTENTIOUS 2 : prone to engage in lawsuits 3 : of or relating to litigation — **li-ti-gious-ness** *n*

lit-mus \līt-məs\ *n* : a coloring matter from lichens that turns red in acid solutions and blue in alkaline

litmus test *n* : a test in which a single factor (as an attitude) is decisive

Litt D or **Lit D** *abbr* [ML *litterarum doctor*] : doctor of letters; doctor of literature

lit-ter \līt-ər\ *n* [ME, fr. OF *litere*, fr. *lit* bed, fr. L *lectus*]

1 : a covered and curtained couch with shafts used to carry a single passenger; *also* : a device (as a stretcher) for carrying a sick or injured person 2 : material used as bedding for animals; *also* : the uppermost layer of organic debris on the forest floor 3 : the offspring of an animal at one birth 4 : RUBBISH

litter *vb* 1 : to give birth to young 2 : to strew with litter

lit-ter-a-teur \līt-ə-rə-'tər\ *n* [F] : a literary person; *esp* : a professional writer

lit-ter-bug \līt-ər-,bæg\ *n* : one who litters a public area

lit-tle \līt-'l\ *adj* **lit-tler** \līt-(ə-)lər\ or **less** \les\ or **less-er** \les-ər\; **lit-tlest** \līt-(ə-)ləst\ or **least** \lēst\ 1 : not big 2 : not important 3 : not much 4 : NARROW, MEAN — **lit-tle-ness** *n*

little *adv* **less** \les\; **least** \lēst\ 1 : SLIGHTLY; *also* : not at all 2 : INFREQUENTLY

little *n* 1 : a small amount or quantity 2 : a short time or distance

Little Dipper *n* : DIPPER 4

little theater *n* : a small theater for low-cost usu. experimental drama designed for a limited audience

lit-to-ral \līt-ə-rəl; ,līt-ə-'rəl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or growing on or near a shore *esp*. of the sea — **littoral** *n*

lit-ur-gy \līt-ər-jē\ *n*, *pl* -gies : a rite or body of rites prescribed for public worship — **li-tur-gi-cal** \lə-'tər-jī-kəl\ *adj* — **li-tur-gi-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adv* — **lit-ur-gist** \līt-ər-jəst\ *n*

liv-able *also* **live-able** \liv-ə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : suitable for living in or with 2 : ENDURABLE — **liv-a-bil-i-ty** \liv-ə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n*

live \liv\ *vb* **lived**; **liv-ing** 1 : to be or continue alive 2 : SUBSIST 3 : RESIDE 4 : to conduct one's life 5 : to remain in human memory or record

live \liv\ *adj* 1 : having life 2 : BURNING, GLOWING (a ~ cigar) 3 : connected to electric power (a ~ wire) 4 : UNEXPLODED (a ~ bomb) 5 : of continuing interest (a ~ issue) 6 : of or involving the actual presence of real people (~ audience); *also* : broadcast directly at the time of production (a ~ radio program) 7 : being in play (a ~ ball)

lived-in \līvd-,in\ *adj* : of or suggesting long-term human habitation or use

live down *vb* : to live so as to wipe out the memory or effects of

\ə'about \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'ash \ə'vase \ə'cot, cart \ə'out \ch'chin \et'bet \ē'easy \ə'go \i'hit \i'vice \j'job \ŋ'sing \ə'go \ə'law \ə'boy \th'thin \th'the \ū'loot \ū'foot \y'yet \zh'vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

live in \(')liv-'in\ *vb* : to live in one's place of employment — used of a servant — **live-in** \,liv-'in\ *adj*

live-li-hood \'liv-lē-,hüd\ *n* : means of support or subsistence

live-long \,liv-,lōŋ\ *adj* [ME *lef long*, fr. *lef* dear + *long* long] : WHOLE, ENTIRE (the ~ day)

live-ly \'liv-lē\ *adj* **live-li-er**; -est 1 : full of life 2 : KEEN, VIVID (~ interest) 3 : ANIMATED (~ debate) 4 : showing activity or vigor (a ~ manner) 5 : quick to rebound (a ~ ball) *syn* vivacious, sprightly, gay, animated, spirited — **live-li-ness** *n*

live-en \'li-vən\ *vb* **live-ened**; **live-en-ing** \'liv-(ə-)niŋ\ : ENLIVEN

liv-er \'liv-ər\ *n* : a large glandular organ of vertebrates that secretes bile and is a center of metabolic activity — **liv-ered** \'liv-əd\ *adj*

liver *n* : one that lives esp. in a specified way (a fast ~)

liv-er-ish \'liv-(ə-)rɪʃ\ *adj* 1 : resembling liver esp. in color 2 : BILIOUS 3 : MELANCHOLY

liv-er-wort \'liv-ər-,wɔrt\ *n* : any of various plants resembling the related mosses

liv-er-wurst \-,wɜrst-, -wʊ(r)st\ *n* [part trans. of G *leberwurst*, fr. *leber* liver + *wurst* sausage] : a sausage consisting chiefly of liver

liv-ery \'liv-(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* -er-ies 1 : a special uniform worn by the servants of a wealthy household; *also* : distinctive dress 2 : the feeding, care, and stabling of horses for pay; *also* : the keeping of horses and vehicles for hire — **liv-er-ied** \-rēd\ *adj*

liv-ery-man \-mən\ *n* : the keeper of a livery stable

lives *pl* OF LIFE

live-stock \'liv-,stāk\ *n* : farm animals kept for use and profit

live wire *n* : an alert active aggressive person

liv-id \'liv-əd\ *adj* [F *livide*, fr. L *lividus*, fr. *livēre* to be blue] 1 : discolored by bruising 2 : ASHEN, PALLID 3 : REDDISH 4 : ENRAGED

liv-ing \'liv-ɪŋ\ *adj* 1 : having life 2 : NATURAL 3 : full of life and vigor; *also* : VIVID

living *n* 1 : the condition of being alive; *also* : manner of life 2 : LIVELIHOOD

living room *n* : a room in a residence used for the common social activities of the occupants

living wage *n* : a wage sufficient to provide the necessities and comforts held to comprise an acceptable standard of living

liz-ard \'liz-ərd\ *n* : a 4-legged scaly reptile with a long tapering tail



lizard

Lk *abbr* Luke

ll *abbr* lines

lla-ma \'läm-ə\ *n* [Sp] : any of several wild or domesticated So. American mammals related to the camel but smaller and without a hump

lla-no \'län-ō\ *n*, *pl* *llanos* : an open grassy plain esp. of Latin America

LLD *abbr* [NL *legum doctor*] doctor of laws

LNG *abbr* liquefied natural gas

load \'lōd\ *n* 1 : PACK; *also* : CARGO 2 : a mass of weight supported by something 3 : something that burdens the mind or spirits 4 : a large quantity — *usu.* used in *pl.* 5 : a standard, expected, or authorized burden

load *vb* 1 : to put a load in or on; *also* : to receive a load 2 : BURDEN 3 : to increase the weight of by adding some-

thing 4 : to supply abundantly 5 : to put a charge in (as a firearm)

load-ed \'lōd-əd\ *adj* 1 *slang* : DRUNK 2 : having a large amount of money

load-stone *var* OF LODESTONE

loaf \'lōf\ *n*, *pl* *loaves* \'lōvz\ : a shaped or molded mass esp. of bread

loaf *vb* : to spend time in idleness : LOUNGE — **loaf-er** *n*
loam \'lōm, 'lūm\ *n* : SOIL; *esp.* : a loose soil of mixed clay, sand, and silt — **loamy** *adj*

loan \'lōn\ *n* 1 : money lent at interest; *also* : something lent for the borrower's temporary use 2 : the grant of temporary use

loan *vb* : LEND

loan shark *n* : a person who lends money at excessive rates of interest — **loan-shark-ing** \'lōn-,shär-kiŋ\ *n*

loan-word \'lōn-,wɔrd\ *n* : a word taken from another language and at least partly naturalized

loath \'lōth, 'lōth\ *also* **loathe** \lōth, lōth\ *adj* : RELUCTANT

loathe \'lōth\ *vb* **loathed**; **loath-ing** : to dislike greatly *syn* abominate, abhor, detest, hate

loath-ing \'lō-thiŋ\ *n* : extreme disgust

loath-some \'lōth-səm, 'lōth- \ *adj* : exciting loathing : REPULSIVE

lob \'läb\ *vb* **lobbed**; **lob-bing** : to throw, hit, or propel something in a high arc — **lob** *n*

lob-by \'läb-ē\ *n*, *pl* *lobbies* 1 : a corridor or hall used esp. as a passageway or waiting room 2 : a group of persons engaged in lobbying

lobby *vb* **lob-bied**; **lob-by-ing** : to try to influence public officials and esp. legislators — **lob-by-ist** *n*

lobe \'lōb\ *n* : a curved or rounded projection or division — **lo-bar** \'lō-bər\ *adj* — **lobed** \'lōbd\ *adj*

lo-bot-o-my \lō-'bät-ə-mē\ *n*, *pl* -mies : severance of nerve fibers by incision into the brain for the relief of some mental disorders

lob-ster \'läb-stər\ *n* [ME, fr. OE *loppestre*, fr. *loppe* spider] : an edible marine crustacean with two large pincerlike claws and four other pairs of legs; *also* : SPINY LOBSTER

lob-ule \'läb-yül\ *n* : a small lobe; *also* : a subdivision of a lobe — **lob-u-lar** \'läb-yə-lər\ *adj*

lo-cal \'lō-kəl\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or occupying a particular place 2 : serving a particular limited district; *also* : making all stops (a ~ train) 3 : affecting a small part of the body (~ infection) — **lo-cal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

local *n* : one that is local

lo-cale \lō-'kal\ *n* : a place that is the setting for a particular event

lo-cal-ity \lō-'kal-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties : a particular spot, situation, or location

lo-cal-ize \'lō-kə-,līz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to fix in or confine to a definite place or locality — **lo-cal-iza-tion** \,lō-kə-lə-'zā-shən\ *n*

lo-cate \'lō-,kāt, lō-'kāt\ *vb* **lo-cat-ed**; **lo-cat-ing** 1 : STATION, SETTLE 2 : to determine the site of 3 : to find or fix the place of in a sequence

lo-ca-tion \lō-'kā-shən\ *n* 1 : SITUATION, PLACE 2 : the process of locating 3 : a place outside a studio where a motion picture is filmed

loc cit *abbr* [L *loco citato*] in the place cited

loch \'läk, 'lāk\ *n*, *Scot* : LAKE; *also* : a bay or arm of the sea esp. when nearly landlocked

lock \'läk\ *n* : a tuft, strand, or ringlet of hair; *also* : a cohering bunch (as of wool or flax)

lock *n* 1 : a fastening in which a bolt is operated 2 : the mechanism of a firearm by which the charge is exploded 3 : an enclosure (as in a canal) used in raising or lowering boats from level to level 4 : a wrestling hold

lock *vb* 1 : to fasten the lock of; *also* : to make fast with a lock 2 : to confine or exclude by means of a lock 3 : INTERLOCK

lock-er \'läk-ər\ *n* 1 : a drawer, cupboard, or compart-

ment for individual storage use **2** : an insulated compartment for storing frozen food

lock-et \l'äk-ət\ *n* : a small usu. metal case for a memento worn suspended from a chain or necklace

lock-jaw \l'äk-j'j' n : TETANUS

lock-nut \-,nət\ *n* **1** : a nut screwed tight on another to prevent it from slacking back **2** : a nut designed to lock itself when screwed tight

lock-out \l'äk-,aüt\ *n* : the suspension of work by an employer during a labor dispute in order to make employees accept the terms being offered

lock-smith \l'äk-,smith\ *n* : one who makes or repairs locks

lock-step \l'äk-,step\ *n* : a mode of marching in step by a body of men moving in a very close single file

lock-up \l'äk-,əp\ *n* : JAIL

lo-co \l'ö-kö\ *adj*, *slang* [Sp] : CRAZY, FRENZIED

lo-co-mo-tion \l'ö-kä-'mō-shən\ *n* **1** : the act or power of moving from place to place **2** : TRAVEL

'lo-co-mo-tive \l'ö-kä-'möt-iv\ *adj* : of or relating to locomotion or a locomotive

locomotive *n* : a self-propelled vehicle used to move railroad cars

lo-co-mo-tor \l'ö-kä-'möt-ər\ *adj* : of or relating to locomotion or organs used in locomotion

lo-co-weed \l'ö-kö-,wēd\ *n* : any of several leguminous plants of western No. America that are poisonous to livestock

lo-cus \l'ö-kəs\ *n*, *pl lo-ci* \l'ö-,sī\ [L] **1** : PLACE, LOCALITY **2** : the set of all points whose location is determined by stated conditions

lo-cust \l'ö-kəst\ *n* **1** : a usu. destructive migratory grasshopper **2** : CICADA **3** : any of various leguminous trees with hard wood

lo-cu-tion \l'ö-'kyū-shən\ *n* : a particular form of expression; *also* : PHRASEOLOGY

lode \l'öd\ *n* : an ore deposit

lode-star \l'öd-,stär\ *n* [ME *lode sterre*, fr. *lode* course, fr. OE *lād*] : a guiding star; *esp* : NORTH STAR

lode-stone \-,stōn\ *n* : an iron-containing rock with magnetic properties

lodge \l'äj\ *vb* **lodged**; **lodg-ing** **1** : to provide quarters for; *also* : to settle in a place **2** : CONTAIN **3** : to come to a rest and remain **4** : to deposit for safekeeping **5** : to vest (as authority) in an agent **6** : FILE (~ a complaint)

lodge *n* **1** : a house set apart for residence in a special season or by an employee on an estate; *also* : INN **2** : the meeting place of a branch of a fraternal organization; *also* : the members of such a branch **3** : a den or lair *esp.* of gregarious animals

lodg-er \l'äj-ər\ *n* : a person who occupies a rented room in another's house

lodg-ing \l'äj-ɪŋ\ *n* **1** : DWELLING **2** : a room or suite of rooms in another's house rented as a dwelling place — *usu.* used in *pl.*

lodg-ment or lodge-ment \l'äj-mənt\ *n* **1** : a lodging place **2** : the act or manner of lodging **3** : DEPOSIT

loess \les, 'lə(r)s, 'lō-əs\ *n* : a usu. yellowish brown loamy deposit believed to be chiefly deposited by the wind

'loft \l'öft\ *n* [ME, fr. OE, fr. ON *lopt* air] **1** : ATTIC **2** : GALLERY (organ ~) **3** : an upper floor (as in a warehouse or barn) *esp.* when not partitioned **4** : the thickness of a fabric or insulated material (as of a sleeping bag)

loft *vb* : to strike or throw a ball so that it rises high in the air

lofty \l'öf-tē\ *adj* **loft-i-er**; -**est** **1** : NOBLE; *also* : SUPERIOR **2** : extremely proud **3** : HIGH, TALL — **loft-i-ly** \l'öf-tə-lē\ *adv* — **loft-i-ness** \-tē-nəs\ *n*

'log \l'ög, 'läg\ *n* **1** : a bulky piece of unshaped timber **2** : an apparatus for measuring a ship's speed **3** : the daily

record of a ship's progress; *also* : a regularly kept record of performance (as of an airplane)

log *vb* **logged**; **log-ging** **1** : to cut trees for lumber **2** : to enter in a log **3** : to sail a ship or fly an airplane for (an indicated distance or period of time) **4** : to have (an indicated record) to one's credit : ACHIEVE — **log-ger** \l'ög-ər, 'läg-\ *n*

log *n* : LOGARITHM

log-an-ber-ry \l'ög-ən-,ber-ē\ *n* : a red-fruited upright-growing dewberry; *also* : its fruit

log-a-rithm \l'ög-ə-,rith-əm, 'läg-\ *n* : the exponent that indicates the power to which a base number is raised to produce a given number (the ~ of 100 to the base number of 10 is 2) — **log-a-rith-mic** \l'ög-ə-'rith-mik, 'läg-\ *adj*

loge \l'öz\ *n* **1** : a small compartment; *also* : a box in a theater **2** : a small partitioned area; *also* : the forward section of a theater mezzanine

log-ger-head \l'ög-ər-,hed, 'läg-\ *n* : a large sea turtle of the warmer parts of the Atlantic — **at loggerheads** : in a state of quarrelsome disagreement

log-gia \l'ö-jē-ə, 'lō-jä\ *n*, *pl loggias* \l'ö-jē-əz, 'lō-jäz\ : a roofed open gallery

log-ic \l'äj-ik\ *n* **1** : a science that deals with the rules and tests of sound thinking and proof by reasoning **2** : sound reasoning **3** : the fundamental principles and the connection of circuit elements for arithmetical computation in a computer — **log-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **log-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **lo-gi-cian** \l'ö-'jish-ən\ *n*

lo-gis-tics \l'ög-'jīs-tiks\ *n* *sing or pl* : the procurement, maintenance, and transportation of matériel, facilities, and personnel — **lo-gis-tic** *adj*

log-jam \l'ög-,jam, 'läg-\ *n* **1** : a deadlocked jumble of logs in a watercourse **2** : DEADLOCK

logo \l'ög-ō, 'läg-\ *n*, *pl log-os* \-ōz\ : LOGOTYPE

logo-type \l'ög-ə-,tīp, 'läg-\ *n* : an identifying symbol (as for advertising)

log-roll-ing \-,rō-lɪŋ\ *n* : the trading of votes by legislators to secure favorable action on projects of individual interest

lo-gy \l'ö-gē\ *also* **log-gy** \l'ög-ē, 'läg-\ *adj* **lo-gi-er**; -**est** : deficient in vitality : SLUGGISH

loin \l'oin\ *n* **1** : the part of the body on each side of the spinal column and between the hip and the lower ribs; *also* : a cut of meat from this part of an animal **2** *pl* : the upper and lower abdominal regions and the region about the hips

loin-cloth \-,klōth\ *n* : a cloth worn about the loins often as the sole article of clothing in warm climates

loi-ter \l'oit-ər\ *vb* **1** : LINGER **2** : to hang around idly *syn* dawdle, dally, procrastinate, lag, tarry — **loi-ter-er** *n*

loll \lāl\ *vb* **1** : DROOP, DANGLE **2** : LOUNGE

loll-i-pop or lolli-pop \lāl-i-,pāp\ *n* : a lump of hard candy on a stick

lol-ly-gag \lāl-ē-,gag\ *vb* -**gagged**; -**gag-ging** : DAWDLE

Lond *abbr* London

lone \l'ön\ *adj* **1** : SOLITARY (a ~ sentinel) **2** : SOLE, ONLY (the ~ theater in town) **3** : ISOLATED (a ~ tree)

lone-ly \l'ön-lē\ *adj* **lone-li-er**; -**est** **1** : being without company **2** : UNFREQUENTED (a ~ spot) **3** : LONESOME — **lone-li-ness** *n*

lon-er \l'ö-nər\ *n* : one that avoids others

lone-some \l'ön-səm\ *adj* **1** : sad from lack of companionship **2** : REMOTE; *also* : SOLITARY — **lone-some-ly** *adv* — **lone-some-ness** *n*

'long \l'ön\ *adj* **lon-ger** \l'ön-gər\; **lon-gest** \l'ön-gəst\ **1** : extending for a considerable distance; *also* : TALL, ELONGATED **2** : having a specified length **3** : extending over a

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\vice \i\job
 \ŋ\sing \d\go \d\law \d\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

considerable time; *also* : **TEDIOUS** **4** : containing many items in a series **5** : being a syllable or speech sound of relatively great duration **6** : extending far into the future **7** : well furnished with something — used with *on*

²**long** *adv* : for or during a long time

³**long** *n* : a long period of time

⁴**long** *vb* **longed**; **long-ing** \ˈlɒŋ-ɪŋ\ : to feel a strong desire or wish *syn* yearn, hanker, pine, hunger, thirst

⁵**long** *abbr* longitude

long-boat \ˈlɒŋ-,bɒt\ *n* : the largest boat carried by a merchant sailing ship

long-bow \-,bɒ\ *n* : a wooden bow drawn by hand and usu. 5 to 6 feet long

long-gev-ity \lən-ˈjev-ət-ē\ *n* [LL *longaevitas*, fr. L *longaevus* long-lived, fr. *longus* long + *aevum* age] : a long duration of individual life; *also* : length of life

long-hair \ˈlɒŋ-ˈhɑːr\ *n* **1** : a lover of classical music **2** : HIPPIE **3** : a domestic cat having long outer fur

long-hand \-,hand\ *n* : HANDWRITING

long-horn \-,hɔːn\ *n* : any of the cattle with long horns formerly common in the southwestern U.S.

long hundredweight *n* — see **WEIGHT** table

long-ing \ˈlɒŋ-ɪŋ\ *n* : an eager desire esp. for something unattainable — **long-ing-ly** *adv*

long-i-tude \ˈlɒŋ-jə-,t(y)üd\ *n* : angular distance expressed usu. in degrees east or west from the meridian that runs between the north and south poles and passes through Greenwich, England

long-i-tu-di-nal \ˈlɒŋ-jə-,t(y)üd-(ə-)nəl\ *adj* **1** : extending lengthwise **2** : of or relating to length — **long-i-tu-di-nal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

long-shore-man \ˈlɒŋ-ˈʃɔːr-mən\ *n* : a laborer at a wharf who loads and unloads cargo

long-suffer-ing \-ˈsʌf-(ə)-rɪŋ\ *n* : long and patient endurance of offense

long-term \ˈlɒŋ-ˈtɜːm\ *adj* **1** : extending over or involving a long period of time **2** : constituting a financial obligation based on a term usu. of more than 10 years (a ~ mortgage)

long-time \ˈlɒŋ-,tɪm\ *adj* : of long duration (~ friends)

long ton *n* — see **WEIGHT** table

longueur \lɔː-ˈɡœːr\ *n*, *pl* **longueurs** \-ˈɡœːr(z)\ [F, lit., length] : a dull tedious passage or section

long-wind-ed \ˈlɒŋ-ˈwɪn-dəd\ *adj* : tediously long in speaking or writing

loo-fah \ˈlʊ-fə\ *n* : a sponge consisting of the fibrous skeleton of a gourd

¹**look** \ˈlʊk\ *vb* **1** : to exercise the power of vision : SEE **2** : EXPECT **3** : to have an appearance that befits (~s the part) **4** : SEEM (~s thin) **5** : to direct one's attention : HEED **6** : POINT, FACE **7** : to show a tendency — **look after** : to take care of — **look for** : EXPECT

²**look** *n* **1** : the action of looking : GLANCE **2** : EXPRESSION; *also* : physical appearance **3** : ASPECT

look down \ˈlʊk-ˈdaʊn\ *vb* : DESPISE — used with *on* or *upon*

looking glass *n* : MIRROR

look-out \ˈlʊk-,aʊt\ *n* **1** : a person assigned to watch (as on a ship) **2** : a careful watch **3** : VIEW **4** : a matter of concern

look up \ˈlʊk-ˈʌp\ *vb* **1** : IMPROVE (business is *looking up*) **2** : to search for in or as if in a reference work **3** : to seek out esp. for a brief visit

¹**loom** \ˈlʊm\ *n* : a frame or machine for weaving together threads or yarns into cloth

²**loom** *vb* **1** : to come into sight in an unnaturally large, indistinct, or distorted form **2** : to appear in an impressively exaggerated form

loon \ˈlʊn\ *n* : a web-footed black-and-white fish-eating diving bird

loo-ny or **loo-ney** \ˈlʊ-nē\ *adj* **loo-ni-er**; -est : CRAZY, FOOLISH

loony bin *n* : an insane asylum

loop \ˈlʊp\ *n* **1** : a fold or doubling of a line through which another line or hook can be passed; *also* : a loop-shaped figure or course (a ~ in a river) **2** : a circular airplane maneuver involving flying upside down **3** : a ring-shaped intrauterine device **4** : a piece of film whose ends are spliced together to project continuously — **loop** *vb*

loop-er \ˈlʊ-pər\ *n* : any of numerous rather small hairless moth caterpillars that move with a looping movement

loop-hole \ˈlʊp-,hɒl\ *n* **1** : a small opening in a wall through which firearms may be discharged **2** : a means of escape; *esp* : an ambiguity or omission that allows one to evade the intent of a law or contract

¹**loose** \ˈlʊs\ *adj* **loos-er**; **loos-est** **1** : not rigidly fastened **2** : free from restraint or obligation **3** : not dense or compact in structure **4** : not chaste : LEWD **5** : SLACK **6** : not precise or exact — **loose-ly** *adv* — **loose-ness** *n*

²**loose** *vb* **loosed**; **loos-ing** **1** : RELEASE **2** : UNTIE **3** : DETACH **4** : DISCHARGE **5** : RELAX, SLACKEN

³**loose** *adv* : LOOSELY

loos-en \ˈlʊs-ən\ *vb* **loos-ened**; **loos-en-ing** \ˈlʊs-(ə-)nɪŋ\ **1** : FREE **2** : to make or become loose **3** : to relax the severity of

loot \ˈlʊt\ *n* [Hindi *lūt*, fr. Skt *lunṭati* he robs] : goods taken in war or by robbery : PLUNDER — **loot** *vb* — **loot-er** *n*

¹**lop** \ˈlɒp\ *vb* **lopped**; **lop-ping** : to cut branches or twigs from : TRIM; *also* : to cut off

²**lop** *vb* **lopped**; **lop-ping** : to hang downward; *also* : to flop or sway loosely

lope \ˈlɒp\ *n* : an easy bounding gait — **lope** *vb*

lop-sid-ed \ˈlɒp-ɪd-əd\ *adj* **1** : leaning to one side **2** : UNSYMMETRICAL — **lop-sid-ed-ly** *adv* — **lop-sid-ed-ness** *n*

lo-quacious \lɔː-ˈkwə-ʃəs\ *adj* : excessively talkative — **lo-quac-i-ty** \-ˈkwəs-ət-ē\ *n*

¹**lord** \ˈlɔːd\ *n* [ME *loverd*, *lord*, fr. OE *hlāford*, fr. *hlāf* loaf + *weard* keeper] **1** : one having power and authority over others; *esp* : a person from whom a feudal fee or estate is held **2** : a man of rank or high position; *esp* : a British nobleman **3** *pl*, *cap* : the upper house of the British parliament **4** : a person of great power in some field

²**lord** *vb* : to act like a lord; *esp* : to put on airs — usu. used with *it*

lord chancellor *n*, *pl* **lords chancellor** : a British officer of state who presides over the House of Lords, serves as head of the British judiciary, and is usu. a leading member of the cabinet

lord-ly \-lē\ *adj* **lord-li-er**; -est **1** : DIGNIFIED; *also* : NOBLE **2** : HAUGHTY

lord-ship \-,ʃɪp\ *n* **1** : the rank or dignity of a lord — used as a title **2** : the authority or territory of a lord

Lord's Supper *n* : COMMUNION

lore \ˈlɔːr\ *n* : KNOWLEDGE; *esp* : traditional knowledge or belief

lor-gnette \lɔːr-ˈnet\ *n* [F, fr. *lorgner* to take a sidelong look at, fr. MF, fr. *lorgne* cross-eyed] : a pair of eyeglasses or opera glasses with a handle

lorn \ˈlɔːrn\ *adj* : FORSAKEN, DESOLATE

lor-ry \ˈlɔːr-ē\ *n*, *pl* **lorries** **1** : a large low horse-drawn wagon without sides **2** *Brit* : MOTORTRUCK

lose \ˈlʊz\ *vb* **lost** \lɒst\; **los-ing** \ˈlʊ-zɪŋ\ **1** : DESTROY **2** : to miss from a customary place : MISLAY **3** : to suffer deprivation of **4** : to fail to use : WASTE **5** : to fail to win or obtain (~ the game) **6** : to fail to keep or maintain (~ his balance) **7** : to wander from (~ his way) **8** : to get rid of (~ weight) — **los-er** *n*

loss \ˈlɒs\ *n* **1** : the harm resulting from losing **2** : something that is lost **3** *pl* : killed, wounded, or captured soldiers **4** : failure to win **5** : an amount by which the cost exceeds the selling price **6** : decrease in amount or degree **7** : RUIN

loss leader *n* : an article sold at a loss in order to draw customers

lost ˈlɒst *adj* 1 : not used, won, or claimed 2 : no longer possessed or known 3 : ruined or destroyed physically or morally 4 : DENIED; *also* : HARDENED 5 : unable to find the way; *also* : HELPLESS 6 : ABSORBED, RAPT

lot ˈlɒt *n* 1 : an object used in deciding something by chance; *also* : the use of lots to decide something 2 : SHARE, PORTION; *also* : FORTUNE, FATE 3 : a plot of land 4 : a group of individuals : SET 5 : a considerable quantity

loth ˈlɒθ, ˈlɒth *var of* LOATH

lo-ti ˈlɒt-ē *n*, *pl* **ma-lo-ti** ˈmɑ-lɒt-ē — see MONEY table

lo-tion ˈlɒ-shən *n* : a liquid preparation for cosmetic and external medicinal use

lot-tery ˈlɒt-ə-rē *n*, *pl* **-ter-ies** 1 : a drawing of lots in which prizes are given to the winning names or numbers 2 : a matter determined by chance

lo-tus ˈlɒt-əs *n* 1 : a fruit held in Greek legend to cause dreamy content and forgetfulness 2 : a water lily used in ancient Egyptian and Hindu art and religious symbolism 3 : any of several forage plants related to the clovers

loud ˈlaʊd *adj* 1 : marked by intensity or volume of sound 2 : CLAMOROUS, NOISY 3 : obtrusive or offensive in color or pattern (a ~ suit) — **loud** *adv* — **loud-ly** *adv* — **loud-ness** *n*

loud-mouthed ˈlɑ-maʊθd, ˈlɑ-maʊthd *adj* : given to loud offensive talk

loud-speak-er ˈlaʊd-spē-kər *n* : a device that changes electrical signals into sound

lounge ˈlaʊnʃ *vb* **lounge**; **lounge-ing** : to act or move lazily or listlessly

lounge *n* 1 : a room with comfortable furniture; *also* : a room (as in a theater) with lounging, smoking, and toilet facilities 2 : a long couch

lour ˈlaʊ(-ə)r, **loury** ˈlaʊ(-ə)r-ē *var of* LOWER, LOWERY

louse ˈlaʊs *n*, *pl* **lice** ˈli:s 1 : a small wingless insect parasitic on warm-blooded animals 2 : a plant pest (as an aphid) 3 : a contemptible person

lousy ˈlaʊ-zē *adj* **lous-i-er**; **-est** 1 : infested with lice 2 : POOR, INFERIOR 3 : amply supplied (~ with money) — **lous-i-ly** ˈlaʊ-zə-lē *adv* — **lous-i-ness** ˈzē-nəs *n*

lout ˈlaʊt *n* : a stupid awkward fellow — **lout-ish** *adj* — **lout-ish-ly** *adv*

lou-ver or **lou-vre** ˈlʊ-vər *n* 1 : an opening having parallel slanted slats to allow flow of air but to exclude rain or sun or to provide privacy; *also* : a slat in such an opening 2 : a device with movable slats for controlling the flow of air or light

love ˈlʌv *n* 1 : strong affection 2 : warm attachment (~ of the sea) 3 : attraction based on sexual desire 4 : a beloved person 5 : a score of zero in tennis — **love-less** *adj*

love *vb* **loved**; **love-ing** 1 : CHERISH 2 : to feel a passion, devotion, or tenderness for 3 : CARESS 4 : to take pleasure in (~s to play bridge) — **lov-able** ˈlʌv-ə-bəl *adj* — **lover** *n*

love-bird ˈlʌv-bərd *n* : any of various small usu. gray or green parrots that seemingly show great affection for their mates

love-lorn ˈlʌv-lɔrn *adj* : deprived of love or of a lover

love-ly ˈlʌv-lē *adj* **love-li-er**; **-est** : BEAUTIFUL — **love-li-ness** *n*

love-mak-ing ˌmɑ-kiŋ *n* 1 : COURTSHIP 2 : sexual activity; *esp* : COUPULATION

love-sick ˌsɪk *adj* 1 : YEARNING 2 : expressing a lover's longing — **love-sick-ness** *n*

love-ing ˈlʌv-iŋ *adj* : AFFECTIONATE — **love-ing-ly** *adv*

low ˈlɒ *vb* : MOO

low *n* : MOO

low *adj* **low-er** ˈlɒ(-ə)r; **low-est** ˈlɒ-əst 1 : not high or tall (~ wall); *also* : DÉCOLLETÉ 2 : situated or passing

below the normal level or surface (~ ground) ; *also* : marking a nadir 3 : STRICKEN, PROSTRATE 4 : not loud (~ voice) 5 : being near the equator 6 : humble in status 7 : WEAK; *also* : DEPRESSED 8 : less than usual 9 : falling short of a standard 10 : UNFAVORABLE — **low** *adv* — **low-ness** *n*

low *n* 1 : something that is low 2 : a region of low barometric pressure 3 : the arrangement of gears in an automobile transmission that gives the slowest speed and greatest power

low beam *n* : the short-range focus of a vehicle headlight

low blow *n* : an unprincipled attack

low-brow ˈlɒ-,braʊ *n* : a person without intellectual interests or culture

low-down ˈlɒ-,daʊn *n* : pertinent and esp. guarded information

low-down ˈlɒ-daʊn *adj* 1 : MEAN, CONTEMPTIBLE 2 : deeply emotional

low-end ˌlɒ-nd *adj* : of, relating to, or being the lowest-priced merchandise in a manufacturer's line

low-er ˈlaʊ(-ə)r *vb* 1 : FROWN 2 : to become dark, gloomy, and threatening

low-er ˈlɒ(-ə)r *adj* 1 : relatively low (as in rank) 2 : constituting the popular and more representative branch of a bicameral legislative body 3 : situated beneath the earth's surface

low-er ˈlɒ(-ə)r *vb* 1 : DROP; *also* : DIMINISH 2 : to let descend by its own weight; *also* : to reduce the height of 3 : to reduce in value, number, or amount 4 : DEGRADE; *also* : HUMBLE

low-er-case ˈlɒ(-ə)r-kās *adj* : being a letter that belongs to or conforms to the series a, b, c, etc., rather than A, B, C, etc. — **lowercase** *n*

lower class *n* : a social class occupying a position below the middle class and having the lowest status in a society — **lower-class** ˌlɒ-klas *adj*

low-er-most ˈlɒ(-ə)r-mɒst *adj* : LOWEST

low-ery ˈlaʊ(-ə)-rē *adj* : GLOOMY, LOWERING

lowest common denominator *n* 1 : LEAST COMMON DENOMINATOR 2 : something acceptable to the greatest number of people

lowest common multiple *n* : LEAST COMMON MULTIPLE

low frequency *n* : a frequency of a radio wave in the range between 30 and 300 kilohertz

low-key ˈlɒ-kē *also* **low-keyed** ˌlɒ-kēd *adj* : of low intensity : restrained

low-land ˈlɒ-lənd, -lænd *n* : low and usu. level country

low-life ˈlɒ-,lɪf *n*, *pl* **low-lives** ˌlɒ-,lɪfs *also* **low-lives** ˌlɒ-,lɪvz : a person of low social status or moral character

low-ly ˈlɒ-lē *adj* **low-li-er**; **-est** 1 : HUMBLE, MEEK 2 : ranking low in some hierarchy — **low-li-ness** *n*

low-rise ˈlɒ-rɪz *adj* : being one or two stories and not equipped with elevators (a ~ building)

lox ˈlɒks *n* : liquid oxygen

lox *n*, *pl* **lox** or **lox-es** : smoked salmon

loy-al ˈlɒi(-ə) *adj* [MF, fr. OF *leial*, *leel*, fr. L *legalis* legal] 1 : faithful in allegiance to one's government 2 : faithful esp. to a cause or ideal : CONSTANT — **loy-al-ly** ˈlɒi-ə-lē *adv* — **loy-al-ty** ˈlɒi(-ə)-tē *n*

loy-al-ist ˈlɒi-ə-ləst *n* : one who is or remains loyal to a political party, government, or sovereign

loz-enge ˈlɒz-ənj *n* 1 : a diamond-shaped figure 2 : a small flat often medicated candy

LP *abbr* low pressure

LPG *abbr* liquefied petroleum gas

LPN ˈel-pē-en *n* : LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

LSD ˌel-es-ɪd *n* [lysergic acid diethylamide] : a crys-

əʊabʊt ˈkɪtən ˈfɜːfɜːr ˈvʌʃ ˈæːs ˈæːkɒt, kɑːt
aʊaʊt ˈtʃɪkɪn ˈeɪbət ˈeɪzi ˈgɔː ˈɪhɪt ˈɪːs ˈɪːbɒj
ŋsɪŋ ˈɔːgɔ ˈɔːlɒw ˈɔɪˈbɔɪ ˈθɪn ˈθɪt ˈθɪt ˈθɪt ˈθɪt
ʊʊfʊt ˈvɪt ˈzɪʃən ˈvɪʃən ˈvɪʃən ˈvɪʃən ˈvɪʃən ˈvɪʃən

talline compound that causes psychotic symptoms similar to those of schizophrenia

lt *abbr* light

Lt *abbr* lieutenant

LT *abbr* long ton

LTC or **Lt Col** *abbr* lieutenant colonel

Lt Comdr *abbr* lieutenant commander

ltd *abbr* limited

LTG or **Lt Gen** *abbr* lieutenant general

LTJG *abbr* lieutenant, junior grade

ltr *abbr* letter

Lu *symbol* lutetium

lu-au \ˈlū-,aʊ\ *n* : a Hawaiian feast

lub *abbr* lubricant; lubricating

lub-ber \ˈlʌb-ər\ *n* 1 : LOU 2 : an unskilled seaman — **lub-ber-ly** *adj*

lube \ˈlūb\ *n* : lubricant; *also* : an application of a lubricant

lu-bri-cant \ˈlū-bri-kənt\ *n* : a material (as grease) capable of reducing friction when applied between moving parts

lu-bri-cate \ˈlū-brə-,kāt\ *vb* **-cat-ed**; **-cat-ing** : to apply a lubricant to — **lu-bri-ca-tion** \ˈlū-brə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* — **lu-bri-ca-tor** \ˈlū-brə-,kāt-ər\ *n*

lu-bri-cious \ˈlū-ˈbrish-əs\ or **lu-bri-cous** \ˈlū-bri-kəs\ *adj* 1 : SMOOTH, SLIPPERY 2 : LECHEROUS; *also* : SALACIOUS — **lu-bric-i-ty** \ˈlū-ˈbris-ət-ē\ *n*

lu-cent \ˈlūs-nt\ *adj* 1 : LUMINOUS 2 : CLEAR, LUCID

lu-cerne \ˈlū-ˈsɜrn\ *n*, *chiefly Brit* : ALFALFA

lu-cid \ˈlū-səd\ *adj* 1 : SHINING 2 : clear-minded 3 : easily understood — **lu-cid-i-ty** \ˈlū-sid-ət-ē\ *n* — **lu-cid-ly** *adv* — **lu-cid-ness** *n*

Lu-ci-fer \ˈlū-sə-fər\ *n* [ME, the morning star, a fallen rebel archangel, the Devil, fr. OE, fr. L, the morning star, fr. *lucifer* light-bearing] : DEVIL, SATAN

luck \ˈlʌk\ *n* 1 : CHANCE, FORTUNE 2 : good fortune — **luck-less** *adj*

luck *vb* 1 : to prosper or succeed esp. through chance or good fortune 2 : to come upon something desirable by chance — *usu.* used with *out*, *on*, *onto*, or *into*

lucky \ˈlʌk-ē\ *adj* **luck-i-er**; **-est** 1 : favored by luck : FORTUNATE 2 : FORTUITOUS 3 : seeming to bring good luck — **luck-i-ly** \ˈlʌk-ə-lē\ *adv* — **luck-i-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*

lu-cra-tive \ˈlū-krət-iv\ *adj* : PROFITABLE — **lu-cra-tive-ly** *adv* — **lu-cra-tive-ness** *n*

lu-cra \ˈlū-kər\ *n* [ME, fr. L *lucrum*] : PROFIT; *also* : MONEY

lu-cu-bra-tion \ˈlū-k(y)ə-ˈbrā-shən\ *n* : laborious study : MEDITATION

lu-di-crous \ˈlūd-ə-krəs\ *adj* : LAUGHABLE, RIDICULOUS — **lu-di-crous-ly** *adv* — **lu-di-crous-ness** *n*

luff \ˈlʌf\ *vb* : to sail a ship closer to the wind — **luff** *n*

lug \ˈlʌg\ *vb* **lugged**; **lug-ging** 1 : DRAG, PULL 2 : to carry laboriously

lug *n* 1 : a projecting piece (as for fastening, support, or traction) 2 : a heavy nut used with a bolt

lug-gage \ˈlʌg-ij\ *n* 1 : BAGGAGE 2 : containers (as suitcases) for carrying personal belongings

lu-gu-bri-ous \ˈlū-ˈgū-brē-əs\ *adj* : mournful often to an exaggerated degree — **lu-gu-bri-ous-ly** *adv* — **lu-gu-bri-ous-ness** *n*

Luke \ˈlūk\ *n* — see BIBLE table

luke-warm \ˈlūk-ˈwɔrm\ *adj* 1 : moderately warm : TEPID 2 : not enthusiastic — **luke-warm-ly** *adv*

lull \ˈlʌl\ *vb* 1 : SOOTHE, CALM 2 : to cause to relax vigilance

lull *n* 1 : a temporary calm (as during a storm) 2 : a temporary drop in activity

lul-la-by \ˈləl-ə-,bi\ *n*, *pl* **-bies** : a song to lull children to sleep

lum-ba-go \ˈlʌm-ˈbā-gō\ *n* : rheumatic pain in the lower back and loins

lum-bar \ˈlʌm-bər-, -bār\ *adj* : of, relating to, or con-

stituting the loins or the vertebrae between the thoracic vertebrae and sacrum (∼ region)

lum-ber \ˈlʌm-bər\ *vb* **lum-bered**; **lum-ber-ing** \-b(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to move heavily or clumsily

lumber *n* 1 : surplus or disused articles that are stored away 2 : timber esp. when dressed for use

lumber *vb* **lum-bered**; **lum-ber-ing** \-b(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to cut logs; *also* : to saw logs into lumber — **lum-ber-man** \-mən\ *n*

lum-ber-jack \-ˌjæk\ *n* : LOGGER

lum-ber-yard \-ˌjɑrd\ *n* : a place where lumber is kept for sale

lu-mi-nary \ˈlū-mə-,ner-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-nar-ies** 1 : a very famous person 2 : a source of light; *esp* : a celestial body

lu-mi-nes-cence \-ˈnes-ns\ *n* : the low-temperature emission of light (as by a chemical or physiological process) — **lu-mi-nes-cent** \-ˈnt\ *adj*

lu-mi-nous \ˈlū-mə-nəs\ *adj* 1 : emitting light; *also* : LIGHTED 2 : CLEAR, INTELLIGIBLE — **lu-mi-nance** \-ˈnəns\ *n* — **lu-mi-nos-i-ty** \ˈlū-mə-ˈnās-ət-ē\ *n* — **lu-mi-nous-ly** *adv*

lum-mox \ˈlʌm-əks\ *n* : a clumsy person

lump \ˈlʌmp\ *n* 1 : a piece or mass of irregular shape 2 : AGGREGATE, TOTALITY 3 : a usu. abnormal swelling — **lump-ish** *adj* — **lumpy** *adj*

lump *vb* 1 : to leap together in a lump 2 : to form into lumps

lump *adj* : not divided into parts (a ∼ sum)

lu-na-cy \ˈlū-nə-sē\ *n*, *pl* **-cies** 1 : INSANITY 2 : extreme folly

lu-nar \ˈlū-nər\ *adj* : of or relating to the moon

lu-na-tic \ˈlū-nə-,tik\ *adj* [ME *lunatik*, fr. LL *lunaticus*, fr. L *luna*; fr. the belief that lunacy fluctuated with the phases of the moon] 1 : INSANE; *also* : used for insane persons 2 : extremely foolish — **lunatic** *n*

lunch \ˈlʌnʃ\ *n* 1 : a light meal usu. eaten in the middle of the day 2 : the food prepared for a lunch

lunch *vb* : to eat lunch

lun-cheon \ˈlʌn-ʃən\ *n* : a usu. formal lunch

lun-cheon-ette \ˈlʌn-ʃə-ˈnet\ *n* : a small restaurant serving light lunches

lunch-room \ˈlʌnʃ-,rūm-, -rūm\ *n* 1 : LUNCHEONETTE 2 : a room (as in a school) where lunches are sold and eaten or lunches brought from home may be eaten

lu-nette \ˈlū-ˈnet\ *n* : something shaped like a crescent

lung \ˈlʌŋ\ *n* 1 : one of the usu. paired baglike breathing organs in the chest of an air-breathing vertebrate 2 : a mechanical device for introducing fresh air into and removing stale air from the lungs — **lunged** \ˈlʌŋd\ *adj*

lunge \ˈlʌŋ\ *n* 1 : a sudden thrust or pass (as with a sword) 2 : a sudden forward stride or leap — **lunge** *vb*

lu-pine \ˈlū-pən\ *n* : any of a genus of leguminous plants with long upright clusters of pealike flowers

lu-pus \ˈlū-pəs\ *n* [ML, fr. L *wolf*] : any of several diseases (as systemic lupus erythematosus) characterized by skin lesions

lupus er-y-the-ma-to-sus \-,er-ə-,thē-mə-ˈtō-səs\ *n* : a disorder characterized by skin inflammation; *esp* : SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

lurch \ˈlɜrch\ *n* : a sudden swaying or tipping movement — **lurch** *vb*

lure \ˈlʌr\ *n* 1 : ENTICEMENT; *also* : APPEAL 2 : an artificial bait for catching fish

lure *vb* **lured**; **lur-ing** : to draw on with a promise of pleasure or gain

lu-rid \ˈlʌr-əd\ *adj* 1 : LIVID 2 : shining with the red glow of fire seen through smoke or cloud 3 : GRUESOME; *also* : SENSATIONAL *syn* ghastly, grisly, grim, horrible, macabre — **lu-rid-ly** *adv*

lurk \ˈlɜrk\ *vb* 1 : to move furtively : SNEAK 2 : to lie concealed

lus-cious \ˈlʌsh-əs\ *adj* 1 : having a pleasingly sweet taste or smell 2 : sensually appealing — **lus-cious-ly** *adv* — **lus-cious-ness** *n*

lush ¹lʊʃ ²lʊʃ *adj* : having or covered with abundant growth (~ pastures)
lush *n* : an habitual heavy drinker
lust ¹lʌst *n* 1 : sexual desire often to an intense or unrestrained degree 2 : an intense longing — **lust** *vb* — **lust-ful** *adj*
lus-ter or **lus-tre** ¹lʊs-tər *n* 1 : a shine or sheen esp. from reflected light 2 : BRIGHTNESS, GLITTER 3 : GLORY, SPLENDOR — **lus-ter-less** *adj* — **lus-trous** ¹lʊs-trəs *adj*
lus-tral ¹lʊs-trəl *adj* : PURIFICATORY
lusty ¹lʊs-tē ²lʊst-ī-er; -est : full of vitality : ROBUST — **lust-i-ly** ¹lʊs-tə-lē *adv* — **lust-i-ness** ¹tē-nəs *n*
lute ¹lʊt *n* : a stringed musical instrument with a large pear-shaped body and a fretted fingerboard — **lu-te-nist** or **lu-ta-nist** ¹lʊt-ən-əst *n*
lu-te-tium also **lu-te-cium** ¹lū-tē-sh(ē)-əm *n* : a rare metallic chemical element — see ELEMENT table
Lu-ther-an ¹lū-th(ə)-rən *n* : a member of a Protestant denomination adhering to the doctrines of Martin Luther — **Lu-ther-an-ism** ¹lū-z-əm *n*
lux-u-ri-ant ¹lʊg-ʒhūr-ē-ənt, ¹lək-ʃhūr- *adj* 1 : yielding or growing abundantly : LUSH, PRODUCTIVE 2 : abundantly rich and varied; also : FLORID — **lux-u-ri-ance** ¹ē-əns *n* — **lux-u-ri-ant-ly** *adv*
lux-u-ri-ate ¹ē-,āt *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing 1 : to grow profusely 2 : REVEL
lux-u-ry ¹lʊksh-(ə)-rē, ¹lægzh- *n*, *pl* -ries 1 : great ease and comfort 2 : something desirable but costly or hard to get 3 : something adding to pleasure or comfort but not absolutely necessary — **lux-u-ri-ous** ¹lʊg-ʒhūr-ē-əs, ¹lək-ʃhūr- *adj* — **lux-u-ri-ous-ly** *adv*
lv *abbr* leave
lwei ¹lə-ʔwā *n*, *pl* **lwei** — see **kwanza** at MONEY table
LWV *abbr* League of Women Voters
¹**ly** ¹lē *adv* *suffix* 1 : like in appearance, manner, or nature (queenly) 2 : characterized by regular recurrence in (specified) units of time : every (hourly)
²**ly** ¹lē (corresponding adjectives may end in *əl*, as “double”); -ically ¹is-ik(ə)-lē *adv* *suffix* 1 : in a (speci-

fied) manner (slowly) 2 : from a (specified) point of view (grammatically)
ly-ce-um ¹li-ˈsē-əm, ¹li-sē- *n* 1 : a hall for public lectures 2 : an association providing public lectures, concerts, and entertainments
lye ¹li *n* : a white crystalline corrosive alkaline substance used in making rayon and soap
ly-ing ¹li-ɪŋ *adj* : UNTRUTHFUL, FALSE
ly-ing-in ¹li-ɪŋ-ˈin *n*, *pl* **lyings-in** or **lying-ins** : the state during and consequent to childbirth : CONFINEMENT
lymph ¹limf *n* [L *lympa*, water goddess, water, fr. Gk *nymphē* nymph] : a pale liquid consisting chiefly of blood plasma and white blood cells, circulating in thin-walled tubes (lymphatic vessels), and bathing the body tissues — **lym-phat-ic** ¹lim-ˈfat-ik *adj*
lymph-a-de-nop-a-thy ¹lim-ˈfad-ən-ˈäp-ə-thē *n*, *pl* -thies : abnormal enlargement of the lymph nodes
lymph node *n* : one of the rounded masses of lymphoid tissue surrounded by a capsule
lym-pho-cyte ¹lim-fə-,sīt *n* : any of the weakly motile leukocytes produced in lymphoid tissue that are the typical cells in lymph and include the cellular mediators (as a B cell or a T cell) of immunity
lym-phoid ¹lim-ˈfoid *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or constituting the tissue characteristic of the lymph nodes 2 : of, relating to, or resembling lymph
lynch ¹linch *vb* : to put to death by mob action without legal sanction or due process of law — **lynch-er** *n*
lynx ¹liŋks *n*, *pl* **lynx** or **lynxes** : a wildcat with a short tail, long legs, and usu. tufted ears
lyre ¹li(ə)r *n* : a stringed musical instrument of the harp class used by the ancient Greeks
¹**ly-ric** ¹lir-ik *n* 1 : a lyric poem 2 *pl* : the words of a popular song — **lyr-i-cal** ¹i-kəl *adj*
²**lyric** *adj* 1 : suitable for singing : MELODIC 2 : expressing direct and usu. intense personal emotion
ly-ser-gic acid di-eth-yl-am-ide ¹lē-,sər-jik ... ,dī-eth-ə-ˈlam-īd, li-, -ˈlam-əd *n* : LSD
LZ *abbr* landing zone

M

¹**m** ¹ˈem *n*, *pl* **m's** or **ms** ¹ˈemz *often cap* : the 13th letter of the English alphabet
²**m** *abbr*, *often cap* 1 Mach 2 male 3 married 4 masculine 5 medium 6 [L *meridies*] noon 7 meter 8 mile 9 [L *mille*] thousand 10 minute 11 month 12 moon
ma ¹mā, ¹mō *n* : MOTHER
MA *abbr* 1 [ML *magister artium*] master of arts 2 Massachusetts 3 mental age
ma'am ¹mam, *after* “yes” *often* əm *n* : MADAM
Mac or **Macc** *abbr* Maccabees
ma-ca-bre ¹mə-ˈkăb-(rə), -ˈkăb-ər *adj* [F] 1 : having death as a subject 2 : GRUESOME 3 : HORRIBLE
mac-ad-am ¹mə-ˈkad-əm *n* 1 : a roadway or pavement of small closely packed broken stone 2 : the broken stone used in macadamizing — **mac-ad-am-ize** ¹-,īz *vb*
ma-caque ¹mə-ˈkak, -ˈkāk *n* : any of several short-tailed Asian and East Indian monkeys
mac-a-ro-ni ¹mak-ə-ˈrō-nē *n* 1 : a food made chiefly of wheat flour dried in the form of usu. slender tubes 2 *pl* -nis or -nies : FOP, DANDY
mac-a-roon ¹mak-ə-ˈrūn *n* : a small cookie made chiefly of egg whites, sugar, and ground almonds or coconut
ma-caw ¹mə-ˈkō *n* : a large long-tailed parrot of Central and So. America
Mac-ca-bees ¹mak-ə-,bēz *n* — see BIBLE table
Mc-Coy ¹mə-ˈkōi *n* [alter. of *Mackay* (in the phrase *the*

real Mackay the true chief of the Mackay clan, a position often disputed)] : something that is neither imitation nor substitute (the real ~)

¹**mace** ¹mās *n* 1 : a heavy often spiked club used as a weapon esp. in the Middle Ages 2 : an ornamental staff carried as a symbol of authority



¹mace 2

²**mace** *n* : a spice from the fibrous coating of the nutmeg
mac-er-ate ¹mas-ə-ˈrāt *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing 1 : to cause to waste away 2 : to soften by steeping or soaking so as to separate the parts — **mac-er-a-tion** ¹mas-ə-ˈrā-shən *n*
mach *abbr* machine; machinery; machinist

Mach ¹māk *n* : MACH NUMBER

Mach-a-bees ¹mak-ə-,bēz *n* — see BIBLE table

əˈabut ˈkitten ˈərˌfurther ˈaʌsh ˈaʌce ˈaʌcot, cart
 ˈaʌout ˈchʰchin ˈeɪbet ˈeɪeasɪ ˈeɪgo ˈiˌhɪt ˈiˌvice ˈiˌjob
 ˈŋˌsing ˈoˌgo ˈoˌlaw ˈoˌnˌboy ˈtʰthin ˈtʰthe ˈtʰloot
 ˈuˌfoot ˈyˌyet ˈzhˌvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

ma-chete \mə-'shet-ə\ *n* : a large heavy knife used for cutting sugarcane and underbrush and as a weapon

Ma-chi-a-vel-lian \mak-ē-ə-'vel-ē-ən\ *adj* [Niccolo Machiavelli, †1527 Ital. political philosopher] : characterized by cunning, duplicity, and bad faith — **Ma-chi-a-vel-lian-ism** *n*

mach-i-na-tion \mak-ə-'nā-shən, \mash-ə-\ *n* : an act of planning esp. to do harm; *esp* : PLOT — **mach-i-nate** \mak-ə-,nāt, \mash-\ *vb*

ma-chine \mə-'shēn\ *n* **1** : CONVEYANCE, VEHICLE; *esp* : AUTOMOBILE **2** : a combination of mechanical parts that transmit forces, motion, and energy to do some desired work (a sewing ~) **3** : an instrument (as a pulley or lever) for transmitting or modifying force or motion **4** : an electrical, electronic, or mechanical device for performing a task (a calculating ~) **5** : a highly organized political group under the leadership of a boss or small clique

machine *vb* **ma-chined**; **ma-chin-ing** : to shape or finish by machine-operated tools — **ma-chin-able** \-'shē-nə-bəl\ *adj*

machine gun *n* : an automatic gun capable of rapid continuous firing — **machine-gun** *vb* — **machine gunner** *n*

machine language *n* : the set of symbolic instruction codes usu. in binary form that is used to represent operations and data in a machine (as a computer)

machine-readable *adj* : directly usable by a computer
ma-chin-ery \mə-'shēn-(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* -er-ies **1** : MACHINES; *also* : the working parts of a machine **2** : the means by which something is done

ma-chin-ist \mə-'shē-nəst\ *n* : a person who makes or works on machines

ma-chis-mo \mä-'chéz-(i)mō, \-'chiz-\ *n* : a strong or exaggerated pride in one's masculinity

Mach number \-'mäk-\ *n* : a number representing the ratio of the speed of a body to the speed of sound in the surrounding atmosphere (a *Mach number* of 2 indicates a speed that is twice the speed of sound)

ma-cho \-'mä-chō\ *adj* [Sp, male, fr. *L. masculus*] : characterized by machismo

mack-er-el \mak-(ə-)rəl\ *n*, *pl* mackerel or mackerels : a No. Atlantic food fish greenish above and silvery below
mack-i-naw \mak-ə-,nō\ *n* : a short heavy plaid coat

mack-in-tosh *also* **mac-in-tosh** \mak-ən-,təsh\ *n* **1** chiefly Brit : RAINCOAT **2** : a lightweight waterproof fabric

mac-ra-mé *also* **mac-ra-me** \mak-rə-,mā\ *n* [deriv. of Ar *miqramah* embroidered veil] : a coarse lace or fringe made by knotting threads or cords in a geometrical pattern

mac-ro \mak-(i)rō\ *adj* : very large; *also* : involving large quantities or being on a large scale

mac-ro-bi-ot-ic \mak-rō-bi-'ät-ik, -bē-\ *adj* : relating to or being a very restricted diet (as one containing chiefly whole grains)

mac-ro-cosm \mak-rə-,kāz-əm\ *n* : the great world : UNIVERSE

ma-cron \mak-,rän, \mak-\ *n* : a mark placed over a vowel (as in \mäk\) to show that the vowel is long
mac-ro-scop-ic \mak-rə-'skäp-ik\ *adj* : visible to the naked eye — **mac-ro-scop-i-cal-ly** \-'i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

mad \mad\ *adj* **mad-der**; **mad-dest** **1** : disordered in mind : INSANE **2** : being rash and foolish **3** : FURIOUS, ENRAGED **4** : carried away by enthusiasm **5** : RABID **6** : marked by wild gaiety and merriment **7** : FRANTIC — **mad-ly** *adv* — **mad-ness** *n*

Mad-a-gas-can \mad-ə-'gas-kən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Madagascar

mad-am \mad-əm\ *n* **1** *pl* mes-dames \mä-'däm\ — used as a form of polite address to a woman **2** *pl* madams : the female head of a house of prostitution

ma-dame \mä-'dam, before a surname *also* \mad-əm\ *n*, *pl* mes-dames \mä-'däm\ : MISTRESS — used as a title for a woman not of English-speaking nationality

mad-cap \mad-,kap\ *adj* : WILD, RECKLESS — **madcap** *n*
mad-den \mad-'n\ *vb* **mad-dened**; **mad-den-ing** \mad-(ə-)niŋ\ : to make mad — **mad-den-ing-ly** *adv*

mad-der \mad-ər\ *n* : a Eurasian plant with yellow flowers and fleshy red roots; *also* : its root or a dye prepared from it

made past and past part of MAKE

Ma-dei-ra \mä-'dir-ə\ *n* : an amber-colored dessert wine

ma-de-moi-selle \mad-(ə-)m(w)ə-'zel, mam-'zel\ *n*, *pl* ma-de-moi-selles \-'zelz\ or mes-de-moi-selles \mäd-(ə-)m(w)ə-'zel\ : an unmarried girl or woman — used as a title for an unmarried woman not of English-speaking and esp. of French nationality

made-up \mäd-'əp\ *adj* **1** : marked by the use of makeup **2** : fancifully conceived or falsely devised

mad-house \mad-,häus\ *n* **1** : a place for the detention and care of the insane **2** : a place of great uproar

mad-man \mad-,man, -mən\ *n* : LUNATIC
ma-don-na \mä-'dän-ə\ *n* : a representation (as a picture or statue) of the Virgin Mary

ma-dras \mad-rəs; mə-'dras, -'dräs\ *n* [Madras, India] : a fine usu. cotton fabric with various designs (as plaid)

mad-ri-gal \mad-ri-gəl\ *n* [It *madrigale*] : a somewhat elaborate part-song esp. of the 16th century; *also* : a love poem suitable for a musical setting

mad-wom-an \mad-,wüm-ən\ *n* : a woman who is insane

mael-strom \mä-l-ström\ *n* : a violent whirlpool

mae-stro \mi-'strō\ *n*, *pl* maestros or mae-stri \-,strē\ [It]

: a master in an art; *esp* : an eminent composer, conductor, or teacher of music

Ma-fia \mäf-ē-ə\ *n* [It] **1** : a secret society of political terrorists **2** : a secret criminal organization

ma-fi-o-so \mäf-ē-'ō-(i)sō\ *n*, *pl* -si \-(i)sē\ : a member of the Mafia

mag abbr **1** magnetism **2** magneto **3** magnitude

mag \mag\ *n* : MAGAZINE

mag-a-zine \mag-ə-,zēn\ *n* **1** : a storehouse esp. for military supplies **2** : a place for keeping gunpowder in a fort or ship **3** : a publication usu. containing stories, articles, or poems and issued periodically **4** : a container in a gun for holding cartridges; *also* : a chamber (as on a camera) for film

ma-gen-ta \mä-'jent-ə\ *n* : a deep purplish red
mag-got \mag-ət\ *n* : the legless wormlike larva of a two-winged fly — **mag-goty** *adj*

ma-gi \mä-'jī\ *n* *pl*, often *cap* : the three wise men from the East who paid homage to the infant Jesus

mag-ic \maj-ik\ *n* **1** : the art of persons who claim to be able to do things by the help of supernatural powers or by their own knowledge of nature's secrets **2** : an extraordinary power or influence seemingly from a supernatural force **3** : SLEIGHT OF HAND — **magic** *adj* — **mag-i-cal** \-'i-kəl\ *adj* — **mag-i-cal-ly** \-'i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

ma-gi-cian \mä-'jish-ən\ *n* : one skilled in magic

mag-is-te-ri-al \maj-ə-'stir-ē-əl\ *adj* **1** : AUTHORITATIVE **2** : of or relating to a magistrate or his office or duties

ma-gis-tral \maj-ə-strəl\ *adj* : AUTHORITATIVE

mag-is-trate \maj-ə-,strāt\ *n* : an official entrusted with administration of the laws — **mag-is-tra-cy** \-strə-sē\ *n*

mag-ma \mag-mə\ *n* : molten rock material within the earth — **mag-mat-ic** \mag-'mat-ik\ *adj*

mag-nan-i-mous \mag-'nan-ə-məs\ *adj* **1** : showing or suggesting a lofty and courageous spirit **2** : NOBLE, GENEROUS — **mag-na-nim-i-ty** \mag-nə-'nim-ət-ē\ *n* — **mag-nan-i-mous-ly** *adv* — **mag-nan-i-mous-ness** *n*

mag-nate \mag-'nāt\ *n* : a person of rank, influence, or distinction

mag-ne-sia \mag-'nē-shē, -zhē\ *n* [NL, fr. *magnes carneus*, a white earth, lit., flesh magnet] : a light white substance that is an oxide of magnesium and is used as a laxative

mag-ne-sium \mag-'nē-zē-əm, -zhəm\ *n* : a silver-white

light and easily worked metallic chemical element — see ELEMENT table

mag-net \ˈmæg-nət\ *n* 1 : LODESTONE 2 : a body that is able to attract iron 3 : something that attracts

mag-net-ic \ˈmæg-ˈnet-ik\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to a magnet or magnetism 2 : magnetized or capable of being magnetized 3 : having an unusual ability to attract (a ~ leader) — **mag-net-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

magnetic disk *n* : disk 3

magnetic north *n* : the northerly direction in the earth's magnetic field indicated by the north-seeking pole of a horizontal magnetic needle

magnetic tape *n* : a ribbon coated with a magnetic material on which information (as sound) may be stored

mag-ne-tism \ˈmæg-nə-,tiz-əm\ *n* 1 : the power to attract as possessed by a magnet 2 : the science that deals with magnetic phenomena 3 : an ability to attract

mag-ne-tite \ˈmæg-nə-,tīt\ *n* : a black mineral that is an important iron ore

mag-ne-tize \ˈmæg-nə-,tiz\ *vb* -tized; -tizing 1 : to induce magnetic properties in 2 : to attract like a magnet : CHARM — **mag-ne-tiz-able** *adj* — **mag-ne-ti-za-tion** \,mæg-nət-ə-ˈzā-shən\ *n* — **mag-ne-tiz-er** *n*

mag-ne-to \ˈmæg-nēt-ō\ *n*, *pl* -tos : a generator used to produce sparks in an internal-combustion engine

mag-ne-tom-e-ter \,mæg-nə-ˈtām-ət-ər\ *n* : an instrument for measuring the strength of a magnetic field

mag-ne-to-sphere \ˈmæg-nēt-ə-,sfīər-,ˈnet-\ *n* : a region of the upper atmosphere that extends out for thousands of miles and in which charged particles are trapped by the earth's magnetic field — **mag-ne-to-spher-ic** \-,nēt-ə-ˈsfīər-ik-,ˈsfer-\ *adj*

mag-nif-i-cent \ˈmæg-nif-ə-sənt\ *adj* 1 : characterized by grandeur or beauty : SPLENDID 2 : EXALTED, NOBLE *syn* imposing, stately, noble, grand, majestic — **mag-nif-i-cence** \-səns\ *n* — **mag-nif-i-cent-ly** *adv*

mag-nif-i-co \ˈmæg-nif-i-,kō\ *n*, *pl* -coes or -cos 1 : a nobleman of Venice 2 : a person of high position

mag-ni-fy \ˈmæg-nə-,fī\ *vb* -fied; -fying 1 : EXTOL, LAUD; *also* : to cause to be held in greater esteem 2 : INTENSIFY; *also* : EXAGGERATE 3 : to enlarge in fact or in appearance (a microscope *magnifies* an object) — **mag-ni-fi-ca-tion** \,mæg-nə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* — **mag-ni-fi-er** \ˈmæg-nə-,fī(-ər)\ *n*

mag-nil-o-quent \ˈmæg-ˈnil-ə-kwənt\ *adj* : characterized by an exalted and often bombastic style or manner — **mag-nil-o-quence** \-kwəns\ *n*

mag-ni-tude \ˈmæg-nə-,(t)yūd\ *n* 1 : greatness of size or extent 2 : SIZE 3 : QUANTITY 4 : a number representing the brightness of a celestial body

mag-no-lia \ˈmæg-ˈnōl-yə\ *n* : any of several spring-flowering shrubs and trees with large often fragrant flowers

mag-num opus \,mæg-nəm-ˈō-pəs\ *n* [L] : the greatest achievement of an artist or writer

mag-pie \ˈmæg-pī\ *n* : a long-tailed black-and-white bird related to the jays

Mag-yar \ˈmæg-,yär, ˈmäg-; ˈmāj-,är\ *n* : a member of the dominant people of Hungary — **Magyar** *adj*

ma-ha-ra-ja or **ma-ha-ra-jah** \,mä-hə-ˈrāj-ə\ *n* : a Hindu prince ranking above a raja

ma-ha-ra-ni or **ma-ha-ra-nee** \-ˈrān-ē\ *n* : the wife of a maharaja; *also* : a Hindu princess ranking above a rani

ma-ha-ri-shi \,mä-hə-ˈrē-shē\ *n* : a Hindu teacher of mystical knowledge

ma-hat-ma \mə-ˈhāt-mə-,ˈhat-\ *n* [Skt *mahātman*, fr. *mahātman* great-souled, fr. *mahat* great + *ātman* soul] : a person revered for high-mindedness, wisdom, and selflessness

Ma-hi-can \mə-ˈhē-kən\ *n*, *pl* Mahican or Mahicans : a member of an American Indian people of the upper Hudson river valley

ma-hog-a-ny \mə-ˈhäg-ə-nē\ *n*, *pl* -nies : any of various tropical trees with reddish wood used in furniture; *esp*

: an American evergreen tree or its durable lustrous reddish brown wood

ma-hout \mə-ˈhaut\ *n* [Hindi *mahāut*] : a keeper and driver of an elephant

maid \ˈmäd\ *n* 1 : an unmarried girl or young woman 2 : a female servant

maid-en \ˈmäd-ən\ *n* : MAID 1 — **maid-en-ly** *adj*

maiden *adj* 1 : UNMARRIED; *also* : VIRGIN 2 : of, relating to, or befitting a maiden 3 : FIRST (~ voyage)

maid-en-hair \-,haər\ *n* : a fern with delicate feathery fronds

maid-en-head \ˈmäd-ən-,hed\ *n* 1 : VIRGINITY 2 : HYMEN

maid-en-hood \-,hüd\ *n* : the condition or time of being a maiden

maid-in-wait-ing \,mäd-ən-ˈwät-ɪŋ\ *n*, *pl* maids-in-wait-ing \,mäd-zən-\ : a young woman appointed to attend a queen or princess

maid of honor : a bride's principal unmarried wedding attendant

maid-ser-vant \ˈmäd-,sər-vənt\ *n* : a female servant

mail \ˈmäl\ *n* [ME *male*, fr. OF] 1 : something sent or carried in the postal system 2 : a nation's postal system — often used in *pl*.

mail *vb* : to send by mail

mail *n* [ME *maille*, fr. MF, fr. L *macula* spot, mesh] : armor made of metal links or plates

mail-box \-,bäks\ *n* 1 : a public box for the collection of mail 2 : a private box for the delivery of mail

mail-man \-,man\ *n* : a man who delivers mail

maim \ˈmäm\ *vb* : to mutilate, disfigure, or wound seriously : CRIPPLE

main \ˈmān\ *n* 1 : FORCE (with might and ~) 2 : MAINLAND; *also* : HIGH SEA 3 : the chief part 4 : a principal pipe, duct, or circuit of a utility system

main *adj* 1 : CHIEF, PRINCIPAL 2 : fully exerted (~ force) 3 : expressing the chief predication in a complex sentence (the ~ clause) — **main-ly** *adv*

main-frame \ˈmān-,frām\ *n* : a large fast computer

main-land \ˈmān-,land-,ˌlənd\ *n* 1 : a continuous body of land constituting the chief part of a country or continent

main-line \ˈmān-ˈlīn\ *vb*, *slang* : to inject a narcotic drug into a vein

main line *n* : a principal highway or railroad line

main-mast \ˈmān-,mast-,ˌməst\ *n* : the principal mast on a sailing ship

main-sail \ˈmān-,säl-,ˌsəl\ *n* : the largest sail on the main-mast

main-spring \-,sprɪŋ\ *n* 1 : the chief spring in a mechanism (as of a watch) 2 : the chief motive, agent, or cause

main-stay \-,stā\ *n* 1 : a stay running from the head of the mainmast to the foot of the foremast 2 : a chief support

main-stream \-,strēm\ *n* : a prevailing current or direction of activity or influence — **mainstream** *adj*

main-tain \ˈmān-ˈtān\ *vb* [ME *maintenir*, fr. OF *maintenir*, fr. ML *manutenēre*, fr. L *manu* tenere to hold in the hand] 1 : to keep in an existing state (as of repair) 2 : to sustain against opposition or danger 3 : to continue in : CARRY ON 4 : to provide for : SUPPORT 5 : ASSERT — **main-tain-abil-ity** \-,tā-nə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n* — **main-tain-able** \-ˈtā-nə-bəl\ *adj* — **main-te-nance** \ˈmānt-(ə-)nəns\ *n*

main-top \ˈmān-,tāp\ *n* : a platform at the head of the mainmast of a square-rigged ship

mai-son-ette \ˈmāz-n-ˈet\ *n* 1 : a small house 2 : an apartment often on two floors

mai-tre d' or mai-tre d' \,mä-trə-ˈdē, ˌme-\ *n*, *pl* **maître d's or maitre d's** \-ˈdēz\ : MAÎTRE D'HÔTEL

\əˈabut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈash \äˈace \äˈcot, cart
 \äʊˈout \chˈchin \eˈbet \eˈeasy \əˈgo \iˈhit \iˈice \jˈjob
 \ŋˈsing \oˈgo \oˈlaw \oˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \üˈloot
 \äˈfoot \yˈyet \zhˈvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

maître d'hôtel \mā-trə-dō-'tel, 'me-\ *n*, *pl* **maîtres d'hôtel** \same\ [F, lit., master of house] 1 : MAJORDOMO 2 : the head of a dining-room staff (as of a hotel)

maize \māz\ *n* : INDIAN CORN

Maj *abbr* major

maj-es-ty \maj-ə-stē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** 1 : sovereign power, authority, or dignity; *also* : the person of a sovereign — used as a title 2 : GRANDEUR, SPLENDOR — **ma-jes-tic** \mə-'jes-tik\ *adj* — **ma-jes-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

Maj Gen *abbr* Major General

ma-jol-i-ca \mə-'jäl-i-kə\ *also* **ma-iol-i-ca** \-'yäl-\ *n* : any of several faïences; *esp* : an Italian tin-glazed pottery

ma-jor \mā-jər\ *adj* 1 : greater in number, extent, or importance (a ~ poet) 2 : notable or conspicuous in effect or scope (a ~ improvement) 3 : SERIOUS (a ~ illness) 4 : having half steps between the 3d and 4th and the 7th and 8th degrees (~ scale); *also* : based on a major scale (~ key) (~ chord)

major *n* 1 : a commissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a lieutenant colonel 2 : a subject of academic study chosen as a field of specialization; *also* : a student specializing in such a field

major *vb* **ma-jored**; **ma-jor-ing** \māj-(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to pursue an academic major

ma-jor-do-mo \mā-jər-'dō-mō\ *n*, *pl* **-mos** [Sp *mayordomo* or obs. It *maior-domo*, fr. ML *major domus*, lit., chief of the house] 1 : a head steward 2 : BUTLER

majorette *n* : DRUM MAJORETTE

major general *n* : a commissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a lieutenant general

ma-jor-i-ty \mə-'jör-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** 1 : the age at which full civil rights are accorded; *also* : the status of one who has attained this age 2 : a number greater than half of a total; *also* : the excess of this greater number over the remainder 3 : the military rank of a major

major-medical *adj* : of, relating to, or being a form of insurance designed to pay all or part of the medical bills of major illnesses usu. after deduction of a fixed initial sum

ma-jus-cule \maj-əs-,kyül, mə-'jəs-\ *n* : a large letter (as a capital)

'make \māk\ *vb* **made** \mād\; **mak-ing** 1 : to cause to exist, occur, or appear; *also* : DESTINE (was *made* to be an actor) 2 : FASHION (~ a dress); *also* : COMPOSE 3 : to formulate in the mind (~ plans) 4 : CONSTITUTE (house *made* of stone) 5 : to compute to be 6 : to set in order : PREPARE (~ a bed) 7 : to cause to be or become; *also* : APPOINT 8 : ENACT; *also* : EXECUTE (~ a will) 9 : CONCLUDE (didn't know what to ~ of it) 10 : to carry out : PERFORM (~ a speech) 11 : COMPEL 12 : to assure the success of (anyone he likes is *made*) 13 : to amount to in significance (~s no difference) 14 : to be capable of developing or being fashioned into 15 : REACH, ATTAIN; *also* : GAIN 16 : to start out : go 17 : to have weight or effect (courtesy ~s for safer driving) *syn* form, shape, fabricate, manufacture — **mak-er** *n* — **make believe** : PRETEND — **make do** : to manage with the means at hand — **make fun of** : RIDICULE, MOCK — **make good** 1 : INDEMNIFY (*make good* the loss); *also* : to carry out successfully (*make good* his promise) 2 : SUCCEED — **make way** 1 : to give room for passing, entering, or occupying 2 : to make progress

make *n* 1 : the manner or style of construction; *also* : BRAND 3 2 : MAKEUP 3 : the action of manufacturing — **on the make** : in search of wealth, social status, or sexual adventure

'make-be-lieve \māk-bə-,lēv\ *n* : a pretending to believe : PRETENSE

'make-believe *adj* : IMAGINED, PRETENDED

make-do \-,dü\ *adj* : MAKESHIFT

make out *vb* 1 : to draw up in writing (*make out* a shopping list) 2 : to find or grasp the meaning of (how do you *make that out*) 3 : to pretend to be true 4 : DISCERN

(*make out* a form in the fog) 5 : GET ALONG, FARE (*make out* well in business) 6 : to engage in amorous kissing and caressing

make over *vb* : REMAKE, REMODEL

make-shift \māk-,shift\ *n* : a temporary expedient — **makeshift** *adj*

make-up \-,əp\ *n* 1 : the way in which something is put together; *also* : physical, mental, and moral constitution 2 : cosmetics *esp.* for the face; *also* : materials (as wigs and cosmetics) used in costuming (as for a play)

make up \(')māk-'əp\ *vb* 1 : FORM, COMPOSE 2 : to compensate for a deficiency 3 : SETTLE (*made up* my mind) 4 : INVENT, IMPROVISE 5 : to become reconciled 6 : to put on makeup

make-work \māk-,wərk\ *n* : assigned busywork

mak-ings \mā-kiŋz\ *n* *pl* : the material from which something is made

makuta *pl* of LIKUTA

Mal *abbr* Malachi

Mal-a-chi \mal-ə-,kī\ *n* — see BIBLE table

Mal-a-chi-as \mal-ə-'kī-əs\ *n* — see BIBLE table

mal-a-chite \mal-ə-,kit\ *n* : a mineral that is a green carbonate of copper used for making ornamental objects

mal-adapt-ed \mal-ə-'dap-təd\ *adj* : poorly suited to a particular use, purpose, or situation

mal-ad-just-ed \mal-ə-'jəs-təd\ *adj* : poorly or inadequately adjusted (as to one's environment) — **mal-ad-just-ment** \-'jəs(t)-mənt\ *n*

mal-adroit \mal-ə-'droit\ *adj* : not adroit : INEPT

mal-a-dy \mal-əd-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-dies** : a disease or disorder of body or mind

mal-aise \mə-'lāz, mə-\ *n* [F] : a vague feeling of bodily or mental disorder

mal-a-mute \mal-ə-,myüt\ *n* : a dog often used to draw sleds *esp.* in northern No. America

mal-a-prop-ism \mal-ə-,präp-,iz-əm\ *n* : a usu. humorous misuse of a word

mal-ap-ro-pos \mal-,əp-rə-'pō, mal-'əp-rə-,pō\ *adv* : in an inappropriate or inopportune way — **malapropos** *adj*

ma-lar-ia \mə-'lēr-ē-ə\ *n* [It, fr. *mala aria* bad air] : a disease marked by recurring chills and fever and caused by a parasite carried by a mosquito — **ma-lar-i-al** \-əl\ *adj*

ma-lar-key \mə-'lär-kē\ *n* : insincere or foolish talk

mal-a-thi-on \mal-ə-'thi-ən, -,än\ *n* : an insecticide with a relatively low toxicity for mammals

Ma-la-wi-an \mə-'lā-wē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Malawi — **Malawian** *adj*

Ma-lay \mə-'lā, 'mā-,lā\ *n* 1 : a member of a people of the Malay peninsula and archipelago 2 : the language of the Malays — **Malay** *adj* — **Ma-lay-an** \mə-'lā-ən, 'mā-,lā-\ *n* or *adj*

Ma-lay-sian \mə-'lā-zhən, -shən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Malaysia — **Malaysian** *adj*

mal-con-tent \mal-kən-'tent\ *adj* : marked by a dissatisfaction with the existing state of affairs : DISCONTENTED — **malcontent** *n*

mal de mer \mal-də-'meər\ *n* : SEASICKNESS

'male \māl\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or being the sex that begets young; *also* : STAMINATE 2 : MASCULINE — **maleness** *n*

male *n* : a male individual

male-dic-tion \mal-ə-'dik-shən\ *n* : CURSE, EXECRATION

male-fac-tor \mal-ə-,fak-tər\ *n* : EVILDOER; *esp* : one who commits an offense against the law — **mal-e-fac-tion** \mal-ə-'fak-shən\ *n*

ma-lef-ic \mə-'lef-ik\ *adj* 1 : BALEFUL 2 : MALICIOUS

ma-lef-i-cent \-ə-sənt\ *adj* : working or productive of harm or evil

ma-lev-o-lent \mə-'lev-ə-lənt\ *adj* : having, showing, or arising from ill will, spite, or hatred *syn* malignant, malign, malicious, spiteful — **ma-lev-o-lence** \-ləns\ *n*

mal-fea-sance \mal-'fēz-əns\ *n* : wrongful conduct esp. by a public official

mal-for-ma-tion \mal-för-'mä-shən\ *n* : an irregular or faulty formation or structure — **mal-formed** \mal-'förmd\ *adj*

mal-func-tion \mal-'fəŋk-shən\ *vb* : to fail to operate in the normal or usual manner — **malfunction** *n*

Ma-li-an \mä-'lē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Mali — **Malian** *adj*

mal-ice \mal-'əs\ *n* : ILL WILL — **ma-li-ci-ous** \mä-'lish-əs\ *adj* — **ma-li-ci-ous-ly** *adv*

¹**mal-ign** \mä-'lin\ *adj* **1** : evil in nature, influence, or effect (hindered by ~ influences); *also* : **MALIGNANT** **2** **2** : moved by ill will toward others

²**malign** *vb* : to speak evil of : **DEFAKE**

mal-lig-nant \mä-'lig-nənt\ *adj* **1** : **INJURIOUS**, **MALIGN** **2** : tending or likely to cause death : **VIRULENT** — **mal-lig-nan-cy** \-nən-sē\ *n* — **mal-lig-nant-ly** *adv* — **mal-lig-ni-ty** \-nət-ē\ *n*

mal-lin-ger \mä-'lin-gər\ *vb* -gered; -ger-ing \-g(ə-)riŋ\ [*F* *malingre* sickly] : to pretend illness so as to avoid duty — **mal-lin-ger-er** *n*

mal-i-son \mal-'ə-sən, -zən\ *n* : **CURSE**

mall \mól, 'mal\ *n* **1** : a shaded walk : **PROMENADE** **2** : an urban shopping area featuring a variety of shops surrounding a concourse **3** : a usu. large enclosed suburban shopping area containing various shops

mal-lard \mal-'ərd\ *n, pl mallard or mallards* : a common wild duck that is the ancestor of domestic ducks

mal-lea-ble \mal-'ē-ə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : capable of being extended or shaped by beating with a hammer or by the pressure of rollers **2** : **ADAPTABLE**, **PLIABLE** *syn* plastic, pliant, ductile, supple — **mal-le-a-bil-i-ty** \mal-'ē-ə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n*

mal-let \mal-'ət\ *n* **1** : a tool with a large head for driving another tool or for striking a surface without marring it **2** : a hammerlike implement for striking a ball (as in polo or croquet)

mal-le-us \mal-'ē-əs\ *n, pl mal-lei* \-ē-,ē\ [*NL, fr. L, hammer*] : the outermost of the three small bones of the mammalian ear

mal-low \mal-'ō\ *n* : any of several tall herbs with lobed leaves and 5-petaled white, yellow, rose, or purplish flowers

mal-m-sey \mä(l)m-'zē\ *n, often cap* : the sweetest variety of Madeira wine

mal-nour-ish-ed \mal-'nər-isht\ *adj* : poorly nourished

mal-nu-tri-tion \mal-n(y)ü-'trish-ən\ *n* : faulty and esp. inadequate nutrition

mal-oc-clu-sion \mal-'ə-'klü-zhən\ *n* : faulty coming together of teeth in biting

mal-odor-ous \mal-'ōd-ə-rəs\ *adj* : ill-smelling — **mal-odor-ous-ly** *adv* — **mal-odor-ous-ness** *n*

ma-lo-ti \mä-'lōt-ē\ *pl* of **LOTI**

mal-prac-tice \mal-'prak-təs\ *n* : a dereliction of professional duty or a failure of professional skill that results in injury, loss, or damage

malt \mól\ *n* **1** : grain and esp. barley steeped in water until it has sprouted and used in brewing and distilling **2** : liquor made with malt — **malty** *adj*

malted milk \mól-təd\ *n* : a powder prepared from dried milk and an extract from malt; *also* : a beverage of this powder in milk or other liquid

Mal-thu-sian \mal-'th(y)ü-zhən\ *adj* : of or relating to Malthus or his theory that population unless checked (as by war) tends to increase faster than its means of subsistence — **Malthusian** *n* — **Mal-thu-sian-ism** \-zhə-'niz-əm\ *n*

malt-ose \mól-'tös\ *n* : a sugar formed esp. from starch by the action of enzymes and used in brewing and distilling

mal-treat \mal-'trēt\ *vb* : to treat cruelly or roughly : **ABUSE** — **mal-treat-ment** *n*

ma-ma or **mam-ma** \mäm-ə\ *n* : **MOTHER**

mam-bo \mäm-bō\ *n, pl mambos* : a dance of Cuban origin related to the rumba — **mambo** *vb*

mam-mal \mam-əl\ *n* : any of the group of vertebrate animals that includes man and all others which nourish their young with milk — **mam-ma-li-an** \mä-'mä-lē-ən, ma-\ *adj* or *n*

mam-ma-ry \mam-ə-rē\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the glands (**mammary glands**) that in female mammals secrete milk

mam-mo-gram \mam-ə-,gram\ *n* : a photograph of the breasts made by X rays

mam-mog-ra-phy \ma-'mäg-rə-fē\ *n, pl -phies* : X-ray examination of the breasts (as for early detection of cancer)

mam-mon \mam-ən\ *n, often cap* : material wealth having a debasing influence

¹**mam-moth** \mam-əth\ *n* : any of various large hairy extinct elephants

²**mammoth** *adj* : of very great size : **GIGANTIC** *syn* colossal, enormous, immense, vast, elephantine

¹**man** \man\ *n, pl men* \men\ **1** : a human being; *esp* : an adult male **2** : **MANKIND** **3** : one possessing in high degree the qualities considered distinctive of manhood; *also* : **HUSBAND** **4** : an adult male servant or employee **5** : one of the pieces with which various games (as chess) are played **6** *often cap* : white society or people

²**man** *vb* **manned**; **man-ning** **1** : to supply with men (<~ a fleet) **2** : **FORTIFY**, **BRACE**

³**man** *abbr* manual

Man *abbr* Manitoba

man-about-town \man-ə-,baüt-'taün\ *n, pl men-about-town* \men-\ : a worldly and socially active man

man-a-cle \man-i-kəl\ *n* **1** : a shackle for the hand or wrist **2** : something used as a restraint

man-age \man-ij\ *vb* **man-aged**; **man-aging** **1** : **HANDLE**, **CONTROL**; *also* : to direct or carry on business or affairs **2** : to make and keep submissive **3** : to treat with care : **HUSBAND** **4** : to achieve one's purpose : **CONTRIVE** — **man-age-abil-i-ty** \man-ij-ə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **man-age-able** \man-ij-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **man-age-able-ness** *n* — **man-age-ably** \-blē\ *adv*

man-age-ment \man-ij-mənt\ *n* **1** : the act or art of managing : **CONTROL** **2** : judicious use of means to accomplish an end **3** : executive ability **4** : the group of those who manage or direct an enterprise

man-a-ger \man-ij-ər\ *n* : one that manages — **man-a-ger-i-al** \man-ə-'jir-ē-əl\ *adj*

ma-na-na \man-'yän-ə\ [*Sp., lit., tomorrow*] *n* : an indefinite time in the future

man-at-arms \man-ət-'ärmz\ *n, pl men-at-arms* \men-\ : **SOLDIER**; *esp* : one who is heavily armed and mounted

Man-chu-ri-an \man-'chür-ē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Manchuria, China — **Manchurian** *adj*

man-ci-ple \man-sə-pəl\ *n* : a steward or purveyor esp. for a college or monastery

man-da-mus \man-'dä-məs\ *n* [*L, we enjoin, fr. mandare*] : a writ issued by a superior court commanding that an official act or duty be performed

man-da-rin \man-də-rən\ *n* **1** : a public official of high rank under the Chinese Empire **2** *cap* : the chief dialect of China **3** : a reddish orange to yellow loose-skinned citrus fruit; *also* : a tree that bears mandarins

man-date \man-'dāt\ *n* **1** : an authoritative command **2** : an authorization to act given to a representative **3** : a commission granted by the League of Nations to a member nation for governing conquered territory; *also* : a territory so governed

\ə'abut \p'kitten \ər'further \ə'sh \ə'ace \ä'cot, cart
 \ä'u'out \ch'chin \ə'bet \ē'easy \g'go \i'hit \i'ice \j'job
 \j'sing \ö'go \ö'law \öi'boy \th'thin \th'the \ü'lout
 \ü'foot \y'yet \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

man-da-to-ry \ˈmān-də-tōr-ē\ *adj* **1** : containing or constituting a command : OBLIGATORY **2** : of or relating to a League of Nations mandate

man-di-ble \ˈmān-də-bəl\ *n* **1** : JAW; *esp* : a lower jaw **2** : either segment of a bird's bill — **man-dib-u-lar** \ˈmān-dib-yə-lər\ *adj*

man-do-lin \ˈmān-də-lin, ˈmān-dəl-ən\ *n* : a stringed musical instrument with a pear-shaped body and a fretted neck

man-drag-o-ra \ˈmān-drag-ə-rə\ *n* : MANDRAKE **1**

man-drake \ˈmān-drāk\ *n* **1** : an Old World herb of the nightshade family or its large forked root superstitiously credited with human and medicinal attributes **2** : MAYAPPLE

man-drel also **man-dril** \ˈmān-drəl\ *n* **1** : an axle or spindle inserted into a hole in a piece of work to support it during machining **2** : a metal bar used as a core around which material may be cast, shaped, or molded

man-drill \ˈmān-drəl\ *n* : a large fierce gregarious baboon of western Africa

mane \ˈmān\ *n* : long heavy hair growing about the neck of some mammals (as a horse) — **maned** \ˈmānd\ *adj*

man-eat-er \ˈmān-ēt-ər\ *n* : one (as a shark or cannibal) that has or is thought to have an appetite for human flesh — **man-eat-ing** \-ēt-ɪŋ\ *adj*

ma-nege \ma-ˈnez, mə-\ *n* : the art of horsemanship or of training horses

ma-nes \ˈmān-əs, ˈmā-nēz\ *n pl*, *often cap* : the spirits of the dead and gods of the lower world in ancient Roman belief

ma-neu-ver \mə-ˈn(y)ū-vər\ *n* [F *manœuvre*, fr. OF *manœuvre* work done by hand, fr. ML *manuopera*, fr. L *manu operare* to work by hand] **1** : a military or naval movement; *also* : an armed forces training exercise — often used in pl. **2** : a procedure involving expert physical movement **3** : an evasive movement or shift of tactics; *also* : an action taken to gain a tactical end — **maneuver** *vb* — **ma-neu-ver-abil-ity** \-n(y)ūv-(ə)-rə-ˈbil-ə-ti\ *n*

man Fri-day \ˈmān-frīd-ē\ *n* : an efficient and devoted aide or employee

man-ful \ˈmān-fəl\ *adj* : having or showing courage and resolution — **man-ful-ly** \-əl\ *adv*

man-ga-nese \ˈmāŋ-gə-nēz, -nēs\ *n* : a grayish white metallic chemical element resembling iron but not magnetic — see ELEMENT table

mange \ˈmānj\ *n* : a contagious itchy skin disease esp. of domestic animals — **mangy** \ˈmān-jē\ *adj*

man-ger \ˈmān-jər\ *n* : a trough or open box for livestock feed or fodder

man-gle \ˈmān-gəl\ *vb* **man-gled**; **man-gling** \-g(ə)-liŋ\ **1** : to cut, bruise, or hack with repeated blows **2** : to spoil or injure in making or performing — **man-gler** \-g(ə)-lər\ *n*

mangle *n* : a machine for ironing laundry by passing it between heated rollers

man-go \ˈmāŋ-gō\ *n*, *pl* mangoes *also* mangos [Pg *manga*] : a yellowish red tropical fruit with juicy slightly acid pulp; *also* : an evergreen tree related to the sumacs that bears this fruit

man-grove \ˈmān-grōv\ *n* : a tropical maritime tree that sends out many prop roots and forms dense thickets important in coastal land building

man-han-dle \ˈmān-,hān-dəl\ *vb* : to handle roughly

man-hat-tan \ˈmān-ˈhāt-ən\ *n*, *often cap* : a cocktail made of whiskey and vermouth

man-hole \ˈmān-,hōl\ *n* : a hole through which a person may go esp. to gain access to an underground or enclosed structure

man-hood \-,hūd\ *n* **1** : the condition of being an adult male **2** : manly qualities : COURAGE **3** : MEN (the nation's ~)

man-hour \-ˈa(ə)-r\ *n* : a unit of one hour's work by one person

man-hunt \-,hənt\ *n* : an organized hunt for a person and esp. for one charged with a crime

ma-nia \ˈmā-nē-ə, -nyə\ *n* **1** : insanity esp. when marked by extreme excitement **2** : excessive enthusiasm

ma-ni-ac \ˈmā-nē-,æk\ *n* : LUNATIC, MADMAN

ma-ni-a-cal \mə-ˈni-ə-kəl\ *also* **ma-ni-ac** \ˈmā-nē-ək\ *adj* **1** : affected with or suggestive of madness **2** : FRANTIC

man-ic \ˈmān-ik\ *adj* : affected with, relating to, or resembling mania — **manic** *n*

man-ic-de-pres-sive \ˈmān-ik-di-ˈpres-iv\ *adj* : characterized by mania, by psychotic depression, or by alternating mania and depression — **manic-depressive** *n*

man-i-cure \ˈmān-ə-kyūr\ *n* **1** : MANICURIST **2** : a treatment for the care of the hands and nails

manicure *vb* -cured; -cur-ing **1** : to do manicure work on **2** : to trim closely and evenly

man-i-cur-ist \-,kyūr-əst\ *n* : a person who gives manicure treatments

man-i-fest \ˈmān-ə-,fest\ *adj* [ME, fr. MF or L; MF *manifeste*, fr. L *manifestus*, lit., hit by the hand, fr. *manus* hand + *-festus* (akin to L *infestus* hostile)] **1** : readily perceived by the senses and esp. by the sight **2** : easily understood : OBVIOUS — **man-i-fest-ly** *adv*

manifest *vb* : to make evident or certain by showing or displaying syn evidence, evince, demonstrate, exhibit

manifest *n* : a list of passengers or an invoice of cargo for a ship or plane

man-i-fes-ta-tion \ˈmān-ə-fə-ˈstā-shən\ *n* : DISPLAY, DEMONSTRATION

man-i-fes-to \ˈmān-ə-ˈfes-tō\ *n*, *pl* -tos or -toes : a public declaration of intentions, motives, or views

man-i-fold \ˈmān-ə-,föld\ *adj* **1** : marked by diversity or variety **2** : consisting of or operating many of one kind combined

manifold *n* : a pipe fitting with several lateral outlets for connecting it with other pipes

manifold *vb* **1** : to make a number of copies of (as a letter) **2** : MULTIPLY

man-i-kin or **man-ni-kin** \ˈmān-i-kən\ *n* **1** : MANNEQUIN **2** : a little man : DWARF, PYGMY

Ma-nila hemp \mə-,nil-ə-\ *n* : a tough fiber from a Philippine banana plant used esp. for cordage

manila paper \mə-,nil-ə-\ *n*, *often cap M* : a tough brownish paper made orig. from Manila hemp

man-i-oc \ˈmān-ē-,äk\ *n* : CASSAVA

ma-nip-u-late \mə-ˈnɪp-yə-,lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing [fr. *manipulation*, fr. F, fr. *manipule* handful, fr. L *manipulus*] **1** : to treat or operate manually or mechanically esp. with skill **2** : to manage or use skillfully **3** : to influence esp. with intent to deceive — **ma-nip-u-la-tion** \mə-nɪp-yə-ˈlā-shən\ *n* — **ma-nip-u-la-tive** \-ˈnɪp-yə-,lāt-iv\ *adj* — **ma-nip-u-la-tor** \-,lāt-ər\ *n*

man-kind *n* **1** \ˈmān-ˈkɪnd\ : the human race **2** \-,kɪnd\ : men as distinguished from women

man-ly \ˈmān-lē\ *adj* **man-li-er**; -est : having qualities appropriate to or generally associated with a man : BOLD, RESOLUTE — **man-li-ness** *n*

manly *adv* : in a manly manner

man-made \ˈmān-ˈmād\ *adj* : made by man rather than nature (~ systems); *esp* : SYNTHETIC (~ fibers)

man-na \ˈmān-ə\ *n* **1** : food miraculously supplied to the Israelites in the wilderness **2** : something of value that comes unexpectedly : WINDFALL

manned \ˈmānd\ *adj* : carrying or performed by a person (~ spaceflight)

man-ne-quin \ˈmān-i-kən\ *n* **1** : a form representing the human figure used esp. for displaying clothes **2** : a person employed to model clothing

man-ner \ˈmān-ər\ *n* **1** : KIND, SORT **2** : a way of acting or proceeding (worked in a brisk ~); *also* : normal behavior (spoke bluntly as was his ~) **3** : a method of artistic

- execution **4 pl** : social conduct; *also* : BEARING **5 pl** : BEHAVIOR (taught the child good ~s)
- man-nered** \ˈman-ərd\ *adj* **1** : having manners of a specified kind (well-mannered) **2** : having an artificial character (a highly ~ style)
- man-ner-ism** \ˈman-ə-, rīz-əm\ *n* **1** : ARTIFICIALITY, PRECISITUDINE **2** : a peculiarity of action, bearing, or treatment *syn* pose, air, affectation
- man-ner-ly** \ˈman-ər-lē\ *adj* : showing good manners : POLITE — **man-ner-li-ness** *n*
- man-nish** \ˈman-ish\ *adj* **1** : resembling or suggesting a man rather than a woman **2** : generally associated with or characteristic of a man — **man-nish-ly** *adv* — **man-nish-ness** *n*
- ma-noeu-vre** \mə-ˈn(y)ü-vər\ *chiefly Brit var of* MANEUVER
- man-of-war** \ˌman-ə-(v)-wôr\ *n, pl men-of-war* \ˌmen-ə- : WARSHIP
- ma-nom-e-ter** \mə-ˈnäm-ət-ər\ *n* : an instrument for measuring the pressure of gases — **mano-met-ric** \ˌman-ə-ˈme-trik\ *adj*
- man-or** \ˈman-ər\ *n* **1** : the house or hall of an estate; *also* : a landed estate **2** : an English estate of a feudal lord — **ma-no-ri-al** \mə-ˈnôr-ē-əl\ *adj* — **ma-no-ri-al-ism** \-ə-, līz-əm\ *n*
- man power** *n* **1** : power available from or supplied by the physical effort of human beings **2 usu** **man-pow-er** : the total supply of persons available and fitted for service
- man-qué** \mä-ˈkə\ *adj* [F, fr. pp. of *manquer* to lack, fail] : short of or frustrated in the fulfillment of one's aspirations or talents (a poet ~)
- man-sard** \ˈman-, sârd-, -sərd\ *n* : a roof having two slopes on all sides with the lower slope steeper than the upper one
- manse** \ˈmans\ *n* : the residence esp. of a Presbyterian clergyman
- man-ser-vant** \ˈman-, sər-vənt\ *n, pl men-ser-vants* \ˈmen-, sər-vənts\ : a male servant
- man-sion** \ˈman-chən\ *n* : a large imposing residence; *also* : a separate apartment in a large structure
- man-size** \ˈman-, siz\ *or* **man-sized** \-, sizd\ *adj* : suitable for or requiring a man
- man-slaugh-ter** \-, slôt-ər\ *n* : the unlawful killing of a human being without express or implied malice
- man-slay-er** \-, slâ-ər\ *n* : one who slays a man
- man-ta** \ˈmant-ə\ *n* : a square piece of cloth or blanket used in southwestern U.S. and Latin America as a cloak or shawl
- man-teau** \ˈman-ˈtō\ *n* : a loose cloak, coat, or robe
- man-tel** \ˈmant-əl\ *n* : a beam, stone, or arch serving as a lintel to support the masonry above a fireplace; *also* : a shelf above a fireplace
- man-tel-piece** \ˈmant-əl-, pēs\ *n* : the shelf of a mantel
- man-til-la** \ˈman-ˈtē-(y)ə-, ˈtil-ə\ *n* : a light scarf worn over the head and shoulders esp. by Spanish and Latin-American women
- man-tis** \ˈmant-əs\ *n, pl man-tis-es or man-tes* \ˈman-, tēz\ [NL, fr. Gk, lit., diviner, prophet] : a large insect related to the grasshoppers that feeds on other insects which it holds in forelimbs folded as if in prayer
- man-tis-sa** \ˈman-ˈtis-ə\ *n* : the decimal part of a logarithm
- man-tle** \ˈmant-əl\ *n* **1** : a loose sleeveless garment worn over other clothes **2** : something that covers, enfolds, or envelops **3** : a lacy sheath that gives light by incandescence when placed over a flame **4** : the portion of the earth lying between the crust and the core **5** : MANTEL
- 2mantle** *vb* **man-tled; man-ting** \ˈmant-(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : to cover with a mantle **2** : BLUSH
- man-tra** \ˈman-trə\ *n* : a Hindu or Buddhist mystical formula of incantation
- 1man-u-al** \ˈman-yə-(wə)\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or involving the hands; *also* : worked by hand (a ~ choke) **2** : requiring or using physical skill and energy — **man-u-al-ly** \-əl\ *adv*
- 2manual** *n* **1** : a small book; *esp* : HANDBOOK **2** : the prescribed movements in the handling of a military item and *esp.* a weapon during a drill or ceremony (the ~ of arms) **3** : a keyboard esp. of an organ
- man-u-fac-to-ry** \ˌman-(y)ə-ˈfak-t(ə-)rē\ *n* : FACTORY
- 1man-u-fac-ture** \ˌman-(y)ə-ˈfak-chər\ *n* [MF, fr. L *manu factus* made by hand] **1** : something made from raw materials **2** : the process of making wares by hand or by machinery; *also* : a productive industry using mechanical power and machinery
- 2manufacture** *vb* **-tured; -tur-ing** **1** : to make from raw materials by hand or by machinery; *also* : to engage in manufacture **2** : INVENT, FABRICATE; *also* : CREATE — **man-u-fac-tur-er** *n*
- man-u-mit** \ˌman-yə-ˈmit\ *vb* **-mit-ted; -mit-ting** : to free from slavery — **man-u-mis-sion** \-ˈmish-ən\ *n*
- 1ma-nure** \mə-ˈn(y)ūr\ *vb* **ma-nured; ma-nur-ing** : to fertilize land with manure
- 2manure** *n* : FERTILIZER; *esp* : refuse from stables and barnyards — **ma-nu-ri-al** \-ˈn(y)ūr-ē-əl\ *adj*
- man-u-script** \ˈman-yə-, skript\ *n* [L *manu scriptus* written by hand] **1** : a written or typewritten composition or document **2** : writing as opposed to print
- Manx** \ˈmæŋks\ *n pl* : the people of the Isle of Man — **Manx** *adj*
- 1many** \ˈmen-ē\ *adj* **more** \ˈmōr\; **most** \ˈmōst\ : consisting of or amounting to a large but indefinite number
- 2many** *pron* : a large number
- 3many** *n* : a large but indefinite number
- many-fold** \ˌmen-ē-ˈföld\ *adv* : by many times
- many-sided** \-ˈsīd-əd\ *adj* **1** : having many sides or aspects **2** : VERSATILE
- Mao-ism** \ˈmau-, līz-əm\ *n* : the theory and practice of Communism developed in China chiefly by Mao Tse-tung — **Mao-ist** \ˈmau-əst\ *n or adj*
- Mao-ri** \ˈmau(ə)-rē\ *n, pl Maori or Maoris* : a member of a Polynesian people native to New Zealand
- 1map** \ˈmæp\ *n* [ML *mappa*, fr. L, napkin, towel] **1** : a representation usu. on a flat surface of the whole or part of an area **2** : a representation of the celestial sphere or part of it
- 2map** *vb* **mapped; map-ping** **1** : to make a map of **2** : to plan in detail (~ out a program) — **map-pa-ble** \ˈmap-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **map-per** *n*
- ma-ple** \ˈmā-pəl\ *n* : any of various trees or shrubs with 2-winged dry fruit and opposite leaves; *also* : the hard light-colored wood of a maple used esp. for floors and furniture
- maple sugar** *n* : sugar made by boiling maple syrup
- maple syrup** *n* : syrup made by concentrating the sap of maple trees and esp. the sugar maple
- mar** \ˈmār\ *vb* **marred; mar-ring** : to detract from the wholeness or perfection of : SPOIL *syn* injure, hurt, harm, damage, impair, blemish
- Mar** *abbr* March
- ma-ra-ca** \ˈma-ˈrāk-ə-, ˈrak-ə\ *n* [Pg *maracá*] : a dried gourd or a rattle like a gourd that contains dried seeds or pebbles and is used as a percussion instrument
- mar-a-schi-no** \ˌmar-ə-ˈskē-nō-, ˈshē-ə\ *n, pl -nos often cap* [It] : a cherry preserved in a true or imitation sweet cherry liqueur
- mar-a-thon** \ˈmar-ə-, thän\ *n* [Marathon, Greece, site of a victory of Greeks over Persians in 490 B.C. the news of which was carried to Athens by a long-distance runner] **1** : a long-distance race esp. on foot **2** : an endurance contest
- \əˈbut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈvash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart \əˈout \chˈchin \etˈbet \ēˈeasy \gˈgo \iˈhit \iˈvice \jˈjob \jˈsing \dʒˈgo \dʒˈlaw \dʒˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \uˈlout \uˈfoot \vˈyet \zhˈvision *see* also Pronunciation Symbols page

mar-a-thon-er \ˈmar-ə-, thən-ər\ *n* : one who takes part in a marathon — **mar-a-thon-ing** *n*

ma-raud \mə-ˈrɒd\ *vb* : to roam about and raid in search of plunder : **PILLAGE** — **ma-raud-er** *n*

mar-ble \ˈmār-bəl\ *n* **1** : a limestone that can be polished and used in fine building work **2** : something resembling marble (as in coldness) **3** : a small ball (as of glass) used in various games; *also*, *pl* : a children's game played with these small balls — **marble** *adj*

mar-bling \b(ə)-lɪŋ\ *n* : an intermixture of fat through the lean of a cut of meat

mar-cel \mār-ˈsɛl\ *n* : a deep soft wave made in the hair by the use of a heated curling iron — **marcel** *vb*

1 march \ˈmɑːtʃ\ *n* : a border region : **FRONTIER**

2 march *vb* **1** : to move along in or as if in military formation **2** : to walk in a direct purposeful manner; *also* : **PROGRESS**, **ADVANCE** **3** : **TRAVERSE** — **march-er** *n*

3 march *n* **1** : the action of marching; *also* : the distance covered (as by a military unit) in a march **2** : a regular measured stride or rhythmic step used in marching **3** : forward movement **4** : a piece of music with marked rhythm suitable for marching to

March *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. L *martius*, fr. *Mart-*, *Mars*, Roman god of war] : the third month of the year having 31 days

mar-chio-ness \ˈmār-shə-nəs\ *n* **1** : the wife or widow of a marquess **2** : a woman holding the rank of a marquess in her own right

march-past \ˈmɑːtʃ-,past\ *n* : a marching by esp. of troops in review

Mar-di Gras \ˈmɑːrd-ē-,grā\ *n* [F, lit., fat Tuesday] : the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday often observed with parades and merrymaking

1 mare \ˈmɑːr\ *n* : a female of an animal of the horse group

2 ma-re \ˈmār-(i)-ā\ *n*, *pl* **ma-ria** \ˈmār-ē-ə\ : any of several large dark areas on the surface of the moon or Mars

mar-ga-rine \ˈmɑːrj-(ə)-rɒn-, -rēn\ *n* : a food product made usu. from vegetable oils churned with skimmed milk and used as a substitute for butter

mar-gin \ˈmār-jən\ *n* **1** : the part of a page outside the main body of printed or written matter **2** : **EDGE** **3** : a spare amount, measure, or degree allowed for use if needed **4** : measure or degree of difference (passed the bill by a ~ of one vote) — **mar-gin-al** \-əl\ *adj* — **mar-gin-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

mar-gi-na-lia \ˈmār-jə-ˈnā-lē-ə\ *n pl* : marginal notes

mar-grave \ˈmār-,grāv\ *n* : the military governor esp. of a medieval German border province

mar-gue-rite \ˈmār-g(y)-ə-ˈrēt\ *n* [F] : any of several daisies or chrysanthemums

ma-ri-a-chi \ˈmār-ē-ˈäch-ē\ *n* : a Mexican street band; *also* : a member of or the music of such a band

mari-gold \ˈmar-ə-,göld-, ˈmer-\ *n* : a garden plant related to the daisies with double yellow, orange, or reddish flower heads

mar-i-ju-a-na *also* **mar-i-hua-na** \ˈmar-ə-ˈ(h)wān-ə\ *n* [MexSp *marihuana*] : the dried leaves and flowering tops of the female hemp plant that are sometimes smoked for their intoxicating effect; *also* : **HEMP**

ma-rim-ba \mə-ˈrim-bə\ *n* : a xylophone of southern Africa and Central America; *also* : a modern version of it

ma-ri-na \mə-ˈrē-nə\ *n* : a dock or basin providing secure moorings for motorboats and yachts

mar-i-na-ra \ˈmar-ə-ˈnār-ə\ *adj* [It (*alla marinara*, lit., in sailor style)] : made with tomatoes, onions, garlic, and spices; *also* : served with marinara sauce

mar-i-nate \ˈmar-ə-,nāt\ *vb* — **nat-ing** : to steep (as meat or fish) in a brine or pickle

1 ma-rine \mə-ˈrēn\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to the sea or its navigation or commerce **2** : of or relating to marines

2 marine **1** : the mercantile and naval shipping of a country

2 : any of a class of soldiers serving on shipboard or with a naval force

mar-i-ner \ˈmar-ə-nər\ *n* : **SAILOR**

mar-i-o-nette \ˈmar-ē-ə-ˈnet-, ˈmer-\ *n* : a puppet moved by strings or by hand

mar-i-tal \ˈmar-ət-əl\ *adj* : of or relating to marriage : **CONJUGAL** **syn** matrimonial, connubial, nuptial

mar-i-time \ˈmar-ə-,tīm\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or bordering on the sea **2** : of or relating to navigation or commerce of the sea

mar-jo-ram \ˈmārj-(ə)-rəm\ *n* : a fragrant aromatic mint used esp. as a seasoning

1 mark \ˈmɑːrk\ *n* **1** : **TARGET**; *also* : **GOAL**, **OBJECT** **2** : something (as a line or fixed object) designed to record position; *also* : the starting line or position in a track event

3 : an object of abuse or ridicule **4** : the question under discussion **5** : **NORM** (not up to the ~) **6** : a visible sign

: **INDICATION**; *also* : **CHARACTERISTIC** **7** : a written or printed symbol **8** : **GRADE** (a ~ of B+) **9** : **IMPORTANCE**, **DISTINCTION** **10** : a lasting impression (made his ~ in the world); *also* : a damaging impression left on a surface

2 mark *vb* **1** : to set apart by a line or boundary **2** : to designate by a mark or make a mark on **3** : **CHARACTERIZE** (the vehemence that ~s his speeches); *also* : **SIGNALIZE** (this year ~s the 50th anniversary) **4** : to take notice of : **OBSERVE** — **mark-er** *n*

3 mark *n* — see **MONEY** table

Mark \ˈmɑːrk\ *n* — see **BIBLE** table

mark-down \ˈmɑːrk-,daʊn\ *n* **1** : a lowering of price **2** : the amount by which an original price is reduced

mark down \ˈmɑːrk-,daʊn\ *vb* : to put a lower price on

marked \ˈmɑːrkt\ *adj* : **NOTICEABLE** — **mark-ed-ly** \ˈmɑːrk-əd-lē\ *adv*

1 mar-ket \ˈmār-kət\ *n* **1** : a meeting together of people for trade by purchase and sale; *also* : a public place where such a meeting is held **2** : the rate or price offered for a commodity or security **3** : a geographical area of demand for commodities; *also* : extent of demand **4** : a retail establishment usu. of a specific kind (a meat ~)

2 market *vb* : to go to a market to buy or sell; *also* : **SELL** — **mar-ket-able** *adj*

mar-ket-place \ˈmār-kət-,plās\ *n* **1** : an open square in a town where markets are held **2** : the world of trade or economic activity

mark-ka \ˈmār-,kā\ *n*, *pl* **mark-kaa** \ˈmār-,kā\ or **markkas** \-,kāz\ — see **MONEY** table

marks-man \ˈmārks-mən\ *n* : a person skillful at hitting a target — **marks-man-ship** *n*

mark-up \ˈmār-k-,əp\ *n* **1** : a raising of price **2** : an amount added to the cost price of an article to determine the selling price

mark up \ˈmār-k-,əp\ *vb* : to put a higher price on

marl \ˈmɑːrl\ *n* : an earthy deposit rich in lime used as fertilizer — **marly** \ˈmār-lē\ *adj*

mar-lin \ˈmār-lən\ *n* : a large oceanic sport fish

mar-line-spike *also* **mar-lin-spike** \ˈmār-lən-,spɪk\ *n* : a pointed iron tool used to separate strands of rope or wire (as in splicing)

mar-ma-lade \ˈmār-mə-,lād\ *n* : a clear jelly holding in suspension pieces of fruit and fruit rind

mar-mo-re-al \ˈmār-ˈmör-ē-əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or resembling marble

mar-mo-set \ˈmār-mə-,set\ *n* : any of various small bushy-tailed tropical American monkeys

mar-mot \ˈmār-mət\ *n* : a stout short-legged burrowing No. American rodent

1 ma-roon \mə-ˈrūn\ *vb* **1** : to put ashore (as on a desolate island) and leave to one's fate **2** : to leave in isolation and without hope of escape

2 maroon *n* : a dark red

mar-plot \ˈmār-,plət\ *n* : one who endangers the success of an enterprise by his meddling

mar-quee \ˈmār-kē\ *n* [modif. of *F* *marquise*, lit., mar-



marmot

chioness] **1** : a large tent set up (as for an outdoor party) **2** : a usu. metal and glass canopy over an entrance (as of a theater)

mar-quess \ˈmār-kwəs\ *n* **1** : a nobleman of hereditary rank in Europe and Japan **2** : a member of the British peerage ranking below a duke and above an earl

mar-que-try \ˈmār-kə-trē\ *n* : inlaid work of wood, shell, or ivory (as on a table or cabinet)

mar-quis \ˈmār-kwəs, mār-ˈkē\ *n* : MARQUESS

mar-quise \mār-ˈkēz\ *n*, *pl* **mar-quises** \-ˈkēz(-əz)\ : MARCHIONESS

mar-qui-sette \,mār-k(w)ə-ˈzet\ *n* : a sheer meshed fabric

mar-riage \ˈmar-ij\ *n* **1** : the state of being married **2** : a wedding ceremony and attendant festivities **3** : a close union — **mar-riage-able** *adj*

mar-row \ˈmar-ō\ *n* : a soft vascular tissue that fills the cavities of most bones

mar-row-bone \ˈmar-ə-,bōn, -ō-,bōn\ *n* : a bone (as a shinbone) rich in marrow

mar-ry \ˈmar-ē\ *vb* **mar-ried**; **mar-ry-ing** **1** : to join as husband and wife according to law or custom **2** : to take as husband or wife : **WED** **3** : to enter into a close union — **mar-ried** *adj* or *n*

Mars \ˈmārz\ *n* : the planet fourth from the sun conspicuous for its red appearance

marsh \ˈmārš\ *n* : a tract of soft wet land — **marshy** *adj*

ˈmar-shal \ˈmār-shəl\ *n* **1** : a high official in a medieval household; *also* : a person in charge of the ceremonial aspects of a gathering **2** : a general officer of the highest military rank **3** : an administrative officer (as of a U.S. judicial district) having duties similar to a sheriff's **4** : the administrative head of a city police or fire department

ˈmar-shal *vb* -shaled or -shalled; -shal-ing or -shal-ling \ˈmārš-(ə-)līg\ **1** : to arrange in order, rank, or position **2** : to lead with ceremony : **USHER**

marsh gas *n* : METHANE

marsh-mal-low \ˈmārš-,mel-ō-,mal-\ *n* : a light creamy confection made from corn syrup, sugar, albumen, and gelatin

marsh marigold *n* : a swamp herb related to the buttercups that has bright yellow flowers

mar-su-pi-al \mār-ˈsü-pē-əl\ *n* : any of a large group of mostly Australian primitive mammals that bear very immature young which are nourished in a pouch on the abdomen of the female — **marsupial** *adj*

mart \ˈmārt\ *n* : MARKET

mar-ten \ˈmārt-ən\ *n*, *pl* **marten** or **martens** : a slender weasel-like mammal with fine gray or brown fur; *also* : this fur

mar-tial \ˈmār-shəl\ *adj* [L *martialis* of Mars, fr. *Mart-*, *Mars* Mars, Roman god of war] **1** : of, relating to, or suited for war or a warrior (~ music) **2** : of or relating to an army or military life **3** : WARLIKE

martial law **1** : the law applied in occupied territory by the occupying military forces **2** : the established law of a country administered by military forces in an emergency when civilian law enforcement agencies are unable to maintain public order and safety

mar-tian \ˈmār-shən\ *adj*, *often cap* : of or relating to the planet Mars or its hypothetical inhabitants — **martian** *n*, *often cap*

mar-tin \ˈmārt-ən\ *n* : any of several small swallows and flycatchers

mar-ti-net \ˈmārt-ən-ˈet\ *n* : a strict disciplinarian

mar-tin-gale \ˈmārt-ən-,gāl\ *n* : a strap connecting a horse's girth to the bit or reins so as to hold down its head

mar-ti-ni \mār-ˈtē-nē\ *n* : a cocktail made of gin or vodka and dry vermouth

ˈmar-tyr \ˈmārt-ər\ *n* [ME, fr. OE, fr. LL, fr. Gk *martyr*-, *martys*, lit., witness] **1** : a person who dies rather than renounce his religion; *also* : one who makes a great sacrifice for the sake of principle **2** : a great or constant sufferer

ˈmartyr *vb* **1** : to put to death for adhering to a belief **2** : TORTURE

mar-tyr-dom \ˈmārt-ər-dəm\ *n* **1** : the suffering and death of a martyr **2** : TORTURE

ˈmar-vel \ˈmār-vəl\ *n* **1** : something that causes wonder or astonishment **2** : intense surprise or interest

ˈmar-vel *vb* -veled or -velled; -vel-ing or -vel-ling \ˈmārv-(ə-)līg\ : to feel surprise, wonder, or amazed curiosity

mar-vel-ous or **mar-vel-lous** \ˈmārv-(ə-)ləs\ *adj* **1** : causing wonder **2** : of the highest kind or quality : SPLENDID — **mar-vel-ous-ly** *adv* — **mar-vel-ous-ness** *n*

Marx-ism \ˈmārk-,siz-əm\ *n* : the political, economic, and social principles and policies advocated by Karl Marx — **Marx-ist** \-səst\ *n* or *adj*

mar-zi-pan \ˈmārt-sə-,pān, -pan; ˈmār-zə-,pan\ *n* [G] : a confection of almond paste, sugar, and egg whites

masc *abbr* masculine

mas-cara \mas-ˈkar-ə\ *n* : a cosmetic for coloring the eyelashes and eyebrows

mas-cot \ˈmas-,kät, -kət\ *n* [F *mascotte*, fr. Provençal *mascoto*, fr. *masco* witch, fr. ML *masca*] : a person, animal, or object believed to bring good luck

ˈmas-cu-line \ˈmas-kyə-lən\ *adj* **1** : MALE; *also* : MANLY **2** : of, relating to, or constituting the gender that includes most words or grammatical forms referring to males — **mas-cu-lin-i-ty** \ˈmas-kyə-lin-ət-ē\ *n*

ˈmas-cu-line *n* **1** : a male person **2** : a noun, pronoun, adjective, or inflectional form or class of the masculine gender; *also* : the masculine gender

ma-ser \ˈmā-zər\ *n* [microwave amplification by stimulated emission of radiation] : a device that utilizes the natural oscillation of atoms or molecules between energy levels for generating microwaves

ˈmash \ˈmash\ *n* **1** : crushed malt or grain steeped in hot water to make wort **2** : a mixture of ground feeds for livestock **3** : a soft pulpy mass

ˈmash *vb* **1** : to reduce to a soft pulpy state **2** : CRUSH, SMASH (~ a finger) — **mash-er** *n*

MASH *abbr* mobile army surgical hospital

ˈmask \mask\ *n* **1** : a cover for the face usu. for disguise or protection **2** : MASQUE **3** : a figure of a head worn on the stage in antiquity **4** : a copy of a face made by means of a mold (death ~) **5** : something that conceals or disguises **6** : the face of an animal (as a fox)

ˈmask *vb* **1** : to conceal from view : DISGUISE **2** : to cover for protection

mask-er \ˈmas-kər\ *n* : a participant in a masquerade

mas-och-ism \ˈmas-ə-,kiz-əm, ˈmaz-\ *n* **1** : a sexual perversion characterized by pleasure in being subjected to pain and humiliation **2** : pleasure in being abused or dominated — **mas-och-ist** \-kəst\ *n* — **mas-och-is-tic** \ˈmas-ə-ˈkis-tik, ˈmaz-\ *adj*

ma-son \ˈmās-n\ *n* **1** : a skilled worker who builds with stone, brick, or concrete **2** *cap* : FREEMASON

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \ə\hit \ə\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\low \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\lout
 \ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- Ma-son-ic** \mə-'sän-ik\ *adj* : of or relating to Freemasons or Freemasonry
- ma-son-ry** \ˈmäs-ən-rē\ *n*, *pl* -ries **1** : something constructed of materials used by masons **2** : the art, trade, or work of a mason **3 cap** : FREEMASONRY
- masque** \ˈmask\ *n* **1** : MASQUERADE **2** : a short allegorical dramatic performance (as of the 17th century)
- mas-quer-ade** \ˌmas-kə-'rād\ *n* **1** : a social gathering of persons wearing masks; *also* : a costume for wear at such a gathering **2** : DISGUISE
- masquerade** *vb* -ad-ed; -ad-ing **1** : to disguise oneself : POSE **2** : to take part in a masquerade — **mas-quer-ad-er** *n*
- mass** \ˈmas\ *n* **1 cap** : a sequence of prayers and ceremonies forming the eucharistic service of the Roman Catholic Church **2 often cap** : a celebration of the Eucharist **3** : a musical setting for parts of the Mass
- mass** *n* **1** : a quantity or aggregate of matter usu. of considerable size **2** : EXPANSE, BULK; *also* : MASSIVENESS **3** : the principal part **4** : AGGREGATE, WHOLE (people in the ~) **5** : the quantity of matter that a body possesses as evidenced by inertia **6** : a large quantity, amount, or number **7** : the great body of people — *usu.* used in pl. — **massy** *adj*
- mass** *vb* : to form or collect into a mass
- Mass** *abbr* Massachusetts
- mas-sa-cre** \ˈmas-i-kər\ *n* **1** : the killing of many persons under cruel or atrocious circumstances **2** : a wholesale slaughter — **massacre** *vb*
- mas-sage** \ˈmā-sāzh, -'sāj\ *n* : remedial or hygienic treatment of the body by manipulation (as rubbing and kneading)
- massage** *vb* **mas-saged**; **mas-sag-ing** **1** : to subject to massage **2** : to treat flatteringly; *also* : MANIPULATE (~ data)
- mas-seur** \ˈma-'sər\ *n* : a man who practices massage
- mas-seuse** \-'sə(r)z, -'süz\ *n* : a woman who practices massage
- mas-sif** \ˈma-'sēf\ *n* : a principal mountain mass
- mas-sive** \ˈmas-iv\ *adj* **1** : forming or consisting of a large mass **2** : large in structure, scope, or degree — **mas-sive-ly** *adv* — **mas-sive-ness** *n*
- mass-less** \ˈmas-ləs\ *adj* : having no mass (~ particles)
- mass medium** *n*, *pl* **mass media** : a medium of communication (as the newspapers or television) that is designed to reach the mass of the people
- mass-pro-duce** \ˌmas-prə-'d(y)ūs\ *vb* : to produce in quantity usu. by machinery — **mass production** *n*
- mast** \ˈmast\ *n* **1** : a long pole or spar rising from the keel or deck of a ship and supporting the yards, booms, and rigging **2** : a vertical pole — **mast-ed** \ˈmas-təd\ *adj*
- mast** *n* : nuts (as acorns) accumulated on the forest floor and often serving as food for hogs
- mas-ter** \ˈmas-tər\ *n* **1** : a male teacher; *also* : a person holding an academic degree higher than a bachelor's but lower than a doctor's **2** : one highly skilled (as in an art or profession) **3** : one having authority or control **4** : VICTOR, SUPERIOR **5** : the commander of a merchant ship **6** : a youth or boy too young to be called *mister* — used as a title **7** : an original (as of a phonograph record) from which copies are made
- master** *vb* **mas-tered**; **mas-ter-ing** \-t(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : OVERCOME, SUBDUCE **2** : to become skilled or proficient in **3** : to produce a master record or tape of (as a musical performance)
- master chief petty officer** *n* : a petty officer of the highest rank in the navy
- mas-ter-ful** \ˈmas-tər-fəl\ *adj* **1** : inclined and usu. competent to act as a master **2** : having or reflecting the skill of a master (did a ~ job of reporting) — **mas-ter-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
- master gunnery sergeant** *n* : a noncommissioned officer in the marine corps ranking above a master sergeant
- master key** *n* : a key designed to open several different locks
- mas-ter-ly** \ˈmas-tər-lē\ *adj* : indicating thorough knowledge or superior skill (~ performance)
- mas-ter-mind** \-,ˈmind\ *n* : a person who provides the directing or creative intelligence for a project — **mastermind** *vb*
- master of ceremonies** : a person who acts as host at a formal event or a program of entertainment
- mas-ter-piece** \ˈmas-tər-,pēs\ *n* : a work done with extraordinary skill
- master plan** *n* : an overall plan
- master sergeant** *n* **1** : a noncommissioned officer in the army ranking next below a sergeant major **2** : a noncommissioned officer in the air force ranking next below a senior master sergeant **3** : a noncommissioned officer in the marine corps ranking next below a master gunnery sergeant
- mas-ter-stroke** \ˈmas-tər-,strök\ *n* : a masterly performance or move
- mas-ter-work** \-,ˈwɜrk\ *n* : MASTERPIECE
- mas-tery** \ˈmas-t(ə-)rē\ *n* **1** : DOMINION; *also* : SUPERIORITY **2** : possession or display of great skill or knowledge
- mast-head** \ˈmast-,hed\ *n* **1** : the top of a mast **2** : the printed matter in a newspaper giving the title and details of ownership and rates
- mas-tic** \ˈmas-tik\ *n* : a pasty material used as a protective coating or cement
- mas-ti-cate** \ˈmas-tə-,kāt\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing : CHEW — **mas-ti-ca-tion** \ˌmas-tə-'kā-shən\ *n*
- mas-tiff** \ˈmas-tɪf\ *n* : a large smooth-coated dog used esp. as a guard dog
- mast-odon** \ˈmas-tə-,dän\ *n* [NL, fr. Gk *mastos* breast + *odon*, *odous* tooth] : a huge elephantlike extinct animal
- mas-toid** \ˈmas-,tɔɪd\ *n* : a bony prominence behind the ear — **mastoid** *adj*
- mas-tur-ba-tion** \ˌmas-tər-'bā-shən\ *n* : stimulation of the genital organs to a climax of excitement by contact (as manual) exclusive of sexual intercourse — **mas-tur-bate** \ˈmas-tər-,bat\ *vb*
- mat** \ˈmat\ *n* **1** : a piece of coarse woven or plaited fabric **2** : something made up of many intertwined strands **3** : a large thick pad used as a surface for wrestling and gymnastics
- mat** *vb* **mat-ted**; **mat-ting** : to form into a tangled mass
- mat or matt or matte** *adj* [F, fr. OF, defeated, fr. L *mattus* drunk] : not shiny : DULL
- mat or matt or matte** *n* **1** : a border going around a picture between picture and frame or serving as the frame **2** : a dull finish
- mat-a-dor** \ˈmat-ə-,dɔr\ *n* [Sp, fr. *matar* to kill] : a bull-fighter whose role is to kill the bull in a bullfight
- match** \ˈmætʃ\ *n* **1** : a person or thing equal or similar to another : COUNTERPART **2** : a pair of persons or objects that harmonize **3** : a contest or game between two or more individuals **4** : a marriage union; *also* : a prospective marriage partner — **match-less** *adj*
- match** *vb* **1** : to meet as an antagonist; *also* : PIT (~ing his strength against his enemy's) **2** : to provide with a worthy competitor; *also* : to set in comparison with **3** : MARRY **4** : to combine suitably or congenially; *also* : ADAPT, SUIT **5** : to provide with a counterpart
- match** *n* : a short slender piece of flammable material (as wood) tipped with a combustible mixture that ignites through friction
- match-book** \-,bʊk\ *n* : a small folder containing rows of paper matches
- match-lock** \-,læk\ *n* : a musket with a slow-burning cord lowered over a hole in the breech to ignite the charge
- match-mak-er** \-,mä-kər\ *n* : one who arranges a match and esp. a marriage
- match-wood** \-,wʊd\ *n* : small pieces of wood
- mate** \ˈmāt\ *vb* **mat-ed**; **mat-ing** : CHECKMATE — **mate** *n*

²**mate** *n* 1 : ASSOCIATE, COMPANION; *also* : HELPER 2 : a deck officer on a merchant ship ranking below the captain 3 : one of a pair; *esp* : either member of a married couple or a breeding pair of animals

³**mate** *vb* **mat-ed**; **mat-ing** 1 : to join or fit together : COUPLE 2 : to come or bring together as mates
ma-té or **ma-te** \mə-ˈtā- n : a tealike beverage used esp. in So. America

¹**ma-te-ri-al** \mə-ˈtīr-ē-əl *adj* 1 : PHYSICAL (∼ world); *also* : BODILY (∼ needs) 2 : of or relating to matter rather than form (∼ cause); *also* : EMPIRICAL (∼ knowledge) 3 : highly important : SIGNIFICANT 4 : of a physical or worldly nature (∼ progress) — **ma-te-ri-al-ly** \-ē-əl *adv*

²**material** *n* 1 : the elements or substance of which something is composed or made 2 : apparatus necessary for doing or making something

ma-te-ri-al-ism \mə-ˈtīr-ē-ə-liz-əm *n* 1 : a theory that everything can be explained as being or coming from matter 2 : a preoccupation with material rather than intellectual or spiritual things — **ma-te-ri-al-ist** \-ləst- *n* or *adj* — **ma-te-ri-al-is-tic** \-tīr-ē-ə-lis-tik *adj* — **ma-te-ri-al-is-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə)-lē-əl *adv*

ma-te-ri-al-ize \mə-ˈtīr-ē-ə-līz- *vb* -ized; -iz-ing 1 : to give material form to; *also* : to assume bodily form 2 : to make an often unexpected appearance — **ma-te-ri-al-iza-tion** \mə-ˈtīr-ē-ə-līz-ə-shən *n*

ma-té-ri-el or **ma-te-ri-el** \mə-ˈtīr-ē-ē-əl *n* [F *matériel*] : equipment, apparatus, and supplies used by an organization

ma-ter-nal \mə-ˈtərn-əl *adj* 1 : MOTHERLY 2 : related through or inherited or derived from a mother — **ma-ter-nal-ly** \-ē-əl *adv*

ma-ter-ni-ty \mə-ˈtərn-ət-ē- *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : the quality or state of being a mother; *also* : MOTHERLINESS 2 : a hospital facility for the care of women before and during childbirth and for newborn babies — **maternity** *adj*

¹**math** \ˈmæθ *n* : MATHEMATICS

²**math** *abbr* mathematical; mathematician

math-e-mat-ics \ˈmæθ-ə-mat-iks *n* *pl* : the science of numbers and their operations and the relations between them and of space configurations and their structure and measurement — **math-e-mat-i-cal** \ˈmat-i-kəl *adj* — **math-e-mat-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē-əl *adv* — **math-e-mat-i-cian** \ˈmæθ-ə-mə-ˈtish-ən *n*

ma-ti-nee or **ma-ti-née** \ˈmat-n-ē- *n* [F *matinée*, lit., morning, fr. OF, fr. *matin* morning, fr. L *matutinum*, fr. neut. of *matutinus* of the morning, fr. *Matuta*, goddess of morning] : a musical or dramatic performance usu. in the afternoon

mat-ins \ˈmat-ɪnz *n* *pl*, *often cap* 1 : special prayers said between midnight and 4 a.m. 2 : a morning service of liturgical prayer in Anglican churches

ma-tri-arch \ˈmā-trē-ˈärk *n* : a female who rules or dominates a family, group, or state — **ma-tri-ar-chal** \ˈmā-trē-ˈär-kəl *adj* — **ma-tri-ar-chy** \ˈmā-trē-ˈär-kē- *n*

ma-tri-cide \ˈma-trē-sīd, ˈmā- n 1 : the murder of a mother by her child 2 : one who kills his mother — **ma-tri-cid-al** \ˈma-trē-ˈsīd-əl, ˈmā- *adj*

ma-tric-u-late \mə-ˈtrik-yə-lāt *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing : to enroll as a member of a body and esp. of a college or university — **ma-tric-u-la-tion** \-trik-yə-ˈlā-shən *n*

mat-ri-mo-n-y \ˈmat-rə-mō-nē *n* [ME, fr. MF *matremoine*, fr. L *matrimonium*, fr. *mater* mother, *matron*] : MARRIAGE — **mat-ri-mo-nial** \ˈmat-rə-ˈmō-nē-əl *adj* — **mat-ri-mo-nial-ly** *adv*

ma-trix \ˈmā-triks *n*, *pl* **ma-tri-ces** \ˈmā-trē-sēz, ˈmā- or **ma-trix-es** \ˈmā-trik-səz *1* : something within which something else originates or develops 2 : a mold from which a relief surface (as a piece of type) is made

ma-tron \ˈmā-trən *n* 1 : a married woman usu. of dignified maturity or social distinction 2 : a woman supervisor (as in a school or police station) — **ma-tron-ly** *adj*
Matt *abbr* Matthew

¹**mat-ter** \ˈmat-ər *n* 1 : a subject of interest or concern 2 *pl* : events or circumstances of a particular situation; *also* : elements that constitute material for treatment (as in writing) 3 : TROUBLE, DIFFICULTY (what's the ~) 4 : the substance of which a physical object is composed 5 : PUS 6 : an indefinite amount or quantity (a ~ of a few days) 7 : something written or printed 8 : MAIL

²**matter** *vb* : to be of importance : SIGNIFY

mat-ter-of-fact \ˈmat-ə-rə(v)-ˈfakt *adj* : adhering to or concerned with fact — **mat-ter-of-fact-ly** *adv* — **mat-ter-of-fact-ness** *n*

Mat-thew \ˈmæθ-yū *n* — see BIBLE table

mat-tins *often cap*, *chiefly Brit var* of MATINS

mat-tock \ˈmat-ək *n* : a digging and grubbing tool with features of an adz and an ax or pick

mat-tress \ˈma-trəs *n* 1 : a fabric case filled with resilient material used either alone as a bed or on a bedstead 2 : an inflatable airtight sack for use as a mattress

mat-u-rate \ˈmæ-ə-rāt *vb* -rat-ed; -rat-ing : MATURE

mat-u-ra-tion \ˈmæ-ə-rā-shən *n* 1 : the process of becoming mature 2 : the emergence of personal and behavioral characteristics through growth processes — **mat-u-ra-tion-al** \-sh(ə)-nəl *adj*

¹**ma-ture** \mə-ˈt(y)ūr *adj* **ma-tur-er**; -est 1 : based on slow careful consideration 2 : having attained a final or desired state (∼ wine) 3 : of or relating to a condition of full development 4 : due for payment (a ~ loan)

²**mature** *vb* **ma-tured**; **ma-tur-ing** : to bring to maturity or completion

ma-tu-ri-ty \mə-ˈt(y)ūr-ət-ē- *n* : the quality or state of being mature; *esp* : full development

ma-tu-ti-nal \ˈmæθ-ū-ˈtīn-əl; mə-ˈt(y)ūt(-ə)-nəl *adj* : of, relating to, or occurring in the morning : EARLY

mat-zo \ˈmät-sə *n*, *pl* **mat-zoth** \-sōt(h), -sōs or **mat-zos** [Yiddish *matse*] : unleavened bread eaten esp. at the Passover

maud-lin \ˈmòd-lən *adj* [alter. of Mary *Magdalene*; fr. the practice of depicting her as a weeping, penitent sinner] 1 : weakly and effusively sentimental 2 : drunk enough to be emotionally silly : FUDDLED

¹**maul** \ˈmòl *n* : a heavy hammer often with a wooden head used esp. for driving wedges or piles

²**maul** *vb* 1 : BEAT, BRUISE; *also* : MANGLE 2 : to handle roughly

maun-der \ˈmòn-dər *vb* **maun-dered**; **maun-der-ing** \-d(ə)-rɪŋ *1* : to wander slowly and idly 2 : to speak indistinctly or disconnectedly

mau-so-le-um \ˈmó-sə-lē-əm, ˈmó-zə- *n*, *pl* -leums or -lea \-lē-ə [L, fr. Gk *mausōleion*, fr. *Mausōlos* Mausolus † ab 353 B.C. ruler of Caria whose tomb was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world] : a large tomb; *esp* : a usu. stone building for entombment of the dead above ground

mauve \ˈmöv, ˈmóv *n* : a moderate purple, violet, or lilac color

ma-ven or **ma-vin** \ˈmā-vən *n* [Yiddish *meyvn*, fr. LHeb *mēbhīn*, fr. Heb *l'havin* to understand] : EXPERT

ma-v-er-ick \ˈmav-(ə)-rɪk *n* [Samuel A. *Maverick* † 1870 Am. pioneer who did not brand his calves] 1 : an unbranded range animal 2 : NONCONFORMIST

ma-vis \ˈmā-vəs *n* : an Old World thrush

maw \ˈmò *n* 1 : STOMACH; *also* : the crop of a bird 2 : the throat, gullet, or jaws usu. of a carnivore

mawk-ish \ˈmò-kish *adj* [ME *mawke* maggot, fr. ON *mathkr*] : sickly sentimental — **mawk-ish-ly** *adv* — **mawk-ish-ness** *n*

max *abbr* maximum

\əˈabʊt \ˈkɪtən \əˈfɜːðər \əˈæʃ \əˈvæː \əˈkɒt, ˈcɑːt \əʊˈaʊt \tʃˈʃɪn \tʃˈbet \ˈeɪsɪ \ˈgɒ \ˈhɪt \ˈvɪː \ˈdʒɒb \ŋˈsɪŋ \ˈdɒː \ˈlɔː \ˈɔɪː \ˈbɔɪ \tʃˈhɪn \tʃˈthe \tʃˈlɔːt \tʃˈfʊt \tʃˈyɛt \tʃˈvɪʒən see also Pronunciation Symbols page

maxi ¹'mak-sē\ *n*, *pl* **max-is** : a long skirt, dress, or coat that usu. extends to the ankle
maxi-comb form **1** : extra long (*maxi-kilt*) **2** : extra large (*maxi-problems*)
max-il-la ¹'mak-¹'sil-ə\ *n*, *pl* **max-il-lae** ¹'sil-(¹)ē\ or **maxillas** : JAW **1**; *esp* : an upper jaw — **max-il-lary** ¹'mak-sə-¹'ler-ē\ *adj*
max-im ¹'mak-səm\ *n* : a proverbial saying
max-i-mal ¹'mak-s(ə)-mə\ *adj* : MAXIMUM — **max-i-mal-ly** ¹'ē\ *adv*
max-i-mize ¹'mak-sə-, mīz\ *vb* -mized; -miz-ing **1** : to increase to a maximum **2** : to make the most of
max-i-mum ¹'mak-s(ə)-mə\ *n*, *pl* **max-i-ma** ¹'sə-mə\ or **maximums** ¹'s(ə)-mə\ **1** : the greatest quantity, value, or degree **2** : an upper limit allowed by authority **3** : the largest of a set of numbers — **maximum** *adj*
may ¹(¹)mä\ *verbal auxiliary, past might ¹(¹)mīt\; *pres sing & pl may* **1** : have permission or liberty to (you ~ go now) **2** : be in some degree likely to (you ~ be right) **3** — used as an auxiliary to express a wish, purpose, contingency, or concession
May ¹'mä\ *n* [ME, fr. OF *mai*, fr. L *Maius*, fr. *Maia*, Roman goddess] : the fifth month of the year having 31 days
Ma-ya ¹'mī-ə\ *n*, *pl* **Maya** or **Mayas** : a member of a group of peoples of the Yucatan peninsula and adjacent areas — **Ma-yan** ¹'mī-ən\ *adj*
may-ap-ple ¹'mä-, ap-əl\ *n* : a No. American woodland herb related to the barberry that has a poisonous root, large leaf, and edible but insipid yellow fruit
may-be ¹'mä-bē, ¹'meb-ē\ *adv* : PERHAPS
May Day ¹'mä-, dā\ *n* : May 1 celebrated as a springtime festival and in some countries as Labor Day
may-flow-er ¹'mä-, flau-(ə)r\ *n* : any of several spring blooming herbs (as the trailing arbutus or anemone)
may-fly ¹'mä-flī\ *n* : any of an order of insects with an aquatic nymph and a short-lived fragile adult having membranous wings
may-hem ¹'mä-, hem, ¹'mä-əm\ *n* **1** : willful and permanent crippling, mutilation, or disfigurement of a person **2** : needless or willful damage
may-on-naise ¹'mä-ə-, nāz\ *n* [F] : a dressing made of raw eggs or egg yolks, vegetable oil, and vinegar or lemon juice
may-or ¹'mä-ər\ *n* : an official elected to act as chief executive or nominal head of a city or borough — **may-or-al** ¹'əl\ *adj* — **may-or-al-ty** ¹'əl-tē\ *n*
may-pole ¹'mä-, pōl\ *n*, *often cap* : a tall flower-wreathed pole forming a center for May Day sports and dances
maze ¹'mäz\ *n* : a confusing intricate network of passages — **mazy** *adj*
ma-zur-ka ¹'mə-¹'zər-kə\ *n* : a Polish dance in moderate triple measure
MB *abbr* Manitoba
MBA *abbr* master of business administration
mc *abbr* megacycle
¹**MC** *n* : MASTER OF CEREMONIES
²**MC** *abbr* member of Congress
MCPO *abbr* master chief petty officer
¹**MD** *abbr* Maryland
²**MD** *symbol* mendelevium
MD *abbr* **1** [NL *medicinae doctor*] doctor of medicine **2** Maryland **3** muscular dystrophy
mdnt *abbr* midnight
mdse *abbr* merchandise
MDT *abbr* mountain daylight (saving) time
me ¹(¹)mē\ *pron, objective case of I*
Me *abbr* Maine
ME *abbr* **1** Maine **2** mechanical engineer **3** medical examiner **4** Middle English
¹**mead** ¹'mēd\ *n* : an alcoholic beverage brewed from water and honey, malt, and yeast
²**mead** *n, archaic* : MEADOW*

mead-ow ¹'med-ə\ *n* : land in or mainly in grass; *esp* : a tract of moist low-lying usu. level grassland — **mead-ow-land** ¹'-, land\ *n* — **mead-owy** ¹'med-ə-wē\ *adj*
mead-ow-lark ¹'med-ə-, lārk\ *n* : any of several No. American songbirds that are largely brown and buff above and have a yellow breast marked with a black crescent
mead-ow-sweet ¹-, swēt\ *n* : a No. American native or naturalized spirea
mea-ger or **mea-gre** ¹'mē-gər\ *adj* **1** : THIN **2** : lacking richness, fertility, or strength : POOR *syn* scanty, scant, spare, sparse — **mea-ger-ly** *adv* — **mea-ger-ness** *n*
¹**meal** ¹'mēl\ *n* **1** : the portion of food taken at one time : REPAST **2** : an act or the time of eating a meal
²**meal** *n* **1** : usu. coarsely ground seeds of a cereal (as Indian corn) **2** : a product resembling seed meal — **mealy** *adj*
meal-time ¹'mēl-, tīm\ *n* : the usual time at which a meal is served
mealy-bug ¹'mē-lē-, bəg\ *n* : any of numerous scale insects with a white powdery covering that are destructive pests *esp.* of fruit trees
mealy-mouthed ¹'mē-lē-'maʊθd, ¹'maʊθ\ *adj* : not plain and straightforward : DEVIUS
¹**mean** ¹'mēn\ *adj* **1** : HUMBLE **2** : lacking power or acumen : ORDINARY **3** : SHABBY, CONTEMPTIBLE **4** : IGNOBLE, BASE **5** : STINGY **6** : pettily selfish or malicious — **mean-ly** *adv* — **mean-ness** ¹'mēn-nəs\ *n*
²**mean** ¹'mēn\ *vb* **meant** ¹'ment\; **mean-ing** ¹'mē-nīŋ\ **1** : to have in the mind as a purpose **2** : to serve to convey, show, or indicate : SIGNIFY **3** : to have importance to the degree of (health ~s everything) **4** : to direct to a particular individual
³**mean** *adj* **1** : occupying a middle position (as in space, order, or time) **2** : being a mean (a ~ value)
⁴**mean** *n* **1** : a middle point between extremes **2 pl** : something helpful in achieving a desired end **3 pl** : material resources affording a secure life **4** : ARITHMETIC MEAN
¹**me-an-der** ¹'mē-'an-dər\ *n* [L *maeander*, fr. Gk *maian-dros*, fr. *Maiaandros* (now *Menderes*), river in Asia Minor] **1** : a turn or winding of a stream **2** : a winding course
²**meander** *vb* -dered; -der-ing ¹-d(ə-)rīŋ\ **1** : to follow a winding course **2** : to wander aimlessly or casually
mean-ing ¹'mē-nīŋ\ *n* **1** : the thing one intends to convey *esp.* by language; *also* : the thing that is thus conveyed **2** : PURPOSE **3** : SIGNIFICANCE **4** : CONNOTATION; *also* : DENOTATION — **mean-ing-ful** ¹'fəl\ *adj* — **mean-ing-ful-ly** ¹'-ē\ *adv* — **mean-ing-less** *adj*
¹**mean-time** ¹'mēn-, tīm\ *n* : the intervening time
²**meantime** *adv* : MEANWHILE
¹**mean-while** ¹-, hwīl\ *n* : MEANTIME
²**meanwhile** *adv* : during the intervening time
meas *abbr* measure
meas-sles ¹'mē-zəl\ *n pl* : an acute virus disease marked by fever and an eruption of distinct circular red spots
mea-sly ¹'mēz-(ə)-lē\ *adj* **mea-sli-er**; -est : contemptibly small or insignificant
¹**mea-sure** ¹'mez-ər, ¹'māzh-ə\ *n* **1** : an adequate or moderate portion; *also* : a suitable limit **2** : the dimensions, capacity, or amount of something ascertained by measuring; *also* : an instrument for measuring **3** : a unit of measurement; *also* : a system of such units (metric ~) **4** : the act or process of measuring **5** : rhythmic structure or movement **6** : the part of a musical staff between two adjacent bars **7** : CRITERION **8** : a means to an end **9** : a legislative bill — **mea-sure-less** *adj*
²**measure** *vb* **measured**; **mea-sur-ing** ¹'mez-(ə-)rīŋ, ¹'māzh-ə\ **1** : to regulate *esp.* by a standard **2** : to apportion by measure **3** : to mark off by making measurements **4** : to ascertain the measurements of **5** : to bring into comparison or competition **6** : to serve as a means of measuring **7** : to have a specified measurement —

mea-sur-able \ˈmez-(ə)rə-bəl, ˈmāzh-ə\ *adj* — **mea-sur-ably** \-blē\ *adv* — **mea-sur-er** *n*
mea-sure-ment \ˈmez-(ə)r-mənt, ˈmāzh-ə\ *n* 1 : the act or process of measuring 2 : a figure, extent, or amount obtained by measuring
measure up *vb* 1 : to have necessary qualifications 2 : to equal esp. in ability
meat \ˈmēt\ *n* 1 : FOOD; *esp* : solid food as distinguished from drink 2 : animal and esp. mammal flesh considered as food 3 : the edible part inside a covering (as a shell or rind) — **meaty** *adj*
meat-ball \-ˌbɒl\ *n* : a small ball of chopped or ground meat
mecca \ˈmek-ə\ *n*, *often cap* [Mecca, Saudi Arabia, birthplace of Muhammad and holy city of Islam] : a center of activity sought as a goal by people sharing a common interest
mech *abbr* mechanical; mechanics
me-chan-ic \mi-ˈkan-ik\ *adj* : of or relating to manual work or skill
mechanic *n* 1 : a manual worker 2 : MACHINIST; *esp* : one who repairs machines
me-chan-i-cal \mi-ˈkan-i-kəl\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to machinery, to manual operations, or to mechanics 2 : done as if by a machine : AUTOMATIC *syn* instinctive, impulsive, spontaneous — **me-chan-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
mechanical drawing *n* : drawing done with the aid of instruments
me-chan-ics \mi-ˈkan-iks\ *n* *sing or pl* 1 : a branch of physics that deals with energy and forces and their effect on bodies 2 : the practical application of mechanics (as to the operation of machines) 3 : mechanical or functional details
mech-a-nism \ˈmek-ə-,niz-əm\ *n* 1 : a piece of machinery; *also* : a process or technique for achieving a result 2 : mechanical operation or action 3 : the fundamental processes involved in or responsible for a natural phenomenon (the visual ~)
mech-a-nis-tic \ˈmek-ə-ˈnis-tik\ *adj* : mechanically determined (~ universe) — **mech-a-nis-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
mech-a-nize \ˈmek-ə-,niz\ *vb* -nized; -niz-ing 1 : to make mechanical 2 : to equip with machinery esp. in order to replace human or animal labor 3 : to equip with armed and armored motor vehicles — **mech-a-ni-za-tion** \ˈmek-ə-nə-ˈzā-shən\ *n* — **mech-a-niz-er** \ˈmek-ə-,ni-zər\ *n*
med *abbr* 1 medical; medicine 2 medieval 3 medium
MEd *abbr* master of education
med-al \ˈmed-əl\ *n* [MF *medaille*, fr. OIt *medaglia* coin worth half a denarius, medal, fr. (assumed) VL *medalis* half, fr. LL *medialis* middle, fr. L *medius*] 1 : a small usu. metal object bearing a religious emblem or picture 2 : a piece of metal issued to commemorate a person or event or awarded for excellence or achievement
med-al-ist or **med-al-list** \ˈmed-əl-əst\ *n* 1 : a designer or maker of medals 2 : a recipient of a medal
me-dal-lion \mə-ˈdal-yən\ *n* 1 : a large medal 2 : a tablet or panel bearing a portrait or an ornament
med-dle \ˈmed-əl\ *vb* **med-dled**; **med-dling** \ˈmed-(ə-)liŋ\ : to interfere without right or propriety — **med-dler** \ˈmed-(ə-)lər\ *n*
med-dle-some \ˈmed-əl-səm\ *adj* : inclined to meddle in the affairs of others
me-dia \ˈmēd-ē-ə\ *n*, *pl* **me-di-as** : MEDIUM 4
me-di-al \ˈmēd-ē-əl\ *adj* 1 : occurring in or extending toward the middle : MEDIAN 2 : MEAN, AVERAGE
me-di-an \ˈmēd-ē-ən\ *n* 1 : a medial part 2 : a value in an ordered set of values below and above which there are an equal number of values
median *adj* 1 : MEDIAL 1 2 : relating to or constituting a statistical median
median strip *n* : a strip dividing a highway into lanes according to the direction of travel

me-di-ate \ˈmēd-ē-ət\ *adj* 1 : occupying a middle or mediating position 2 : acting through a mediate agency — **me-di-ate-ly** *adv*
me-di-ate \ˈmēd-ē-,āt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to act as an intermediary (as in settling a dispute or promoting a chemical or physiological result or activity) *syn* intercede, intervene, interpose, interfere — **me-di-a-tion** \ˈmēd-ē-ˈā-shən\ *n* — **me-di-a-tor** \ˈmēd-ē-,āt-ər\ *n*
med-ic \ˈmēd-ik\ *n* : one engaged in medical work; *esp* : CORPSMAN
med-i-ca-ble \ˈmed-i-kə-bəl\ *adj* : CURABLE, REMEDIABLE — **med-i-ca-bly** \-blē\ *adv*
med-i-c-aid \ˈmed-i-,kād\ *n*, *often cap* : a program of financial assistance for medical care designed for those unable to afford regular medical service and financed jointly by the state and federal governments
med-i-cal \ˈmed-i-kəl\ *adj* : of or relating to the science or practice of medicine or the treatment of disease — **med-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
medical examiner *n* : a public officer who makes post-mortem examinations of bodies to find the cause of death
me-di-ca-ment \mi-ˈdik-ə-mənt, ˈmed-i-kə-ə\ *n* : a medicine or healing application
medi-care \ˈmed-i-,keər\ *n*, *often cap* : a government program of financial assistance for medical care esp. for the aged
med-i-cate \ˈmed-ə-,kāt\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing : to treat with medicine — **med-i-ca-tion** \ˈmed-i-ˈkā-shən\ *n*
me-dic-i-nal \mə-ˈdis-(ə-)nəl\ *adj* : tending or used to cure disease or relieve pain — **me-dic-i-nal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
med-i-cine \ˈmed-ə-sən\ *n* 1 : a substance or preparation used in treating disease 2 : a science or art dealing with the prevention or cure of disease
medicine ball *n* : a heavy stuffed leather ball used for conditioning exercises
medicine man *n* : a priestly healer or sorcerer esp. among the American Indians
med-i-co \ˈmed-i-,kō\ *n*, *pl* -cos : a medical practitioner or student
me-di-e-val or **me-di-ae-val** \ˈmēd-ē-ē-vəl, ˈmed-,mē-ˈdē-vəl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or characteristic of the Middle Ages — **me-di-e-val-ism** \-iz-əm\ *n* — **me-di-e-val-ist** \-əst\ *n*
me-di-o-cre \ˈmēd-ē-ō-kər\ *adj* [MF, fr. L *mediocris*, lit., halfway up a mountain, fr. *medius* middle + *ocris* stony mountain] : of moderate or low quality : ORDINARY — **me-di-oc-ri-ty** \ˈāk-rət-ē\ *n*
med-i-tate \ˈmed-ə-,tāt\ *vb* -tat-ed; -tat-ing 1 : to muse over : CONTEMPLATE, PONDER 2 : INTEND, PURPOSE — **med-i-ta-tion** \ˈmed-ə-ˈtā-shən\ *n* — **med-i-ta-tive** \ˈmed-ə-,tāt-iv\ *adj* — **med-i-ta-tive-ly** *adv*
Med-i-ter-ra-nean \ˈmed-ə-ts-ˈrā-nē-ən, ˈrā-nyən\ *adj* : of or relating to the Mediterranean sea or to the lands or people around it
me-di-um \ˈmēd-ē-əm\ *n*, *pl* **mediums** or **me-dia** \-ē-ə\ [L] 1 : something in a middle position; *also* : a middle position or degree 2 : a means of effecting or conveying something 3 : a surrounding or enveloping substance 4 : a channel or system of communication, information, or entertainment 5 : a mode of artistic expression 6 : an individual held to be a channel of communication between the earthly world and a world of spirits 7 : a condition in which something may function or flourish
medium *adj* : intermediate in amount, quality, position, or degree
me-di-um-is-tic \ˈmēd-ē-ə-ˈmis-tik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being a spiritualistic medium

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ə\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \a\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\foot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

med-ley \ˈmed-lē\ *n*, *pl* **medleys** **1** : HODGEPODGE **2** : a musical composition made up esp. of a series of songs
me-du-l-la \mə-ˈdəl-ə\ *n*, *pl* -las or -lae \-(ə)lē, -ɪ\ [L] : an inner or deep anatomical part; *also* : the posterior part (**medulla ob-lon-ga-ta** \-ˈāb-lŏn-ˈgāt-ə\ of the brain)
meed \ˈmēd\ *n* **1** *archaic* : REWARD **2** : a fitting return
meek \ˈmēk\ *adj* **1** : characterized by patience and long-suffering **2** : deficient in spirit and courage **3** : MODERATE — **meek-ly** *adv* — **meek-ness** *n*
meer-schaum \ˈmīər-shəm, -ʃhəm\ *n* [G, fr. *meer* sea + *schaum* foam] : a tobacco pipe made of a light white clayey mineral
meet \ˈmēt\ *vb* **met** \ˈmet\; **meet-ing** **1** : to come upon : FIND **2** : JOIN, INTERSECT **3** : to appear to the perception of **4** : OPPOSE, FIGHT **5** : to join in conversation or discussion; *also* : ASSEMBLE **6** : to conform to **7** : to pay fully **8** : to cope with **9** : to provide for **10** : to be introduced to
meet *n* : an assembling esp. for a hunt or for competitive sports
meet *adj* : SUITABLE, PROPER
meet-ing \ˈmēt-ɪŋ\ *n* **1** : an act of coming together : ASSEMBLY **2** : JUNCTION, INTERSECTION
meeting-house \-ˈhauz\ *n* : a building for public assembly and esp. for Protestant worship
mega-byte \ˈmeg-ə-ˈbit\ *n* : a unit of computer storage capacity approximately equal to one million bytes
mega-cy-cle \-,sī-kəl\ *n* : MEGAHERTZ
mega-death \-,deth\ *n* : one million deaths — used as a unit in reference to atomic warfare
mega-hertz \ˈmeg-ə-ˈherts, -ˈhearts\ *n* : a unit of frequency equal to one million hertz
mega-lith \ˈmeg-ə-ˈlith\ *n* : one of the huge stones used in various prehistoric monuments — **mega-lith-ic** \ˈmeg-ə-ˈlith-ik\ *adj*
meg-a-lo-ma-nia \ˈmeg-ə-lō-ˈmā-nē-ə, -nyə\ *n* : a disorder of mind marked by feelings of personal omnipotence and grandeur — **meg-a-lo-ma-ni-ac** \-ˈmā-nē-,ak\ *adj* or *n*
meg-a-lop-o-lis \ˈmeg-ə-ˈlāp-ə-ləs\ *n* : a very large urban unit
mega-phone \ˈmeg-ə-ˈfōn\ *n* : a cone-shaped device used to intensify or direct the voice — **megaphone** *vb*
mega-ton \-,tən\ *n* : an explosive force equivalent to that of one million tons of TNT
mega-vi-ta-min \-,vīt-ə-mən\ *adj* : relating to or consisting of very large doses of vitamins — **mega-vi-ta-mins** *n* *pl*
mei-o-sis \mī-ˈō-səs\ *n* : the cellular process that results in the number of chromosomes in gamete-producing cells being reduced to one half — **mei-ot-ic** \mī-ˈāt-ik\ *adj*
mel-an-cho-li-a \ˈmel-ən-ˈkō-lē-ə\ *n* : a mental condition marked by extreme depression often with delusions
mel-an-cho-lic \ˈmel-ən-ˈkāl-ik\ *adj* **1** : DEPRESSED **2** : of or relating to melancholia
mel-an-choly \ˈmel-ən-ˈkäl-ē\ *n*, *pl* -choly-ies [ME *malen-colie*, fr. MF *melancolie*, fr. LL *melancholia*, fr. Gk, fr. *melan-*, *melas* black + *cholē* bile; so called fr. the former belief that it was caused by an excess in the system of black bile, a substance supposedly secreted by the kidneys or spleen] : depression of spirits : DEJECTION, GLOOM — **melancholy** *adj*
Mel-a-ne-sian \ˈmel-ə-nē-zhən\ *n* : a member of the dominant native group of the Pacific island grouping of Melanesia — **Melanesian** *adj*
mé-lange \mə-ˈlāŋz, -ˈlänj\ *n* : a mixture esp. of incongruous elements
mel-an-ic \ˈmē-lan-ik\ *adj* **1** : having black pigment **2** : affected with or characterized by melanism — **melanic** *n*
mel-a-nin \ˈmel-ə-nən\ *n* : a dark brown or black animal or plant pigment
mel-a-nism \ˈmel-ə-niz-əm\ *n* : an increased amount of black or nearly black pigmentation
mel-a-no-ma \ˈmel-ə-nō-mə\ *n*, *pl* -mas *also* -ma-ta \-mət-

ə\ : a usu. malignant tumor containing black pigment
meld \ˈmeld\ *vb* : to show or announce for a score in a card game
meld *n* : a card or combination of cards that is or can be melded
me-lee \ˈmā-,lā, mā-ˈlā\ *n* [F *mêlée*] : a confused struggle
syn fracas, row, brawl, donnybrook
me-li-o-rate \ˈmēl-yə-,rāt, ˈmē-lē-ə\ *vb* -rat-ed; -rat-ing : to make or become better — **me-li-o-ra-tion** \ˈmēl-yə-ˈrā-shən, ˈmē-lē-ə\ *n* — **me-li-o-ra-tive** \ˈmēl-yə-,rāt-iv, ˈmē-lē-ə\ *adj*
mel-lif-lu-ous \ˈme-ˈlif-lə-wəs, mə-ˈ\ *adj* [LL *mellifluus*, fr. L *mel* honey + *fluere* to flow] : sweetly flowing — **mel-lif-lu-ous-ly** *adv* — **mel-lif-lu-ous-ness** *n*
mel-low \ˈmel-ō\ *adj* **1** : soft and sweet because of ripeness (~ apple); *also* : well aged and pleasingly mild (~ wine) **2** : made gentle by age or experience **3** : being rich and full but not garish or strident (~ colors) **4** : of soft loamy consistency (~ soil) — **mel-low-ness** *n*
mellow *vb* : to make or become mellow
mel-lo-de-on \mə-ˈlōd-ē-ən\ *n* : a small reed organ in which a suction bellows draws air inward through the reeds
me-lo-di-ous \mə-ˈlōd-ē-əs\ *adj* : pleasing to the ear — **me-lo-di-ous-ly** *adv* — **me-lo-di-ous-ness** *n*
melo-dra-ma \ˈmel-ə-,drām-ə, -ˈdrām-ə\ *n* : an extravagantly theatrical play in which action and plot predominate over characterization — **melo-dra-mat-ic** \ˈmel-ə-drə-ˈmat-ik\ *adj* — **melo-dra-ma-tist** \ˈmel-ə-ˈdrām-ət-əst, -ˈdrām-ə\ *n*
mel-o-dy \ˈmel-əd-ē\ *n*, *pl* -dies **1** : sweet or agreeable sound (birds making ~) **2** : a particular succession of notes : TUNE, AIR — **me-lod-ic** \mə-ˈlād-ik\ *adj* — **me-lod-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
mel-on \ˈmel-ən\ *n* : any of certain fruits (as a muskmelon or watermelon) of the gourd family usu. eaten raw
melt \ˈmelt\ *vb* **1** : to change from a solid to a liquid state usu. by heat **2** : DISSOLVE, DISINTEGRATE; *also* : to cause to disperse or disappear **3** : to make or become tender or gentle
melt *n* : a melted substance
melt-down \ˈmelt-,daʊn\ *n* : the melting of the core of a nuclear reactor
melt-wa-ter \ˈmelt-,wōt-ər, -ˈwāt-ə\ *n* : water derived from the melting of ice and snow
mem *abbr* **1** member **2** memoir **3** memorial
mem-ber \ˈmem-bər\ *n* **1** : a part (as an arm, leg, or branch) of a person, lower animal, or plant **2** : one of the individuals composing a group **3** : a constituent part of a whole
mem-ber-ship \-,ship\ *n* **1** : the state or status of being a member **2** : the body of members
mem-brane \ˈmem-,brān\ *n* : a thin pliable layer esp. of animal or plant tissue — **mem-bran-ous** \-brə-nəs\ *adj*
me-men-to \mə-ˈment-ō\ *n*, *pl* -tos or -toes [ME, fr. L remember] : something that serves to warn or remind : SOUVENIR
memo \ˈmem-ō\ *n*, *pl* **mem-os** : MEMORANDUM
mem-oir \ˈmem-,wār\ *n* **1** : MEMORANDUM **2** : AUTOBIOGRAPHY — usu. used in pl. **3** : an account of something noteworthy; *also*, *pl* : the record of the proceedings of a learned society
mem-o-ra-bil-ia \ˈmem-ə-rə-ˈbil-ē-ə, -ˈbil-yə\ *n* *pl* [L] : things worthy of remembrance; *also* : a record of such things
mem-o-ra-ble \ˈmem-(ə)-rə-bəl\ *adj* : worth remembering : NOTABLE — **mem-o-ra-bil-i-ty** \ˈmem-ə-rə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n* — **mem-o-ra-ble-ness** *n* — **mem-o-ra-bly** \-blē\ *adv*
mem-o-ran-dum \ˈmem-ə-ˈran-dəm\ *n*, *pl* -dums or -da \-də\ **1** : an informal record; *also* : a written reminder **2** : an informal written note
me-mo-ri-al \mə-ˈmōr-ē-əl\ *adj* : serving to preserve remembrance
memorial *n* **1** : something designed to keep remembrance

alive; *esp* : MONUMENT 2 : a statement of facts often accompanied with a petition — **me-mo-ri-al-ize** *vb*

Memorial Day *n* : the last Monday in May or formerly May 30 observed as a legal holiday in honor of those who died in war

mem-o-rize *v* *mem-(ə-)rīz\ vb -rized; -riz-ing* : to learn by heart — **mem-o-ri-za-tion** *\, mem-(ə-)rə-'zā-shən\ n* — **mem-o-ri-zer** *\, mem-(ə-)rīz-ər\ n*

mem-o-ry *\, mem-(ə-)rē\ n, pl -ries* 1 : the power or process of remembering 2 : the store of things remembered 3 : COMMEMORATION 4 : something remembered 5 : the time within which past events are remembered 6 : a device (as in a computer) in which information can be stored **syn** remembrance, recollection, reminiscence **men** *pl* of MAN

men-ace *\, men-əs\ n* 1 : THREAT 2 : DANGER; *also* : NUISANCE

menace *vb* **men-aced; men-ac-ing** 1 : THREATEN 2 : ENDANGER — **men-ac-ing-ly** *adv*

mé-nage *\, mā-'nāzh\ n* [F] : HOUSEHOLD

men-ag-er-ie *\, mē-'naj-(ə-)rē\ n* : a collection of wild animals *esp.* for exhibition

mend *\, mend\ vb* 1 : to improve in manners or morals 2 : to put into good shape : REPAIR 3 : to restore to health : HEAL — **mend-er** *n*

mend *n* 1 : an act of mending 2 : a mended place **men-da-cious** *\, men-'dā-shəs\ adj* : given to deception or falsehood : UNTRUTHFUL **syn** dishonest, deceitful — **men-da-cious-ly** *adv* — **men-dac-i-ty** *\, 'dās-ət-ē\ n*

men-de-le-vi-um *\, men-'dē-'lě-vē-əm, -'lā-\ n* : a radioactive chemical element artificially produced — see ELEMENT table

men-di-cant *\, men-di-kənt\ n* 1 : BEGGAR 2 *often cap* : FRIAR — **men-di-can-cy** *\, -kən-sē\ n* — **mendicant** *adj*

men-folk *\, men-'fök\ or men-folks -'föks\ n pl* 1 : men in general 2 : the men of a family or community

men-ha-den *\, men-'hād-ən, mən-\ n, pl -den also -dens* : a marine fish related to the herring that is abundant along the Atlantic coast of the U.S.

me-nial *\, mē-nē-əl, -nyəl\ adj* 1 : of or relating to servants 2 : HUMBLE; *also* : SERVILLE — **me-ni-al-ly** *-ē\ adv*

menial *n* : a domestic servant

men-in-gi-tis *\, men-ən-'jit-əs\ n, pl -git-i-des -'jit-ə-, dēz* : inflammation of the membranes enclosing the brain and spinal cord; *also* : a usu. bacterial disease marked by this

me-ninx *\, mē-nīŋks, 'men-īŋks\ n, pl me-nin-ges\ mē-'nin-(ə-)jēz* : any of the three membranes that envelop the brain and spinal cord — **men-in-ge-al** *\, men-ən-'jē-əl\ adj*

me-nis-cus *\, mē-'nis-kəs\ n, pl me-nis-ci -'nis-(k)ī, -'kē\ also me-nis-cus-es* 1 : CRESCENT 2 : the curved upper surface of a column of liquid

meno-pause *\, men-ə-'pōz\ n* : the period of natural cessation of menstruation — **meno-paus-al** *\, men-ə-'pō-zəl\ adj*

men-ses *\, men-'sēz\ n pl* : the menstrual flow

men-stru-a-tion *\, men-strə-'wā-shən, men-'strā-\ n* : a discharging of bloody matter at approximately monthly intervals from the uterus of breeding-age nonpregnant primate females — **men-stru-al** *\, men-strə-(wə)\ adj* — **men-stru-ate** *\, men-strə-'wāt, -'strāt\ vb*

men-su-ra-ble *\, mens-(ə-)rə-bəl, 'mench-(ə-)rə-\ adj* : MEASURABLE

men-su-ra-tion *\, men-sə-'rā-shən, 'men-chə-\ n* : MEASUREMENT

-ment *\, mənt\ n suffix* 1 : concrete result, object, or agent of a (specified) action (embankment) (entanglement) 2 : concrete means or instrument of a (specified) action (entertainment) 3 : action : process (encirclement) (development) 4 : place of a (specified) action (encampment) 5 : state : condition (amazement)

men-tal *\, ment-'l\ adj* 1 : of or relating to the mind 2 : of,

relating to, or affected with a disorder of the mind — **men-tal-ly** *\-ē\ adv*

mental age *n* : a measure used in psychological testing that expresses a person's mental attainment in terms of the number of years it takes the average child to reach the same level

mental deficiency *n* : failure in intellectual development that results in social incompetence and is considered to be the result of a defective central nervous system

men-tal-i-ty *\, men-'tal-ət-ē\ n, pl -ties* 1 : mental power or capacity 2 : mode or way of thought

men-thol *\, men-'thöl, -'thöl\ n* : a white soothing substance from oil of peppermint — **men-tho-lat-ed** *\-thə-'lāt-əd\ adj*

men-tion *\, men-chən\ n* 1 : a brief or casual reference 2 : a formal citation for outstanding achievement

mention *vb* **men-tioned; men-tion-ing** *\, mench-(ə-)nīŋ* 1 : to refer to : CITE 2 : to cite for outstanding achievement — **not to mention** : AS WELL AS

men-tor *\, men-'tər, 'ment-ər\ n* : a trusted counselor or guide; *also* : TUTOR, COACH

menu *\, men-yü, 'mān-\ n, pl menus* [F, fr. *menu* small, detailed, fr. L *minutus* minute (adj.)] : a list of the dishes available (as in a restaurant) for a meal; *also* : the dishes served

me-ow *\, mē-'au\ vb* : to make the characteristic cry of a cat — **meow** *n*

me-phit-ic *\, mē-'fit-ik\ adj* : foul-smelling

mer *abbr* meridian

mer-can-tile *\, mər-kən-'tēl, -'tīl\ adj* : of or relating to merchants or trading

mer-ce-nary *\, mers-'n-, er-ē\ n, pl -nar-ies* : one who serves merely for wages; *esp* : a soldier serving in a foreign army

mercenary *adj* 1 : serving merely for pay or gain 2 : hired for service in a foreign army — **mer-ce-nari-ly** *\, mers-'n-er-ə-lē\ adv* — **mer-ce-nari-ness** *\, mers-'n-, er-ē-nəs\ n*

mer-cer *\, mər-sər\ n* : a dealer in usu. expensive fabrics **mer-cer-ize** *\, mər-sə-'rīz\ vb -ized; -iz-ing* : to treat cotton yarn or cloth with alkali so that it looks silky or takes a better dye

mer-chan-dise *\, mər-chən-'dīz, -'dis\ n* : the commodities or goods that are bought and sold in business

mer-chan-dise *-'dīz\ vb -disht; -dis-ing* : to buy and sell in business : TRADE — **mer-chan-dis-er** *n*

mer-chant *\, mər-chənt\ n* 1 : a buyer and seller of commodities for profit 2 : STOREKEEPER

mer-chant-able *\, mər-chənt-ə-bəl\ adj* : acceptable to buyers : MARKETABLE

mer-chant-man *\, mər-chənt-mən\ n* : a ship used in commerce

merchant marine *n* : the commercial ships of a nation

merchant ship *n* : MERCHANTMAN

mer-cu-ri-al *\, mər-'kyūr-ē-əl\ adj* 1 : unpredictably changeable 2 : MERCURIC — **mer-cu-ri-al-ly** *-ē\ adv* — **mer-cu-ri-al-ness** *n*

mer-cu-ric *\, mər-'kyūr-ik\ adj* : of, relating to, or containing mercury

mercuric chloride *n* : a poisonous compound of mercury and chlorine used as an antiseptic and fungicide

mer-cu-ry *\, mər-'kyū-rē\ n, pl -ries* 1 : a heavy silver-white liquid metallic chemical element used *esp.* in scientific instruments — see ELEMENT table 2 *cap* : the planet nearest the sun

mer-cy *\, mər-sē\ n, pl mercies* [ME, fr. OF *merci*, fr. ML *merces*, fr. L, price paid, wages, fr. *merc-, merx* merchandise] 1 : compassion shown to an offender; *also*

\ə'but \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
 \a'out \ch'ance \e'bet \e'easy \ə'go \i'hit \i'vice \j'ob
 \ŋ'sing \o'go \o'law \o'l'boy \th'thin \th'the \u'loot
 \u'foot \v'yet \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

: imprisonment rather than death for first-degree murder 2 : a blessing resulting from divine favor or compassion; *also* : a fortunate circumstance 3 : compassion shown to victims of misfortune — **mer-ci-ful** \-si-fəl\ *adj* — **mer-ci-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **mer-ci-less** \-si-ləs\ *adj* — **mer-ci-less-ly** *adv* — **mercy** *adj*

mercy killing *n* : the act or practice of killing or permitting the death of hopelessly sick or injured persons or animals with as little pain as possible for reasons of mercy

mere \ˈmɪər\ *n* : LAKE, POOL

mere *adj* **mer-est** 1 : being nothing more than : BARE 2 : not diluted : PURE — **mere-ly** *adv*

mer-e-tri-cious \,mer-ə-ˈtrɪʃ-əs\ *adj* [L *meretricius*, fr. *meretrix* prostitute, fr. *merēre* to earn] : tawdriily attractive; *also* : SPECIOUS — **mer-e-tri-cious-ly** *adv* — **mer-e-tri-cious-ness** *n*

mer-gan-ser \,mər-ˈgən-sər\ *n* : any of various fish-eating ducks with a crested head and a slender bill hooked at the end and serrated along the margins

merge \ˈmɜrj\ *vb* **merged**; **mer-ging** 1 : to blend gradually 2 : to combine, unite, or coalesce into one *syn* mingle, amalgamate, fuse, interfuse, intermingle

mer-g-er \ˈmər-jər\ *n* 1 : the act or process of merging 2 : absorption by a corporation of one or more others **me-rid-i-an** \mə-ˈrɪd-ē-ən\ *n* [ME, fr. MF *meridien*, fr. *meridien* of noon, fr. L *meridianus*, fr. *meridies* noon, south, irreg. fr. *medius* mid + *dies* day] 1 : the highest point : CULMINATION 2 : one of the imaginary circles on the earth's surface passing through the north and south poles — **meridian** *adj*

me-ringue \mə-ˈraŋ\ *n* [F] : a dessert topping of baked beaten egg whites and powdered sugar

me-ri-no \mə-ˈrē-nō\ *n*, *pl* -nos [Sp] 1 : any of a breed of sheep noted for fine soft wool; *also* : its wool or fleece 2 : a fine soft fabric or yarn of wool or wool and cotton

mer-it \ˈmer-ət\ *n* 1 : laudable or blameworthy traits or actions 2 : a praiseworthy quality; *also* : character or conduct deserving reward or honor 3 *pl* : the intrinsic nature of a legal case; *also* : legal significance

merit *vb* : EARN, DESERVE

mer-i-toc-ra-cy \,mer-ə-ˈtāk-rə-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies : an educational system where-by the talented are chosen and moved ahead on the basis of their achievement; *also* : leadership by the talented

mer-i-to-ri-ous \,mer-ə-ˈtōr-ē-əs\ *adj* : deserving honor or esteem — **mer-i-to-ri-ous-ly** *adv* — **mer-i-to-ri-ous-ness** *n*

mer-maid \ˈmər-,mād\ *n* : a legendary sea creature with a woman's upper body and a fish's tail

mer-man \-,man,-mən\ *n* : a legendary sea creature with a man's upper body and a fish's tail

mer-ri-ment \ˈmer-i-mənt\ *n* 1 : HILARITY 2 : FESTIVITY

mer-ry \ˈmer-ē\ *adj* **mer-ri-er**; -est 1 : full of gaiety or high spirits 2 : marked by festivity 3 : BRISK (a ~ pace) *syn* blithe, jocund, jovial, jolly, mirthful — **mer-ri-ly** \ˈmer-ə-lē\ *adv*

mer-ry-go-round \ˈmer-ē-gō-,raʊnd\ *n* 1 : a circular revolving platform with benches and figures of animals on which people sit for a ride 2 : a busy round of activities

mer-ry-mak-ing \ˈmer-ē-,mā-kiŋ\ *n* 1 : CONVIVIALITY 2 : a festive occasion — **mer-ry-mak-er** \-,mā-kər\ *n*

me-sa \ˈmā-sə\ *n* [Sp, lit., table, fr. L *mensa*] : a flat-topped hill with steep sides

més-al-li-ance \,mä-,zəl-ˈyās-, ,mä-zə-ˈli-əns\ *n*, *pl* **més-al-li-ances** \-,ˈyās-(əz)-, -ˈli-ən-səz\ [F] : a marriage with a person of inferior social position

mes-cal \me-ˈskal, mə-\ *n* 1 : a small cactus that is the source of a stimulant used esp. by Mexican Indians 2 : a usu. colorless liquor distilled from the leaves of an agave; *also* : AGAVE

mes-ca-line \ˈmes-kə-lən-, -lén\ *n* : a hallucinatory alkaloid from the mescal cactus

mesdames *pl* of MADAM or of MADAME or of MRS.

mesdemoiselles *pl* of MADEMOISELLE

mesh \ˈmesh\ *n* 1 : one of the openings between the threads or cords of a net; *also* : one of the similar spaces in a network 2 : the fabric of a net 3 : NETWORK 4 : working contact (as of the teeth of gears) (in ~) — **meshed** \ˈmesht\ *adj*

mesh *vb* 1 : to catch in or as if in a mesh 2 : to be in or come into mesh : ENGAGE 3 : to fit together properly **mesh-work** \ˈmesh-,wɜrk\ *n* : NETWORK

me-si-al \mē-zē-əl-, sē-\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the surface of a tooth that is closest to the middle of the front of the jaw

mes-mer-ize \ˈmez-mə-,rɪz\ *vb* -ized; -izing : HYPNOTIZE — **mes-mer-ic** \ˈmez-ˈmer-ik\ *adj* — **mes-mer-ism** \ˈmez-mə-,rɪz-əm\ *n*

Me-so-lith-ic \,mez-ə-ˈlith-ik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being a transitional period of the Stone Age between the Paleolithic and the Neolithic periods

me-so-sphere \ˈmez-ə-,sfɪər\ *n* : a layer of the atmosphere above the stratosphere

Me-so-zo-ic \,mez-ə-ˈzō-ik-, ,mēz-\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the era of geologic history between the Paleozoic and the Cenozoic and extending from about 230 million years ago to about 70 million years ago — **Mesozoic** *n*

mes-quite \mə-ˈskēt-, me-\ *n* : a thorny leguminous shrub of Mexico and the southwestern U.S. with sugar-rich pods important as fodder

mess \ˈmes\ *n* 1 : a quantity of food; *also* : enough food of a specified kind for a dish or meal (a ~ of beans) 2 : a group of persons who regularly eat together; *also* : a meal eaten by such a group 3 : a confused, dirty, or offensive state — **messy** *adj*

mess *vb* 1 : to supply with meals; *also* : to take meals with a mess 2 : to make dirty or untidy; *also* : BUNGLE 3 : INTERFERE, MIDDLE 4 : PUTTER, TRIFLE

mes-sage \ˈmes-ij\ *n* : a communication sent by one person to another

messeigneurs *pl* of MONSEIGNEUR

mes-sen-ger \ˈmes-ˈn-jər\ *n* : one who carries a message or does an errand

messenger RNA *n* : an RNA that carries the code for a particular protein from the nuclear DNA to a ribosome in the cytoplasm and acts as a template for the formation of that protein

Mes-si-ah \mə-ˈsī-ə\ *n* 1 : the expected king and deliverer of the Jews 2 : Jesus 3 *not cap* : a professed or accepted leader of a cause — **mes-si-an-ic** \,mes-ē-ˈan-ik\ *adj*

messieurs *pl* of MONSIEUR

mess-mate \ˈmes-,māt\ *n* : a member of a group who eat regularly together

Messrs. \,mes-ərz\ *pl* of MR.

mes-ti-zo \me-ˈstē-zō\ *n*, *pl* -zos [Sp, fr. *mestizo* mixed, fr. LL *mixticius*, fr. L *mixtus*, pp. of *miscere* to mix] : a person of mixed blood

met *past and past part* of MEET

met *abbr* metropolitan

me-tab-o-lism \mə-ˈtab-ə-,liz-əm\ *n* : the sum of the processes in the building up and breaking down of the substance of plants and animals incidental to life; *also* : the processes by which a substance is handled in the body (~ of sugar) — **met-a-bol-ic** \,met-ə-ˈbāl-ik\ *adj* — **me-tab-o-lize** \mə-ˈtab-ə-,lɪz\ *vb*

me-tab-o-lite \-,lɪt\ *n* 1 : a product of metabolism 2 : a substance essential to the metabolism of a particular organism

meta-car-pal \,met-ə-ˈkär-pəl\ *n* : any of usu. five more or less elongated bones of the part of the hand or forefoot between the carpus and the bones of the digits — **metacarpal** *adj*

meta-car-pus \-,ˈkär-pəs\ *n* : the part of the hand or forefoot that contains the metacarpals

met-al \ˈmet-əl\ *n* 1 : any of various opaque, fusible, ductile, and typically lustrous substances; *esp* : one that is

a chemical element **2** : METTLE; *also* : the material out of which a person or thing is made — **met-al-lic** \mə-'tal-ik\ *adj* — **met-al-loid** \ˈmet-əl-'lɔɪd\ *n* or *adj*

met-al-lur-gy \ˈmet-əl-,ər-jē\ *n* : the science and technology of metals — **met-al-lur-gi-cal** \ˈmet-əl-'lɔɪ-ʒi-kəl\ *adj* — **met-al-lur-gist** \ˈmet-əl-,ər-jəst\ *n*

met-al-ware \ˈmet-əl-,wær\ *n* : metal utensils for household use

met-al-work \-,wɜrk\ *n* : work and esp. artistic work made of metal — **met-al-work-er** \-,wɜr-kər\ *n* — **met-al-work-ing** \-,wɜr-kiŋ\ *n*

meta-mor-phism \ˌmet-ə-'mɔr-,fɪz-əm\ *n* : a change in the structure of rock; *esp* : a change to a more compact highly crystalline condition produced by pressure, heat, and water — **met-a-mor-phic** \ˌmɔr-'fɪk\ *adj*

meta-mor-pho-sis \ˌmet-ə-'mɔr-fə-səs\ *n*, *pl* **-pho-ses** \-,sēz\ **1** : a change of physical form, structure, or substance esp. by supernatural means; *also* : a striking alteration (as in appearance or character) **2** : a fundamental change in form and often habits of an animal accompanying the transformation of a larva into an adult — **met-a-mor-phose** \-,fōz-,fōs\ *vb*

met-a-phor \ˈmet-ə-,fɔr\ *n* : a figure of speech in which a word denoting one subject or idea is used in place of another to suggest a likeness between them (as in "the ship plows the sea") — **met-a-phor-i-cal** \ˌmet-ə-'fɔr-i-kəl\ *adj*

meta-physics \ˌmet-ə-'fɪz-iks\ *n* [ML *Metaphysica*, title of Aristotle's treatise on the subject, fr. Gk (*ta*) *meta* (*ta*) *physika*, lit., the (works) after the physical (works); fr. its position in his collected works] : the part of philosophy concerned with the study of the ultimate causes and underlying nature of things — **meta-phys-i-cal** \ˌfɪz-i-kəl\ *adj* — **meta-phys-i-cian** \-fə-'zɪsh-ən\ *n*

me-tas-ta-sis \mə-'tas-tə-səs\ *n*, *pl* **-ta-ses** \-,sēz\ : transfer of a health-impairing agency (as tumor cells) to a new site in the body; *also* : a secondary growth of a malignant tumor — **met-a-stat-ic** \ˌmet-ə-'stat-ik\ *adj*

meta-tar-sal \ˌmet-ə-'tär-səl\ *n* : any of the bones of the foot between the tarsus and the bones of the digits that in human beings include five more or less elongated bones — **metatarsal** *adj*

meta-tar-sus \ˌtär-səs\ *n* : the part of the foot in man or of the hind foot in quadrupeds that contains the metatarsals

mete \mēt\ *vb* **met-ed**; **met-ing** **1** *archaic* : MEASURE **2** : ALLOT

2 *mete* *n* : BOUNDARY (<~s and bounds)

me-tem-psy-cho-sis \mə-,tem(p)-si-'kō-səs-,ˌmet-əm-,sɪ-\ *n* : the passing of the soul at death into another body either human or animal

me-te-or \mēt-'ē-ər-,ē-,ōr\ *n* **1** : a usu. small particle of matter in the solar system observable only when it falls into the earth's atmosphere where friction causes it to glow **2** : the streak of light produced by passage of a meteor

me-te-or-ic \mēt-'ē-ōr-ik\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or resembling a meteor **2** : transiently brilliant (a ~ career) — **me-te-or-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

me-te-or-ite \mēt-'ē-ə-,rīt\ *n* : a meteor that reaches the surface of the earth

me-te-or-oid \mēt-'ē-ə-,rɔɪd\ *n* : a meteor in orbit around the sun

me-te-o-ro-l-o-gy \ˌmēt-'ē-ə-'räl-ə-jē\ *n* : a science that deals with the atmosphere and its phenomena and esp. with weather and weather forecasting — **me-te-o-ro-log-ic** \ˌmēt-'ē-,ōr-ə-'lāj-ik\ or **me-te-o-ro-log-i-cal** \ˌlāj-i-kəl\ *adj* — **me-te-o-ro-l-o-gist** \ˌmēt-'ē-ə-'räl-ə-jəst\ *n*

1 **me-ter** \ˈmēt-ər\ *n* : rhythm in verse or music

2 **met-er** \ˈmēt-ər\ *n* : the basic metric unit of length — see METRIC SYSTEM table

3 **me-ter** \ˈmēt-ər\ *n* : a measuring and sometimes recording instrument

4 **me-ter** *vb* **1** : to measure by means of a meter **2** : to print postal indicia on by means of a postage meter (<~ed mail)

meter-kilogram-second *adj* : MKS

meter maid *n* : a female member of a police department who is assigned to write tickets for parking violations

meth-a-done \ˈmeth-ə-,dōn\ *also* **meth-a-don** \-,dän\ *n* : a synthetic addictive narcotic drug used esp. as a substitute narcotic in the treatment of heroin addiction

meth-am-phet-amine \ˌmeth-am-'fet-ə-,mēn-,ˌmeth-əm-,mən\ *n* : a drug used in the form of its hydrochloride as a stimulant for the central nervous system and in the treatment of obesity

meth-ane \ˈmeth-,ən\ *n* : a colorless odorless flammable gas produced by decomposition of organic matter (as in marshes) or from coal and used as a fuel

meth-a-nol \ˈmeth-ə-,nɒl-,ˌnɒl\ *n* : a volatile flammable poisonous liquid alcohol that consists of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen and that is used esp. as a solvent and as an antifreeze

meth-aqua-lone \ˈme-'thak-wə-,lɒn\ *n* : a sedative and hypnotic habit-forming drug that is not a barbiturate

meth-od \ˈmeth-əd\ *n* [MF *methode*, fr. L *methodus*, fr. Gk *methodos*, fr. *meta* with + *hodos* way] **1** : a procedure or process for achieving an end **2** : orderly arrangement : PLAN *syn* mode, manner, way, fashion, system — **meth-od-i-cal** \mə-'θəd-i-kəl\ *adj* — **meth-od-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **meth-od-i-cal-ness** *n*

Meth-od-ist \ˈmeth-əd-əst\ *n* : a member of a Protestant denomination adhering to the doctrines of John Wesley — **Meth-od-ism** \-ə-,dɪz-əm\ *n*

meth-od-ize \ˈmeth-ə-,dɪz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : SYSTEMATIZE

meth-od-ol-o-gy \ˌmeth-ə-'däl-ə-jē\ *n*, *pl* **-gies** **1** : a body of methods and rules followed in a science or discipline **2** : the study of the principles or procedures of inquiry in a particular field

meth-yl \ˈmeth-əl\ *n* : a chemical group consisting of carbon and hydrogen

methyl alcohol *n* : METHANOL

meth-yl-mer-cu-ry \ˌmeth-əl-'mər-kyə-rē\ *n* : any of various toxic compounds of mercury that tend to accumulate in animals esp. at the top of a food chain

met-i-cal \ˈmet-i-kəl\ *n* — see MONEY table

me-tic-u-lous \mə-'tik-yə-ləs\ *adj* [L *meticulosus* timid, fr. *metus* fear] : extremely careful in attending to details — **me-tic-u-lous-ly** *adv* — **me-tic-u-lous-ness** *n*

mé-tier \ˈme-,tyä-,me-'tyä\ *n* : an area of activity in which one is expert or successful

me-tre \ˈmēt-ər\ *chiefly Brit var of* METER

met-ric \ˈme-trɪk\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to measurement; *esp* : of or relating to the metric system **2** : METRICAL **1**

met-ri-cal \ˈme-tri-kəl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or composed in meter **2** : METRIC **1** — **met-ri-cal-ly** \-tri-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

met-ri-ca-tion \ˌme-tri-'kā-shən\ *n* : the act or process of converting into or expressing in the metric system

met-ri-cize \ˈme-trə-,sɪz\ *vb* **-cized**; **-ciz-ing** : to change into or express in the metric system

metric system *n* : a decimal system of weights and measures based on the meter and on the kilogram

☞ see next page

metric ton *n* — see METRIC SYSTEM table

1 **met-ro** \ˈme-trō\ *n*, *pl* **metros** : SUBWAY

2 **metro** *adj* : of, relating to, or characteristic of a metropolis and sometimes including its suburbs

me-trol-o-gy \ˌme-'träl-ə-jē\ *n* : the science of weights and measures or of measurement

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ə\fur\her \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

METRIC SYSTEM¹

unit	abbreviation	LENGTH	
		number of meters	approximate U.S. equivalent
kilometer	km	1,000	0.62 mile
hectometer	hm	100	109.36 yards
dekameter	dam	10	32.81 feet
meter	m	1	39.37 inches
decimeter	dm	0.1	3.94 inches
centimeter	cm	0.01	0.39 inch
millimeter	mm	0.001	0.039 inch

unit	abbreviation	AREA	
		number of square meters	approximate U.S. equivalent
square kilometer	sq km or km ²	1,000,000	0.3861 square mile
hectare	ha	10,000	2.47 acres
are	a	100	119.60 square yards
square centimeter	sq cm or cm ²	0.0001	0.155 square inch

unit	abbreviation	VOLUME	
		number of cubic meters	approximate U.S. equivalent
cubic meter	m ³	1	1.307 cubic yards
cubic decimeter	dm ³	0.10	61.023 cubic inches
cubic centimeter	cu cm or cm ³ also cc	0.000001	0.061 cubic inch

unit	abbreviation	number of liters	CAPACITY		
			approximate U.S. equivalent		
kiloliter	kl	1,000			
hectoliter	hl	100			
dekaliter	dal	10			
liter	l	1			
deciliter	dl	0.1			
centiliter	cl	0.01			
milliliter	ml	0.001			

unit	abbreviation	number of grams	MASS AND WEIGHT		
			approximate U.S. equivalent		
metric ton	t	1,000,000			
kilogram	kg	1,000			
hectogram	hg	100			
dekagram	dag	10			
gram	g	1			
decigram	dg	0.10			
centigram	cg	0.01			
milligram	mg	0.001			

¹For metric equivalents of U.S. units see Weights and Measures table

met-ro-nome \ˈme-trə-nōm\ *n* : an instrument for marking exact time by a regularly repeated tick

me-trop-o-lis \mə-ˈtrăp-(ə-)ləs\ *n* [LL, fr. Gk *mētropolis*, fr. *mētēr* mother + *polis* city] : the chief or capital city of a country, state, or region — **met-ro-pol-i-tan** \ˈme-trə-ˈpāl-ət-ən\ *adj*

met-tle \ˈmet-əl\ *n* 1 : quality of temperament 2 : SPIRIT, COURAGE

met-tle-some \ˈmet-əl-səm\ *adj* : full of mettle

MeV *abbr* million electron volts

mew \ˈmyū\ *vb* : CONFINE

mews \ˈmyüz\ *n pl*, chiefly Brit : stables usu. with living quarters built around a court; *also* : a narrow street with dwellings converted from stables

Mex *abbr* Mexican; Mexico

Mex-i-can \ˈmek-si-kən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Mexico — **Mexican** *adj*

mez-zo-nine \ˈmez-n-, -ēn, ˈmez-n-ˈēn\ *n* 1 : a low-ceilinged story between two main stories of a building 2 : the lowest balcony in a theater; *also* : the first few rows of such a balcony

mez-zo-so-pra-no \ˈmet-sō-sə-ˈpran-ō, ˈme(d)z-\ *n* : a woman's voice having a range between that of the soprano and contralto; *also* : a singer having such a voice

MF *abbr* medium frequency

MFA *abbr* master of fine arts

mg *abbr* milligram

Mg *symbol* magnesium

MG *abbr* 1 machine gun 2 major general 3 military government

mgr *abbr* 1 manager 2 monseigneur 3 monsignor

mgt or **mgmt** *abbr* management

MGy *Sgt* *abbr* master gunnery sergeant

MHz *abbr* megahertz

mi *abbr* 1 mile; mileage 2 mill

MI *abbr* 1 Michigan 2 military intelligence

MIA \ˈem-ˈi-ə\ *n* [missing in action] : a member of the armed forces whose whereabouts following a combat mission are unknown

Mi-ami \mī-ˈam-ē, -ˈam-ə\ *n pl* **Mi-ami** or **Mi-am-is** : a member of an American Indian people orig. of Wisconsin and Indiana

mi-as-ma \mī-ˈaz-mə, mē-\ *n pl* **-mas** *also* **-ma-ta** \-mət-ə\

: an exhalation formerly held to cause disease : a noxious vapor — **mi-as-mic** \-mik\ *adj*

Mic *abbr* Micah

mi-ca \ˈmī-kə\ *n* [NL, fr. L, grain, crumb] : any of various minerals readily separable into thin transparent sheets

Mi-cah \ˈmī-kə\ *n* — see **BIBLE** table

mice *pl of* MOUSE

Mich *abbr* Michigan

Mi-che-as \ˈmī-kē-əs, mī-ˈkē-əs\ *n* — see **BIBLE** table

Mic-mac \ˈmīk-,mak\ *n, pl* **Micmac** or **Micmacs** : a member of an American Indian people of eastern Canada

mic- or **micro-** *comb form* **1** : small : minute **2** : one millionth part of a specified unit (*microsecond*)

ˈmī-cro \ˈmī-kro\ *adj* **1** : very small; *esp* : **MICROSCOPIC** **2** : involving minute quantities or variations

ˈmicro *n* : **MICROCOMPUTER**

mi-crobe \ˈmī-,krōb\ *n* : **MICROORGANISM**; *esp* : one causing disease — **mi-cro-bi-al** \ˈmī-krō-bē-əl\ *adj*

mi-cro-bi-ol-o-gy \ˈmī-krō-bī-ˈāl-ə-jē\ *n* : a branch of biology dealing esp. with microscopic forms of life — **mi-cro-bi-o-log-i-cal** \ˈmī-krō-,bī-ə-ˈlāj-i-kəl\ *adj* — **mi-cro-bi-ol-o-gist** \ˈmī-krō-bī-ˈāl-ə-jəst\ *n*

mi-cro-bus \ˈmī-krō-,bəs\ *n* : a station wagon shaped like a bus

mi-cro-cap-sule \-,kap-səl, -sül\ *n* : a tiny capsule containing material (as a medicine) that is released when the capsule is broken, melted, or dissolved

mi-cro-chip \-,chip\ *n* : **INTEGRATED CIRCUIT**

mi-cro-cir-cuit \-,sər-kət\ *n* : a compact electronic circuit

mi-cro-com-put-er \-kəm-,pyüt-ər\ *n* : a very small computer

mi-cro-copy \-,kăp-ē\ *n* : a photographic copy (as of print) on a reduced scale — **microcopy** *vb*

mi-cro-cosm \ˈmī-krō-,kăz-əm\ *n* : an individual or community thought of as a miniature world or universe

mi-cro-elec-tron-ics \ˈmī-krō-i-,lek-ˈträn-iks\ *n* : a branch of electronics that deals with the miniaturization of electronic circuits and components — **mi-cro-elec-tron-ic** \-ik\ *adj*

mi-cro-en-cap-su-late \ˈmī-krō-in-ˈkap-sə-,lāt\ *vb* : to enclose in a microcapsule (*microencapsulated* aspirin) — **mi-cro-en-cap-su-la-tion** \-in-,kap-sə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*

mi-cro-fiche \ˈmī-krō-,fēsh-, -fīsh\ *n, pl* **fiche** or **fiches** \-,fēsh(-əz), -fīsh(-əz)\ : a sheet of microfilm containing rows of images of pages of printed matter

mi-cro-film \-,film\ *n* : a film bearing a photographic record (as of print) on a reduced scale — **microfilm** *vb*

mi-cro-graph \ˈmī-krə-,graf\ *n* : a graphic reproduction of the image of an object formed by a microscope — **micrograph** *vb*

mi-cro-me-te-or-ite \ˈmī-krō-ˈmēt-ē-ə-,rit\ *n* **1** : a meteorite particle of very small size **2** : a very small particle in interplanetary space

mi-crom-e-ter \ˈmī-kräm-ət-ər\ *n* : an instrument used with a telescope or microscope for measuring minute distances

mi-cro-min-ia-ture \ˈmī-krō-ˈmīn-ē-ə-,chūr, -ˈmīn-i-,chūr, -chēr\ *adj* : **MICROMINIATURIZED**

mi-cro-min-ia-tur-iza-tion \-,mīn-ē-ə-,chūr-ə-ˈzā-shən, -ˈmīn-i-,chūr, -chēr\ *n* : the process of producing microminiaturized things

mi-cro-min-ia-tur-ized \ˈmīn-ē-ə-chə-,rīzd, -ˈmīn-i-chə-\ *adj* : reduced to or produced in a very small size and esp. in a size smaller than one considered miniature

mi-cron \ˈmī-,krän\ *n, pl* **microns** also **mi-cra** \-krə\ : one millionth of a meter

mi-cro-or-gan-ism \ˈmī-krō-ˈôr-gə-,nīz-əm\ *n* : a living being (as a bacterium) too tiny to be seen by the unaided eye

mi-cro-phone \ˈmī-krə-,fōn\ *n* : an instrument for converting sound waves into variations of an electric current for transmitting or recording sound

mi-cro-pho-to-graph \ˈmī-krə-ˈfōt-ə-,graf\ *n* : **PHOTOMICROGRAPH**

mi-cro-pro-ces-sor \ˈmī-krō-ˈprās-,es-ər\ *n* : a computer processor contained on a microchip

mi-cro-scope \ˈmī-krə-,skōp\ *n* : an instrument for making magnified images of minute objects usu. using light — **mi-cro-sco-py** \ˈmī-ˈkrās-kə-pē\ *n*

mi-cro-scop-ic \ˈmī-krə-ˈskäp-ik\ or **mi-cro-scop-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or involving the use of the microscope **2** : too tiny to be seen without the use of a microscope : very small — **mi-cro-scop-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

mi-cro-sec-ond \ˈmī-krō-ˈsek-ənd\ *n* : one millionth of a second

mi-cro-state \ˈmī-krō-,stāt\ *n* : a nation that is extremely small in area and population

mi-cro-sur-gery \ˈmī-krō-ˈsərj-(ə-)rē\ *n* : minute dissection or manipulation (as by a laser beam) of living structures (as cells) for surgical or experimental purposes — **mi-cro-sur-gi-cal** \-ˈsər-jī-kəl\ *adj*

mi-cro-wave \ˈmī-krə-,wāv\ *n* : a radio wave between one millimeter and one meter in wavelength

microwave oven *n* : an oven in which food is cooked by the heat produced from microwave penetration of the food

ˈmid \ˈmɪd\ *adj* : **MIDDLE**

ˈmid *abbr* middle

mid-air \ˈmɪd-ˈær\ *n* : a point or region in the air well above the ground

mid-day \ˈmɪd-,dā, -ˈdā\ *n* : **NOON**

mid-den \ˈmɪd-ən\ *n* : a refuse heap

ˈmid-dle \ˈmɪd-əl\ *adj* **1** : equally distant from the extremes

: **MEDIAL**, **CENTRAL** **2** : being at neither extreme : **INTERMEDIATE** **3 cap** : constituting an intermediate period

ˈmiddle *n* **1** : a middle part, point, or position **2** : **WAIST**

middle age *n* : the period of life from about 40 to about 60 — **mid-dle-aged** \ˈmɪd-əl-ˈājd\ *adj*

Middle Ages *n pl* : the period of European history from about A.D. 500 to about 1500

mid-dle-brow \ˈmɪd-əl-,braʊ\ *n* : a person who is moderately but not highly cultivated

middle class *n* : a social class holding a position between the upper class and the lower class — **middle-class** *adj*

middle ear *n* : a small membrane-lined cavity of the ear through which sound waves are transmitted by a chain of tiny bones

middle finger *n* : the midmost of the five digits of the hand

mid-dle-man \ˈmɪd-əl-,man\ *n* : **INTERMEDIARY**; *esp* : one intermediate between the producer of goods and the retailer or consumer

middle-of-the-road *adj* : standing for or following a course of action midway between extremes; *esp* : being neither liberal nor conservative in politics — **mid-dle-of-the-road-er** \-ˈrōd-ər\ *n* — **mid-dle-of-the-road-ism** \-ˈrōd-,īz-əm\ *n*

middle school *n* : a school usu. including grades 5 to 8 or 6 to 8

mid-dle-weight \ˈmɪd-əl-,wāt\ *n* : one of average weight; *esp* : a boxer weighing more than 147 but not over 160 pounds

mid-dling \ˈmɪd-lɪŋ, -ləŋ\ *adj* **1** : of middle, medium, or moderate size, degree, or quality **2** : **MEDIOCRE**

mid-dy \ˈmɪd-ē\ *n, pl* **middies** : **MIDSHIPMAN**

midge \ˈmɪdʒ\ *n* : a very small fly : **GNAT**

midg-et \ˈmɪd-ət\ *n* **1** : a very small person : **DWARF** **2** : something (as an animal) very small of its kind

mid-i \mɪd-ē\ *n* : a calf-length dress, coat, or skirt

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mid-land \ˈmɪd-lənd, -ˌlænd\ *n* : the interior or central region of a country

mid-life \ˈmɪd-ˈlɪf\ *n* : MIDDLE AGE

mid-most \-, mɒst\ *adj* : being in or near the exact middle — **midmost** *adv*

mid-night \-, nɪt\ *n* : 12 o'clock at night

midnight sun *n* : the sun above the horizon at midnight in the arctic or antarctic summer

mid-point \ˈmɪd-, pɔɪnt, -ˈpɔɪnt\ *n* : a point at or near the center or middle

mid-riff \ˈmɪd-, rɪf\ *n* [ME *midrif*, fr. OE *midhrif*, fr. *midde* mid + *hrif* belly] 1 : DIAPHRAGM 2 : the mid-region of the human torso

mid-ship-man \ˈmɪd-, ship-mən, (ˈ)mɪd-ˈship-mən\ *n* : a student in a naval academy

mid-ships \-, ships\ *adv* : AMIDSHIPS

midst \ˈmɪdst\ *n* 1 : the interior or central part or point 2 : a position of proximity to the members of a group (in our ~) 3 : the condition of being surrounded or beset — **midst** *prep*

mid-stream \ˈmɪd-ˈstrēm, -ˌstrēm\ *n* : the middle of a stream

mid-summer \-ˈsəm-ər, -ˌsəm-ˌ\ *n* 1 : the middle of summer 2 : the summer solstice

mid-town \ˈmɪd-, taʊn, -ˈtaʊn\ *n* : a central section of a city; *esp* : one situated between sections called *down-town* and *uptown* — **midtown** *adj*

mid-way \ˈmɪd-, wā, -ˈwā\ *adv* : in the middle of the way or distance

mid-way \-, wā\ *n* : an avenue (as at a carnival) for concessions and light amusements

mid-week \-, wēk\ *n* : the middle of the week — **mid-week-ly** \-, wē-kle, -ˈwē-ˌ\ *adj* or *adv*

mid-wife \ˈmɪd-, wɪf\ *n* : a woman who helps other women in childbirth — **mid-wife-ry** \-, wɪ-f(ə)-rē\ *n*

mid-win-ter \ˈmɪd-ˈwɪnt-ər, -ˌwɪnt-ˌ\ *n* 1 : the middle of winter 2 : the winter solstice

mid-year \-, ɪər\ *n* 1 : the middle of a year 2 : a midyear examination — **midyear** *adj*

mien \ˈmɛn\ *n* 1 : air or bearing *esp.* as expressive of mood or personality : Demeanor 2 : APPEARANCE, ASPECT

miff \ˈmɪf\ *vb* : to put into an ill humor

might \ˈmɪt\ *past* of MAY — used as an auxiliary to express permission or possibility in the past, a present condition contrary to fact, less probability or possibility than *may*, or as a polite alternative to *may*, *ought*, or *should*

might \ˈmɪt\ *n* : the power, authority, or resources of an individual or a group

mighty \ˈmɪt-ē\ *adj* **might-i-er**; -**est** 1 : very strong : POWERFUL 2 : GREAT, NOTABLE — **might-i-ly** \ˈmɪt-ə-lē\ *adv* — **might-i-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n* — **mighty** *adv*

mi-gnon-ette \ˈmɪn-ɪə-ˈnet\ *n* : a garden plant with spikes of tiny fragrant flowers

mi-graine \ˈmɪ-, grān\ *n* [F, fr. LL *hemicrania* pain in one side of the head, fr. Gk *hēmi*crania, fr. *hēmi*- half + *kranion* cranium] : a condition marked by recurrent severe headache and often nausea

mi-grant \ˈmɪ-grənt\ *n* : one that migrates; *esp* : a person who moves in order to find work (as picking crops)

mi-grate \ˈmɪ-, grāt\ *vb* **mi-grat-ed**; **mi-grat-ing** 1 : to move from one country or place to another 2 : to pass usu. periodically from one region or climate to another for feeding or breeding — **mi-gra-tion** \ˈmɪ-ˈgrā-shən\ *n* — **mi-gra-tion-al** \-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj* — **mi-gra-to-ry** \ˈmɪ-grə-, tōr-ē\ *adj*

mi-ka-do \mə-ˈkäd-ō\ *n*, *pl* -**dos** : an emperor of Japan

mike \ˈmɪk\ *n* : MICROPHONE

mil \ˈmɪl\ *n* 1 : a unit of length equal to 1/1000 inch 2 — see *pound* at MONEY table

mil *abbr* military

milch \ˈmɪlk, ˈmɪlch\ *adj* : giving milk (~ cow)

mild \ˈmɪld\ *adj* 1 : gentle in nature or behavior 2 : moderate in action or effect 3 : TEMPERATE *syn* easy, complaisant, amiable, lenient — **mild-ly** *adv* — **mild-ness** *n*

mil-dew \ˈmɪl-, d(y)ū\ *n* : a superficial usu. whitish growth produced on organic matter and on plants by a fungus; *also* : a fungus producing this growth — **mildew** *vb*

mile \ˈmɪl\ *n* [ME, fr. OE *mīl*, fr. L *mīlia* miles, fr. *mīlia passuum*, lit., thousands of paces] 1 — see WEIGHT table

2 : NAUTICAL MILE

mile-age \ˈmɪ-lij\ *n* 1 : an allowance for traveling expenses at a certain rate per mile 2 : distance in miles traveled (as in a day) 3 : the amount of service yielded (as by a tire) expressed in terms of miles of travel 4 : the average number of miles a car will travel on a gallon of gasoline

mile-post \ˈmɪl-, pōst\ *n* : a post indicating the distance in miles from a given point

mile-stone \ˈmɪl-, stōn\ *n* 1 : a stone serving as a milepost 2 : a significant point in development

mi-lieu \mə-ˈlɪə(r), -ˈlɪə\ *n*, *pl* **mi-lieus** or **mi-lieux** \-ˈlɪə(r)(z), -ˈlɪə\ [F] : ENVIRONMENT, SETTING

mil-i-tant \ˈmɪl-ə-tənt\ *adj* 1 : engaged in warfare 2 : aggressively active *esp.* in a cause — **mil-i-tance** \-təns\ *n* — **mil-i-tan-cy** \-tən-sē\ *n* — **militant** *n* — **mil-i-tant-ly** *adv*

mil-i-ta-rism \ˈmɪl-ə-tə-, rɪz-əm\ *n* 1 : predominance of the military class or its ideals 2 : a policy of aggressive military preparedness — **mil-i-ta-rist** \-rəst\ *n* — **mil-i-ta-ris-tic** \ˈmɪl-ə-tə-ˈrɪs-tɪk\ *adj*

mil-i-ta-rize \ˈmɪl-ə-tə-, rɪz\ *vb* -**rized**; -**rizing** 1 : to equip with military forces and defenses 2 : to give a military character to

mil-i-tary \ˈmɪl-ə-, ter-ē\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to soldiers, arms, war, or the army 2 : performed by armed forces; *also* : supported by armed force *syn* martial, warlike — **mil-i-tar-i-ly** \ˈmɪl-ə-ˈter-ə-lē\ *adv*

military *n*, *pl* **military** *also* **mil-i-tar-ies** 1 : the military, naval, and air forces of a nation 2 : military persons

mil-i-tate \ˈmɪl-ə-, tāt\ *vb* -**tat-ed**; -**tat-ing** : to have weight or effect

mi-li-tia \mə-ˈlɪsh-ə\ *n* : a part of the organized armed forces of a country liable to call only in emergency — **mi-li-tia-man** \-mən\ *n*

milk \ˈmɪlk\ *n* 1 : a nutritive usu. whitish fluid secreted by female mammals for feeding their young 2 : a milk-like liquid (as a plant juice) — **milk-i-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n* — **milky** *adj*

milk *vb* 1 : to draw off the milk of (~ a cow) 2 : to draw something from as if by milking — **milk-er** *n*

milk-maid \ˈmɪlk-, mād\ *n* : DAIRYMAID

milk-man \-, man, -mən\ *n* : a person who sells or delivers milk

milk of magnesia : a milk-white mixture of hydroxide of magnesium and water used as an antacid and laxative

milk shake *n* : a thoroughly blended drink made of milk, a flavoring syrup, and often ice cream

milk-sop \ˈmɪlk-, sɒp\ *n* : an unmanly man

milk-weed \-, wēd\ *n* : any of a genus of coarse herbs with milky juice and clustered flowers

Milky Way *n* 1 : a broad irregular band of light that stretches across the sky and is caused by the light of a very great number of faint stars 2 : MILKY WAY GALAXY

Milky Way galaxy *n* : the galaxy of which the sun is a member and which includes the stars that comprise the Milky Way

mill \ˈmɪl\ *n* 1 : a building with machinery for grinding grain into flour 2 : a machine used in processing (as by grinding, stamping, cutting, or finishing) raw material 3 : FACTORY

mill *vb* 1 : to process in a mill 2 : to move in a circle or in an eddying mass

mill *n* : one tenth of a cent

mill-age \ˈmil-ij\ *n* : a rate (as of taxation) expressed in mills
mill-dam \ˈmil-,dam\ *n* : a dam to make a millpond; *also* : MILLPOND
mil-len-ni-um \mə-ˈlen-ē-əm\ *n*, *pl* -nia \-ē-ə\ *or* -niums **1** : a period of 1000 years; *also* : a 1000th anniversary or its celebration **2** : the 1000 years mentioned in Revelation 20 when holiness is to prevail and Christ is to reign on earth **3** : a period of great happiness or perfect government
mill-er \ˈmil-ər\ *n* **1** : one that operates a mill and esp. a flour mill **2** : any of various moths having powdery wings
mil-let \ˈmil-ət\ *n* : any of several small-seeded cereal and forage grasses cultivated for grain or hay; *also* : the grain of a millet
mil-li-am-pere \,mil-ē-ˈam-,pi-ər\ *n* : one thousandth of an ampere
mil-liard \ˈmil-,yārd, ˈmil-ē-,ārd\ *n*, *Brit* : a thousand millions
mil-li-bar \ˈmil-ə-,bār\ *n* : a unit of atmospheric pressure
mil-li-gram \ˈmil-ə-,gram\ *n* — *see* METRIC SYSTEM table
mil-li-li-ter \-,lēt-ər\ *n* — *see* METRIC SYSTEM table
mil-time \mə-ˈlēm\ *n* — *see* *dinar* at MONEY table
mil-li-me-ter \ˈmil-ə-,mēt-ər\ *n* — *see* METRIC SYSTEM table
mil-li-ner \ˈmil-ə-nər\ *n* [fr. *Milan*, Italy; fr. the importation of women's finery from Italy in the 16th century] : one who designs, makes, trims, or sells women's hats
mil-li-nery \ˈmil-ə-,ner-ē\ *n* **1** : women's apparel for the head **2** : the business or work of a milliner
mill-ing \ˈmil-ɪŋ\ *n* : a corrugated edge on a coin
mil-lion \ˈmil-yən\ *n*, *pl* millions *or* million : a thousand thousands — **million** *adj* — **mil-lionth** \-yənth\ *adj* *or* *n*
mil-lion-aire \,mil-yə-ˈner, ˈmil-yə-,ner\ *n* : one whose wealth is estimated at a million or more (as of dollars or pounds)
mil-li-pede \ˈmil-ə-,pēd\ *n* : any of a class of arthropods related to the centipedes and having a long segmented body with a hard covering, two pairs of legs on most segments, and no poison fangs
mil-li-sec-ond \ˈmil-ə-,sek-ənd\ *n* : one thousandth of a second
mil-li-volt \-,völt\ *n* : one thousandth of a volt
mill-pond \ˈmil-,pānd\ *n* : a pond made by damming a stream to produce a fall of water for operating a mill
mill-race \-,rās\ *n* : a canal in which water flows to and from a mill wheel
mill-stone \-,stōn\ *n* : either of two round flat stones used for grinding grain
mill-stream \-,strēm\ *n* : a stream whose flow is used to run a mill; *also* : the stream in a millrace
mill wheel *n* : a waterwheel that drives a mill
mill-wright \ˈmil-,rit\ *n* : one whose occupation is planning and building mills or setting up their machinery
milt \ˈmilt\ *n* : the male reproductive glands of fishes when filled with secretion; *also* : the secretion itself
mime \ˈmim, ˈmēm\ *n* **1** : MIMIC **2** : the art of characterization or of narration by body movement; *also* : a performance of mime — **mime** *vb*
mim-eo-graph \ˈmim-ē-ə-,graf\ *n* : a machine for making many copies by means of a stencil through which ink is pressed — **mimeograph** *vb*
mi-me-sis \mə-ˈmē-səs, mī-ˈ\ *n* : IMITATION, MIMICRY
mi-met-ic \ˈmet-ik\ *adj* **1** : IMITATIVE **2** : relating to, characterized by, or exhibiting mimicry
mim-ic \ˈmim-ik\ *n* : one that mimics
mimic *vb* **mim-icked** \-ikt\; **mim-ick-ing** **1** : to imitate closely **2** : to ridicule by imitation **3** : to resemble by biological mimicry
mim-ic-ry \ˈmim-i-krē\ *n*, *pl* -ries **1** : an instance of mimicking **2** : a superficial resemblance of one organism to another or to natural objects among which it lives that gives it an advantage (as protection from predation)

mi-mo-sa \mə-ˈmō-sə, mī-, -zə\ *n* : any of various leguminous trees, shrubs, and herbs of warm regions with globular heads of small white or pink flowers
min *abbr* **1** minim **2** minimum **3** mining **4** minister **5** minor **6** minute
min-a-ret \,min-ə-ˈret\ *n* [F, fr. Turk *minare*, fr. Ar *manārah* lighthouse] : a slender lofty tower attached to a mosque
mi-na-to-ry \ˈmin-ə-,tōr-ē, ˈmī-nə-\ *adj* : THREATENING, MENACING
mince \ˈmins\ *vb* **minced**; **minc-ing** **1** : to cut into small pieces **2** : to restrain (words) within the bounds of decorum **3** : to walk in a prim affected manner — **minc-ing** *adj*
mince-meat \ˈmins-,mēt\ *n* : a finely chopped mixture esp. of raisins, apples, spices, and often meat used as a filling for a pie
mince pie *n* : a pie filled with mincemeat
mind \ˈmind\ *n* **1** : MEMORY **2** : the part of an individual that feels, perceives, thinks, wills, and esp. reasons **3** : INTENTION, DESIRE **4** : normal mental condition **5** : OPINION, VIEW **6** : mental qualities of a person or group **7** : intellectual ability
mind *vb* **1** chiefly *dial* : REMEMBER **2** : to attend to (~ your own business) **3** : HEED, OBEY **4** : to be concerned about : WORRY; *also* : DISLIKE **5** : to be careful or cautious **6** : to take charge of **7** : to regard with attention
mind-bend-ing \ˈmɪn(d)-,ben-dɪŋ\ *adj* : MIND-BLOWING
mind-blow-ing \-,blō-ɪŋ\ *adj* : PSYCHEDELIC; *also* : MIND-BOGGLING
mind-bog-gling \-,bäg-(ə-)liŋ\ *adj* : mentally or emotionally exciting
mind-ed \ˈmɪn-dəd\ *adj* **1** : having a mind of a specified kind — *usu.* used in combination (*narrow-minded*) **2** : INCLINED, DISPOSED
mind-ful \ˈmɪnd-fəl\ *adj* : bearing in mind : AWARE — **mind-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **mind-ful-ness** *n*
mind-less \ˈmɪn-dləs\ *adj* **1** : destitute of mind or consciousness; *esp.* : UNINTELLIGENT **2** : UNTHINKING, HEEDLESS — **mind-less-ly** *adv* — **mind-less-ness** *n*
mine \ˈmɪn\ *pron* : one or the ones belonging to me
mine \ˈmɪn\ *n* **1** : an excavation in the earth from which mineral substances are taken; *also* : an ore deposit **2** : a subterranean passage under an enemy position; *also* : an encased explosive for destroying enemy personnel, vehicles, or ships **3** : a rich source of supply
mine \ˈmɪn\ *vb* **mined**; **min-ing** **1** : to dig a mine **2** : UNDERMINE **3** : to get ore from the earth **4** : to place military mines in — **miner** *n*
mine-lay-er \ˈmɪn-,lā-ər\ *n* : a naval vessel for laying underwater mines
miner-al \ˈmɪn(-ə)-rəl\ *n* **1** : a solid homogeneous crystalline substance (as diamond, gold, or quartz) not of animal or vegetable origin **2** : any of various naturally occurring homogeneous substances (as coal, salt, water, or gas) obtained *usu.* from the ground **3** *pl*, *Brit* : MINERAL WATER — **mineral** *adj*
miner-al-ize \ˈmɪn(-ə)-rə-,lɪz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing **1** : to transform (a metal) into an ore **2** : to impregnate or supply with minerals
miner-al-o-gy \,min-ə-ˈrāl-ə-jē, -ˈrāl-\ *n* : a science dealing with minerals — **miner-al-og-i-cal** \,min(-ə)-rəl-ˈlāj-i-kəl\ *adj* — **miner-al-o-gist** \,min-ə-ˈrāl-ə-jəst, -ˈrāl-\ *n*
mineral oil *n* : an oil of mineral origin; *esp.* : a refined petroleum oil used as a laxative
mineral water *n* : water infused with mineral salts or gases
min-e-stro-ne \,min-ə-ˈstrō-nē, -ˈstrōn\ *n* [It, fr. *minestra*,

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ə\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\vice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
\ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

fr. *ministrare* to serve, dish up, fr. L *ministrare*, fr. *minister* servant) : a rich thick vegetable soup

mine-sweep-er \ˈmīn-,swē-pər\ *n* : a warship designed for removing or neutralizing underwater mines

min-gle \ˈmɪŋ-gəl\ *vb* **min-gled**; **min-gling** \-g(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to bring or combine together : **MIX 2** : CONCOCT

ming tree \ˈmɪŋ-\\ *n* : a dwarfed usu. evergreen tree grown in a pot; *also* : an artificial imitation of this made from plant materials

mini \ˈmīn-ē\ *n*, *pl* **min-is** : something small of its kind — **mini** *adj*

mini- *comb form* : miniature : of small dimensions

min-ia-ture \ˈmīn-ē-ə-,chūr, ˈmīn-i-,chūr, -chər\ *n* [It *miniatura* art of illuminating a manuscript, fr. ML, fr. L *miniare* to color with red lead, fr. *minium* red lead] **1** : a copy on a much reduced scale; *also* : something small of its kind **2** : a small painting (as on ivory or metal) — **miniature** *adj* — **min-ia-tur-ist** \-i-,chūr-əst, -chər-\\ *n*

min-ia-tur-ize \ˈmīn-ē-ə-,chə-,rīz, ˈmīn-i-\\ *vb* **-ized**; **iz-ing** : to design or construct in small size — **min-ia-tur-ization** \,mīn-ē-ə-,chūr-ə-ˈzā-shən, ˈmīn-i-, -chər-\\ *n*

mini-bike \ˈmīn-ē-,bīk\ *n* : a small one-passenger motorcycle

mini-bus \-bəs\ *n* : a small bus

mini-com-puter \-kəm-,pyūt-ər\ *n* : a computer intermediate between a mainframe and a microcomputer in size and speed

min-im \ˈmīn-əm\ *n* — see **WEIGHT** table

min-i-mal \ˈmīn-ə-məl\ *adj* **1** : relating to or being a minimum : **LEAST 2** : of or relating to minimal art — **min-i-mally** \-əl\ *adv*

minimal art *n* : an impersonal style of abstract art and esp. sculpture consisting primarily of simple geometric forms — **minimal artist** *n*

min-i-mal-ist \ˈmīn-ə-mə-ləst\ *n* : MINIMAL ARTIST

min-i-mize \ˈmīn-ə-,mīz\ *vb* **-mized**; **-miz-ing** **1** : to reduce to a minimum **2** : to estimate at a minimum; *also* : **BELITTLE** *syn* depreciate, decry, disparage

min-i-mum \ˈmīn-ə-məm\ *n*, *pl* **-ma** \-mə\ or **-mums 1** : the least quantity assignable, admissible, or possible **2** : the least of a set of numbers **3** : the lowest degree or amount of variation (as of temperature) reached or recorded — **minimum** *adj*

min-ion \ˈmīn-yən\ *n* [MF *mignon* darling] **1** : a servile dependent **2** : one highly favored **3** : a subordinate official

min-is-cule \ˈmīn-əs-,kyūl\ *var of* MINUSCULE

mini-se-ries \ˈmīn-ē-,sir-ēz\ *n* : a motion picture made for television and presented in several parts

mini-skirt \-skɔrt\ *n* : a skirt with the hemline several inches above the knee

mini-state \-stāt\ *n* : MICROSTATE

min-is-ter \ˈmīn-ə-stər\ *n* **1** : AGENT **2** : CLERGYMAN; *esp* : a Protestant clergyman **3** : a high officer of state who heads a division of governmental activities **4** : a diplomatic representative to a foreign state — **min-is-ter-i-al** \,mīn-ə-ˈstīr-ē-əl\ *adj*

2 minister *vb* **min-is-tered**; **min-is-ter-ing** \-st(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to perform the functions of a minister of religion **2** : to give aid — **min-is-tra-tion** \,mīn-ə-ˈstrā-shən\ *n*

min-is-trant \ˈmīn-ə-strənt\ *adj*, *archaic* : performing service as a minister — **ministrant** *n*

min-is-try \ˈmīn-ə-strē\ *n*, *pl* **-tries 1** : MINISTRATION **2** : the office, duties, or functions of a minister; *also* : his period of service or office **3** : CLERGY **4** : AGENCY **5 often cap** : the body of ministers governing a nation or state; *also* : a government department headed by a minister

mink \ˈmɪŋk\ *n*, *pl* **mink** or **minks** : a slender mammal resembling the related weasels; *also* : its soft lustrous typically dark brown fur

Minn *abbr* Minnesota

min-ne-sing-er \ˈmīn-i-,sɪŋ-ər, ˈmīn-ə-,zɪŋ-\\ *n* [G, fr. Middle High German, fr. *minne* love + *singer*] : one of a



mink

class of German lyric poets and musicians of the 12th to the 14th centuries

min-now \ˈmīn-ō\ *n*, *pl* **minnows** *also* **minnow** : any of numerous small freshwater fishes

1 mi-nor \ˈmī-nər\ *adj* **1** : inferior in importance, size, or degree **2** : not having reached majority **3** : having the third, sixth, and sometimes the seventh degrees lowered by a half step (~ scale); *also* : based on a minor scale (~ key)

2 minor *n* **1** : a person who has not attained majority **2** : a subject of academic study chosen as a secondary field of specialization

3 minor *vb* : to pursue an academic minor

mi-nor-i-ty \mə-ˈnôr-ət-ē, mī-\\ *n*, *pl* **-ties 1** : the period or state of being a minor **2** : the smaller in number of two groups; *esp* : a group having less than the number of votes necessary for control **3** : a part of a population differing from others (as in race or religion); *also* : a member of a minority

min-ster \ˈmīn-stər\ *n* **1** : a church attached to a monastery **2** : a large or important church

min-strel \ˈmīn-strəl\ *n* **1** : a medieval singer of verses; *also* : MUSICIAN, POET **2** : one of a group of performers in a program usu. of black American songs, jokes, and impersonations — **min-strel-sy** \-sē\ *n*

1 mint \ˈmɪnt\ *n* **1** : a place where coins are made **2** : a vast sum — **mint** *vb* — **mint-age** \-ij\ *n* — **mint-er** *n*

2 mint *adj* : unmarred as if fresh from a mint (~ coins)

3 mint *n* : any of a large family of square-stemmed herbs and shrubs; *esp* : one (as spearmint) with fragrant aromatic foliage used in flavoring — **minty** *adj*

min-u-end \ˈmīn-yə-,wend\ *n* : a number from which another is to be subtracted

min-u-et \,mīn-yə-ˈwet\ *n* : a slow graceful dance

1 mi-nus \ˈmī-nəs\ *prep* **1** : diminished by : **LESS** (7 ~ 3 equals 4) **2** : **LACKING**, **WITHOUT** (~ his hat)

2 minus *n* : a negative quantity or quality

3 minus *adj* **1** : requiring subtraction **2** : algebraically negative (~ quantity) **3** : having negative qualities

1 mi-nus-cule \ˈmīn-əs-,kyūl\ *n* : a lowercase letter

2 minuscule *adj* : very small

minus sign *n* : a sign — used in mathematics to indicate subtraction or a negative quantity

1 min-ute \ˈmīn-ət\ *n* **1** : the 60th part of an hour or of a degree **2** : a short space of time **3 pl** : the official record of the proceedings of a meeting

2 mi-nute \mī-ˈn(y)ūt, mə-\\ *adj* **mi-nute-er**; **-est 1** : very small **2** : of little importance : **TRIFLING 3** : marked by close attention to details *syn* diminutive, tiny, miniature, wee — **mi-nute-ly** *adv* — **mi-nute-ness** *n*

min-ute-man \ˈmīn-ət-,mən\ *n* : a member of a group of armed men pledged to take the field at a minute's notice during and immediately before the American Revolution

mi-nu-tia \mə-ˈn(y)ū-sh(ē)-ə, mī-\\ *n*, *pl* **-ti-ae** \-shē-,ē\ [L] : a minute or minor detail — *usu.* used in *pl.*

minx \ˈmɪŋks\ *n* : a pert girl

Mio-cene \ˈmī-ə-,sēn\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the epoch of the Tertiary between the Oligocene and the Pliocene — **Miocene** *n*

mir-a-cle \ˈmīr-i-kəl\ *n* **1** : an extraordinary event manifesting a supernatural work of God **2** : an unusual

event, thing, or accomplishment : WONDER, MARVEL — **mi-rac-u-lous** \mə-¹rak-yə-ləs\ *adj* — **mi-rac-u-lous-ly** *adv*
miracle drug *n* : a usu. newly discovered drug capable of producing a marked and favorable change in a patient's condition

mi-ra-ge \mə-¹rāzh\ *n* 1 : an illusion visible at sea, in deserts, or above a hot pavement of some distant object often in distorted form as a result of atmospheric conditions 2 : something illusory and unattainable

¹mire \¹mi(ə)r\ *n* : heavy and often deep mud or slush — **miry** *adj*

²mire *vb* **mired**; **mir-ing** : to stick or sink in or as if in mire
¹mir-ror \¹mir-ər\ *n* 1 : a polished or smooth substance (as of glass) that forms images by reflection 2 : a true representation; *also* : MODEL

²mirror *vb* : to reflect in or as if in a mirror

mirth \¹mərth\ *n* : gladness or gaiety accompanied with laughter *syn* glee, jollity, hilarity, merriment — **mirth-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **mirth-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **mirth-ful-ness** *n* — **mirth-less** *adj*

MIRV \¹marv\ *n* [multiple independently targeted reentry vehicle] : an ICBM with multiple warheads that have different targets — **MIRV** *vb*

mis-ad-ven-ture \¹mis-əd-¹ven-chər\ *n* : MISFORTUNE, MIS-HAP

mis-aligned \¹mis-ə-¹lind\ *adj* : not properly aligned — **mis-align-ment** \-¹lin-mənt\ *n*

mis-al-li-ance \¹mis-ə-¹li-əns\ *n* : MÉSALLIANCE; *also* : a marriage between persons unsuited to each other

mis-al-lo-ca-tion \¹mis-,al-ə-¹kā-shən\ *n* : faulty or improper allocation

mis-an-thrope \¹mis-ən-¹thröp\ *n* : one who hates mankind — **mis-an-throp-ic** \¹mis-ən-¹thräp-ik\ *adj* — **mis-an-throp-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **mis-an-thro-py** \¹mis-ən-thrə-pē\ *n*

mis-ap-ply \¹mis-ə-¹plī\ *vb* : to apply wrongly — **mis-ap-plica-tion** \¹mis-,ap-lə-¹kā-shən\ *n*

mis-ap-pre-hend \¹mis-,ap-ri-¹hend\ *vb* : MISUNDERSTAND — **mis-ap-pre-hen-sion** \-¹hen-chən\ *n*

mis-ap-pro-pri-ate \¹mis-ə-¹prō-prē-,ät\ *vb* : to appropriate wrongly; *esp* : to take dishonestly for one's own use — **mis-ap-pro-pri-a-tion** \-,prō-prē-¹ā-shən\ *n*

mis-be-got-ten \-bi-¹gät-ən\ *adj* : ILLEGITIMATE

mis-be-have \¹mis-bi-¹häv\ *vb* : to behave improperly — **mis-be-hav-er** *n* — **mis-be-hav-ior** \-¹häv-vyər\ *n*

mis-be-liev-er \-bə-¹lē-vər\ *n* : one who holds a false or unorthodox belief

mis-brand \¹mis-¹brand\ *vb* : to brand falsely or in a misleading manner

misc *abbr* miscellaneous

mis-cal-cu-late \¹mis-¹kal-kyə-,lät\ *vb* : to calculate wrongly — **mis-cal-cu-la-tion** \¹mis-,kal-kyə-¹lā-shən\ *n*

mis-call \¹mis-¹köl\ *vb* : MISNAME

mis-car-riage \-¹kar-jī\ *n* 1 : a corrupt or incompetent administration (~ of justice) 2 : expulsion of a fetus before it is capable of independent life

mis-car-ry \-¹kar-ē\ *vb* 1 : to give birth prematurely and *esp.* before the fetus is capable of living independently 2 : to go wrong; *also* : to be unsuccessful

mis-ce-ge-na-tion \¹mis-,ej-ə-¹nā-shən, ¹mis-i-jə-¹nā-*n* [L *miscere* to mix + *genus* race] : a mixture of races; *esp* : marriage or cohabitation between a white person and a member of another race

mis-cel-la-neous \¹mis-ə-¹lā-nē-əs\ *adj* 1 : consisting of diverse things or members; *also* : having various traits 2 : dealing with or interested in diverse subjects — **mis-cel-la-neous-ly** *adv* — **mis-cel-la-neous-ness** *n*

mis-cel-la-ny \¹mis-ə-,lā-nē\ *n*, *pl* **-nies** 1 : a collection of writings on various subjects 2 : HODGEPODGE

mis-chance \¹mis-¹chans\ *n* : bad luck; *also* : MISHAP

mis-chief \¹mis-¹chəf\ *n* 1 : injury caused by a human

agency 2 : a source of harm or irritation 3 : action that annoys; *also* : MISCHIEVOUSNESS

mis-chie-vous \¹mis-¹chə-vəs\ *adj* 1 : HARMFUL, INJURIOUS 2 : causing annoyance or minor injury 3 : irresponsibly playful — **mis-chie-vous-ly** *adv* — **mis-chie-vous-ness** *n*

mis-ci-ble \¹mis-ə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being mixed or dissolved

mis-com-mu-ni-ca-tion \¹mis-kə-,myü-nə-¹kā-shən\ *n* : failure to communicate clearly

mis-con-ceive \¹mis-kən-¹sēv\ *vb* : to interpret incorrectly — **mis-con-cep-tion** \-¹sep-shən\ *n*

mis-con-duct \¹mis-¹kän-(-),däkt\ *n* 1 : MISMANAGEMENT 2 : intentional wrongdoing 3 : improper behavior

mis-con-strue \¹mis-kən-¹strü\ *vb* : MISINTERPRET — **mis-con-struc-tion** \-¹strək-shən\ *n*

mis-count \¹mis-¹kaunt\ *vb* : to count incorrectly : MISCAL-CULATE

mis-cre-ant \¹mis-krē-ənt\ *n* : one who behaves criminally or viciously — **miscreant** *adj*

mis-cue \¹mis-¹kyü\ *n* : MISTAKE, ERROR — **miscue** *vb*

mis-deed \¹mis-¹dēd\ *n* : a wrong deed

mis-de-mean-or \¹mis-di-¹mē-nər\ *n* 1 : a crime less serious than a felony 2 : MISDEED

mis-di-rect \¹mis-də-¹rekt, -dī-¹v\ *to* : to give a wrong direction to — **mis-di-rec-tion** \-¹rek-shən\ *n*

mis-do-ing \¹mis-¹dü-ig\ *n* : WRONGDOING — **mis-do-er** \-¹dü-ər\ *n*

mise-en-scène \¹mē-,zā-¹sen, -¹sän\ *n*, *pl* **mise-en-scènes** \-¹sen(z), -¹sän(z)\ [F] 1 : the arrangement of the scenery, property, and actors on a stage 2 : SETTING; *also* : ENVIRONMENT

mi-ser \¹mi-zər\ *n* [L *miser* miserable] : a person who hoards his money — **mi-ser-li-ness** \-lē-nəs\ *n* — **mi-ser-ly** *adj*

mis-er-a-ble \¹miz-(ə)rə-bəl, ¹miz-ər-bəl\ *adj* 1 : wretchedly deficient; *also* : causing extreme discomfort 2 : extremely poor 3 : SHAMEFUL — **mis-er-a-ble-ness** *n* — **mis-er-a-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

mis-ery \¹miz-(ə)rē\ *n*, *pl* **-er-ies** 1 : suffering and want caused by poverty or affliction 2 : a cause of suffering or discomfort 3 : emotional distress

mis-fea-sance \¹mis-¹fēz-ns\ *n* : the performance of a lawful action in an illegal or improper manner

mis-file \-¹fil\ *vb* : to file in an inappropriate place

mis-fire \-¹fi(ə)r\ *vb* 1 : to fail to fire 2 : to miss an intended effect — **misfire** *n*

mis-fit \¹mis-,fit, ¹mis-¹fit\ *n* 1 : an imperfect fit 2 : a person poorly adjusted to his environment

mis-for-tune \¹mis-¹för-chən\ *n* 1 : bad fortune : ill luck 2 : an unfortunate condition or event

mis-giv-ing \-¹giv-ig\ *n* : a feeling of doubt or suspicion *esp.* concerning a future event

mis-gov-ern \-¹gav-ərnl\ *vb* : to govern badly — **mis-gov-ern-ment** \-¹gav-ər(n)-mənt\ *n*

mis-guid-ance \¹mis-¹gid-ns\ *n* : faulty guidance — **mis-guide** \-¹gid\ *vb* — **mis-guid-ed-ly** \-¹gid-əd-lē\ *adv*

mis-han-dle \-¹han-dl\ *vb* 1 : MALTREAT 2 : to manage wrongly

mis-hap \¹mis-,hap\ *n* : an unfortunate accident

mis-hash \¹mish-,mash, -¹māsh\ *n* : HODGEPODGE, JUM-BLE

mis-in-form \¹mis-ən-¹förm\ *vb* : to give false or misleading information to — **mis-in-for-ma-tion** \¹mis-,in-fər-¹mā-shən\ *n*

mis-in-ter-pret \¹mis-ən-¹tər-prət\ *vb* : to understand or explain wrongly — **mis-in-ter-pre-ta-tion** \-,tər-prə-¹tā-shən\ *n*

mis-judge \¹mis-¹jə\ *vb* 1 : to estimate wrongly 2 : to have

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \g\sing \ō\go \ō\law \ō\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot
 \ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

an unjust opinion of — **mis-judg-ment** \mis-¹jəj-mənt\ *n*
mis-la-bel \-lā-bəl\ *vb* : to label incorrectly or falsely
mis-lay \mis-¹lā\ *vb* -**laid** \-lād\; -**lay-ing** : MISPLACE, LOSE
mis-lead \mis-¹léd\ *vb* -**led** \-léd\; -**lead-ing** : to lead in a
 wrong direction or into a mistaken action or belief —
mis-lead-ing-ly *adv*

mis-like \-¹lik\ *vb* : DISLIKE — **mis-like** *n*

mis-man-age \-¹man-ij\ *vb* : to manage badly — **mis-man-**
age-ment *n*

mis-match \mis-¹mach\ *vb* : to match unsuitably or badly —
mis-match \mis-¹mach, ¹mis-, mach\ *n*

mis-name \-¹nām\ *vb* : to name incorrectly : MISCALL

mis-no-mer \mis-¹nō-mər\ *n* : a wrong name or designa-
 tion

mis-sog-y-nist \mə-¹sāj-ə-nəst\ *n* : one who hates women
 — **mis-sog-y-nis-tic** \mə-,sāj-ə-¹nis-tik\ *adj* — **mis-sog-y-ny**
 \mə-¹sāj-ə-nē\ *n*

mis-ori-ent \mis-¹ōr-ē-,ent\ *vb* : to orient improperly or
 incorrectly — **mis-ori-en-ta-tion** \mis-,ōr-ē-ən-¹tā-shən\ *n*

mis-place \-¹plās\ *vb* **1** : to put in a wrong place; *also* :
 MISLAY **2** : to set on a wrong object (~ trust)

mis-play \-¹plā\ *n* : a wrong or unskillful play — **mis-play**
 \mis-¹plā, ¹mis-, plā\ *vb*

mis-print \mis-¹print\ *vb* : to print incorrectly — **mis-**
print \¹mis-, print, mis-¹print\ *n*

mis-pro-nounce \¹mis-prə-¹nauns\ *vb* : to pronounce in-
 correctly — **mis-pro-nun-ci-a-tion** \prə-,nən-sē-¹ā-shən\ *n*

mis-quote \mis-¹kwōt\ *vb* : to quote incorrectly — **mis-**
quo-ta-tion \¹mis-kwō-¹tā-shən\ *n*

mis-read \-¹réd\ *vb* -**read** \-¹red\; -**read-ing** \-¹réd-ij\ : to
 read or interpret incorrectly

mis-rep-re-sent \¹mis-,rep-ri-¹zent\ *vb* : to represent
 falsely or unfairly — **mis-rep-re-sen-ta-tion** \-,zen-
¹tā-shən\ *n*

mis-rule \mis-¹rül\ *vb* : MISGOVERN

mis-rule *n* **1** : MISGOVERNMENT **2** : DISORDER

miss \¹mis\ *vb* **1** : to fail to hit, reach, or contact **2** : to feel
 the absence of **3** : to fail to obtain **4** : AVOID (just ~ed
 hitting the other car) **5** : OMIT **6** : to fail to understand **7**
 : to fail to perform or attend; *also* : MISFIRE

miss *n* **1** : a failure to hit or to attain a result **2** : MISFIRE

miss *n* **1 cap** — used as a title prefixed to the name of an
 unmarried woman or girl **2** : a young unmarried woman
 or girl

Miss *abbr* Mississippi

mis-sal \mis-əl\ *n* : a book containing all that is said or
 sung at mass during the entire year

mis-send \mis-¹send\ *vb* : to send incorrectly (*missent*
 mail)

mis-shap-en \-¹shā-pən\ *adj* : badly shaped : having an
 ugly shape

mis-sile \¹mis-əl\ *n* [L, fr. neut. of *missilis* capable of
 being thrown, fr. *mittere* to let go, send] : an object (as
 a stone, bullet, or rocket) thrown or projected usu. so as
 to strike a target

mis-sile-ry *also* **mis-sil-ry** \¹mis-əl-rē\ *n* **1** : MISSILES **2** : the
 science of the making and use of guided missiles

miss-ing \¹mis-ij\ *adj* : ABSENT; *also* : LOST

mis-sion \¹mish-ən\ *n* **1** : a group of missionaries; *also* : a
 place where missionaries work **2** : a group of envoys to
 a foreign country; *also* : a team of specialists or cultural
 leaders sent to a foreign country **3** : TASK

mis-sion-ary \¹mish-ə-,nər-ē\ *adj* : of, relating to, or en-
 gaged in church missions

missionary *n. pl* -**ar-ies** : a person commissioned by a
 church to propagate its faith or carry on humanitarian
 work

mis-sion-er \¹mish-(ə-)nər\ *n* : MISSIONARY

Mis-sis-sip-pi-an \¹mis-ə-¹sip-ē-ən\ *adj* : of, relating to, or
 being the period of the Paleozoic era between the
 Devonian and the Pennsylvanian — **Mississippian** *n*

mis-sive \¹mis-iv\ *n* : LETTER

mis-spell \mis-¹spel\ *vb* : to spell incorrectly — **mis-spell-**
ing *n*

mis-spend \mis-¹spend\ *vb* -**spent** \-¹spent\; -**spend-ing**
 : WASTE, SQUANDER (a *misspent* youth)

mis-state \-¹stāt\ *vb* : to state incorrectly — **mis-state-**
ment *n*

mis-step \-¹step\ *n* **1** : a wrong step **2** : MISTAKE, BLUNDER

mist \¹mist\ *n* **1** : water in the form of particles suspended
 or falling in the air **2** : something that dims or obscures

mis-tak-able \mə-¹stā-kə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being mis-
 understood or mistaken

mis-take \mə-¹stāk\ *n* **1** : a misunderstanding of the
 meaning or implication of something **2** : a wrong action
 or statement : ERROR — **mistake** *vb*

mis-tak-en \-¹stā-kən\ *adj* **1** : MISUNDERSTOOD **2** : having a
 wrong opinion or incorrect information **3** : ERRONEOUS
 — **mis-tak-en-ly** *adv*

mis-ter \¹mis-tər\ *n* **1 cap** — used sometimes instead of
Mr. **2** : SIR — used without a name in addressing a man

mis-tle-toe \¹mis-əl-,tō\ *n* : a parasitic green plant with
 yellowish flowers and waxy white berries that grows on
 trees

mis-tral \¹mis-trəl, mi-¹strāl\ *n* [F, fr. Provençal, fr. *mis-*
tral masterful, fr. *L* *magistralis*, fr. *magister* master] : a
 strong cold dry northerly wind of southern Europe

mis-treat \mis-¹trēt\ *vb* : to treat badly : ABUSE — **mis-**
treat-ment *n*

mis-tress \¹mis-trəs\ *n* **1** : a woman who has power, au-
 thority, or ownership (~ of the house) **2** : a country or
 state having supremacy (~ of the seas) **3** : a woman
 with whom a man has sexual relations outside of mar-
 riage; *also*, *archaic* : SWEETHEART **4** — used archaically
 as a title prefixed to the name of a married or unmarried
 woman

mis-tri-al \¹mis-,triāl\ *n* : a trial that has no legal effect (as
 by reason of an error)

mis-trust \mis-¹trəst\ *n* : a lack of confidence : DISTRUST
 — **mis-trust-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **mis-trust-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* —
mis-trust-ful-ness *n*

mis-trust *vb* : to have no trust or confidence in : SUSPECT
misty \¹mis-tē\ *adj* **mis-tier-**; -**est** : obscured by or as if by
 mist : INDISTINCT — **mist-i-ly** \¹mis-tə-lē\ *adv* — **mist-i-**
ness \-tē-nəs\ *n*

mis-un-der-stand \¹mis-,ən-dər-¹stand\ *vb* -**stood** \-¹stüd\;
 -**stand-ing** **1** : to fail to understand **2** : to interpret incor-
 rectly

mis-un-der-stand-ing \-¹stan-diŋ\ *n* **1** : MISINTERPRETATION
2 : DISAGREEMENT, QUARREL

mis-us-age \mish-¹ü-sij, mis(h)-¹yü-, -zij\ *n* **1** : bad treat-
 ment : ABUSE **2** : wrong or improper use

mis-use \mish-¹üz, mis(h)-¹yüz\ *vb* **1** : to use incorrectly
2 : ABUSE, MISTREAT — **mis-use** \-¹yüs\ *n*

mite \¹mit\ *n* **1** : any of various tiny animals related to the
 spiders that often live and feed on animals or plants **2** : a
 small coin or sum of money **3** : a small amount : BIT

mi-ter or **mi-tre** \¹mit-ər\ *n* [ME *mitre*, fr. MF, fr. *L* *mitra*
 headband, turban, fr. Gk] **1** : a headdress worn by bish-
 ops and abbots **2** : a joint or corner made by cutting two
 pieces of wood at an angle and fitting the cut edges
 together

mit-er or **mitre** *vb* **mit-tered** or **mi-tred**; **mi-ter-ing** or **mi-**
tring \¹mit-ə-riŋ\ **1** : to match or fit together in a miter
 joint **2** : to bevel the ends of for making a miter joint

mit-i-gate \¹mit-ə-,gāt\ *vb* -**gat-ed**; -**gat-ing** **1** : to make less
 harsh or hostile **2** : to make less severe or painful —

mit-i-ga-tion \¹mit-ə-¹gā-shən\ *n* — **mit-i-ga-tive** \¹mit-ə-,
 gāt-iv\ *adj*

mi-to-sis \mi-¹tō-səs\ *n. pl* -**to-ses** \-,sēz\ : a process that
 takes place in the nucleus of a dividing cell and results
 in the formation of two new nuclei each having the same
 number of chromosomes as the parent nucleus; *also*

: cell division in which mitosis occurs — **mi-tot-ic** \-'tāt-ik/ *adj*

mitt \mɪt/ *n* : a baseball glove (as for a catcher)

mit-ten \mɪt-ən/ *n* : a covering for the hand having a separate section for the thumb only

mix \mɪks/ *vb* **1** : to combine into one mass **2** : ASSOCIATE **3** : to form by mingling components **4** : to produce (a recording) by electronically combining sounds from different sources **5** : CROSSBREED **6** : CONFUSE (✓es up the facts) **7** : to become involved *syn* blend, merge, coalesce, amalgamate, fuse — **mix-able** *adj* — **mix-er** *n*

mix *n* : a product of mixing; *esp* : a commercially prepared mixture of food ingredients

mixed number *n* : a number (as 5½) composed of an integer and a fraction

mixed-up \mɪkst-əp/ *adj* : marked by bewilderment, perplexity, or disorder : CONFUSED

mixt *abbr* mixture

mix-ture \mɪks-ʃər/ *n* **1** : the act or process of mixing; *also* : the state of being mixed **2** : a product of mixing

mix-up \mɪks-əp/ *n* : an instance of confusion (a ~ about the train)

miz-zen or **miz-en** \mɪz-ən/ *n* **1** : a fore-and-aft sail set on the mizzenmast **2** : MIZZENMAST — **mizzen** or **mizen** *adj*

miz-zen-mast \-,mast,-məst/ *n* : the mast aft or next aft of the mainmast

mk *abbr* **1** mark **2** marka

Mk *abbr* Mark

mks \em-¹kā-es/ *adj*, *often cap* M&K&S : of, relating to, or being a system of units based on the meter, the kilogram, and the second

mktg *abbr* marketing

ml *abbr* milliliter

MLD *abbr* **1** median lethal dose **2** minimum lethal dose

Mlle *abbr* [F] mademoiselle

Mlles *abbr* [F] mesdemoiselles

mm *abbr* millimeter

MM *abbr* [F] messieurs

Mme *abbr* [F] madame

Mn *symbol* manganese

MN *abbr* Minnesota

mn-mon-ic \nə-¹mān-ik/ *adj* : assisting or designed to assist memory

mo *abbr* month

Mo *abbr* Missouri

Mo *symbol* molybdenum

MO *abbr* **1** mail order **2** medical officer **3** Missouri **4** modulus operandi **5** money order

moan \mōn/ *n* : a low prolonged sound indicative of pain or grief — **moan** *vb*

moat \mōt/ *n* : a deep wide usu. water-filled trench around a castle

mob \māb/ *n* [L. *mobile* *vulgus* vacillating crowd] **1** : MASSES, RABBLE **2** : a large disorderly crowd **3** : a criminal gang

mob *vb* **mobbed**; **mob-bing** **1** : to crowd around and attack or annoy **2** : to crowd into or around (shoppers *mobbed* the stores)

mo-bile \mō-bəl,-¹bɪl,-¹bēl/ *adj* **1** : capable of moving or being moved **2** : changeable in appearance, mood, or purpose; *also* : ADAPTABLE **3** : having the opportunity for or undergoing a shift in social status **4** : using vehicles for transportation (✓ warfare) — **mo-bil-i-ty** \mō-¹bɪl-ət-ē/ *n*

mo-bile \mō-bēl/ *n* : a construction (as of wire and sheet metal) with parts that can be set in motion by air currents; *also* : a similar structure suspended so that it is moved by a current of air

mobile home *n* : a trailer used as a permanent dwelling

mo-bi-lize \mō-bə-¹lɪz/ *vb* **-lized**; **-liz-ing** **1** : to put into movement or circulation **2** : to assemble and make ready for action (✓ army reserves) — **mo-bi-li-za-tion** \,mō-bə-lə-¹zā-shən/ *n* — **mo-bi-liz-er** \mō-bə-¹lɪ-zər/ *n*

mob-ster \māb-stər/ *n* : a member of a criminal gang

moc-ca-sin \māk-əsən/ *n* **1** : a soft leather heelless shoe **2** : WATER MOCCASIN

mock \māk,¹mōk/ *vb* **1** : to treat with contempt or ridicule **2** : DELUDE **3** : DEFY **4** : to mimic in sport or derision — **mock-er** *n* — **mock-ery** \-(ə)rē/ *n* — **mock-ing-ly** *adv*

mock *adj* : SHAM, PSEUDO

mock-he-ro-ic \,māk-hi-¹rō-ik,¹mōk-/ *adj* : ridiculing or burlesquing the heroic style, character, or action (a ~ poem)

mock-ing-bird \māk-ɪŋ-¹bɜrd,¹mōk-/ *n* : a songbird of the southern U.S. that mimics the calls of other birds

mock-up \māk-¹əp,¹mōk-/ *n* : a full-sized structural model built for study, testing, or display (a ~ of an airplane)

mod \mäd/ *adj* : MODERN; *esp* : bold, free, and unconventional in style, behavior, or dress

mod *abbr* **1** moderate **2** modern

mode \mōd/ *n* **1** : a particular form or variety of something; *also* : STYLE **2** : a manner of doing something **3** : the most frequent value of a set of data — **mod-al** \¹mōd-əl/ *adj*

mod-el \¹mäd-əl/ *n* **1** : structural design **2** : a miniature representation; *also* : a pattern of something to be made **3** : an example for imitation or emulation **4** : one who poses for an artist; *also* : MANNEQUIN **5** : TYPE, DESIGN — **model** *adj*

model *vb* **-eled** or **-elled**; **-el-ing** or **-el-ling** \-(¹-)lɪŋ/ **1** : SHAPE, FASHION, CONSTRUCT **2** : to work as a fashion model

model *adj* **1** : serving as or worthy of being a pattern (a ~ student) **2** : being a miniature representation of something (a ~ airplane)

mod-er-ate \¹mäd-(ə)-rət/ *adj* **1** : avoiding extremes; *also* : TEMPERATE **2** : AVERAGE; *also* : MEDIOCRE **3** : limited in scope or effect **4** : not expensive — **moderate** *n* — **mod-er-ate-ly** *adv* — **mod-er-ate-ness** *n*

mod-er-ate \¹mäd-ə-¹rāt/ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** **1** : to lessen the intensity of : TEMPER **2** : to act as a moderator — **mod-er-a-tion** \¹mäd-ə-¹rā-shən/ *n*

mod-er-a-tor \¹mäd-ə-¹rāt-rər/ *n* **1** : MEDIATOR **2** : one who presides over an assembly, meeting, or discussion

mod-ern \¹mäd-ər-n/ *adj* [LL. *modernus*, fr. L. *modo* just now, fr. *modus* measure] : of, relating to, or characteristic of the present or the immediate past : CONTEMPORARY — **modern** *n* — **mo-der-ni-ty** \mō-¹dər-nət-ē/ *n* — **mod-ern-ly** \¹mäd-ər-n-lē/ *adv* — **mod-ern-ness** \-ər-nəs/ *n*

mod-ern-ism \¹mäd-ər,-nɪz-əm/ *n* : a practice, movement, or belief peculiar to modern times

mod-ern-ize \¹mäd-ər,-nɪz/ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to make or become modern — **mod-ern-iza-tion** \,mäd-ər-nə-¹zā-shən/ *n* — **mod-ern-iz-er** \¹mäd-ər,-nɪ-zər/ *n*

mod-est \¹mäd-əst/ *adj* **1** : having a moderate estimate of oneself; *also* : DIFFIDENT **2** : observing the proprieties of dress and behavior **3** : limited in size, amount, or scope — **mod-est-ly** *adv* — **mod-es-ty** \-ə-stē/ *n*

mod-i-cum \¹mäd-i-kəm/ *n* : a small amount

modif *abbr* modification

mod-i-fy \¹mäd-ə-¹fɪ/ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** **1** : MODERATE **2** : to limit the meaning of *esp.* in a grammatical construction **3** : CHANGE, ALTER — **mod-i-fi-ca-tion** \,mäd-ə-fə-¹kā-shən/ *n* — **mod-i-fi-er** \¹mäd-ə-¹fɪ-(ə)r/ *n*

mod-ish \¹mōd-ɪsh/ *adj* : FASHIONABLE, STYLISH — **mod-ish-ly** *adv* — **mod-ish-ness** *n*

mo-diste \mō-¹dēst/ *n* : a maker of fashionable dresses

mod-u-lar \¹maj-ə-lər/ *adj* : constructed with standardized units

\ə\abut \¹kɪtten \əbət \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot,cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ə\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \i\job
 \ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

mod-u-lar-ized \ˈmā-jə-lə-,rīzəd\ *adj* : containing or consisting of modules

mod-u-late \ˈmā-jə-,lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing **1** : to tune to a key or pitch **2** : to keep in proper measure or proportion : TEMPER **3** : to vary the amplitude or frequency of a carrier wave for the transmission of intelligence (as in radio or television) — **mod-u-la-tion** \ˈmā-jə-ˈlā-shən\ *n* — **mod-u-la-tor** \ˈmā-jə-,lāt-ər\ *n* — **mod-u-la-to-ry** \-lə-,tōr-ē\ *adj*

mod-ule \ˈmā-j-ül\ *n* **1** : any in a series of standardized units for use together **2** : an assembly of wired electronic parts for use with other such assemblies **3** : an independent unit that constitutes a part of the total structure of a space vehicle (a propulsion ~)

mo-dus ope-ran-di \ˈmōd-əs-əp-ə-ˈran-dē-, -dī\ *n*, *pl* **mo-di operandi** \ˈmō-,dē-,əp-, ˈmō-,dī-\ [NL] : a method of procedure

ˈmo-gul \ˈmō-gəl, mō-ˈgəl\ *n* [fr. *Mogul*, one of the Mongol conquerors of India or their descendants, fr. Per *Mughul* Mongol, fr. Mongolian *Moŋgol*] : an important person : magnate

ˈmogul \ˈmō-gəl\ *n* : a bump in a ski run

mo-hair \ˈmō-,haər\ *n* [modif. of obs. It *mocaiarro*, fr. Ar *mukhayyar*, lit., choice] : a fabric or yarn made wholly or in part from the long silky hair of the Angora goat

Mo-ham-med-an *var of* MUHAMMADAN

Mo-hawk \ˈmō-,hók\ *n*, *pl* **Mohawk** or **Mohawks** : a member of an American Indian people of the Mohawk river valley, New York; *also* : the language of the Mohawk people

Mo-he-gan \mō-ˈhē-gən, mō-ˈ\ or **Mo-hi-can** \-ˈhē-kən\ *n*, *pl* **Mohegan** or **Mohegans** or **Mohican** or **Mohicans** : a member of an American Indian people of southeastern Connecticut

Mo-hi-can \mō-ˈhē-kən, mō-ˈ\ *var of* MAHICAN

moi-ety \ˈmōi-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -eties : one of two equal or approximately equal parts

moil \ˈmōil\ *vb* : to work hard : DRUDGE — **moil** *n* — **moil-er** *n*

moi-ré \mō-ˈrā, mwā-ˈ\ or **moire** \same, or ˈmōi(-ə)r, ˈmwā\ *n* : a fabric (as silk) having a watered appearance

moist \ˈmōist\ *adj* : slightly or moderately wet — **moist-ly** *adv* — **moist-ness** *n*

moist-en \ˈmōis-ən\ *vb* **moist-ened**; **moist-en-ing** \ˈmōis(-ə)-niŋ\ : to make or become moist — **moist-en-er** \ˈmōis(-ə)-nər\ *n*

mois-ture \ˈmōis-chər\ *n* : the small amount of liquid that causes dampness

mol *abbr* molecular; molecule

mo-lar \ˈmō-lər\ *n* [L *molaris*, fr. *molaris* of a mill, fr. *mola* millstone] : one of the broad teeth adapted to grinding food and located in the back of the jaw — **molar** *adj*

mo-las-ses \mō-ˈlas-əz\ *n* : the thick brown syrup that is separated from raw sugar in sugar manufacture

ˈmold \ˈmōld\ *n* : crumbly soil rich in organic matter

ˈmold *n* **1** : distinctive nature or character **2** : the frame on or around which something is constructed **3** : a cavity in which something is shaped; *also* : an object so shaped **4** : MOLDING

ˈmold *vb* **1** : to shape in or as if in a mold **2** : to ornament with molding — **mold-er** *n*

ˈmold *n* : a surface growth of fungus on damp or decaying matter; *also* : a fungus that forms molds — **mold-i-ness** \ˈmōld-ē-nəs\ *n* — **moldy** *adj*

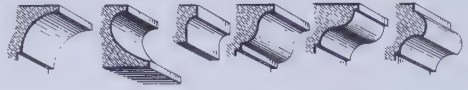
ˈmold *vb* : to become moldy

mold-board \ˈmōl(d)-,bōrd\ *n* : a curved iron plate attached above the plowshare to lift and turn the soil

mold-er \ˈmōl-dər\ *vb* **mold-ered**; **mold-er-ing** \-d(ə)-riŋ\ : to crumble into small pieces

mold-ing \ˈmōld-diŋ\ *n* **1** : an act or process of shaping in

a mold; *also* : an object so shaped **2** : a decorative surface, plane, or curved strip



molding 2

ˈmole \ˈmōl\ *n* : a small often pigmented spot or protuberance on the skin

ˈmole *n* : a small burrowing mammal with tiny eyes, hidden ears, and soft fur

ˈmole *n* : a massive breakwater or jetty

mo-lec-u-lar biology \mō-ˈlek-yə-lər-\ *n* : a branch of biology dealing with the ultimate physical and chemical organization of living matter and esp. with the molecular basis of inheritance and protein synthesis — **molecular biologist** *n*

mo-le-cule \ˈmāl-i-,kyūl\ *n* : the smallest particle of matter that is the same chemically as the whole mass — **mo-lec-u-lar** \mō-ˈlek-yə-lər\ *adj*

mole-hill \ˈmōl-,hil\ *n* : a little ridge of earth thrown up by a mole

mole-skin \-,skin\ *n* **1** : the skin of the mole used as fur **2** : a heavy durable cotton fabric for industrial, medical, or clothing use

mo-lest \mō-ˈlest\ *vb* **1** : ANNOY, DISTURB **2** : to make annoying sexual advances to — **mo-lest-a-tion** \,mōl-es-ˈtā-shən\ *n* — **mo-lest-er** \mō-ˈles-tər\ *n*

moll \ˈmāl\ *n* : a gangster's girlfriend

mol-li-fy \ˈmāl-ə-,fī\ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing **1** : to soothe in temper : APPEASE **2** : SOFTEN **3** : to reduce in intensity : ASSUAGE — **mol-li-fi-ca-tion** \,māl-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

mol-lusk or **mol-lusc** \ˈmāl-əsk\ *n* : any of a large group of mostly shelled and aquatic invertebrate animals including snails, clams, and squids — **mol-lus-can** *also* **mol-lus-kan** \mō-ˈlās-kən\ *adj*

ˈmol-ly-cod-dle \ˈmāl-ē-,kād-əl\ *n* : a pampered man or boy **ˈmollycoddle** *vb* **mol-ly-cod-dled**; **mol-ly-cod-dling** \-,kād(-ə)-liŋ\ *ˈn* : PAMPER

Mo-lo-tov cocktail \,māl-ə-,tōf-, ˈmōl-\ *n* : a crude bomb made of a bottle filled usu. with gasoline and fitted with a wick or saturated rag and ignited usu. just prior to hurling

ˈmolt \ˈmōlt\ *vb* : to shed hair, feathers, outer skin, or horns periodically with the parts being replaced by new growth — **molt-er** *n*

ˈmolt *n* : the act or process of molting

molt-en \ˈmōlt-ən\ *adj* **1** : fused or liquefied by heat **2** : GLOWING

mo-ly \ˈmō-lē\ *n* : a mythical herb with black root, white flowers, and magic powers

mo-lyb-de-num \mō-ˈlib-də-nəm\ *n* : a metallic chemical element used in strengthening and hardening steel — see ELEMENT table

mom \ˈmām, ˈməm\ *n* : MOTHER

mom-and-pop *adj* : being a small owner-operated business

mo-ment \ˈmō-mənt\ *n* **1** : a minute portion of time : INSTANT **2** : a time of excellence (he has his ~s) **3** : IMPORTANCE *syn* consequence, significance, weight, import **mo-men-tar-i-ly** \ˈmō-mən-ˈter-ə-lē\ *adv* **1** : for a moment **2** : INSTANTLY **3** : at any moment : SOON

mo-men-tary \ˈmō-mən-ˈter-ē\ *adj* **1** : continuing only a moment; *also* : EPHEMERAL **2** : recurring at every moment — **mo-men-tar-i-ness** \ˈmō-mən-ˈter-ē-nəs\ *n*

mo-men-tous \ˈmō-ment-əs\ *adj* : very important — **mo-men-tous-ly** *adv* — **mo-men-tous-ness** *n*

mo-men-tum \ˈmō-ˈment-əm\ *n*, *pl* **mo-men-ta** \-ˈment-ə\ or **momentums** : a property that a moving body has due to its mass and motion; *also* : IMPETUS

mom-my \ˈmām-ē, ˈmām-ə\ *n*, *pl* **mom-mies** : MOTHER

Mon *abbr* Monday

mon-arch \ˈmān-ər-k, -ār-k\ *n* **1** : a person who reigns over a kingdom or an empire **2** : one holding preeminent position or power — **mo-nar-chi-cal** \mə-ˈnār-ki-kəl\ *also* **mo-nar-chic** \-ˈnār-kik\ *adj*

monarch butterfly *n* : a large orange and black migratory American butterfly whose larva feeds on milkweed

mon-ar-chist \ˈmān-ər-kəst\ *n* : a believer in monarchical government — **mon-ar-chism** \-,kiz-əm\ *n*

mon-ar-chy \ˈmān-ər-kē\ *n*, *pl* **-chies** : a nation or state governed by a monarch

mon-as-tery \ˈmān-ə-,ster-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ter-ies** : a house for persons under religious vows (as monks)

mo-nas-tic \mə-ˈnas-tik\ *adj* : of or relating to monasteries or to monks or nuns — **monastic** *n* — **mo-nas-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

mo-nas-ti-cism \mə-ˈnas-tə-,siz-əm\ *n* : the monastic life, system, or condition

mon-au-ral \mä-ˈnór-əl\ *adj* : MONOPHONIC — **mon-au-ral-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

Mon-day \ˈmən-dē, -dā\ *n* : the second day of the week

mon-e-tary \ˈmān-ə-,ter-ē, ˈmən-ə\ *adj* : of or relating to money or to the mechanisms by which it is supplied and circulated in the economy

mon-ey \ˈmən-ē\ *n*, *pl* **moneys** or **mon-ies** \ˈmən-ēz\ **1** : something (as metal currency) accepted as a medium of exchange **2** : wealth reckoned in monetary terms **3** : the 1st, 2d, and 3d places in a horse or dog race

MONEY

NAME	SUBDIVISIONS	COUNTRY
afghani	100 puls	Afghanistan
austral		Argentina
baht	100 satang	Thailand
or tical		
balboa	100 centesimos	Panama
birr	100 cents	Ethiopia
bolivar	100 centimos	Venezuela
cedi	100 pesewas	Ghana
colon	100 centimos	Costa Rica
colon	100 centavos	El Salvador
cordoba	100 centavos	Nicaragua
crizado		Brazil
dalasi	100 bututs	Gambia
deutsche mark	100 pfennigs	West Germany
dinar	100 centimes	Algeria
dinar	1000 fils	Bahrain
dinar	1000 fils	Iraq
dinar	1000 fils	Jordan
dinar	1000 fils	Kuwait
dinar	1000 dirhams	Libya
dinar	1000 fils	Southern Yemen (People's Democratic Republic of Yemen)
dinar	1000 millimes	Tunisia
dinar	100 paras	Yugoslavia
dirham	100 centimes	Morocco
dirham	1000 fils	United Arab Emirates
dobra	100 centavos	Sao Tome and Principe
dollar	100 cents	Australia
dollar	100 cents	Bahamas
dollar	100 cents	Barbados
dollar	100 cents	Belize
dollar	100 cents	Bermuda
dollar	100 sen	Brunei
dollar	100 cents	Canada
dollar	100 cents	China (Taiwan)
or yuan		
dollar	100 cents	Ethiopia

NAME	SUBDIVISIONS	COUNTRY
dollar	100 cents	Fiji
dollar	100 cents	Grenada
dollar	100 cents	Guyana
dollar	100 cents	Hong Kong
dollar	100 cents	Jamaica
dollar	100 cents	Liberia
dollar	100 cents	New Zealand
dollar	100 cents	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
dollar	100 cents	Singapore
dollar	100 cents	Trinidad and Tobago
dollar	100 cents	United States
dollar	100 cents	Zimbabwe
dong	100 xu	Vietnam
drachma	100 lepta	Greece
ekuele	100 centimos	Equatorial Guinea
escudo	100 centavos	Cape Verde
escudo	100 centavos	Portugal
escudo—see PESO, below		
florin—see GULDEN, below		
forint	100 filler	Hungary
franc	100 centimes	Belgium
franc	100 centimes	Benin
franc	100 centimes	Burkina Faso
franc	100 centimes	Burundi
franc	100 centimes	Cameroon
franc	100 centimes	Central African Republic
franc	100 centimes	Chad
franc	100 centimes	Congo
franc	100 centimes	Djibouti
franc	100 centimes	France
franc	100 centimes	Gabon
franc	100 centimes	Ivory Coast
franc	100 centimes	Luxembourg
franc	100 centimes	Madagascar
franc	100 centimes	Mali
franc	100 centimes	Niger
franc	100 centimes	Rwanda
franc	100 centimes	Senegal
franc	100 centimes or rappen	Switzerland
franc	100 centimes	Togo
gourde	100 centimes	Haiti
guarani	100 centimos	Paraguay
gulden or guilder or florin	100 cents	Netherlands
gulden or guilder or florin	100 cents	Suriname
inti		Peru
kina	100 toea	Papua New Guinea
kip	100 at	Laos
koruna	100 halers	Czechoslovakia
krona	100 aurar (sing eyrir)	Iceland
krona	100 ore	Sweden
krone	100 ore	Denmark
krone	100 ore	Norway
kwacha	100 tambala	Malawi
kwacha	100 ngwee	Zambia
kwanza	100 lwei	Angola
kyat	100 pyas	Burma
lek	100 qindarka	Albania
lempira	100 centavos	Honduras
leone	100 cents	Sierra Leone
leu	100 bani	Romania
lev	100 stotinki	Bulgaria

\əˈabut \ˈkitten \əˈfurther \əˈash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
 \auˈout \chˈchin \eˈbet \eˈeasy \ɛˈgo \iˈhit \iˈice \jˈjob
 \ŋˈsing \dɔˈgo \dɔˈlaw \dɔˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \vˈloot
 \uˈfoot \yˈyet \zhˈvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

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NAME	SUBDIVISIONS	COUNTRY
lilangeni (<i>pl</i> emalangeni)	100 cents	Swaziland
lira	100 centesimi	Italy
lira or pound	100 kuruş or piasters	Turkey
lira—see POUND, below		
loti (<i>pl</i> maloti)	100 licente	Lesotho
mark or ostmark	100 pfennigs	East Germany
mark—see DEUTSCHE MARK, above		
markka	100 pennia	Finland
metical	100 centavos	Mozambique
naira	100 kobo	Nigeria
ngultrum	100 chetrum	Bhutan
ostmark—see MARK, above		
ouguiya	5 khouns	Mauritania
pa'anga	100 seniti	Tonga
pataca	100 avos	Macao
peseta	100 centimos	Spain
peso	100 centavos	Bolivia
peso	100 centavos	Chile
peso	100 centavos	Colombia
peso	100 centavos	Cuba
peso	100 centavos	Dominican Republic
peso	100 centavos	Guinea-Bissau
peso	100 centavos	Mexico
peso	100 centimos or centavos	Philippines
peso	100 centesimos	Uruguay
pound	1000 mils	Cyprus
pound	100 piasters	Egypt
pound	100 pence	Ireland
pound	100 piasters	Lebanon
pound or lira	100 pence	Malta
pound	100 piasters	Sudan
pound	100 piasters	Syria
pound	100 pence	United Kingdom
pound—see LIRA, above		
pula	100 thebe	Botswana
quetzal	100 centavos	Guatemala
rand	100 cents	South Africa
rial	100 dinars	Iran
rial	1000 baizas	Oman
rial or riyal	100 fils	Yemen Arab Republic
riel	100 sen	Cambodia
ringgit	100 sen	Malaysia
riyal	100 dirhams	Qatar
riyal	20 qursh	Saudi Arabia
	100 halala	
riyal—see RIAL, above		
ruble	100 kopecks	U.S.S.R.
rupee	100 paise	India
rupee	100 cents	Mauritius
rupee	100 paisa	Nepal
rupee	100 paisa	Pakistan
rupee	100 cents	Seychelles
rupee	100 cents	Sri Lanka
rupiah	100 sen	Indonesia
schilling	100 groschen	Austria
shekel	100 agorot	Israel
shilingi—see SHILLING, below		
shilling	100 cents	Kenya
shilling	100 cents	Somalia
shilling or shilingi	100 senti or cents	Tanzania
shilling	100 cents	Uganda
sucre	100 centavos	Ecuador
syli	100 cauris	Guinea
taka	100 paisa	Bangladesh
tala	100 sene	Western Samoa
tical—see BAHT, above		
tugrik	100 mongo	Mongolia

NAME	SUBDIVISIONS	COUNTRY
vatu		Vanuatu
won	100 jun	North Korea
won	100 jeon	South Korea
yen	100 sen	Japan
yuan	100 fen	China (mainland)
yuan—see DOLLAR, above		
zaire	100 makuta (<i>sing</i> , likuta)	Zaire
	10,000 sengi	
zloty	100 groszy	Poland

mon-eyed \ˈmən-əd\ *adj* **1** : having money : WEALTHY **2** : consisting in or derived from money

mon-ey-lend-er \ˈmən-ē-,lən-dər\ *n* : one whose business is lending money; *specif* : PAWNBROKER

money market *n* : the trade in short-term negotiable financial instruments

money of account : a denominator of value or basis of exchange used in keeping accounts

money order *n* : an order purchased at a post office, bank, or telegraph office directing another office to pay a sum of money to a party named on it

mon-ger \ˈmən-gər, ˈmān-\ *n* **1** : DEALER **2** : one who tries to stir up or spread something

mon-go \ˈmān-(ɹ)gō\ *n*, *pl* **mongo** — see *tugrik* at MONEY table

Mon-gol \ˈmān-gəl, ˈmān-,gōl\ *n* : a person of Mongoloid racial stock and esp. of the chiefly pastoral Mongoloid peoples of Mongolia — **Mongol** *adj*

Mon-go-lian \ˈmān-ˈgōl-yən, mān-, ˈgō-lē-ən\ *n* **1** : a native or inhabitant of Mongolia **2** : a member of the Mongoloid racial stock — **Mongolian** *adj*

mon-gol-ism \ˈmān-gə-,liz-əm\ *n* : DOWN'S SYNDROME

Mon-gol-oid \ˈmān-gə-,lōid\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to a major racial stock native to Asia that includes peoples of northern and eastern Asia, Malaysians, Eskimos, and often American Indians **2** *often not cap* : of, relating to, or affected with Down's syndrome — **Mongoloid** *n*

mon-goose \ˈmān-,gūs, ˈmān-\ *n*, *pl* **mon-goos-es** also **mon-geese** \-,gēs\ : a small agile mammal of India that is related to the civet cats and feeds on snakes and rodents

mon-grel \ˈmān-grəl, ˈmən-\ *n* : an offspring of parents of different breeds or uncertain ancestry

mo-nism \ˈmō-,niz-əm, ˈmān-iz-\ *n* : a view that reality is basically one — **mo-nist** \ˈmō-nəst, ˈmān-əst\ *n*

mo-ni-tion \ˈmō-,nīsh-ən, mə-\ *n* : WARNING, CAUTION

ˈmon-i-tor \ˈmān-ət-ər\ *n* **1** : a student appointed to assist a teacher **2** : one that monitors; *esp* : a video display screen (as for a computer)

2monitor *vb* **mon-i-tored**; **mon-i-tor-ing** \ˈmān-ət-ər-ɪŋ, ˈmān-ə-trɪŋ\ : to watch, check, or observe for a special purpose

mon-i-to-ry \ˈmān-ə-,tōr-ē\ *adj* : giving admonition : WARNING

ˈmonk \ˈmɒŋk\ *n* [ME, fr. OE *munuc*, fr. LL *monachus*, fr. LGk *monachos*, fr. Gk, *adj.*, single, fr. *monos* single, alone] : a man belonging to a religious order and living in a monastery — **monk-ish** *adj*

2monk *n* : MONKEY

ˈmon-key \ˈmɒŋ-kē\ *n*, *pl* **monkeys** : a primate mammal other than man; *esp* : one of the smaller, longer-tailed, and usu. more arboreal primates as contrasted with the apes

2monkey *vb* **mon-keyed**; **mon-key-ing** **1** : FOOL, TRIFLE **2** : TAMPER

monkey bars *n pl* : a framework of bars on which children can play

mon-key-shine \ˈmən-kē-,shɪn\ *n* : PRANK — usu. used in *pl*.

monkey wrench *n* : a wrench with one fixed and one adjustable jaw at right angles to a handle

monks-hood \ˈmɒŋks-,hʊd\ *n* : any of a genus of poison-

ous plants related to the buttercups; *esp* : a tall Old World plant grown for its white or purplish flowers or as a source of drugs (as aconite)

1mono \ˈmān-ō\ *adj* : MONOPHONIC

2mono *n* : MONONUCLEOSIS

mono-chro-ma-tic \ˈmān-ə-kro-ˈmat-ik\ *adj* **1** : having or consisting of one color **2** : consisting of radiation (as light) of a single wavelength

mono-chrome \ˈmān-ə-krom\ *adj* : characterized by the reproduction or transmission of visual images in tones of gray (∼ television)

mono-o-cle \ˈmān-i-kəl\ *n* : an eyeglass for one eye

mono-clo-nal \ˈmān-ə-ˈklō-nəl\ *adj* : produced by, being, or composed of cells derived from a single cell (∼ antibodies)

mono-cot-y-le-don \ˈmān-ə-kāt-ɪ-ˈléd-ən\ *n* : any of a subclass of seed plants having an embryo with a single cotyledon and usu. parallel-veined leaves — **mono-cot-y-le-don-ous** *adj*

mon-o-dy \ˈmān-əd-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-dies** : ELEGY, DIRGE — **mon-nod-ic** \mə-ˈnād-ik\ or **mon-nod-i-cal** \i-kəl\ *adj* — **mon-o-dist** \ˈmān-əd-əst\ *n*

mo-nog-a-my \mə-ˈnäg-ə-mē\ *n* : marriage with but one person at a time — **mo-nog-a-mist** \mə-ˈnäg-ə-məst\ *n* — **mo-nog-a-mous** \mə-ˈnäg-ə-məs\ *adj*

mono-gram \ˈmān-ə-gram\ *n* : a sign of identity composed of the combined initials of a name — **monogram** *vb*

mono-graph \ˈmān-ə-graf\ *n* : a learned treatise on a small area of learning

mono-lin-gual \ˈmān-ə-ˈlɪŋ-gwəl\ *adj* : expressed in or knowing or using only one language

mono-lith \ˈmān-ɪ-ˈlɪθ\ *n* **1** : a single great stone often in the form of a monument or column **2** : something large and powerful that acts as a single unified force — **mono-lith-ic** \ˈmān-ɪ-ˈlɪθ-ik\ *adj*

mono-logue *also* **mono-log** \ˈmān-ɪ-ˈlɔg\ *n* : a dramatic soliloquy; *also* : a long speech monologizing conversation — **mono-logu-ist** \-ɔg-əst\ or **mono-lo-gist** \mə-ˈnāl-ə-jəst; \ˈmān-ɪ-ˈlɔg-əst\ *n*

mono-ma-nia \ˈmān-ə-ˈmā-nē-ə, -nyə\ *n* **1** : mental derangement involving a single idea or area of thought **2** : excessive concentration on a single object or idea — **mono-ma-ni-ac** \-nē-, ək\ *n* or *adj*

mono-mer \ˈmān-ə-mər\ *n* : a simple chemical compound that can be polymerized

mono-nu-cle-o-sis \ˈmān-ō-ˈn(y)ū-klē-ˈɔsəs\ *n* : an acute infectious disease characterized by fever, swelling of lymph glands, and increased numbers of lymph cells in the blood

mono-phon-ic \ˈmān-ə-ˈfän-ik\ *adj* : of or relating to sound transmission, recording, or reproduction by techniques that provide a single transmission path

mono-plane \ˈmān-ə-plān\ *n* : an airplane with only one set of wings

mo-nop-o-ly \mə-ˈnāp-(ə-)lē\ *n*, *pl* **-lies** [L *monopolium*, fr. Gk *monopōlion*, fr. *monos* alone, single + *pōlein* to sell] **1** : exclusive ownership (as through command of supply) **2** : a commodity controlled by one party **3** : one that has a monopoly — **mo-nop-o-list** \-ləst\ *n* — **mo-nop-o-lis-tic** \mə-ˈnāp-ə-ˈlɪs-tik\ *adj* — **mo-nop-o-li-za-tion** \-lə-ˈzā-shən\ *n* — **mo-nop-o-lize** \mə-ˈnāp-ə-ˈlɪz\ *vb*

mono-rail \ˈmān-ə-rāl\ *n* : a single rail serving as a track for a wheeled vehicle; *also* : a vehicle traveling on such a track

mono-so-di-um glu-ta-mate \ˈmān-ə-sōd-ē-əm-ˈglūt-ə-māt\ *n* : a crystalline salt used for seasoning foods

mono-syl-la-ble \ˈmān-ə-ˈsɪl-ə-bəl\ *n* : a word of one syllable — **mono-syl-lab-ic** \ˈmān-ə-sə-ˈlab-ik\ *adj* — **mono-syl-lab-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

mono-the-ism \ˈmān-ə-(i)thē-, ɪz-əm\ *n* : a doctrine or belief that there is only one deity — **mono-the-ist** \-, thē-əst\ *n*

mono-tone \ˈmān-ə-, tōn\ *n* : a succession of syllables, words, or sentences in one unvaried key or pitch

mo-not-o-nous \mə-ˈnāt-ən-əs\ *adj* **1** : uttered or sounded in one unvarying tone **2** : tediously uniform — **mo-not-o-nous-ly** *adv* — **mo-not-o-nous-ness** *n* — **mo-not-o-ny** \-n-ē\ *n*

mon-ox-ide \mə-ˈnäk-, sɪd\ *n* : an oxide containing one atom of oxygen in the molecule

mon-sei-gneur \ˈmō-, sän-ˈyər\ *n*, *pl* **mes-sei-gneurs** \ˈmä-, sän-ˈyər(z)\ : a French dignitary — used as a title

mon-sieur \mə-ˈsɪə(r), Fr mə-ˈsyə\ *n*, *pl* **mes-sieurs** \məs(h)-(i)ˈyər(r)(z)\, *mäs-; mə-ˈsi(ə)r(z)* : a Frenchman of high rank or station — used as a title equivalent to *Mister*

mon-si-gnor \ˈmān-ˈsē-nyər\ *n*, *pl* **monsignors** or **mon-si-gno-ri** \ˈmān-, sēn-ˈyör-ē\ [It *monsignore*] : a Roman Catholic prelate — used as a title

mon-soon \ˈmān-ˈsūn\ *n* [obs. Dutch *monsoen*, fr. Pg *monção*, fr. Ar *mawsim* time, season] **1** : a periodic wind esp. in the Indian ocean and southern Asia **2** : the season of the southwest monsoon esp. in India **3** : rainfall associated with the monsoon

1mon-ster \ˈmān-stər\ *n* **1** : an abnormally developed plant or animal **2** : an animal of strange or terrifying shape; *also* : one unusually large of its kind **3** : an extremely ugly, wicked, or cruel person — **mon-stros-i-ty** \ˈmān-ˈstrās-ət-ē\ *n* — **mon-strous** \ˈmān-strəs\ *adj* — **mon-strous-ly** *adv*

2monster *adj* : very large : ENORMOUS

mon-strance \ˈmān-strəns\ *n* : a vessel in which the consecrated Host is exposed for the adoration of the faithful

Mont *abbr* Montana

mon-tage \ˈmān-ˈtāzh\ *n* [F] **1** : a composite photograph made by combining several separate pictures **2** : an artistic composition made up of several different kinds of items (as strips of newspaper, pictures, bits of wood) arranged together

month \ˈmɒnth\ *n*, *pl* **months** \ˈmɒns, ˈmɒnθs\ [OE *mōnath*, fr. *mōna* moon] : one of the 12 parts into which the year is divided — **month-ly** *adv* or *adj* or *n*

month-long \ˈmɒnth-ˈlɔŋ\ *adj* : lasting a month

mon-u-ment \ˈmɒn-yə-mənt\ *n* **1** : a lasting reminder; *esp* : a structure erected in remembrance of a person or event **2** : a natural feature or area of special interest set aside by the government as public property

mon-u-men-tal \ˈmɒn-yə-ˈment-ɪəl\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to a monument **2** : MASSIVE; *also* : OUTSTANDING **3** : very great — **mon-u-men-tal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

moo \ˈmū\ *vb* : to make the natural throat noise of a cow — **moo** *n*

1mood \ˈmud\ *n* **1** : a conscious state of mind or predominant emotion : FEELING **2** : a prevailing attitude : DISPOSITION

2mood *n* : distinction of form of a verb to express whether its action or state is conceived as fact or in some other manner (as wish)

moody \ˈmud-ē\ *adj* **mood-i-er; -est** **1** : GLOOMY **2** : subject to moods : TEMPERAMENTAL — **mood-i-ly** \ˈmud-ɪ-ē\ *adv* — **mood-i-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*

1moon \ˈmūn\ *n* **1** : the earth's natural satellite **2** : SATELLITE **2**

2moon *vb* : to engage in idle reverie

moon-beam \ˈmūn-, bēm\ *n* : a ray of light from the moon

1moon-light \-, lit\ *n* : the light of the moon — **moon-lit** \-, lit\ *adj*

2moonlight *vb* **moon-light-ed; moon-light-ing** : to hold a

ˈəʊabʊt ˈʃkɪtən ˈɔrfʊrðər ˈəʊəʃ ˈəʊeɪs ˈəʊkɒt, kɑrt ˈaʊt ˈtʃɪn ˈbet ˈeɪzi ˈgɔ ˈhɪt ˈvɪs ˈjɔb ˈsɪŋ ˈdɔ ˈlɔ ˈbɔɪ ˈtʃθɪn ˈtʃθe ˈʊlʊt ˈʊfʊt ˈyɪt ˈzʰvɪʃən *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

second job in addition to a regular one — **moon-light-er** *n*

moon-scape \-,skāp\ *n* : the surface of the moon as seen or as pictured

moon-shine \-,shīn\ *n* 1 : MOONLIGHT 2 : empty talk 3 : intoxicating liquor usu. illegally distilled

moon-stone \-,stōn\ *n* : a transparent or translucent feldspar of pearly luster used as a gem

moon-struck \-,strək\ *adj* 1 : mentally unbalanced 2 : romantically sentimental

moor \ˈmūr\ *n* : an area of open and usu. infertile and wet or peaty wasteland

moor *vb* : to make fast with or as if with cables, lines, or anchors

Moor \ˈmūr\ *n* : one of a North African people of Arab and Berber ancestry that conquered Spain in the 8th century — **Moor-ish** *adj*

moor-ing \ˈmūr-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : a place where or an object to which a craft can be made fast 2 : an established practice or stabilizing influence — usu. used in pl.

moor-land \-,lənd, -,lānd\ *n* : land consisting of moors

moose \ˈmūs\ *n*, *pl* **moose** : a large heavy-antlered American deer; also : the European elk

moot \ˈmūt\ *vb* : to bring up for debate or discussion; also : DEBATE

moot *adj* 1 : open to question; also : DISPUTED 2 : having no practical significance

mop \ˈmāp\ *n* : an implement made of absorbent material fastened to a handle and used esp. for cleaning floors

mop *vb* **mopped**; **mop-ping** : to use a mop on : clean with a mop

mope \ˈmōp\ *vb* **moped**; **mop-ing** 1 : to become dull, dejected, or listless 2 : DAWDLE

mop-pet \ˈmāp-ət\ *n* [obs. *E mop* fool, child] : CHILD

mop-up \ˈmāp-,əp\ *n* : a final clearance or disposal

mo-raine \mə-ˈrān\ *n* : an accumulation of earth and stones left by a glacier

mor-al \ˈmôr-əl\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to principles of right and wrong 2 : conforming to a standard of right behavior; also : capable of right and wrong action 3 : probable but not proved (a ~ certainty) 4 : having the effects of such on the mind, confidence, or will (a ~ victory) syn virtuous, righteous, noble, ethical, principled — **mor-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

moral *n* 1 : the practical meaning (as of a story) 2 *pl* : moral practices or teachings

mo-rale \mə-ˈral\ *n* 1 : MORALITY 2 : the mental and emotional attitudes of an individual to the tasks at hand; also : ESPRIT DE CORPS

mor-al-ist \ˈmôr-əl-əst\ *n* 1 : a teacher or student of morals 2 : one concerned with regulating the morals of others — **mor-al-is-tic** \ˈmôr-əl-ə-lis-tik\ *adj* — **mor-al-is-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

mo-ral-i-ty \mə-ˈral-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** : moral conduct : VIRTUE

mor-al-ize \ˈmôr-ə-,līz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to make moral reflections — **mor-al-iza-tion** \ˈmôr-ə-lə-ˈzā-shən\ *n* — **mor-al-iz-er** \ˈmôr-ə-,li-zər\ *n*

mo-rass \mə-ˈras\ *n* : SWAMP

mo-a-to-ri-um \ˈmôr-ə-ˈtôr-ē-əm\ *n*, *pl* **-ri-ums** or **-ria** \-ē-ə\ [deriv. of *L mora* delay] : a suspension of activity

mo-ray \mə-ˈrā, ˈmôr-,ā\ *n* : any of numerous often brightly colored savage eels occurring in warm seas

mor-bid \ˈmôr-bəd\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or typical of disease; also : DISEASED, SICKLY 2 : characterized by gloomy or unwholesome ideas or feelings 3 : GRISLY, GRIEVOUS (~ details) — **mor-bid-i-ty** \ˈmôr-ˈbid-ət-ē\ *n* — **mor-bid-ly** \ˈmôr-bəd-lē\ *adv* — **mor-bid-ness** *n*

mor-dant \ˈmórd-ənt\ *adj* 1 : INCISIVE 2 : BURNING, PUNGENT — **mor-dant-ly** *adv*

more \ˈmôr\ *adj* 1 : GREATER 2 : ADDITIONAL

more *adv* 1 : in addition (a couple of times ~) 2 : to a greater or higher degree

more *n* 1 : a greater quantity, number, or amount (the ~ the merrier) 2 : an additional amount (too full to eat ~)

more *pron* : additional persons or things (~ were found in the road)

mo-rel \mə-ˈrel\ *n* : any of several pitted edible fungi

more-over \môr-ˈô-vər\ *adv* : in addition : FURTHER

mo-res \ˈmôr-,āz\ *n* *pl* 1 : the fixed morally binding customs of a group 2 : HABITS, MANNERS

Mor-gan \ˈmôr-gən\ *n* : any of an American breed of lightly built horses

morgue \ˈmôrg\ *n* : a place where the bodies of dead persons are kept until released for burial

mor-i-bund \ˈmôr-ə-(ɪ)bənd\ *adj* : being in a dying condition — **mor-i-bun-di-ty** \ˈmôr-ə-ˈbən-dət-ē\ *n*

Mor-mon \ˈmôr-mən\ *n* : a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints — **Mor-mon-ism** \-mə-,niz-əm\ *n*

morn \ˈmôrn\ *n* : MORNING

morn-ing \ˈmôr-niŋ\ *n* 1 : the early part of the day; esp : the time from the sunrise to noon 2 : BEGINNING

morning glory *n* : any of various twining plants related to the sweet potato that have often showy bell-shaped or funnel-shaped flowers

morning sickness *n* : nausea and vomiting that occur in the morning esp. during early pregnancy

morning star *n* : a bright planet (as Venus) seen in the eastern sky before or at sunrise

Mo-roc-can \mə-ˈrāk-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Morocco

mo-roc-co \mə-ˈrāk-ō\ *n* : a fine leather made of goatskins tanned with sumac

mo-ron \ˈmôr-,ən\ *n* : a defective person having a potential mental age of between 8 and 12 years and capable of doing routine work under supervision; also : a stupid person — **mo-ron-ic** \mə-ˈrān-ik\ *adj* — **mo-ron-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

mo-rose \mə-ˈrōs\ *adj* [*L morosus*, lit., capricious, fr. *mor-, mos* will] : having a sullen disposition; also : GLOOMY — **mo-rose-ly** *adv* — **mo-rose-ness** *n*

mor-pheme \ˈmôr-,fēm\ *n* : a meaningful linguistic unit that contains no smaller meaningful parts — **mor-phemic** \ˈmôr-ˈfē-mik\ *adj*

mor-phia \ˈmôr-fē-ə\ *n* : MORPHINE

mor-phine \ˈmôr-,fēn\ *n* [*F, fr. Gk Morpheus* Greek god of dreams] : an addictive drug obtained from opium and used to ease pain or induce sleep

mor-phol-o-gy \ˈmôr-ˈfāl-ə-jē\ *n* 1 : a branch of biology dealing with the form and structure of organisms 2 : a study and description of word formation in a language — **mor-pho-log-i-cal** \ˈmôr-fə-ˈlāj-i-kəl\ *adj* — **mor-phol-o-gist** \ˈmôr-ˈfāl-ə-jəst\ *n*

mor-ris \ˈmôr-əs\ *n* : a vigorous English dance performed traditionally by men wearing costumes and bells

mor-row \ˈmār-ō\ *n* : the next day

Morse code \ˈmôrs-ə\ *n* : either of two codes consisting of dots and dashes or long and short sounds used for transmitting messages

mor-sel \ˈmôr-səl\ *n* [*ME, fr. OF, dim. of mors* bite, fr. *L morsus*, fr. *mordere* to bite] 1 : a small piece or quantity 2 : a tasty dish

mor-tal \ˈmôrt-əl\ *adj* 1 : causing death : FATAL; also : leading to eternal punishment (~ sin) 2 : subject to death (~ man) 3 : implacably hostile (~ foe) 4 : very great : EXTREME (~ fear) 5 : HUMAN (~ limitations) — **mortal** *n* — **mor-tal-i-ty** \ˈmôr-ˈtal-ət-ē\ *n* — **mor-tal-ly** \ˈmôrt-əl-ē\ *adv*

mor-tar \ˈmôrt-ər\ *n* 1 : a strong bowl in which substances are pounded or crushed with a pestle 2 : a short-barreled cannon used to fire shells at high angles

mortar *n* : a plastic building material (as a mixture of cement, lime, or gypsum plaster with sand and water) that is spread between bricks or stones to bind them together as it hardens — **mortar** *vb*

mor-tar-board \ˈmɔrt-ər-, bɔrd\ *n* 1 : a board or platform about three feet square for holding mortar 2 : an academic cap with a broad square top

mort-gage \ˈmɔr-gi\ *n* [ME *morgage*, fr. MF, fr. OF, fr. *mort* dead + *gage* gage] : a transfer of rights to a piece of property usu. as security for the payment of a loan or debt that becomes void when the debt is paid — **mortgage** *vb* — **mort-gag-ee** \ˈmɔr-gi-jē\ *n* — **mort-gar-gor** \ˈmɔr-gi-ˈjɔr\ *n*

mor-ti-cian (môr-ˈtish-ən) *n* [L *mort-*, *mors* death + E *-ician* (as in *physician*)] : UNDERTAKER

mor-ti-fy \ˈmɔrt-ə-, fi\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** 1 : to subdue (as the body) esp. by abstinence or self-inflicted pain 2 : HUMILIATE 3 : to become necrotic or gangrenous — **mor-ti-fi-ca-tion** \ˈmɔrt-ə-fə-ˈkə-shən\ *n*

mor-tise also **mor-tice** \ˈmɔrt-əs\ *n* : a hole cut in a piece of wood into which another piece fits to form a joint

mor-tu-ary \ˈmɔr-cha-, wer-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-aries** : a place in which dead bodies are kept until burial

mos *abbr* months

mo-sa-ic \ˈmɔ-zä-ik\ *n* : a surface decoration made by inlaying small pieces (as of colored glass or stone) to form figures or patterns; also : a design made in mosaic

mo-sey \ˈmɔ-zē\ *vb* **mo-seyed**; **mo-sey-ing** : SAUNTER

Mos-lem \ˈmāz-ləm\ *var* of MUSLIM

mosque \ˈmāsk\ *n* : a building used for public worship by Muslims

mos-qui-to \mə-ˈskēt-ō\ *n*, *pl* **-toes** also **-tos** : a two-winged fly the female of which sucks the blood of man and lower animals

mosquito net *n* : a net or screen for keeping out mosquitoes

moss \ˈmɔs\ *n* : any of a large group of green plants without flowers but with small leafy stems growing in clumps — **mossy** *adj*

moss-back \ˈmɔs-, bak\ *n* : an extremely conservative person : FOGY

1most \ˈmɔst\ *adj* 1 : the majority of (~ people) 2 : GREATEST (the ~ ability)

2most *adv* 1 : to the greatest or highest degree (~ beautiful) 2 : to a very great degree (a ~ careful driver)

3most *n* : the greatest amount (the ~ he can do)

4most *pron* : the greatest number or part (~ became discouraged)

-most \ˈmɔst\ *adj* *suffix* : most (innermost)

most-ly \ˈmɔst-lē\ *adv* : MAINLY

mot \ˈmɔt\ *n*, *pl* **mots** \ˈmɔ(z)\ [F, word, saying, fr. L *muttum* grunt] : a witty saying

mote \ˈmɔt\ *n* : a small particle

mo-tel \ˈmɔ-ˈtɛl\ *n* [blend of *motor* and *hotel*] : a hotel in which the rooms are accessible from an outdoor parking area

mo-tet \ˈmɔ-ˈtɛt\ *n* : a choral work on a sacred text for several voices usu. without instrumental accompaniment

moth \ˈmóth\ *n*, *pl* **moths** \ˈmóthz, ˈmóths\ : any of various insects belonging to the same order as the butterflies but usu. night-flying and with a stouter body and smaller wings; *esp* : CLOTHES MOTH

moth-ball \ˈmóth-, bɔl\ *n* 1 : a ball (as of naphthalene) used to keep moths out of clothing 2 *pl* : protective storage (ships put in ~s after the war)

1moth-er \ˈmæθ-ər\ *n* 1 : a female parent 2 : the superior of a religious community of women 3 : SOURCE, ORIGIN — **moth-er-hood** \-, hüd\ *n* — **moth-er-less** *adj* — **moth-er-li-ness** \-lē-nəs\ *n* — **moth-er-ly** *adj*

2mother *vb* **moth-ered**; **moth-er-ing** \ˈmæθ-(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to give birth to; also : PRODUCE 2 : to protect like a mother

moth-er-in-law \ˈmæθ-ər-rən-, lɔ-, ˈmæθ-ər-n-, lɔ\ *n*, *pl* **mothers-in-law** \ˈmæθ-ər-zən-\ : the mother of one's spouse

moth-er-land \ˈmæθ-ər-, land\ *n* 1 : the land of origin of something 2 : the native land of one's ancestors

moth-er-of-pearl \ˈmæθ-ər-rə(v)-ˈpɛrl\ *n* : the hard pearly matter forming the inner layer of a mollusk shell

mo-tif \ˈmɔ-ˈtɛf\ *n* [F, motive, motif] : a dominant idea or central theme (as in a work of art)

mo-tile \ˈmɔt-əl-, ˈmɔ-, til\ *adj* : capable of spontaneous movement — **mo-til-i-ty** \ˈmɔ-ˈtil-ət-ē\ *n*

1mo-tion \ˈmɔ-shən\ *n* 1 : a proposal for action (as by a deliberative body) 2 : an act, process, or instance of moving 3 *pl* : ACTIVITIES, MOVEMENTS — **mo-tion-less** *adj* — **mo-tion-less-ly** *adv* — **mo-tion-less-ness** *n*

2motion *vb* **mo-tioned**; **mo-tion-ing** \ˈmɔ-sh(ə-)niŋ\ : to direct or signal by a motion

motion picture *n* : a series of pictures thrown on a screen so rapidly that they produce a continuous picture in which persons and objects seem to move

motion sickness *n* : sickness induced by motion and characterized by nausea

mo-ti-vate \ˈmɔt-ə-, vāt\ *vb* **-vat-ed**; **-vat-ing** : to provide with a motive : IMPEL — **mo-ti-va-tion** \ˈmɔt-ə-ˈvā-shən\ *n*

1mo-tive \ˈmɔt-iv-, 2 also mō-ˈtēv\ *n* 1 : something (as a need or desire) that causes a person to act 2 : a recurrent theme in a musical composition — **mo-tive-less** *adj*

2mo-tive \ˈmɔt-iv\ *adj* 1 : moving to action 2 : of or relating to motion

mot-ley \ˈmāt-lē\ *adj* 1 : variegated in color 2 : made up of diverse often incongruous elements *syn* heterogeneous, miscellaneous, assorted, mixed, varied

1mo-tor \ˈmɔt-ər\ *n* 1 : one that imparts motion 2 : a machine that produces motion or power for doing work 3 : AUTOMOBILE

2motor *vb* : to travel or transport by automobile : DRIVE — **mo-tor-ist** *n*

mo-tor-bike \ˈmɔt-ər-, bik\ *n* : a small lightweight motorcycle

mo-tor-boat \-, bōt\ *n* : a boat propelled by a motor

mo-tor-cade \-, kād\ *n* : a procession of motor vehicles

mo-tor-car \-, kār\ *n* : AUTOMOBILE

motor court *n* : MOTEL

mo-tor-cy-cle \ˈmɔt-ər-, si-kəl\ *n* : a 2-wheeled automotive vehicle — **mo-tor-cy-clist** \-k(ə-)ləst\ *n*

motor home *n* : a motor vehicle built on a truck or bus chassis and equipped as a self-contained traveling home

mo-tor-ize \ˈmɔt-ə-, rīz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** 1 : to equip with a motor 2 : to equip with motor-driven vehicles

mo-tor-man \ˈmɔt-ər-mən\ *n* : an operator of a motor-driven vehicle (as a streetcar or subway train)

motor scooter *n* : a low 2- or 3-wheeled automotive vehicle resembling a child's scooter but having a seat

mo-tor-truck \ˈmɔt-ər-, træk\ *n* : an automotive truck

motor vehicle *n* : an automotive vehicle (as an automobile) not operated on rails

mot-tle \ˈmāt-əl\ *vb* **mot-tled**; **mot-ting** \ˈmāt-(ə-)liŋ\ : to mark with spots of different color : BLOTCH

mot-to \ˈmāt-ō\ *n*, *pl* **mottoes** also **mottos** [It, fr. L *muttum* grunt, fr. *muttire* to mutter] 1 : a sentence, phrase, or word inscribed on something to indicate its character or use 2 : a short expression of a guiding rule of conduct

moue \ˈmü\ *n* : a little grimace

mould \ˈmöld\ *var* of MOLD

moult \ˈmölt\ *var* of MOLT

mound \ˈmaund\ *n* 1 : an artificial bank or hill of earth or stones 2 : KNOLL

1mount \ˈmaunt\ *n* : a high hill

2mount *vb* 1 : to increase in amount or extent; also : RISE, ASCEND 2 : to get up on something; *esp* : to seat oneself on (as a horse) for riding 3 : to put in position (~ artillery) 4 : to set on something that elevates 5 : to

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \aʊ\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ce \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ɔ\go \ɔ\law \ɔi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ʊ\loot
 \ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- attach to a support **6** : to prepare esp. for examination or display : **ARRANGE** — **mount-able** *adj* — **mount-er** *n*
- mount** *n* **1** : **FRAME**, **SUPPORT** **2** : a means of conveyance; *esp* : **SADDLE HORSE**
- moun-tain** \ˈmaʊnt-ən\ *n* : a landmass higher than a hill — **moun-tain-ous** \-(ə-)nəs\ *adj*
- mountain ash** *n* : any of various trees related to the roses that have pinnate leaves and red or orange-red fruits
- moun-tain-er** \ˈmaʊnt-ən-ɪər\ *n* **1** : a native or inhabitant of a mountainous region **2** : one who climbs mountains for sport
- mountain goat** *n* : an antelope of mountainous northwestern No. America that resembles a goat
- mountain laurel** *n* : a No. American evergreen shrub of the heath family that has glossy leaves and clusters of rose-colored or white flowers
- mountain lion** *n* : **COUGAR**
- moun-tain-side** \ˈmaʊnt-ən-sīd\ *n* : the side of a mountain
- moun-tain-top** \-,təp\ *n* : the summit of a mountain
- moun-te-bank** \ˈmaʊnt-i-,bæŋk\ *n* [It *montimbanco*, fr. *montare* to mount + *in* in, on + *banco*, *banca* bench] : **QUACK**, **CHARLATAN**
- Mount-ie** \ˈmaʊnt-ē\ *n* : a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- mount-ing** \ˈmaʊnt-ɪŋ\ *n* : something that serves as a frame or support
- mourn** \ˈmɔrn\ *vb* : to feel or express grief or sorrow — **mourn-er** *n*
- mourn-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* : expressing, feeling, or causing sorrow — **mourn-ful-ly** \-lɪ\ *adv* — **mourn-ful-ness** *n*
- mourn-ing** \ˈmɔr-nɪŋ\ *n* **1** : an outward sign (as black clothes) of grief for a person's death **2** : a period of time during which signs of grief are shown
- mouse** \ˈmaʊs\ *n*, *pl* **mice** \ˈmiːs\ : any of various small rodents with pointed snout, long body, and slender tail
- mouse-er** \ˈmaʊ-zər\ *n* : a cat proficient at catching mice
- mouse-trap** \ˈmaʊs-,trap\ *n* **1** : a trap for catching mice **2** : a stratagem that lures one to defeat or destruction — **mouse-trap** *vb*
- mousse** \ˈmʊs\ *n* [*F*, lit., froth] : a molded chilled dessert made with sweetened and flavored whipped cream or egg whites and gelatin
- mous-tache** \ˈmə-s-,tash, (ɪ)məs-ˈtash\ *var of* **MUSTACHE**
- mousy** or **mouse-y** \ˈmaʊ-sē-,zē\ *adj* **mous-i-er**; **-est** **1** : **QUIET**, **STEALTHY** **2** : **TIMID** — **mous-i-ness** \ˈmaʊ-sē-nəs-,zē-\ *n*
- mouth** \ˈmaʊθ\ *n*, *pl* **mouths** \ˈmaʊθz, ˈmaʊθs\ **1** : the opening through which an animal takes in food; *also* : the space between the mouth and the pharynx **2** : something resembling a mouth (as in affording entrance) — **mou-thed** \ˈmaʊθd, ˈmaʊθ\ *adj* — **mou-th-ful** *n*
- mouth** \ˈmaʊθ\ *vb* : **SPEAK**; *also* : **DECLAIM**
- mouth-part** \ˈmaʊθ-,pɑrt\ *n* : a structure or appendage near the mouth (as of an insect) esp. when adapted for eating
- mouth-piece** \-,pēs\ *n* **1** : a part (as of a musical instrument) that goes in the mouth or to which the mouth is applied **2** : **SPOKESMAN**
- mouth-wash** \-,wəʃ, (ɪ)wəʃ\ *n* : a usu. antiseptic liquid preparation for cleaning the mouth and teeth
- mou-ton** \ˈmü-,tän\ *n* : processed sheepskin that has been sheared or dyed to resemble beaver or seal
- move** \ˈmüv\ *vb* **moved**; **mov-ing** **1** : to change or cause to change position or posture : **SHIFT** **2** : to go or cause to go from one point to another : **ADVANCE**; *also* : **DEPART** **3** : to take or cause to take action : **PROMPT** **4** : to show marked activity **5** : to stir the emotions **6** : to make a formal request, application, or appeal **7** : to change one's residence **8** : **EVACUATE** **2** — **mov-able** or **move-able** \-ə-bəl\ *adj*
- move** *n* **1** : an act of moving **2** : a calculated procedure : **MANEUVER**
- move-ment** \ˈmüv-mənt\ *n* **1** : the act or process of moving : **MOVE** **2** : **TENDENCY**, **TREND**; *also* : a series of organized activities working toward an objective **3** : the moving parts of a mechanism (as of a watch) **4** : **RHYTHM** **5** : a unit or division of an extended musical composition **6** : **CADENCE** **7** : an act of voiding the bowels; *also* : **STOOL** **4**
- mov-er** \ˈmü-vər\ *n* : one that moves; *esp* : a person or company that moves the belongings of others from one home or place of business to another
- mov-ie** \ˈmü-vē\ *n* **1** : **MOTION PICTURE** **2** *pl* : a showing of a motion picture **3** *pl* : the motion-picture industry
- ˈmow** \ˈmaʊ\ *n* : the part of a barn where hay or straw is stored
- ˈmow** \ˈmō\ *vb* **mowed**; **mowed** or **mown** \ˈmōn\; **mow-ing** **1** : to cut (as grass) with a scythe or machine **2** : to cut the standing herbage of (~ the lawn) — **mow-er** *n*
- Mo-zam-bi-can** \ˌmō-zəm-ˈbē-kən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Mozambique
- moz-za-rel-la** \ˌmät-sə-ˈrel-ə\ *n* [It] : a moist white unsalted unripened mild cheese of a smooth rubbery texture
- MP** *abbr* **1** melting point **2** member of parliament **3** metropolitan police **4** military police; military policeman
- mpg** *abbr* miles per gallon
- mph** *abbr* miles per hour
- Mr.** \ˌmɪs-tər\ *n*, *pl* **Messrs.** \ˌmes-ərz\ — used as a conventional title of courtesy before a man's surname or his title of office
- Mrs.** \ˌmɪs-əz, -əs, *esp* **Southern** ˌmɪz-əz, -əs, or (ɪ)mɪz, or before given names (ɪ)mɪs\ *n*, *pl* **Mes-dames** \mə-ˈdām, -ˈdam\ — used as a conventional title of courtesy before a married woman's surname
- Ms.** \(ɪ)mɪz\ *n* — used instead of **Miss** or **Mrs.**
- MS** *abbr* **1** manuscript **2** master of science **3** military science **4** Mississippi **5** motor ship **6** multiple sclerosis
- msec** *abbr* millisecond
- msg** *abbr* message
- MSG** *abbr* **1** master sergeant **2** monosodium glutamate
- msgr** *abbr* **1** monseigneur **2** monsignor
- MSGt** *abbr* master sergeant
- MSS** *abbr* manuscripts
- MST** *abbr* mountain standard time
- mt** *abbr* mount; mountain
- Mt** *abbr* Matthew
- MT** *abbr* **1** metric ton **2** Montana **3** mountain time
- mtg** *abbr* **1** meeting **2** mortgage
- mtge** *abbr* mortgage
- much** \ˈmʌch\ *adj* **more** \ˈmɔr\; **most** \ˈmɔst\ : great in quantity, amount, extent, or degree (< money)
- much** *adv* **more**; **most** **1** : to a great degree or extent (< happier) **2** : **APPROXIMATELY**, **NEARLY** (looks ~ as he did years ago)
- much** *n* **1** : a great quantity, amount, extent, or degree **2** : something considerable or impressive
- mu-ci-lage** \ˈmyü-s(ə-)lij\ *n* : a watery sticky solution (as of a gum) used esp. as an adhesive — **mu-ci-lag-i-nous** \ˌmyü-sə-ˈlaj-ə-nəs\ *adj*
- muck** \ˈmək\ *n* **1** : soft moist barnyard manure **2** : **FILTH**, **DIRT** **3** : a dark richly organic soil; *also* : **MUD**, **MIRE** — **mucky** *adj*
- muck-rak-er** \-,rā-kər\ *n* : one who exposes publicly real or apparent misconduct of prominent individuals — **muck-rak-ing** \-,rā-kiŋ\ *n*
- mu-cus** \ˈmyü-kəs\ *n* : a slimy slippery protective secretion of membranes (**mucous membranes**) lining some body cavities — **mu-cous** \-kəs\ *adj*
- mud** \ˈmæd\ *n* : soft wet earth : **MIRE** — **mud-di-ly** \ˈmæd-ɪ-lɪ\ *adv* — **mud-di-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n* — **mud-dy** *adj* or *vb*
- mud-dle** \ˈmæd-ɪl\ *vb* **mud-dled**; **mud-dling** \ˈmæd-(ə-)liŋ\ *1* : to make muddy **2** : to confuse esp. with liquor **3** : to mix up or make a mess of **4** : to think or act in a confused way

mud-dle-head-ed \ˌməd-əl-ˈhed-əd\ *adj* 1 : mentally confused 2 : **INEPT**
mud-guard \ˌməd-ˈgärd\ *n* : a guard over or a flap behind a wheel of a vehicle to catch or deflect mud
mud-room \ˌməd-ˈrüm, -ˈrüm\ *n* : a room in a house for removing dirty or wet footwear and clothing
mud-sling-er \-,sliŋ-ər\ *n* : one who uses invective esp. against a political opponent — **mud-sling-ing** \-,sliŋ-ig\ *n*
Muen-ster \ˈmən-ˌstər, ˈm(y)ün-, ˈmün-\ *n* : a semisoft bland or sharp cheese
mu-ez-zin \m(y)ü-ˈez-ˌn\ *n* : a Muslim crier who calls the hour of daily prayer
¹**muff** \ˈmʌf\ *n* : a warm tubular covering for the hands
²**muff** *n* : a bungling performance; *esp* : a failure to hold a ball in attempting a catch — **muff vb**
muf-fin \ˈmʌf-ən\ *n* : a small soft biscuit baked in a small cup-shaped container
muf-fle \ˈmʌf-əl\ *vb* **muf-pled**; **muf-ling** \ˈmʌf-(ə-)liŋ\ 1 : to wrap up so as to conceal or protect 2 : to wrap or pad with something to dull the sound of 3 : to keep down : **SUPPRESS**
muf-fer \ˈmʌf-lər\ *n* 1 : a scarf worn around the neck 2 : a device to deaden noise
muf-ti \ˈmʌf-tē\ *n* : civilian clothes
¹**mug** \ˈmʌg\ *n* : a usu. metal or earthenware cylindrical drinking cup
²**mug vb mugged**; **mug-ging** 1 : to make faces *esp.* in order to attract the attention of an audience 2 : **PHOTOGRAPH**
³**mug vb mugged**; **mug-ging** : to assault usu. with intent to rob — **mug-ger n**
mug-gy \ˈmʌg-ē\ *adj* **mug-gi-er**; **-est** : being warm and humid — **mug-gi-ness** \ˈmʌg-ē-nəs\ *n*
mug-wump \ˈmʌg-,wʌmp\ *n* [obs. slang *mugwump* (kingpin), fr. Natick (a No. American Indian dialect) *mug-womp* captain] : an independent in politics
Mu-ham-mad-an \mō-ˈham-əd-ən, -ˈhām-; mü-\ *n* : **MUSLIM** — **Mu-ham-mad-an-ism** \-,iz-əm\ *n*
muk-luk \ˈmæk-,lək\ *n* [Esk *muklok* large seal] 1 : an Eskimo boot of sealskin or reindeer skin 2 : a boot with a soft leather sole worn over several pairs of socks
mu-lat-to \m(y)ü-ˈlat-ō, -ˈlät-\ *n*, *pl* **-toes or -tos** [Sp *mula-to*, fr. *mulo* mule, fr. L *mulus*; so called because the mule is the offspring of parents of different species] : a first-generation offspring of a Negro and a white; *also* : a person of mixed Caucasian and Negro ancestry
mul-ber-ry \ˈmäl-,ber-ē\ *n* : a tree grown for its leaves that are used as food for silkworms or for its edible berrylike fruit; *also* : this fruit
mulch \ˈmälch\ *n* : a protective covering (as of straw or leaves) spread on the ground *esp.* to reduce evaporation or control weeds — **mulch vb**
¹**mulct** \ˈmälkt\ *vb* 1 : **FINE** 2 : **DEFRAUD**
²**mulct** *n* : **FINE**, **PENALTY**
¹**mule** \ˈmyül\ *n* 1 : a hybrid offspring of a male donkey and a female horse 2 : a very stubborn person — **mul-ish** \ˈmyü-lish\ *adj* — **mul-ish-ly adv** — **mul-ish-ness n**
²**mule** *n* : a slipper whose upper does not extend around the heel of the foot
mule deer *n* : a long-eared deer of western No. America
mu-le-teer \ˈmyü-lə-ˈtiər\ *n* : one who drives mules
¹**mull** \ˈmäl\ *vb* : **PONDER**, **MEDITATE**
²**mull vb** : to heat, sweeten, and flavor (as wine) with spices
mul-lein \ˈmäl-ən\ *n* : a tall herb with coarse woolly leaves and flowers in spikes
mul-let \ˈmäl-ət\ *n*, *pl* **mullet or mullets** 1 : any of various largely gray marine food fishes 2 : any of various red or golden mostly tropical marine food fishes
mul-li-gan stew \ˈmäl-i-gən-\ *n* : a stew made from whatever ingredients are available
mul-li-ga-taw-ny \ˈmäl-i-gə-ˈtō-nē\ *n* : a soup usu. of chicken stock seasoned with curry

mul-lion \ˈmäl-yən\ *n* : a vertical strip separating windowpanes
mul-ti- comb form 1 : many : multiple (*multiunit*) 2 : many times over (*multimillionaire*)
mul-ti-col-ored \ˌmäl-ti-ˈkäl-ərd\ *adj* : having many colors
mul-ti-di-men-sion-al \-ti-də-ˈmenʃ-nəl, -di-; -ti-də-\ *adj* : of, relating to, or having many dimensions (a ~ problem)
mul-ti-fac-et-ed \-ˈfas-ət-əd\ *adj* : having several distinct facets
mul-ti-fam-i-ly \-ˈfam-(ə-)lē\ *adj* : designed for use by several families
mul-ti-far-i-ous \ˌmäl-tə-ˈfar-ē-əs\ *adj* : having great variety : **DIVERSE** — **mul-ti-far-i-ous-ly adv**
mul-ti-flo-ra rose \ˌmäl-tə-ˈflōr-ə-\ *n* : a vigorous thorny rose with clusters of small flowers
mul-ti-form \ˈmäl-ti-,fōrm\ *adj* : having many forms or appearances — **mul-ti-for-mi-ty** \ˌmäl-ti-ˈfōr-mət-ē\ *n*
mul-ti-lat-er-al \ˌmäl-ti-ˈlat-ər-əl, -ˈti-, -ˈla-trəl\ *adj* : having many sides or participants (~ treaty)
mul-ti-lev-el \-ˈlev-əl\ *adj* : having several levels
mul-ti-lin-gual \-ˈliŋ-gwəl\ *adj* : containing, expressed in, or able to use several languages — **mul-ti-lin-gual-ism** \-ˈgwə-,liz-əm\ *n*
mul-ti-me-dia \-ˈmēd-ē-ə\ *adj* : using, involving, or encompassing several media (a ~ advertising campaign)
mul-ti-mil-lion-aire \ˌmäl-ti-,mil-yə-ˈnær, -ˈti-, -ˈmil-yə-,nær\ *n* : a person worth several million dollars
mul-ti-na-tion-al \-ˈnash-(ə-)nəl\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to several nationalities (a ~ society) 2 : relating to or involving several nations 3 : having divisions in several countries
¹**mul-ti-ple** \ˈmäl-tə-pəl\ *adj* 1 : more than one; *also* : **MANY** 2 : **VARIOUS**, **COMPLEX**
²**multiple n** : the product of a quantity by an integer (35 is a ~ of 7)
multiple-choice adj : having several answers given from which the correct one is to be chosen (a ~ question)
multiple sclerosis n : a disease marked by patches of hardened tissue in the brain or spinal cord resulting in partial or complete paralysis and muscular twitching
mul-ti-pli-cand \ˌmäl-tə-pli-ˈkand\ *n* : a number that is to be multiplied by another
mul-ti-pli-ca-tion \ˌmäl-tə-plä-ˈkā-shən\ *n* 1 : **INCREASE** 2 : a short method of finding out what would be the result of adding a figure the number of times indicated by another figure
multiplication sign n 1 : **TIMES SIGN** 2 : a centered dot used to indicate multiplication
mul-ti-PLIC-i-ty \ˌmäl-tə-ˈplis-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** : a great number or variety
mul-ti-PLI-er \ˈmäl-tə-,pli-(ə)r\ *n* : one that multiplies; *esp* : a number by which another number is multiplied
mul-ti-PLY \ˈmäl-tə-,pli\ *vb* **-plied**; **-ply-ing** 1 : to increase in number (as by breeding) 2 : to find the product of by multiplication
mul-ti-pur-pose \ˌmäl-ti-ˈpər-pəs, -ˈti-\ *adj* : having or serving several purposes
mul-ti-ra-cial \-ˈrä-shəl\ *adj* : composed of, involving, or representing several races
mul-ti-sense \-,sen(t)s\ *adj* : having several meanings (~ words)
mul-ti-stage \-,stāj\ *adj* : having successive operating stages (~ rockets)
mul-ti-sto-ry \-,stör-ē\ *adj* : having several stories (~ buildings)

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 \ŋ\sing \ō\go \ō\law \ō\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

mul-ti-tude \ˈmäl-tə-,t(y)üd\ *n* : a great number — **mul-ti-tu-di-nous** \ˈmäl-tə-ˈt(y)üd-(ə-)nəs\ *adj*
mul-ti-unit \ˈmäl-ti-ˈyü-nät, -ˈti-ˈ\ *adj* : having several units

mul-ti-ver-si-ty \ˈmäl-ti-ˈvər-s(ə)-tē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** : a very large university with many divisions and diverse functions

mul-ti-vi-ta-min \-ˈvīt-ə-mən\ *adj* : containing several vitamins and esp. all known to be essential to health

1mum \ˈmäm\ *adj* : SILENT

2mum *n* : CHRYSANTHEMUM

mum-ble \ˈmäm-bəl\ *vb* **mum-bled**; **mum-bling** \-b(ə-)liŋ\ : to speak in a low indistinct manner — **mumble** *n* — **mum-bler** \-b(ə-)lər\ *n* — **mum-bly** \-b(ə-)lē\ *adv*

mum-bly-ty-peg or **mum-ble-the-peg** \ˈmäm-bəl-(tē-),peg\ *n* : a game in which the players try to flip a knife from various positions so that the blade will stick into the ground

mum-bo jum-bo \ˈmäm-bō-ˈjäm-bō\ *n* 1 : a complicated ritual with elaborate trappings 2 : confusing or meaningless talk : NONSENSE

mum-mer \ˈmäm-ər\ *n* 1 : an actor esp. in a pantomime 2 : one who goes merrymaking in disguise during festivals — **mum-mery** *n*

mum-my \ˈmäm-ē\ *n*, *pl* **mummies** [ME *mummie* powdered parts of a mummified body used as a drug, fr. MF *momie*, fr. ML *mumia* mummy, powdered mummy, fr. Ar *mūmiyah* bitumen, mummy, fr. Per *mūm* wax] : a body embalmed for burial in the manner of the ancient Egyptians — **mum-mi-fi-ca-tion** \ˈmäm-i-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* — **mum-mi-fy** \ˈmäm-i-,fi\ *vb*

mumps \ˈmæmps\ *n* *sing* or *pl* [fr. pl. of obs. *mump* (grimace)] : a virus disease marked by fever and swelling esp. of the salivary glands

mun or **munic** *abbr* municipal

munch \ˈmæŋch\ *vb* : to chew with a crunching sound
munch-ies \ˈmæn-chēz\ *n* *pl* 1 : hunger pangs 2 : light snack foods

mun-dane \ˈmæn-ˈdän, ˈmæn-,dän\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to the world 2 : concerned with the practical details of everyday life — **mun-dane-ly** *adv*

mu-nic-i-pal \myü-ˈnis-ə-pəl\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or characteristic of a municipality 2 : restricted to one locality — **mu-nic-i-pal-ly** \-əl\ *adv*

mu-nic-i-pal-i-ty \myü-ˈnis-ə-pal-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** : an urban political unit with corporate status and usu. powers of self-government

mu-nif-i-cent \myü-ˈnif-ə-sənt\ *adj* : liberal in giving : GENEROUS — **mu-nif-i-cence** \-səns\ *n*

mu-ni-tions \myü-ˈnish-ənz\ *n* *pl* : military materiel; *esp* : AMMUNITION

1mu-ral \ˈmyür-əl\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to a wall 2 : applied to and made part of a wall surface

2mural *n* : a mural painting — **mu-ral-ist** *n*

1mur-der \ˈmærd-ər\ *n* 1 : the crime of unlawfully killing a person esp. with malice aforethought 2 : something unusually difficult or dangerous

2murder *vb* 1 : to commit a murder; *also* : to kill brutally 2 : to put an end to 3 : to spoil by performing poorly (~ a song) — **mur-der-er** *n*

mur-der-ess \ˈmærd-ər-əs\ *n* : a woman who murders

mur-der-ous \ˈmærd-ər-əs\ *adj* 1 : marked by or causing murder or bloodshed (~ gunfire) 2 : having or appearing to have the purpose of murder — **mur-der-ous-ly** *adv*

murk \ˈmærk\ *n* : DARKNESS, GLOOM — **murk-i-ly** \ˈmærk-ə-lē\ *adv* — **murk-i-ness** \-kē-nəs\ *n* — **murky** *adj*

mur-mur \ˈmærmər\ *n* 1 : a muttered complaint 2 : a low indistinct often continuous sound — **murmur** *vb* — **mur-mur-er** *n* — **mur-mur-ous** *adj*

mur-rain \ˈmærmən\ *n* : PLAGUE

mus *abbr* 1 museum 2 music

mus-ca-tel \ˈmäs-kə-ˈtel\ *n* : a sweet dessert wine

1mus-cle \ˈmäs-əl\ *n* [MF, fr. L *musculus*, fr. dim. of *mus*

mouse] 1 : body tissue consisting of long cells that contract when stimulated; *also* : an organ consisting of this tissue and functioning in moving a body part 2 : STRENGTH, BRAWN — **mus-cled** \ˈmäs-əld\ *adj* — **mus-cu-lar** \ˈmäs-kyə-lər\ *adj* — **mus-cu-lar-i-ty** \ˈmäs-kyə-ˈlar-ət-ē\ *n*

2muscle *vb* **mus-cled**; **mus-cling** \ˈmäs-(ə-)liŋ\ : to force one's way (~ in on another racketeer)

mus-cle-bound \ˈmäs-əl-ˈbaund\ *adj* : having some of the muscles abnormally enlarged and lacking in elasticity (as from excessive athletic exercise)

muscular dystrophy *n* : a disease characterized by progressive wasting of muscles

mus-cu-la-ture \ˈmäs-kyə-lə-ˈchür\ *n* : the muscles of the body or its parts

1muse \ˈmyüz\ *vb* **mused**; **mus-ing** [ME *musen*, fr. MF *muser* to gape, idle, muse, fr. *muse* mouth of an animal, fr. ML *musus*] : to become absorbed in thought — **mus-ing-ly** *adv*

2muse *n* [fr. *Muse* any of the nine sister goddesses of learning and the arts in Greek mythology, fr. ME, fr. MF, fr. L *Musa*, fr. Gk *Mousa*] : a source of inspiration

mu-sette \myü-ˈzet\ *n* [F] : a small knapsack with a shoulder strap used esp. by soldiers for carrying provisions and personal belongings

musette *bag* *n* : MUSETTE

mu-se-um \myü-ˈzē-əm\ *n* : an institution devoted to the procurement, care, and display of objects of lasting interest or value

1mush \ˈmæsh\ *n* 1 : cornmeal boiled in water 2 : sentimental drivel

2mush *vb* : to travel esp. over snow with a sled drawn by dogs

1mush-room \ˈmæsh-rüm, -rüm\ *n* : the fleshy usu. cap-like spore-bearing organ of various fungi esp. when edible

2mushroom *vb* 1 : to grow rapidly 2 : to spread out : EXPAND

mushy \ˈmæsh-ē\ *adj* **mush-i-er**; **-est** 1 : soft like mush 2 : weakly sentimental

mu-sic \ˈmyü-zik\ *n* 1 : the science or art of combining tones into a composition having structure and continuity; *also* : vocal or instrumental sounds having rhythm, melody, or harmony 2 : an agreeable sound 3 : the unpleasant consequences of one's actions {face the ~}

1mu-si-cal \ˈmyü-zī-kəl\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to music or musicians 2 : having the pleasing tonal qualities of music 3 : having an interest in or a talent for music — **mu-si-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

2musical *n* : a film or theatrical production consisting of musical numbers and dialogue based on a unifying plot

mu-si-ca-le \ˈmyü-zī-kəl\ *n* : a usu. private social gathering featuring music

mu-si-cian \myü-ˈzish-ən\ *n* : a composer, conductor, or performer of music — **mu-si-cian-ly** *adj* — **mu-si-cian-ship** *n*

mu-si-col-o-gy \ˈmyü-zī-käl-ə-jē\ *n* : a study of music as a field of knowledge or research — **mu-si-co-log-i-cal** \-käl-ə-lāj-i-kəl\ *adj* — **mu-si-col-o-gist** \-käl-ə-jəst\ *n*

musk \ˈmæsk\ *n* : a substance obtained esp. from a small Asian deer (**musk deer**) and used as a perfume fixative — **musk-i-ness** \ˈmäs-kē-nəs\ *n* — **musky** *adj*

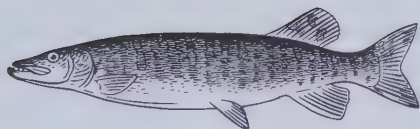
mus-keg \ˈmäs-,keg\ *n* : BOG; *esp* : a mossy bog in northern No. America

mus-kel-lunge \ˈmäs-kə-,lənġ\ *n*, *pl* **muskellunge** : a large No. American pike prized as a sport fish

mus-ket \ˈmäs-kət\ *n* [MF *mousquet*, fr. It *moschetto* arrow for a crossbow, musket, fr. dim. of *mosca* fly, fr. L *musca*] : a heavy large-caliber usu. muzzle-loading shoulder firearm — **mus-ke-teer** \ˈmäs-kə-ˈtiər\ *n*

mus-ket-ry \ˈmäs-kə-trē\ *n* 1 : MUSKETS 2 : MUSKETEERS 3 : musket fire

musk-mel-on \ˈmæsk-,mel-ən\ *n* : a small round to oval



muskellunge

melon that has usu. a sweet edible green or orange flesh
musk-ox \ˈmɒsk-ˌɔks\ *n* : a heavyset shaggy-coated wild ox of Greenland and the arctic tundra of northern No. America

musk-rat \ˈmɒs-ˌkrat\ *n*, *pl* **muskkrat** or **muskrats** : a large No. American water rodent with webbed feet and dark brown fur; *also* : its fur

Muslim \ˈmɒz-lɪm\ *n* : an adherent of the religion founded by the Arab prophet Muhammad

mus-lin \ˈmɒz-lən\ *n* : a plain-woven sheer to coarse cotton fabric

1 muss \ˈmɒs\ *n* : a state of disorder — **muss-i-ly** \ˈmɒs-ə-lē\ *adv* — **muss-i-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n* — **mussy** *adj*

2 muss *vb* : to make untidy : DISARRANGE

mus-sel \ˈmɒs-əl\ *n* **1** : a dark edible saltwater bivalve mollusk **2** : any of various freshwater bivalve mollusks of the central U.S. having shells with a pearly lining

1 must \(t)mɒst\ *vb* — used as an auxiliary *esp.* to express a command, requirement, obligation, or necessity

2 must \(t)mɒst\ *n* **1** : an imperative duty **2** : an indispensable item

mus-tache \ˈmɒs-ˌtash, (ˌ)mɒs-ˈtash\ *n* : the hair growing on the human upper lip

mus-tang \ˈmɒs-ˌtɑŋ\ *n* [MexSp *mestengo*, fr. Sp, stray, fr. *mesteño* strayed, fr. *mesta* annual roundup of cattle that disposed of strays, fr. ML (*animalia*) *mixta* mixed animals] : a small hardy naturalized horse of the western plains of America

mus-tard \ˈmɒs-tərd\ *n* **1** : a pungent yellow powder obtained from the seeds of an herb related to the turnips and used as a condiment or in medicine **2** : the mustard plant; *also* : a closely related plant

mustard gas *n* : an irritant vesicant poisonous gas used in warfare

1 mus-ter \ˈmɒs-tər\ *vb* **mus-tered**; **mus-ter-ing** \-t(ə-)rɪŋ\ [ME *mustren* to show, muster, fr. OF *monstrer*, fr. L *monstrare* to show, fr. *monstrum* evil omen, monster] **1** : CONVENE, ASSEMBLE; *also* : to call the roll of **2** : ACCUMULATE **3** : to call forth : ROUSE **4** : to amount to : COMPRISE

2 muster *n* **1** : an act of assembling (as for military inspection); *also* : critical examination **2** : an assembled group **muster out** *vb* : to discharge from military service

musty \ˈmɒs-tē\ *adj* **mus-tier**; -*est* : MOLDY, STALE; *also* : tasting or smelling of damp or decay — **must-i-ly** \ˈmɒs-tē-lē\ *adv* — **must-i-ness** \-tē-nəs\ *n*

mu-ta-ble \ˈmyüt-ə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : prone to change : FICKLE **2** : liable to mutation : VARIABLE — **mu-ta-bil-i-ty** \ˌmyüt-əˈbɪl-ət-ē\ *n*

mu-tant \ˈmyüt-ənt\ *adj* : of, relating to, or produced by mutation — **mu-tant** *n*

mu-tate \ˈmyü-,tāt\ *vb* **mu-tat-ed**; **mu-tat-ing** : to undergo or cause to undergo mutation — **mu-ta-tive** \ˈmyü-,tāt-iv, ˈmyüt-ət\ *adj*

mu-ta-tion \myü-ˈtā-shən\ *n* **1** : CHANGE **2** : a sudden and relatively permanent change in a hereditary character; *also* : the process of producing a mutation **3** : an individual or strain resulting from mutation — **mu-ta-tion-al** *adj*

1 mute \ˈmyüt\ *adj* **mut-er**; **mut-est** **1** : unable to speak : DUMB **2** : SILENT — **mute-ly** *adv* — **mute-ness** *n*

2 mute *n* **1** : a person who cannot or does not speak **2** : a

device on a musical instrument that reduces, softens, or muffles the tone

3 mute *vb* **mut-ed**; **mut-ing** : to muffle or reduce the sound of

mu-ti-late \ˈmyüt-əl-,ät\ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** **1** : MAIM, CRIPPLE **2** : to cut up or alter radically so as to make imperfect — **mu-ti-la-tion** \ˌmyüt-əl-ˈā-shən\ *n* — **mu-ti-la-tor** \ˈmyüt-əl-,ät-ər\ *n*

mu-ti-ny \ˈmyüt-(ə-)nē\ *n*, *pl* **-nies** : willful refusal to obey constituted authority; *esp* : revolt against a superior officer — **mu-ti-neer** \ˌmyüt-ən-ˈiər\ *n* — **mu-ti-nous** \ˈmyüt-ən-səs\ *adj* — **mu-ti-nous-ly** *adv*

mutt \ˈmɒt\ *n* : MONGREL, CUR

mut-ter \ˈmɒt-ər\ *vb* **1** : to speak indistinctly or with a low voice and lips partly closed **2** : GRUMBLE — **mutter** *n*

mut-ton \ˈmɒt-n\ *n* [ME *motoun*, fr. OF *moton* ram] : the flesh of a mature sheep used for food — **mut-tony** *adj* **mut-ton-chops** \ˈmɒt-n-ˌtʃəps\ *n* *pl* : whiskers on the side of the face that are narrow at the temple and broad and round by the lower jaws

mu-tu-al \ˈmyü-ˌtʃə-(wə)\ *adj* **1** : given and received in equal amount (∼ trust) **2** : having the same feelings one for the other (∼ enemies) **3** : COMMON, JOINT (a ∼ friend) — **mu-tu-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

mutual fund *n* : an investment company that invests money of its shareholders in a usu. diversified group of securities of other corporations

muu-muu \ˈmü-,mü\ *n* : a loose dress of Hawaiian origin for informal wear

1 muz-zle \ˈmɒz-əl\ *n* **1** : the nose and jaws of an animal; *also* : a covering for the muzzle to prevent the animal from biting or eating **2** : the mouth of a gun

2 muzzle *vb* **muz-zled**; **muz-zling** \-(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : to put a muzzle on **2** : to restrain from expression : GAG

mv or **mV** *abbr* millivolt

MV *abbr* motor vessel

MVP *abbr* most valuable player

MW *abbr* megawatt

my \(t)mī, mə\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to me or myself **2** — used interjectionally *esp.* to express surprise

my-col-o-gy \mī-ˈkäl-ə-jē\ *n* : the study of fungi — **my-col-o-gi-cal** \ˌmī-kə-ˈlāj-i-kəl\ *adj* — **my-col-o-gist** \mī-ˈkäl-ə-jəst\ *n*

my-elo-ma \ˌmī-ə-ˈlō-mə\ *n*, *pl* **-mas** or **-ma-ta** \-mət-ə\ : a primary tumor of the bone marrow

my-nah or **my-na** \ˌmī-nə\ *n* : any of several Asian starlings; *esp* : a dark brown slightly crested bird sometimes taught to mimic speech

my-o-pia \ˌmī-ˈō-pē-ə\ *n* : SHORTSIGHTEDNESS — **my-o-pic** \-ˈō-pik, -ˈā-ik\ *adj* — **my-o-pi-cal-ly** \-(ə-)lē\ *adv*

1 myr-i-ad \ˈmir-ē-əd\ *n* [Gk *myriad-*, *myrias*, fr. *myrioi* countless, ten thousand] : an indefinitely large number

2 myriad *adj* : consisting of a very great but indefinite number

myr-mi-don \ˈmər-mə-,dän\ *n* : a loyal follower; *esp* : one who executes orders without protest or pity

myrrh \ˈmɒr\ *n* : a fragrant aromatic plant gum used in perfumes and formerly for incense

myr-tle \ˈmɒrt-əl\ *n* : an evergreen shrub of southern Europe with shiny leaves, fragrant flowers, and black berries; *also* : PERIWINKLE

my-self \ˌmī-self, mə\ *pron* : I, ME — used reflexively, for emphasis, or in absolute constructions (I hurt ∼) (I ∼ did it) (∼ busy, I sent him instead)

mys-tery \ˈmɪs-(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* **-ter-ies** **1** : a religious truth known by revelation alone **2** : something not understood or beyond understanding **3** : enigmatic quality or character **4** : a work of fiction dealing with the solution

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 \au\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ce \j\job
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 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

of a mysterious crime — **mys-te-ri-ous** \mis-¹tir-ē-əs\ *adj* — **mys-te-ri-ous-ly** *adv* — **mys-te-ri-ous-ness** *n*
mys-tic \mis-tik\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to mystics or mysticism 2 : MYSTERIOUS; *also* : MYSTIFYING
2mystic *n* : a person who experiences mystical union or direct communion with God or ultimate reality
mys-ti-cal \mis-ti-kəl\ *adj* 1 : SPIRITUAL, SYMBOLIC 2 : of or relating to an intimate knowledge of or direct communion with God (as through contemplation or visions)
mys-ti-cism \mis-tə-,siz-əm\ *n* : the belief that direct knowledge of God or ultimate reality is attainable through immediate intuition or insight
mys-ti-fy \mis-tə-,fi\ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing 1 : to perplex the

mind of 2 : to make mysterious — **mys-ti-fi-ca-tion** \mis-tə-fə-¹kā-shən\ *n*
mys-tique \mis-¹tēk\ *n* [F] 1 : an air or attitude of mystery and reverence developing around something 2 : the special esoteric skill essential in a calling or activity
myth \mith\ *n* 1 : a usu. legendary narrative that presents part of the beliefs of a people or explains a practice or natural phenomenon 2 : an imaginary or unverifiable person or thing — **myth-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj*
my-thol-o-gy \mith-¹əl-ə-jē\ *n*, *pl* -gies : a body of myths and esp. of those dealing with the gods and heroes of a people — **myth-o-log-i-cal** \mith-ə-¹lāj-i-kəl\ *adj* — **my-thol-o-gist** \mith-¹əl-ə-jəst\ *n*

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1n \¹en\ *n*, *pl* **n's** or **ns** \¹enz\ *often cap* 1 : the 14th letter of the English alphabet 2 : an unspecified quantity
2n *abbr*, *often cap* 1 net 2 neuter 3 noon 4 normal 5 north; northern 6 note 7 noun 8 number

N *symbol* nitrogen

-n — see -EN

Na *symbol* [NL *natrium*] sodium

NA *abbr* 1 no account 2 North America 3 not applicable 4 not available

NAACP \en-,dəb-əl-,ā-,sē-¹pē, en-,ā-,ā-,sē-¹\ *abbr* National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

nab \nab\ *vb* nabbed; **nab-bing** : SEIZE; *esp* : ARREST

na-bob \nā-,bāb\ *n* [Hindi & Urdu *nawwāb*, fr. Ar *nawwāb*, pl. of *nā'ib* governor] : a man of great wealth or prominence

na-celle \nə-¹sel\ *n* : an enclosed shelter on an aircraft (as for an engine)

na-cre \nā-kər\ *n* : MOTHER-OF-PEARL

na-dir \nā-,dir, 'nād-ər\ *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. Ar *naẓīr* opposite] 1 : the point of the celestial sphere that is directly opposite the zenith and directly beneath the observer 2 : the lowest point

1nag \nag\ *n* : HORSE; *esp* : an old or decrepit horse

2nag *vb* nagged; **nag-ging** 1 : to find fault incessantly : COMPLAIN 2 : to irritate by constant scolding or urging 3 : to be a continuing source of annoyance (a nagging toothache)

3nag *n* : one who nags habitually

Nah *abbr* Nahum

Na-huatl \nā-,wät-¹\ *n* : an American Indian language of southern Mexico

Na-hum \nā-(h)əm\ *n* — see BIBLE table

na-ia-d \nā-əd, 'nī-, -ad\ *n*, *pl* **naiads** or **na-ia-des** \-ə-,dēz\ 1 : one of the nymphs in ancient mythology living in lakes, rivers, springs, and fountains 2 : an aquatic young of some insects (as a dragonfly)

na-if or **na-if** \nā-¹ēf\ *adj* : NAIVE

1nail \nāl\ *n* 1 : a horny sheath protecting the end of each finger and toe in man and related primates 2 : a slender pointed fastener with a head designed to be pounded in

2nail *vb* : to fasten with or as if with a nail — **na-il-er** *n*
nail down *vb* : to settle or establish clearly and unmistakably

nain-sook \nān-,sūk\ *n* [Hindi *nainsukh*, fr. *nain* eye + *sukh* delight] : a soft lightweight muslin

nai-ra \ni-rə\ *n* — see MONEY table

na-ive or **na-ive** \nā-¹ēv\ *adj* **na-iv-er**; -est [F *naïve*, fem. of *naïf*, fr. OF, inborn, natural, fr. L *nativus* native] 1 : marked by unaffected simplicity : ARTLESS, INGENUOUS 2 : CREDULOUS — **na-ive-ly** *adv* — **na-ive-ness** *n*

na-ive-té *also* **na-ive-té** or **na-ive-te** \nā-,ēv-(ə)-¹tā, nā-¹ē-

və-,tā\ *n* 1 : a naive remark or action 2 : the quality or state of being naive

na-ive-ty *also* **na-ive-ty** \nā-¹ēv-(ə)-tē\ *n*, *pl* -ties : NAIVETÉ

na-ked \nā-kəd\ *adj* 1 : having no clothes on : NUDE 2 : UNSHEATHED (a ~ sword) 3 : lacking a usual or natural covering (as of foliage or feathers) 4 : PLAIN, UN-ADORNED (the ~ truth) 5 : not aided by artificial means (seen by the ~ eye) — **na-ked-ly** *adv* — **na-ked-ness** *n*
nam-by-pam-by \nam-bē-¹pam-bē\ *adj* 1 : INSIPID 2 : WEAK, INDECISIVE

1name \nām\ *n* 1 : a word or words by which a person or thing is known 2 : a disparaging epithet (call someone ~s) 3 : REPUTATION; *esp* : distinguished reputation (made a ~ for himself) 4 : FAMILY, CLAN (was a disgrace to his ~) 5 : appearance as opposed to reality (a friend in ~ only)

2name *vb* named; **nam-ing** 1 : to give a name to : CALL 2 : to mention or identify by name 3 : NOMINATE, APPOINT 4 : to decide on : CHOOSE 5 : to speak about : MENTION (~ a price) — **name-able** *adj*

3name *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or bearing a name (~ tag) 2 : having an established reputation (~ brands)

name day *n* : the church feast day of the saint after whom one is named

name-less \nām-ləs\ *adj* 1 : having no name 2 : not marked with a name (a ~ grave) 3 : not known by name (a ~ hero) 4 : too distressing to be described (~ fears) — **name-less-ly** *adv*

name-ly \nām-lē\ *adv* : that is to say : AS (the cat family, ~, lions, tigers, and similar animals)

name-plate \-,plāt\ *n* : a plate or plaque bearing a name (as of a resident)

name-sake \-,sāk\ *n* : one that has the same name as another; *esp* : one named after another

nan-keen \nan-¹kēn\ *n* : a durable brownish yellow cotton fabric orig. woven by hand in China

nan-ny goat \nan-ē-¹\ *n* : a female domestic goat

nano-me-ter \nan-ə-,mēt-ər\ *n* : one billionth of a meter

nano-sec-ond \-,sek-ənd\ *n* : one billionth of a second

1nap \nap\ *vb* napped; **nap-ping** 1 : to sleep briefly esp. during the day : DOZE 2 : to be off guard (was caught napping)

2nap *n* : a short sleep esp. during the day

3nap *n* : a soft downy fibrous surface (as on yarn and cloth) — **nap-less** *adj*

na-palm \nā-,pāl(l)m\ *n* [naphthalene + *palmitate* salt of a fatty acid] 1 : a thickener used in jelling gasoline (as for incendiary bombs) 2 : fuel jelled with napalm

nape \nāp, 'nap\ *n* : the back of the neck

na-pery \nā-p(ə)-rē\ *n* : household linen esp. for the table

naph-tha \naf-thə, 'nap-\ *n* : any of various liquid hydrocarbon mixtures used chiefly as solvents

naph-tha-lene \-lēn\ *n* : a crystalline substance obtained from coal tar used in organic synthesis and as a moth repellent

nap-kin \ˈnap-kən\ *n* 1 : a piece of material (as cloth) used at table to wipe the lips or fingers and protect the clothes 2 : a small cloth or towel

na-po-leon \nə-ˈpōl-yən, -ˈpō-lē-ən\ *n* : an oblong pastry with a filling of cream, custard, or jelly between layers of puff paste

Na-po-le-on-ic \nə-ˈpō-lē-ˈän-ik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or characteristic of Napoleon I or his family

narc \ˈnärk\ *n, slang* : one (as a government agent) who investigates narcotics violations

nar-cis-sism \ˈnär-sə-, siz-əm\ *n* [G *narzissismus*, fr. *Narziss* Narcissus, fr. L *Narcissus*, fr. Gk *Narkissos*, beautiful youth of Greek mythology who fell in love with his own image] 1 : undue dwelling on one's own self or attainments 2 : love of or sexual desire for one's own body — **nar-cis-sist** \-səst\ *n or adj* — **nar-cis-sis-tic** \,när-sə-ˈsis-tik\ *adj*

nar-cis-sus \när-ˈsis-əs\ *n, pl -cis-sus or -cis-sus-es or -cis-si* \-ˈsis-ı̄, -ē\ : DAFFODIL; *esp* : one with short-tubed flowers usu. borne separately

nar-co-sis \när-ˈkō-səs\ *n, pl -co-ses* \-sēz\ : a state of stupor, unconsciousness, or arrested activity produced by the influence of chemicals (as narcotics)

nar-cot-ic \när-ˈkät-ik\ *n* [ME *narkotik*, fr. MF *narcotique*, fr. *narcotice*, *adj.*, fr. ML *narcoticus*, fr. Gk *narkōtikos*, fr. *narkoun* to numb, fr. *narkē* numbness] : a drug (as opium) that dulls the senses and induces sleep — **narcotic** *adj*

nar-co-tize \ˈnär-kə-, tiz\ *vb -tized; -tizing* 1 : to treat with or subject to a narcotic; *also* : to put into a state of narcosis 2 : to soothe to unconsciousness or unawareness

nard \ˈnärđ\ *n* : a fragment ointment of the ancients

na-ris \ˈnar-əs\ *n, pl na-res* \ˈnar-(ı̄)jēz\ [L] : an opening of the nose : NOSTRIL

nark *var of NARC*

Nar-ra-gan-set \,nar-ə-ˈgan-sət\ *n, pl Narraganset or Narragansets* : a member of an American Indian people of Rhode Island

nar-rate \ˈnar-,ät\ *vb nar-rat-ed; nar-rat-ing* : to recite the details of (as a story) : RELATE, TELL — **nar-ra-tion** \ˈnä-rä-shən\ *n* — **nar-ra-tor** \ˈnar-,ät-ər\ *n*

nar-row-tive \ˈnar-ət-iv\ *n* 1 : something that is narrated : STORY 2 : the art or practice of narrating

nar-row \ˈnar-ō\ *adj* 1 : of slender or less than standard width 2 : limited in size or scope : RESTRICTED 3 : not liberal in views : PREJUDICED 4 : interpreted or interpreting strictly 5 : CLOSE (a ~ escape); *also* : barely successful (won by a ~ margin) — **nar-row-ly** *adv* — **nar-row-ness** *n*

narrow *n* : a narrow passage : STRAIT — *usu.* used in pl.

narrow *vb* : to lessen in width or extent

nar-row-mind-ed \,nar-ō-ˈmīn-dəd\ *adj* : not liberal or broad-minded

nar-whal \ˈnär-,hwäl, ˈnär-wəl\ *n* : an arctic sea animal



narwhal

about 20 feet (6 meters) long that is related to the dolphin and in the male has a long twisted ivory tusk

NAS *abbr* naval air station

NASA \ˈnas-ə\ *abbr* National Aeronautics and Space Administration

na-sal \ˈnä-zəl\ *n* 1 : a nasal part 2 : a nasal consonant or vowel

nasal *adj* 1 : of or relating to the nose 2 : uttered through the nose — **na-sal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

na-sal-ize \ˈnä-zə-,līz\ *vb -ized; -izing* 1 : to make nasal 2 : to speak in a nasal manner — **na-sal-iza-tion** \,nä-zə-lə-ˈzä-shən\ *n*

na-scent \ˈnas-ənt, ˈnäs\ *adj* : coming into existence : beginning to grow or develop — **na-scence** \-əns\ *n*

nas-tur-tium \ˈnə-stər-shəm, nə-ˈ\ *n* : a watery-stemmed herb with showy spurred flowers and pungent seeds

nas-ty \ˈnas-tē\ *adj* **nas-ti-er; -est** 1 : FILTHY 2 : INDECENT, OBSCENE 3 : DISHONORABLE (a ~ trick) 4 : HARMFUL, DANGEROUS (took a ~ fall) 5 : DISAGREEABLE (~ weather) 6 : MEAN, ILL-NATURED (a ~ temper) — **nas-ti-ly** \ˈnas-tē\ *adv* — **nas-ti-ness** \-tē-nəs\ *n*

nat *abbr* 1 national 2 native 3 natural

na-tal \ˈnät-əl\ *adj* 1 : NATIVE 2 : of, relating to, or present at birth

na-tal-i-ty \ˈnä-ˈtal-ət-ē, nə-ˈ\ *n, pl -ties* : BIRTHDATE

na-ta-to-ri-um \ˈnät-ə-ˈtōr-ē-əm, ˈnat-ə\ *n* : a swimming pool esp. indoors

na-tion \ˈnä-shən\ *n* [ME *nacioun*, fr. MF *nation*, fr. L *nation-*, *natio* birth, race, nation, fr. *natus*, pp. of *nasci* to be born] 1 : NATIONALITY 5; *also* : a politically organized nationality 2 : a community of people composed of one or more nationalities with its own territory and government 3 : the territory of a nation 4 : a federation of tribes (as of American Indians) — **na-tion-hood** *n*

na-tion-al \ˈnash-(ə-)nəl\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to a nation 2 : comprising or characteristic of a nationality 3 : FEDERAL 3 — **na-tion-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

national *n* 1 : one who is under the protection of a nation without regard to the more formal status of citizen or subject 2 : an organization (as a labor union) having local units throughout a nation 3 : a competition that is national in scope — *usu.* used in pl.

National Guard *n* 1 : a militia force recruited by each state, equipped by the federal government, and jointly maintained subject to the call of either 2 : a military force serving as a national constabulary and defense force

na-tion-al-ism \ˈnash-(ə-)nəl-,iz-əm\ *n* : devotion to national interests, unity, and independence

na-tion-al-ist \-əst\ *n* 1 : an advocate of or believer in nationalism 2 *cap* : a member of a political party or group advocating national independence or strong national government — **nationalist** *adj, often cap* — **na-tion-al-is-tic** \,nash-(ə-)nəl-ˈis-tik\ *adj*

na-tion-al-i-ty \,nash-(ə-)ˈnəl-ət-ē\ *n, pl -ties* 1 : national character 2 : a legal relationship involving allegiance of an individual and his protection by the state 3 : membership in a particular nation 4 : political independence or existence as a separate nation 5 : a people having a common origin, tradition, and language and capable of forming a state 6 : an ethnic group within a larger unit (as a nation)

na-tion-al-ize \ˈnash-(ə-)nəl-,iz\ *vb -ized; -izing* 1 : to make national : make a nation of 2 : to remove from private ownership and place under government control — **na-tion-al-iza-tion** \,nash-(ə-)nəl-ə-ˈzä-shən\ *n*

national park *n* : an area of special scenic, historical, or

\əˌabut \əˈkitten \ərˌfurther \əˈash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
 \əˈout \chˌchin \eˌbet \eˈeasy \gəˈgo \iˌhit \iˌvice \jˌjob
 \ŋˌsing \dʌˈgo \dʌˈlaw \dʌˈboy \thˌthin \thˌthe \uˌlout
 \uˌfoot \vˌyet \zhˌvision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

scientific importance set aside and maintained by a national government esp. for recreation or study
national seashore *n* : a recreational area adjacent to a seacoast and maintained by the federal government
na-tion-wide \,nā-shən-'wid\ *adj* : extending throughout a nation

na-tive \nāt-iv\ *adj* **1** : INBORN, NATURAL **2** : born in a particular place or country **3** : belonging to a person because of the place or circumstances of his birth (his ~ language) **4** : grown, produced, or originating in a particular place : INDIGENOUS

na-tive *n* : one that is native; *esp* : a person who belongs to a particular country by birth

Native American *n* : AMERICAN INDIAN

na-tiv-ism \nāt-iv-,iz-əm\ *n* **1** : a policy of favoring native inhabitants over immigrants **2** : the revival or perpetuation of a native culture esp. in opposition to acculturation

Na-tiv-i-ty \nə-'tiv-ət-ē, nā- \ *n*, *pl* -ties **1** : the birth of Christ **2 not cap** : the process or circumstances of being born : BIRTH

natl *abbr* national

NATO \nāt-(,)ō\ *abbr* North Atlantic Treaty Organization

nat-ty \nat-ē\ *adj* **nat-ti-er**; -est : trimly neat and tidy : SMART — **nat-ti-ly** \nat-'l-ē\ *adv* — **nat-ti-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*

na-tu-ral \nach-(ə-)rəl\ *adj* **1** : determined by nature : INBORN, INNATE (~ ability) **2** : BORN (a ~ fool) **3** : ILLEGITIMATE **4** : HUMAN **5** : of or relating to nature **6** : not artificial **7** : being simple and sincere : not affected **8** : LIFELIKE **9** : having neither sharps nor flats in the key signature *syn* ingenuous, naive, unsophisticated, artless, guileless — **na-tu-ral-ness** *n*

natural *n* **1** : IDIOT **2** : a character placed on a line or space of the musical staff to nullify the effect of a preceding sharp or flat **3** : one obviously suitable for a specific purpose **4** : AFRO

natural childbirth *n* : a system of managing childbirth in which the mother prepares to remain conscious and assist in delivery with little or no use of drugs

natural gas *n* : gas coming from the earth's crust through natural openings or bored wells; *esp* : a combustible mixture of hydrocarbons and esp. methane used chiefly as a fuel and raw material

natural history *n* **1** : a treatise on some aspect of nature **2** : the study of natural objects esp. from an amateur or popular point of view

na-tu-ral-ism \nach-(ə-)rə-,liz-əm\ *n* **1** : action or thought based only on natural desires and instincts **2** : a doctrine that denies a supernatural explanation of the origin or development of the universe and holds that scientific laws account for all of nature **3** : realism in art and literature — **na-tu-ral-is-tic** \nach-(ə-)rə-'lis-tik\ *adj*
na-tu-ral-ist \-ləst\ *n* **1** : one that advocates or practices naturalism **2** : a student of animals or plants esp. in the field

na-tu-ral-ize \-,liz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing **1** : to become or cause to become established as if native (~ new forage crops) **2** : to confer the rights of a citizen on — **na-tu-ral-iza-tion** \nach-(ə-)rə-lə-'zā-shən\ *n*

na-tu-ral-ly \nach-(ə-)rə-lē, 'nach-ər-lē\ *adv* **1** : by nature : by natural character or ability **2** : as might be expected **3** : without artificial aid; *also* : without affectation **4** : REALISTICALLY

natural science *n* : a science (as physics, chemistry, or biology) that deals with matter, energy, and their interrelations and transformations or with objectively measurable phenomena — **natural scientist** *n*

natural selection *n* : the natural process that results in the survival of individuals or groups best adjusted to the conditions under which they live

na-ture \nā-chər\ *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. L *natura*, fr. *natus*, pp. of *nasci* to be born] **1** : the inherent quality or basic

constitution of a person or thing **2** : KIND, SORT **3** : DISPOSITION, TEMPERAMENT **4** : the physical universe **5** : one's natural instincts or way of life (quirks of human ~); *also* : primitive state (a return to ~) **6** : natural scenery or environment (beauties of ~)

naught \nót, 'nāt\ *n* **1** : NOTHING **2** : the arithmetical symbol 0 : ZERO

naugh-ty \nót-ē, 'nāt-\ *adj* **naugh-ti-er**; -est **1** : guilty of disobedience or misbehavior **2** : lacking in taste or propriety — **naugh-ti-ly** \nót-'l-ē, 'nāt-\ *adv* — **naugh-ti-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*

nau-sea \nó-zē-ə, 'nó-shə\ *n* [L, seasickness, nausea, fr. Gk *nausia*, *nausia*, fr. *nautes* sailor] **1** : sickness of the stomach with a desire to vomit **2** : extreme disgust
nau-se-ate \nó-z(h)ē-,āt-,s(h)ē-\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to affect or become affected with nausea — **nau-se-at-ing-ly** \-,āt-ij-lē\ *adv*

nau-seous \nó-shəs, -zē-əs\ *adj* **1** : causing nausea or disgust **2** : affected with nausea or disgust

naut *abbr* nautical

nau-ti-cal \nót-i-kəl\ *adj* : of or relating to seamen, navigation, or ships — **nau-ti-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

nautical mile *n* : a unit of distance equal to about 6076.115 feet

nau-ti-lus \nót-'l-əs\ *n*, *pl* -lus-es or -li \-'l-,ī-,ē\ : a sea mollusk related to the octopuses but having a spiral shell divided into chambers

nav *abbr* **1** naval **2** navigable; navigation

Na-va-ho or **Na-va-jo** \nav-ə-,hō, 'nāv-\ *n*, *pl* Navaho or Navahos or Navajo or Navajos : a member of an American Indian people of northern New Mexico and Arizona; *also* : their language

na-val \nā-vəl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or possessing a navy
naval stores *n pl* : products (as pitch, turpentine, or rosin) obtained from resinous conifers (as pines)

nave \nāv\ *n* [ML *navis*, fr. L, ship] : the central part of a church running lengthwise

na-vel \nā-vəl\ *n* : a depression in the middle of the abdomen that marks the point of attachment of fetus and mother

navel orange *n* : a seedless orange having a pit at the blossom end where the fruit encloses a small secondary fruit

nav-i-ga-ble \nav-i-gə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : capable of being navigated (a ~ river) **2** : capable of being steered (a ~ balloon) — **nav-i-ga-bil-i-ty** \nav-i-gə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n*

nav-i-gate \nav-ə-,gāt\ *vb* -gat-ed; -gat-ing **1** : to sail on or through (~ the Atlantic ocean) **2** : to steer or direct the course of a ship or aircraft **3** : MOVE; *esp* : WALK (could hardly ~) — **nav-i-ga-tion** \nav-ə-'gā-shən\ *n* — **nav-i-ga-tor** \nav-ə-,gāt-ər\ *n*

na-vy \nā-vē\ *n*, *pl* navies **1** : FLEET; *also* : the warships belonging to a nation **2 often cap** : a nation's organization for naval warfare

navy exchange *n* : a post exchange at a navy installation
navy yard *n* : a yard where naval vessels are built or repaired

na-y \nā\ *adv* **1** : NO **2** : not merely this but also : not only so but (the letter made him happy, ~, ecstatic)

nay *n* : a negative vote; *also* : a person casting such a vote

nay-say-er \nā-,sā-ər\ *n* : one who denies, refuses, or opposes something

Na-zi \nāt-sē, 'nat-\ *n* [G, fr. *nationalsozialist*, lit., national socialist] : a member of a German fascist party controlling Germany from 1933 to 1945 under Adolf Hitler — **Nazi** *adj* — **Na-zism** \nāt-,siz-əm, 'nat-\ or **Na-zi-ism** \-sē-,iz-əm\ *n*

Nb *symbol* niobium

NB *abbr* **1** New Brunswick **2** nota bene

NBA *abbr* **1** National Basketball Association **2** National Boxing Association

NBC *abbr* National Broadcasting Company

NBS *abbr* National Bureau of Standards

NC *abbr* 1 no charge 2 North Carolina

NCAA *abbr* National Collegiate Athletic Association

NCE *abbr* New Catholic Edition

NCO \en-,sē-¹ə\ *n* : NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER

Nd *symbol* neodymium

ND *abbr* 1 no date 2 North Dakota

N Dak *abbr* North Dakota

Ne *symbol* neon

NE *abbr* 1 Nebraska 2 New England 3 northeast

Ne-an-der-thal \nē-'an-dər-,t(h)əl, nā-'ān-dər-,tāl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being an extinct primitive Old World man; *also* : crudely primitive (as in manner or conduct) — **Neanderthal** *n*

neap tide \nēp-ə\ *n* : a tide of minimum range occurring at the first and third quarters of the moon

near \niər-¹\ *adv* 1 : at, within, or to a short distance or time 2 : ALMOST

near prep : close to

near adj 1 : closely related or associated; *also* : INTIMATE 2 : not far away; *also* : being the closer or left-hand member of a pair 3 : barely avoided (a ~ accident) 4 : DIRECT, SHORT (by the ~est route) 5 : STINGY 6 : not real but very like (~ silk) — **near-ly** *adv* — **near-ness** *n*

near vb : APPROACH

near beer *n* : any of various malt liquors low in alcohol
near-by \niər-'bi, 'niər-,bi\ *adv* or *adj* : close at hand
near-sight-ed \niər-'sit-əd\ *adj* : seeing distinctly at short distances only : SHORTSIGHTED — **near-sight-ed-ly** *adv* — **near-sight-ed-ness** *n*

neat \nēt\ *adj* [MF *net*, fr. L *nitidus* bright, neat, fr. *nitēre* to shine] 1 : being orderly and clean 2 : not mixed or diluted (~ brandy) 3 : marked by tasteful simplicity 4 : PRECISE, SYSTEMATIC 5 : SKILLFUL, ADROIT 6 : FINE, ADMIRABLE — **neat** *adv* — **neat-ly** *adv* — **neat-ness** *n*

neath \nēth\ *prep*, *dial* : BENEATH

neat's-foot oil \nēts-,fūt-ə\ *n* [*neat* (bovine)] : a pale yellow fatty oil made esp. from the bones of cattle and used chiefly as a leather dressing

neb \neb\ *n* 1 : the beak of a bird or tortoise; *also* : NOSE, SNOUT 2 : NIB

Neb or **Nebr** *abbr* Nebraska

NEB *abbr* New English Bible

neb-u-la \neb-yə-lə\ *n*, *pl* -las or -lae \-,lē, -lī\ [NL, fr. L, mist, cloud] 1 : any of many vast cloudlike masses of gas or dust among the stars 2 : GALAXY — **neb-u-lar** \-lər\ *adj*

neb-u-lize \neb-yə-,līz\ *vb* -lized; -lizing : to reduce to a fine spray — **neb-u-lize-r** \-,lī-zər\ *n*

neb-u-los-i-ty \neb-yə-'lās-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : the quality or state of being nebulous 2 : nebulous matter

neb-u-lous \neb-yə-ləs\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to a nebula 2 : HAZY, INDISTINCT (a ~ memory)

nec-ess-ary \nes-ə-,ser-ē\ *n*, *pl* -saries : an indispensable item

necessary *adj* [ME *necessarie*, fr. L *necessarius*, fr. *nes-cesse* necessary, fr. *ne-* not + *cedere* to withdraw] 1 : INEVITABLE, INESCAPABLE; *also* : CERTAIN 2 : PREDETERMINED 3 : COMPULSORY 4 : positively needed : INDISPENSABLE *syn* imperative, necessitous, essential — **nec-ess-ari-ly** \-,nes-ə-'ser-ə-lē\ *adv*

ne-ces-si-tate \ni-'ses-ə-,tāt\ *vb* -tat-ed; -tat-ing : to make necessary

ne-ces-si-tous \ni-'ses-ət-əs\ *adj* 1 : NEEDY, IMPOVERISHED 2 : URGENT 3 : NECESSARY

ne-ces-si-ty \ni-'ses-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : conditions that cannot be changed 2 : WANT, POVERTY 3 : something that is necessary 4 : very great need

neck \nek\ *n* 1 : the part of the body connecting the head and the trunk 2 : the part of a garment covering or near to the neck 3 : a relatively narrow part suggestive of a neck (~ of a bottle) (~ of land) 4 : a narrow margin esp. of victory (won by a ~) — **necked** \nekt\ *adj*

neck vb : to kiss and caress amorously

neck and neck *adv* or *adj* : very close (as in a race)
neck-er-chief \nek-ər-čef, -čēf\ *n*, *pl* -chiefs \-čəfs, -čēfs\ *also* -chieves \-čēvz\ : a square of cloth worn folded about the neck like a scarf

neck-lace \nek-ləs\ *n* : an ornamental chain or a string (as of jewels or beads) worn around the neck

neck-line \-,līn\ *n* : the outline of the neck opening of a garment

neck-tie \-,tī\ *n* : a strip of cloth worn around the neck and tied in front

ne-crol-o-gy \nə-'krāl-ə-jē\ *n*, *pl* -gies 1 : a list of the recently dead 2 : OBITUARY

ne-cro-man-cy \nek-rə-,man-sē\ *n* 1 : the art or practice of conjuring up the spirits of the dead for purposes of magically revealing the future 2 : MAGIC, SORCERY — **ne-cro-man-cer** \-sər\ *n*

ne-crop-o-lis \nə-'krāp-ə-ləs, ne-\ *n*, *pl* -lis-es or -les \-,lēz\ or -leis \-,lās\ or -li \-,lī, -lē\ : CEMETERY; *esp* : a large elaborate cemetery of an ancient city

ne-cro-sis \nə-'krō-səs, ne-\ *n*, *pl* **ne-cro-ses** \-,sēz\ : usu. local death of body tissue — **ne-crot-ic** \-'krāt-ik\ *adj*

ne-c-tar \nek-tər\ *n* 1 : the drink of the Greek and Roman gods; *also* : any delicious drink 2 : a sweet plant secretion that is the raw material of honey

ne-c-tar-ine \nek-tə-'rēn\ *n* : a smooth-skinned peach
née or **nee** \nā\ *adj* [F, lit., born] — used to identify a woman by her maiden family name

need \nēd\ *n* 1 : OBLIGATION (no ~ to hurry) 2 : a lack of something requisite, desirable, or useful 3 : a condition requiring supply or relief (when the ~ arises) 4 : POVERTY *syn* necessity, exigency

need vb 1 : to be in want 2 : to have cause or occasion for : REQUIRE (he ~s advice) 3 : to be under obligation or necessity (we ~ to know the truth)

need-ful \nēd-fəl\ *adj* : NECESSARY, REQUISITE

need-dle \nēd-əl\ *n* 1 : a slender pointed usu. steel implement used in sewing 2 : a slender rod (as for knitting, controlling a small opening, or transmitting vibrations to or from a recording) (a phonograph ~) 3 : a slender hollow instrument by which material is introduced into or withdrawn from the body 4 : a slender indicator on a dial 5 : a needle-shaped leaf (as of a pine)

needle vb **nee-dled**; **nee-dling** \nēd-(ə-)līŋ\ : PROD, GOAD; *esp* : to incite to action by repeated gibes

nee-dle-point \nēd-əl-,pōint\ *n* 1 : lace worked with a needle over a paper pattern 2 : embroidery done on canvas across counted threads — **needlepoint** *adj*

need-less \nēd-ləs\ *adj* : UNNECESSARY — **need-less-ly** *adv* — **need-less-ness** *n*

nee-dle-wom-an \nēd-əl-,wūm-ən\ *n* : a woman who does needlework; *esp* : SEAMSTRESS

nee-dle-work \-,wərk\ *n* : work done with a needle; *esp* : work (as embroidery) other than plain sewing

needs \nēdz\ *adv* : of necessity : NECESSARILY (must ~ be recognized)

needy \nēd-ē\ *adj* **need-i-er**; -est : being in want : POVERTY-STRICKEN

ne'er \neər\ *adv* : NEVER

ne'er-do-well \neər-dū-,wel\ *n* : an idle worthless person — **ne'er-do-well** *adj*

ne-far-i-ous \ni-'far-ē-əs\ *adj* [L *nefarius*, fr. *nefas* crime, fr. *ne-* not + *fas* right, divine law] : very wicked : EVIL — **ne-far-i-ous-ly** *adv*

neg *abbr* negative

ne-gate \ni-'gāt\ *vb* **ne-gat-ed**; **ne-gat-ing** 1 : to deny the existence or truth of 2 : to cause to be ineffective or invalid : NULLIFY

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
\ə'out \ch'chin \e'bet \e'easy \g'go \i'hit \i'ice \i'job
\ŋ'sing \d'go \d'law \d'boy \th'thin \th'the \d'lout
\ū'foot \y'yet \zh'vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

neg-a-tion \ni-'gā-shən\ *n* **1** : the action or operation of negating or making negative **2** : a negative doctrine or statement

neg-a-tive \nem-ə-tiv\ *adj* **1** : marked by denial, prohibition, or refusal (a ~ reply) **2** : not positive or constructive; *esp* : not affirming the presence of what is sought or suspected to be present (a ~ test) **3** : less than zero (a ~ number) **4** : being, relating to, or charged with electricity of which the electron is the elementary unit (a ~ particle) **5** : having the light and dark parts opposite to what they were in the original photographic subject — **neg-a-tive-ly** *adv*

negative *n* **1** : a negative word or statement **2** : a negative vote or reply; *also* : REFUSAL **3** : something that is the opposite or negation of something else **4** : the side that votes or argues for the opposition (as in a debate) **5** : a negative photographic image on transparent material

negative *vb* -tived; -tiv-ing **1** : to refuse to accept or approve **2** : to vote against **3** : DISPROVE

negative income tax *n* : a system of federal subsidy payments to families with incomes below a stipulated level
neg-a-tiv-ism \nem-ə-tiv-,iz-əm\ *n* : an attitude of skepticism and denial of nearly everything affirmed or suggested by others

neg-lect \ni-'glekt\ *vb* [L *neglegere*, *neglegere*, fr. *nec* not + *legere* to gather] **1** : DISREGARD **2** : to leave undone or unattended to *esp.* through carelessness *syn* omit, ignore, over-look, slight, forget, miss

neglect *n* **1** : an act or instance of neglecting something **2** : the condition of being neglected — **neg-lect-ful** *adj*

neg-li-gee *also* **neg-li-gé** \neg-lə-'zhā\ *n* : a woman's long flowing dressing gown

neg-li-gent \neg-li-jənt\ *adj* : marked by neglect *syn* neglectful, remiss, delinquent, derelict — **neg-li-gence** \-jəns\ *n* — **neg-li-gent-ly** *adv*

neg-li-gi-ble \neg-li-jə-bəl\ *adj* : so small as to be neglected or disregarded

ne-go-tiant \ni-'gō-sh(ē)-ənt\ *n* : NEGOTIATOR

ne-go-ti-ate \ni-'gō-shē-,āt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing [L *negotari* to carry on business, fr. *negotium* business, fr. *neg-* not + *otium* leisure] **1** : to confer with another so as to arrive at the settlement of some matter; *also* : to arrange for or bring about by such conferences (~ a treaty) **2** : to transfer to another by delivery or endorsement in return for equivalent value (~ a check) **3** : to get through, around, or over successfully (~ a turn) — **ne-go-tia-ble** \-sh(ē)-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **ne-go-ti-a-tion** \ni-,gō-sh(ē)-ə-shən\ *n* — **ne-go-ti-a-tor** \-'gō-shē-,āt-ər\ *n*

ne-gri-tude \neg-rə-'t(y)üd, 'nē-grə-\ *n* : a consciousness of and pride in one's African heritage

Ne-gro \nē-grō\ *n*, *pl* Negroes [Sp or Pg, fr. *negro* black] : a member of the black race — **Negro** *adj* — **Ne-groid** \nē-'grōid\ *n* or *adj*, *often not cap*

Neh *abbr* Nehemiah

Ne-he-mi-ah \nē-(h)ə-'mī-ə\ *n* — see BIBLE table

NEI *abbr* not elsewhere included

neigh \nā-\ *n* : a loud prolonged cry of a horse — **neigh** *vb*

neigh-bor \nā-bər\ *n* **1** : one living or located near another **2** : FELLOWMAN

neighbor *vb* **neigh-bored**; **neigh-bor-ing** \-b(ə-)riŋ\ : to be next to or near to : border on

neigh-bor-hood \nā-bər-,hūd\ *n* **1** : NEARNESS **2** : a place or region near : VICINITY; *also* : a number or amount near (costs in the ~ of \$10) **3** : the people living near one another **4** : a section lived in by neighbors and usu. having distinguishing characteristics

neigh-bor-ly \-lē\ *adj* : befitting congenial neighbors; *esp* : FRIENDLY — **neigh-bor-li-ness** *n*

nei-ther \nē-'thər, 'ni-\ *pron* : neither one : not the one and not the other (~ of the two)

neither *conj* **1** : not either (~ good nor bad) **2** : NOR (~ did I)

neither *adj* : not either (~ hand)

nel-son \nel-sən\ *n* : a wrestling hold in which one applies leverage against an opponent's arm, neck, and head

nem-a-tode \nem-ə-,tōd\ *n* : any of a group of elongated cylindrical worms parasitic in animals or plants or free-living in soil or water

nem-e-sis \nem-ə-səs\ *n*, *pl* -e-ses \-ə-,sēz\ [L *Nemesis*, goddess of divine retribution, fr. Gk.] **1** : one that inflicts retribution or vengeance **2** : a formidable and usu. victorious rival **3** : an act or effect of retribution; *also* : CURSE

neo-clas-sic \,nē-ō-'klas-ik\ or **neo-clas-si-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* : of or relating to a revival or adaptation of the classical style *esp.* in literature, art, or music

neo-co-lo-nial-ism \,nē-ō-kə-'lō-nyəl-,iz-əm, -'lō-nē-ə-,liz-əm\ *n* : the economic and political policies by which a nation indirectly maintains or extends its influence over other areas or peoples — **neo-co-lo-nial** *adj* — **neo-co-lo-nial-ist** \-əst\ *n* or *adj*

neo-con-ser-v-a-tive \kən-'sər-vət-iv\ *n* : a former liberal espousing political conservatism — **neo-con-ser-v-a-tism** \-və-,tiz-əm\ *n* — **neoconservative** *adj*

neo-dym-i-um \,nē-ō-'dim-ē-əm\ *n* : a yellow metallic chemical element — see ELEMENT table

neo-im-pres-sion-ism \,nē-ō-im-'pres-ə-,niz-əm\ *n*, *often cap* **N&I** : a late 19th century French art movement that attempted to make impressionism more precise and to use a pointillist painting technique

Neo-lith-ic \,nē-ə-'lith-ik\ *adj* : of or relating to the latest period of the Stone Age characterized by polished stone implements

ne-ol-o-gism \nē-'āl-ə-,jiz-əm\ *n* : a new word or expression

ne-on \nē-,än\ *n* [Gk, neut. of *neos* new] **1** : a gaseous colorless chemical element used in electric lamps — see ELEMENT table **2** : a lamp in which a discharge through neon gives a reddish glow — **neon** *adj*

neo-na-tal \,nē-ō-'nāt-əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or affecting the newborn — **neo-na-tal-ly** \-əl\ *adv* — **ne-o-nate** \nē-ō-,nāt\ *n*

neo-phyte \nē-ə-,fit\ *n* **1** : a new convert : PROSELYTE **2** : NOVICE **3** : BEGINNER

neo-plasm \nē-ə-,plaz-əm\ *n* : TUMOR — **neo-plas-tic** \,nē-ə-'plas-tik\ *adj*

Ne-pali \nə-'pōl-ē, -'pāl-\ *n*, *pl* Nepali : a native or inhabitant of Nepal

ne-pen-the \nə-'pen-thē\ *n* **1** : a potion used by the ancients to dull pain and sorrow **2** : something capable of making one forget grief or suffering

neph-ew \nef-yū, chiefly Brit 'nev-\ *n* : a son of one's brother, sister, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

ne-phrit-ic \ni-'frit-ik\ *adj* **1** : RENAL **2** : of, relating to, or affected with nephritis

ne-phrit-is \ni-'frit-əs\ *n*, *pl* **ne-phrit-i-des** \-'frit-ə-,dēz\ : kidney inflammation

ne plus ul-tra \,nē-'pləs-'əl-trə\ *n* [NL, (go) no more beyond] : the highest point capable of being attained
nep-o-tism \nep-ə-,tiz-əm\ *n* [F *népotisme*, fr. It *nepotismo*, fr. *nepote* nephew, fr. L *nepot-*, *nepos* grandson, nephew] : favoritism shown to a relative (as in the granting of jobs)

Nep-tune \nep-,t(y)ün\ *n* : the 8th planet in order of distance from the sun — **Nep-tu-ni-an** \nep-'t(y)ü-nē-ən\ *adj*

nep-tu-ni-um \nep-'t(y)ü-nē-əm\ *n* : a short-lived radioactive chemical element artificially produced as a by-product in the production of plutonium — see ELEMENT table

Ne-re-id \nir-ē-əd\ *n* : a sea nymph in Greek mythology
nerve \nɜrv\ *n* **1** : one of the strands of nervous tissue that carry nervous impulses between the brain and spinal cord and every part of the body **2** : power of endure

ance or control : FORTITUDE; *also* : BOLDNESS, DARING 3 *pl* : NERVOUSNESS 4 : a vein of a leaf or insect wing — **nerved** \ˈnɜrvd\ *adj* — **nerve-less** *adj*

nerve *vb* **nerved**; **nerve-ing** : to give strength or courage to **nerve cell** *n* : NEURON; *also* : the nucleus-containing central part of a neuron exclusive of its processes

nerve gas *n* : a war gas damaging esp. to the nervous and respiratory systems

nerve-rack-ing or **nerve-wrack-ing** \ˈnɜrv-,rak-ɪŋ\ *adj* : extremely trying on the nerves

ner-vous \ˈnɜr-vəs\ *adj* 1 : FORCIBLE, SPIRITED 2 : of, relating to, or made up of nerve cells or nerves 3 : easily excited or annoyed : JUMPY 4 : TIMID, APPREHENSIVE (a ~ smile) 5 : UNEASY, UNSTEADY — **ner-vously** *adv* — **ner-vous-ness** *n*

nervous breakdown *n* : an attack of mental or emotional disorder of sufficient severity to be incapacitating esp. when requiring hospitalization

nervous system *n* : a bodily system that in vertebrates is made up of the brain and spinal cord, nerves, ganglia, and parts of the sense organs and that receives and interprets stimuli and transmits impulses

nervy \ˈnɜr-vē\ *adj* **ner-vi-er**; **-est** 1 : showing calm courage 2 : marked by impudence or presumption (a ~ salesman) 3 : EXCITABLE, NERVOUS

-ness \nəs\ *n* *suffix* : state : condition : quality : degree (goodness)

nest \ˈnest\ *n* 1 : the shelter prepared by a bird for its eggs and young 2 : a place where eggs (as of insects or fish) are laid and hatched 3 : a place of rest, retreat, or lodging 4 : DEN, HANGOUT (a ~ of thieves) 5 : the occupants of a nest 6 : a series of objects (as bowls or tables) fitting inside or under one another

nest *vb* 1 : to build or occupy a nest 2 : to fit compactly together or within one another

nest egg *n* : a fund of money accumulated as a reserve

nest-le \ˈnes-əl\ *vb* **nes-tled**; **nes-ting** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ 1 : to settle snugly or comfortably 2 : to press closely and affectionately : CUDDLE 3 : to settle, shelter, or house as if in a nest

nest-ling \ˈnest-lɪŋ\ *n* : a bird too young to leave its nest

net \ˈnet\ *n* 1 : a meshed fabric twisted, knotted, or woven together at regular intervals; *esp* : a device of net used esp. to catch birds, fish, or insects 2 : something made of net used esp. for protecting, confining, carrying, or dividing (a tennis ~) 3 : SNARE, TRAP

net *vb* **net-ted**; **net-ting** 1 : to cover or enclose with or as if with a net 2 : to catch in or as if in a net

net *adj* : free from all charges or deductions (~ profit) (~ weight)

net *vb* **net-ted**; **net-ting** to gain or produce as profit : CLEAR, YIELD (his business *netted* \$50,000 a year)

net *n* : a net amount, profit, weight, or price

NET *abbr* National Educational Television

Neth *abbr* Netherlands

neth-er \ˈneth-ər\ *adj* : situated down or below (the ~ regions of the earth)

Neth-er-land-er \ˈneth-ər-,land-ər\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of the Netherlands

neth-er-most \-ˌmɒst\ *adj* : LOWEST

neth-er-world \-ˌwɜrld\ *n* 1 : the world of the dead 2 : UNDERWORLD

net-ting \ˈnet-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : NETWORK 2 : the act or process of making a net or network 3 : the act, process, or right of fishing with a net

net-tle \ˈnet-əl\ *n* : any of various coarse herbs with stinging hairs

nettle *vb* **net-tled**; **net-ting** : PROVOKE, VEX, IRRITATE

net-tle-some \ˈnet-əl-səm\ *adj* : causing vexation : IRRITATING

net-work \ˈnet-,wɜrk\ *n* 1 : NET 2 : a system of elements (as lines or channels) that cross in the manner of the threads in a net 3 : a group or system of related or

connected parts; *esp* : a chain of radio or television stations

net-work-ing \ˈnet-,wɜrk-ɪŋ\ *n* : the exchange of information or services among individuals, groups, or institutions

neu-ral \ˈn(y)ūr-əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or involving a nerve or the nervous system

neu-ral-gia \n(y)ūr-əl-jə\ *n* : acute pain that follows the course of a nerve — **neu-ral-gic** \-jɪk\ *adj*

neu-ras-the-nia \ˌn(y)ūr-əs-ˈthē-nē-ə\ *n* : an emotional and psychic disorder characterized esp. by easy susceptibility to fatigue and often by lack of motivation, feelings of inadequacy, and psychosomatic symptoms — **neu-ras-then-ic** \-ˈthen-ɪk\ *adj* or *n*

neu-ri-tis \n(y)ūr-īt-əs\ *n*, *pl* **-rit-i-des** \-ˈrit-ə-,dēz\ or **-rit-is-es** : inflammation of a nerve — **neu-rit-ic** \-ˈrit-ɪk\ *adj* or *n*

neu-rol-o-gy \n(y)ūr-əl-ə-jē\ *n* : the scientific study of the nervous system — **neu-rol-log-ic-al** \ˌn(y)ūr-əl-ə-ˈlāj-ɪ-kəl\ or **neu-rol-log-ic** \-ɪk\ *adj* — **neu-rol-log-ic-al-ly** \-ɪ-k(ə)-lə\ *adv* — **neu-rol-o-gist** \n(y)ūr-əl-ə-jəst\ *n*

neu-ron \ˈn(y)ūr-rən\ *also* **neu-rone** \-ˌrɒn\ *n* : a cell with specialized processes that is the fundamental functional unit of nervous tissue

neu-ro-sci-ence \ˌn(y)ūr-ō-ˈsī-ən(t)s\ *n* : a branch of the life sciences that deals with the anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, or molecular biology of nerves and nervous tissue and esp. with their relation to behavior and learning — **neu-ro-sci-en-tist** \-ən(t)-əst\ *n*

neu-ro-sis \n(y)ūr-ō-səs\ *n*, *pl* **-ro-ses** \-ˌsēz\ : a mental and emotional disorder that is less serious than a psychosis, is not characterized by disturbance of the use of language, and is accompanied by various bodily and mental disturbances (as visceral symptoms, anxieties, or phobias)

neu-rot-ic \n(y)ūr-ˈrät-ɪk\ *adj* : of, relating to, being, or affected with a neurosis; *also* : NERVOUS — **neu-rot-ic-al-ly** \-ɪ-k(ə)-lə\ *adv*

neurotic *n* : an emotionally unstable or neurotic person

neut *abbr* neuter

neu-ter \ˈn(y)ūt-ər\ *adj* [ME *neutre*, fr. MF & L; MF *neutre*, fr. L *neuter*, lit., neither, fr. *ne-* not + *uter* which of two] 1 : of, relating to, or constituting the gender that includes most words or grammatical forms referring to things classed as neither masculine nor feminine 2 : having imperfectly developed or no sex organs

neuter *n* 1 : a noun, pronoun, adjective, or inflectional form or class of the neuter gender; *also* : the neuter gender 2 : WORKER 2; *also* : a spayed or castrated animal

neu-tral \ˈn(y)ūt-rəl\ *n* 1 : one that is neutral 2 : a neutral color 3 : the position of machine gears in which power is not transmitted

neutral *adj* 1 : not favoring either side in a quarrel, contest, or war 2 : of or relating to a neutral state or power 3 : MIDDLING, INDIFFERENT 4 : having no hue : GRAY; *also* : not decided in color 5 : neither acid nor basic (a ~ solution) 6 : not electrically charged

neu-tral-ism \ˈn(y)ūt-trə-,liz-əm\ *n* : a policy or the advocacy of neutrality esp. in international affairs

neu-tral-ity \ˈn(y)ūt-trəl-ət-ē\ *n* : the quality or state of being neutral; *esp* : immunity from invasion or from use by belligerents

neu-tral-ize \ˈn(y)ūt-trə-,līz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to make neutral; *esp* : COUNTERACT — **neu-tral-iza-tion** \ˌn(y)ūt-trə-lə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*

neu-tri-no \ˈn(y)ūt-ˈtrē-nō\ *n*, *pl* **-nos** : an uncharged elementary particle held to be massless

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ə\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \j\sing \d\go \d\law \d\boy \th\thin \th\the \v\foot
 \v\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

neu-tron \ˈn(y)ü-,trän\ *n* : an uncharged atomic particle that is nearly equal in mass to the proton and is present in all atomic nuclei except hydrogen

neutron bomb *n* : a nuclear bomb designed to produce lethal neutrons but less blast and fire damage than other nuclear bombs

Nev *abbr* Nevada

nev-er \ˈnev-ər\ *adv* **1** : not ever **2** : not in any degree, way, or condition

nev-er-more \ˌnev-ər-ˈmôr\ *adv* : never again

nev-er-never land \ˌnev-ər-ˈnev-ər-\ *n* : an ideal or imaginary place

nev-er-the-less \ˌnev-ər-thə-ˈles\ *adv* : in spite of that : **HOWEVER**

ne-vus \ˈnē-vəs\ *n*, *pl* **ne-vi** \-,vī\ : a usu. pigmented birthmark

new \ˈn(y)ü\ *adj* **1** : not old : **RECENT**, **MODERN** **2** : recently discovered, recognized, or learned about (∼ drugs) **3** : not formerly known or experienced : **UNFAMILIAR** **4** : different from the former **5** : not accustomed (∼ to the work) **6** : beginning as a repetition of a previous act or thing (a ∼ year) **7** : **REFRESHED**, **REGENERATED** (rest made a ∼ man of him) **8** : being in a position or place for the first time (a ∼ member) **9** *cap* : having been in use after medieval times : **MODERN** (*New Latin*) *syn* novel, modern, newfangled, fresh — **new-ish** *adj* — **new-ness** *n*

new *adv* : **NEWLY** (*new-mown* hay)

new-born \-ˈbörn\ *adj* **1** : recently born **2** : born anew (∼ hope)

newborn *n*, *pl* **newborn** or **newborns** : a newborn individual

new-com-er \ˈn(y)ü-,kəm-ər\ *n* **1** : one recently arrived **2** : **BEGINNER**

New Deal *n* : the legislative and administrative program of President F. D. Roosevelt to promote economic recovery and social reform during the 1930s — **New Dealer** \-ˈde-lər\ *n*

new-el \ˈn(y)ü-əl\ *n* [*ME* *nowell*, fr. *MF nouel* stone of a fruit, fr. *LL nucalis* like a nut, fr. *L nuc-, nux* nut] : a post about which the steps of a circular staircase wind; *also* : a post at the foot of a stairway or one at a landing

new-fan-gled \ˈn(y)ü-ˈfæg-gəld\ *adj* [*ME*, fr. *newefangel*, fr. *new* + *OE fangen*, pp. of *fōn* to take, seize] **1** : attracted to novelty **2** : of the newest style : **NOVEL**

new-fashion-ed \-ˈfash-ənd\ *adj* **1** : made in a new fashion or form **2** : **UP-TO-DATE**

new-found \-ˈfaʊnd\ *adj* : newly found

New Left *n* : a political movement originating in the 1960s that advocates radical change in prevailing political, social, and educational practices

new-ly \ˈn(y)ü-lē\ *adv* **1** : **LATELY**, **RECENTLY** **2** : **ANEW**, **AFRESH**

new-ly-wed \-,wed\ *n* : one recently married

new math *n* : mathematics based on the theory of sets

new mathematics *n* : **NEW MATH**

new moon *n* : the phase of the moon with its dark side toward the earth; *also* : the thin crescent moon seen for a few days after the new moon phase

news \ˈn(y)üz\ *n* **1** : a report of recent events : **TIDINGS** **2** : material reported in a newspaper or news periodical or on a newscast

news-boy \ˈn(y)üz-,bōi\ *n* : one who delivers or sells newspapers

news-cast \-,kast\ *n* : a radio or television broadcast of news — **news-cast-er** \-,kas-tər\ *n*

news-let-ter \-,let-ər\ *n* : a small newspaper containing news or information of interest chiefly to a special group

news-mag-a-zine \ˈn(y)üz-,mag-ə-,zēn\ *n* : a usu. weekly magazine devoted chiefly to summarizing and analyzing the news

news-man \-mən, -,man\ *n* : one who gathers, reports, or comments on the news

news-pa-per \-,pā-pər\ *n* : a paper that is published at regular intervals and contains news, articles of opinion, features, and advertising

news-pa-per-man \ˈn(y)üz-,pā-pər-,man\ *n* : one who owns or is employed by a newspaper

news-print \ˈn(y)üz-,print\ *n* : cheap paper made chiefly from wood pulp and used mostly for newspapers

news-reel \-,rēl\ *n* : a short motion picture portraying current events

news-stand \-,stand\ *n* : a place where newspapers and periodicals are sold

news-week-ly \-,wēk-lē\ *n* : a weekly newspaper or news-magazine

news-wor-thy \-,wər-thē\ *adj* : sufficiently interesting to the general public to warrant reporting (as in a newspaper)

newsy \ˈn(y)ü-zē\ *adj* **news-i-er**; **-est** : filled with news; *esp* : **CHATTY**

newt \ˈn(y)üt\ *n* : any of various small salamanders living chiefly in the water

New Testament *n* : the second of the two chief divisions of the Bible — see **BIBLE** table

new-ton \ˈn(y)üt-ən\ *n* : the unit of force in the metric system equal to the force required to impart an acceleration of one meter per second per second to a mass of one kilogram

new wave *n*, *often cap* **N&W** : a cinematic movement characterized by improvisation, abstraction, subjective symbolism, and often experimental photographic techniques

New World *n* : the western hemisphere; *esp* : the continental landmass of No. and So. America

New Year *n* : **NEW YEAR'S DAY**; *also* : the first days of the year

New Year's Day *n* : January 1 observed as a legal holiday

New Zea-land-er \ˈn(y)ü-ˈzē-lən-dər\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of New Zealand

next \ˈnekst\ *adj* : immediately preceding or following : **NEAREST**

next *prep* : nearest or adjacent to

next *adv* **1** : in the time, place, or order nearest or immediately succeeding **2** : on the first occasion to come

nex-us \ˈnek-səs\ *n*, *pl* **nex-us-es** \-sə-səz\ or **nex-us** \-səs, -,süs\ : **CONNECTION**, **LINK**

Nez Percé \ˈnez-ˈpərs, F nā-per-sā\ *n* : a member of an American Indian people of Idaho, Washington, and Oregon

NF *abbr* Newfoundland

NFC *abbr* National Football Conference

NFL *abbr* National Football League

Nfld *abbr* Newfoundland

NG *abbr* **1** National Guard **2** no good

ngul-trum \eŋ-ˈgūl-trəm\ *n* — see **MONEY** table

ngwee \eŋ-ˈgwē\ *n*, *pl* **ngwee** — see **kwacha** at **MONEY** table

NH *abbr* New Hampshire

NHL *abbr* National Hockey League

Ni *symbol* nickel

ni-a-cin \ˈnī-ə-sən\ *n* : **NICOTINIC ACID**

nib \ˈnīb\ *n* : **POINT**; *esp* : a pen point

nib-ble \ˈnīb-əl\ *vb* **nib-bled**; **nib-bling** \-(ə-)liŋ\ : to bite gently or bit by bit

nibble *n* : a small or cautious bite

nice \ˈnis\ *adj* **nic-er**; **nic-est** [*ME*, foolish, wanton, fr. *OF*, fr. *L nescius* ignorant, fr. *nescire* not to know] **1** : **FAS-TIDIOUS**, **DISCRIMINATING** **2** : marked by delicate discrimination or treatment **3** : **PLEASING**, **AGREEABLE**; *also* : well-executed **4** : **WELL-BRED** (∼ people) **5** : **VIRTUOUS**, **RESPECTABLE** — **nice-ly** *adv* — **nice-ness** *n*

nice-nel-ly \ˈnis-ˈnel-ē\ *adj*, *often cap* **2d N** **1** : **PRUDISH** **2** : having the nature of or containing a euphemism — **nice-nelly** *n*, *often cap* **2d N** — **nice-nel-ly-ism** \-,iz-əm\ *n*, *often cap* **2d N**

nice-ty \ˈni-sət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : a dainty, delicate, or elegant thing (enjoy the *niceties* of life) **2** : a fine detail (*niceties* of workmanship) **3** : EXACTNESS, PRECISION, ACCURACY

niche \ˈnich\ *n* [F] **1** : a recess (as for a statue) in a wall **2** : a place, work, or use for which a person or thing is best fitted

nick \ˈnik\ *n* **1** : a small notch or groove **2** : the final critical moment (in the ~ of time)

nick *vb* : NOTCH, CHIP

nick-el \ˈnik-əl\ *n* **1** : a hard silver-white metallic chemical element capable of a high polish and used in alloys—see ELEMENT table **2** also **nick-le** : the U.S. 5-cent piece made of copper and nickel; also : the Canadian 5-cent piece

nick-el *vb* **-eled** or **-elled**; **-el-ing** or **-el-ling** : to plate with nickel

nick-el-ode-on \ˈnik-ə-ˈlōd-ē-ən\ *n* **1** : an early movie theater charging an admission price of five cents **2** : a coin-operated musical device

nickel silver *n* : a silver-white alloy of copper, zinc, and nickel

nick-er \ˈnik-ər\ *vb* **nick-ered**; **nick-er-ing** : NEIGH, WHINNY

nick-name \ˈnik-,nām\ *n* [ME *nekename* additional name, alter. (resulting from incorrect division of an *ekename*) of *ekename*, fr. *eke* addition + *name*] **1** : a usu. descriptive name given instead of or in addition to the one belonging to a person, place, or thing **2** : a familiar form of a proper name — **nickname** *vb*

nic-o-time \ˈnik-ə-,tēn\ *n* : a poisonous substance found in tobacco and used as an insecticide

nicotinic acid *n* : an organic acid of the vitamin B complex found in plants and animals and used against pellagra

niece \ˈnēs\ *n* : a daughter of one's brother, sister, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

nif-ty \ˈnif-tē\ *adj* **nif-ti-er**; **-est** : very good : very attractive

Ni-ge-ri-an \ˈni-ˈjir-ē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Nigeria — **Nigerian** *adj*

Ni-ge-rois \ˈnē-zhər-wā\ *n*, *pl* **Nigerois** : a native or inhabitant of Niger

nig-gard \ˈnig-ərd\ *n* : a stingy person : MISER — **nig-gard-li-ness** \-lē-nəs\ *n* — **nig-gard-ly** *adj* or *adv*

nig-gling \ˈnig-(ə-)lɪŋ\ *adj* **1** : PETTY **2** : bothersome in a petty way

nigh \ˈni\ *adv* **1** : near in place, time, or relationship **2** : NEARLY, ALMOST

nigh *adj* : CLOSE, NEAR

nigh *prep* : NEAR

night \ˈnit\ *n* **1** : the period between dusk and dawn **2** : the darkness of night **3** : a period of misery or unhappiness **4** : NIGHTFALL — **night** *adj*

night blindness *n* : reduced visual capacity in faint light (as at night)

night-cap \ˈnit-,kap\ *n* **1** : a cloth cap worn with nightclothes **2** : a usu. alcoholic drink taken at bedtime

night-clothes \-,klō(θ)z\ *n pl* : garments worn in bed

night-club \-,kləb\ *n* : a place of entertainment open at night usu. serving food and liquor and providing music for dancing

night crawler *n* : EARTHWORM; *esp* : a large earthworm found on the soil surface at night

night-dress \ˈnit-,dres\ *n* : NIGHTGOWN

night-fall \-,fōl\ *n* : the coming of night

night-gown \-,gaʊn\ *n* : a loose garment designed for wear in bed

night-hawk \-,hók\ *n* : any of several birds related to and resembling the whippoorwill

night-in-gale \ˈnit-ˈn-,gāl-, -ɪŋ- \ *n* [ME, fr. OE *nihtgale*, fr. *niht* night + *galan* to sing] : any of several Old World thrushes noted for the sweet nocturnal song of the male



nighthawk

night-life \ˈnit-,lif\ *n* : the activity of pleasure-seekers at night

night-ly \ˈnit-lē\ *adj* **1** : happening, done, or produced by night or every night **2** : of or relating to the night or every night — **nightly** *adv*

night-mare \ˈnit-,mar\ *n* : a frightening oppressive dream or state occurring during sleep — **nightmare** *adj* — **night-mar-ish** \-,mar-ish\ *adj*

night rider *n* : a member of a secret band who ride masked at night doing violence to punish or terrorize

night-shade \ˈnit-,shād\ *n* : any of a large genus of woody or herbaceous plants having alternate leaves, flowers in clusters, and fruits that are berries and including poisonous forms (as belladonna) and important food plants (as potato, tomato, or eggplant)

night-shirt \-,shōrt\ *n* : a nightgown esp. for a man or a boy

night soil *n* : human excrement collected for fertilizing the soil

night-stick \ˈnit-,stik\ *n* : a policeman's club

night-time \-,tīm\ *n* : the time from dusk to dawn

night-walk-er \-,wō-kər\ *n* : a person who roves about at night esp. with criminal or immoral intent

ni-hil-ism \ˈni-(h)ə-,liz-əm, ˈnē- \ *n* **1** : an attitude or doctrine that traditional values and beliefs are unfounded and that existence is senseless and useless **2** : ANARCHISM **3** : TERRORISM — **ni-hil-ist** \-ləst\ *n* or *adj* — **ni-hil-is-tic** \-,ni-(h)ə-ˈlis-tik, ˈnē- \ *adj*

nil \ˈnil\ *n* : NOTHING, ZERO

nim-ble \ˈnim-bəl\ *adj* **nim-bler** \-b(ə-)lər\; **nim-blest** \-b(ə-)ləst\ [ME *nimel*, fr. OE *numol* holding much, fr. *niman* to take] **1** : quick and light in motion : AGILE (a ~ dancer) **2** : quick in understanding and learning : CLEVER (a ~ mind) — **nim-ble-ness** *n* — **nim-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

nim-bus \ˈnim-bəs\ *n*, *pl* **nim-bi** \-,bi-, -bē\ or **nim-bus-es** **1** : a figure (as a disk) suggesting radiant light about the head of a drawn or sculptured divinity, saint, or sovereign **2** : a rain cloud that is of uniform grayness and extends over the entire sky

nim-rod \ˈnim-,rād\ *n* : HUNTER

nin-com-poop \ˈnin-kəm-,püp\ *n* : FOOL, SIMPLETON

nine \ˈnin\ *n* **1** : one more than eight **2** : the 9th in a set or series **3** : something having nine units; *esp* : a baseball team — **nine** *adj* or *pron* — **ninth** \ˈninth\ *adj* or *adv* or *n*

nine days' wonder *n* : something that creates a short-lived sensation

nine-pins \ˈnin-,pinz\ *n* : tenpins played without the headpin

nine-teen \ˈnin-ˈtēn\ *n* : one more than 18 — **nineteen** *adj* or *pron* — **nine-teenth** \-ˈtēnth\ *adj* or *n*

nine-ty \ˈnint-ē\ *n*, *pl* **nineties** : nine times 10 — **nine-ti-eth** \-ē-əth\ *adj* or *n* — **ninety** *adj* or *pron*

nin-ny \ˈnin-ē\ *n*, *pl* **innies** : FOOL

\əˈabut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
 \əʊˈout \chˈchin \eɪˈbet \eɪˈeasy \əˈgo \iˈhit \iˈvice \jˈob
 \ŋˈsing \dʒo \dʒˈlaw \dʒˈboy \θˈthin \θˈthe \θˈlout
 \ʊˈfoot \yˈet \zˈvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

ni-o-bi-um \nī-ˈō-bē-əm\ *n* : a gray metallic chemical element used in alloys—see **ELEMENT** table

ˈnip \ˈnɪp\ *vb* **nipped**; **nip-ping** **1** : to catch hold of and squeeze tightly between two surfaces, edges, or points **2** : **CLIP** **3** : to destroy the growth, progress, or fulfillment of (*nipped* in the bud) **4** : to injure or make numb with cold : **CHILL** **5** : **SNATCH**, **STEAL**

ˈnip *n* **1** : a sharp stinging cold **2** : a biting or pungent flavor **3** : **PINCH**, **BITE** **4** : a small portion : **BIT**

ˈnip *n* : a small quantity of liquor : **SIP**

ˈnip *vb* **nipped**; **nip-ping** : to take liquor in nips : **TIPPLE** **nip** and **tuck** \ˈnɪp-ən-ˈtʌk\ *adj* or *adv* : so close that the lead shifts rapidly from one contestant to another

nip-per \ˈnɪp-ər\ *n* **1** : one that nips **2 pl** : **PINCERS** **3** : a small boy

nip-ple \ˈnɪp-əl\ *n* : the protuberance of a mammary gland through which milk is drawn off : **TEAT**; *also* : something resembling a nipple

nip-py \ˈnɪp-ē\ *adj* **nip-pi-er**; **-est** **1** : **PUNGENT**, **SHARP** **2** : **CHILLY**

nir-va-na \nir-ˈvān-ə\ *n*, *often cap* [Skt *nirvāṇa*, lit., act of extinguishing, fr. *nis-* out + *vāti* it blows] **1** : the final freeing of a soul from all that enslaves it; *esp* : the supreme happiness that according to Buddhism comes when all passion, hatred, and delusion die out and the soul is released from the necessity of further purification **2** : **OBLIVION**; *also* : **PARADISE**

ni-sei \nē-ˈsā\ *n*, *pl nisei* *also niseis* : a son or daughter of immigrant Japanese parents who is born and educated in America

ni-si \ˈni-ˌsɪ\ *adj* [L, unless, fr. *ne-* not + *si* if] : taking effect at a specified time unless previously modified or voided (a divorce decree ~)

nit \ˈnɪt\ *n* : the egg of a parasitic insect (as a louse); *also* : the young insect

ni-ter \ˈni-ər\ *n* **1** : **POTASSIUM NITRATE** **2** : **SODIUM NITRATE**

nit-pick-ing \ˈnɪt-,pɪk-ɪŋ\ *n* : minute and usu. unjustified criticism — **nit-pick-er** \-ər\ *n*

ˈni-trate \ˈni-,trāt-,trət\ *n* **1** : a salt or ester of nitric acid **2** : sodium nitrate or potassium nitrate used as a fertilizer

ˈni-trate \-,trāt\ *vb* **ni-trat-ed**; **ni-trat-ing** : to treat or combine with nitric acid or a nitrate — **ni-tra-tion** \ni-ˈtrā-shən\ *n*

ni-tric acid \ni-ˈtrɪk-\ *n* : a corrosive liquid acid used in making dyes, explosives, and fertilizers

ni-tri-fi-ca-tion \ni-ˈtrə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* : the process of nitrifying; *esp* : the oxidation (as by bacteria) of ammonium salts to nitrites and then to nitrates

ni-tri-fy \ˈni-ˌtrə-,fɪ\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** **1** : to combine with nitrogen or a nitrogen compound **2** : to subject to or produce by nitrification

ni-trite \ˈni-,trɪt\ *n* : a salt of nitrous acid

ni-tro \ˈni-trō\ *n*, *pl nitros* : any of various nitrated products; *esp* : **NITROGLYCERIN**

ni-tro-gen \ˈni-trə-jən\ *n* : a tasteless odorless gaseous chemical element constituting 78 percent of the atmosphere by volume—see **ELEMENT** table — **ni-trog-e-nous** \ni-ˈtrāj-ə-nəs\ *adj*

ni-tro-glyc-er-in or **ni-tro-glyc-er-ine** \ni-ˈtrə-ˈglis-(ə)-rən\ *n* : a heavy oily explosive liquid used in making dynamite and in medicine

ni-trous acid \ni-ˈtrəs-\ *n* : an unstable nitrogen-containing acid known only in solution or in the form of its salts **nitrous oxide** *n* : a colorless gas used *esp*. as an anesthetic in dentistry

nit-ty-grit-ty \ˈnɪt-ē-,grɪt-ē-,ˈnɪt-ē-ˈgrɪt-ē\ *n* : the actual state of things : what is ultimately essential and true **nit-wit** \ˈnɪt-,wɪt\ *n* : a flighty stupid person

ˈnix \ˈnɪks\ *n* : **NOTHING**

ˈnix *vb* : **VETO**, **REJECT**

ˈnix *adv* : **NO**

NJ *abbr* New Jersey

NL *abbr* National League

NLRB *abbr* National Labor Relations Board

NM *abbr* **1** nautical mile **2** New Mexico

N Mex *abbr* New Mexico

NNE *abbr* north-northeast

NNW *abbr* north-northwest

ˈno \ˈ(ʌ)nō\ *adv* **1** — used to express the negative of an alternative (shall we continue or ~) **2** : in no respect or degree (he is ~ better than the others) **3** : not so (~, I'm not ready) **4** — used with adjective to imply a meaning opposite to the positive statement (in ~ uncertain terms) **5** — used to introduce a more emphatic or explicit statement (has the right, ~, the duty to continue) **6** — used as an interjection to express surprise or doubt (~—you don't say) **7** — used in combination with a verb to form a compound adjective (*no-bake* pie)

ˈno *adj* **1** : not any; *also* : hardly any **2** : not a (she's ~ expert)

ˈno \ˈnō\ *n*, *pl noes* or *nos* \ˈnōz\ **1** : **REFUSAL**, **DENIAL** **2** : a negative vote or decision; *also*, *pl* : persons voting in the negative

ˈno *abbr* **1** north; northern **2** [L *numero*, abl. of *numerus*] number

ˈNo or **Noh** \ˈnō\ *n*, *pl No* or **Noh** : classic Japanese dance-drama having a heroic theme, a chorus, and highly stylized action, costuming, and scenery

ˈNo *symbol* nobelium

No-bel-ist \nō-ˈbel-ɪst\ *n* : a winner of a Nobel prize

no-bel-i-um \nō-ˈbel-ē-əm\ *n* : a radioactive chemical element produced artificially—see **ELEMENT** table

No-bel prize \ˌ(ʌ)nō-ˈbel-\ *n* : any of various annual prizes (as in peace, literature, or medicine) established by the will of Alfred Nobel for the encouragement of persons who work for the interests of humanity

no-bil-i-ty \nō-ˈbɪl-ət-ē\ *n* **1** : the quality or state of being noble (~ of character) **2** : nobles considered as forming a class

ˈno-ble \ˈnō-bəl\ *adj* **no-bler** \-b(ə)-lər\; **no-blest** \-b(ə)-ləst\ [ME, fr. OF, fr. L *nobilis* knowable, well known, noble, fr. *noscere* to come to know] **1** : **ILLUSTRIOUS**; *also* : **FAMOUS**, **NOTABLE** **2** : of high birth, rank, or station : **ARISTOCRATIC** **3** : **EXCELLENT** **4** : **STATELY**, **IMPOSING** (a ~ edifice) **5** : of a magnanimous nature — **no-ble-ness** *n* — **no-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

ˈno-ble *n* : a person of noble rank or birth

no-ble-man \ˈnō-bəl-mən\ *n* : a member of the nobility : **PEER**

no-lesse oblige \nō-,bles-ə-ˈblēʒh\ *n* : the obligation of honorable, generous, and responsible behavior associated with high rank or birth

ˈno-body \ˈnō-,bād-ē-,bəd-ē\ *pron* : no person

ˈnobody *n*, *pl no-bod-ies* : a person of no influence, importance, or worth

noc-tur-nal \näk-ˈtɔrn-əl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or occurring in the night **2** : active at night (a ~ bird)

noc-turne \ˈnäk-,tɔrn\ *n* **1** : a dreamy pensive composition for the piano **2** : a work of art dealing with night

noc-u-ous \ˈnäk-yə-wəs\ *adj* : likely to cause injury : **HARMFUL**

nod \nād\ *vb* **nod-ded**; **nod-ding** **1** : to bend the head downward or forward (as in bowing, going to sleep, or giving assent) **2** : to move up and down (tulips *nodding* in the breeze) **3** : to show by a nod of the head (~ agreement) **4** : to make a slip or error in a moment of abstraction — **nod** *n*

nod-dle \ˈnād-əl\ *n* : **HEAD**

nod-dy \ˈnād-ē\ *n*, *pl noddies **1** : **SIMPLETON** **2** : a stout-bodied tropical tern*

node \ˈnɒd\ *n* : a thickened, swollen, or differentiated area (as of tissue); *esp* : the part of a stem from which a leaf arises — **nod-al** \-əl\ *adj*

nod-ule \ˈnāj-ül-\ *n* : a small lump or swelling — **nod-u-lar** \ˈnāj-ə-lər\ *adj*

no-el \nō-ˈel\ *n* [F *noël* Christmas, carol, fr. L *natalis* birthday] **1** : a Christmas carol **2** *cap* : the Christmas season

noes *pl of* **no**

no-fault \ˈnō-ˈfōlt\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or being a motor vehicle insurance plan under which an accident victim is compensated usu. up to a stipulated limit for actual losses by his own insurance company regardless of who is responsible **2** : of, relating to, or being a divorce law according to which neither party is held responsible for the breakup of the marriage

nog-gin \ˈnäg-ən\ *n* **1** : a small mug or cup; *also* : a small quantity of drink **2** : a person's head

no-good \ˌnō-,gʊd\ *adj* : having no worth, use, or chance of success — **no-good** \ˈnō-,gʊd\ *n*

Noh *var of* **no**

no-hit-ter \ˈ(nō-ˈhit-ər\ *n* : a baseball game or part of a game in which a pitcher allows the opposition no base hits

no-how \ˈnō-,haʊ\ *adv* : in no manner

noise \ˈnɔɪz\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, strife, quarrel, noise, fr. L *nausea* nausea] **1** : loud, confused, or senseless shouting or outcry **2** : SOUND; *esp* : one that lacks agreeable musical quality or is noticeably unpleasant **3** : unwanted electronic signal or disturbance — **noise-less** *adj* — **noise-less-ly** *adv*

noise *vb* **noised**; **nois-ing** : to spread by rumor or report (the story was *noised* abroad)

noise-mak-er \ˈnɔɪz-,mā-kər\ *n* : one that makes noise; *esp* : a device used to make noise at parties

noise pollution *n* : environmental pollution consisting of annoying or harmful noise

noi-some \ˈnɔɪ-səm\ *adj* **1** : HARMFUL, UNWHOLESOME **2** : offensive to the senses (as smell) : DISGUSTING

noisy \ˈnɔɪ-zē\ *adj* **nois-i-er**; **-est** **1** : making loud noises **2** : full of noises : LOUD — **nois-i-ly** \ˈnɔɪ-zə-lē\ *adv* — **nois-i-ness** \-zē-nəs\ *n*

nol-le pro-se-qui \ˌnāl-ē-ˈpräs-ə-,kwɪ\ *n* [L, to be unwilling to pursue] : an entry on the record of a legal action that the prosecutor or plaintiff will proceed no further in an action or suit or in some aspect of it

no-lo con-ten-de-re \ˌnō-lō-kən-ˈten-də-rē\ *n* [L, I do not wish to contend] : a plea in a criminal prosecution that subjects the defendant to conviction but does not admit guilt or preclude denying the charges in another proceeding

nol-pros \ˈnāl-ˈpräs\ *vb* **nol-prossed**; **nol-pros-ing** : to discontinue by entering a nolle prosequi

nom *abbr* nominative

no-mad \ˈnō-,mad\ *n* **1** : a member of a people with no fixed residence but wandering from place to place **2** : an individual who roams about aimlessly — **nomad** *adj* — **no-mad-ic** \ˈnō-ˈmad-ik\ *adj*

no-man's-land \ˈnō-,manz-,lænd\ *n* **1** : an area of unowned, unclaimed, or uninhabited land **2** : an unoccupied area between opposing troops

nom de guerre \ˌnām-di-ˈgeər\ *n*, *pl* **noms de guerre** \ˌnām(z)-di-\ [F, lit., war name] : PSEUDONYM

nom de plume \-ˈplüm\ *n*, *pl* **noms de plume** \ˌnām(z)-di-\ [F *nom* name + *de* of + *plume* pen] : PSEUDONYM

no-men-cla-ture \ˈnō-mən-,klā-chər\ *n* **1** : NAME, DESIGNATION **2** : a system of names used in a science or art

nom-i-nal \ˈnām-ən-\ *adj* **1** : being something in name or form only (a ~ head of a party) **2** : TRIFLING (a ~ price) — **nom-i-nal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

nom-i-nate \ˈnām-ə-,nāt\ *vb* **-nat-ed**; **-nat-ing** : to choose as a candidate for election, appointment, or honor — **nom-i-na-tion** \ˌnām-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n*

nom-i-na-tive \ˈnām-(ə-)nāt-iv\ *adj* : of, relating to, or constituting a grammatical case marking typically the subject of a verb — **nominative** *n*

nom-i-nee \ˌnām-ə-ˈnē\ *n* : a person nominated for an office, duty, or position

non- \(\)nän-,ˈnän\ *prefix* : not : reverse of : absence of

nonabrasive
nonabsorbent
nonacademic
nonacceptance
nonacid
nonactivated
nonadaptive
nonaddicting
nonadhesive
nonadjacent
nonadjustable
nonaggression
nonalcoholic
nonappearance
nonaromatic
nonathletic
nonattendance
nonbeliever
nonbelligerent
nonbreakable
nonburnable
noncancerous
noncandidate
noncellular
nonchargeable
nonclerical
noncoital
noncombat
noncombustible
noncommercial
noncommunicable
non-Communist
noncompeting
noncompetitive
noncompliance
noncomplying
nonconcurrency
nonconcurrent
nonconducting
nonconflicting
nonconformance
nonconforming
nonconstructive
noncontagious
noncontinuous
noncontributing
noncorroding
noncorrosive
noncrystalline
nondeductible
nondelivery
nondemocratic
nondenominational
nondepartmental
nondestructive
nondevelopment
nondiscrimination
nondiscriminatory
nondistinctive
nondistribution
nondivided
nondurable
noneconomic
noneducational
nonelastic
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nonelective
nonelectric

nonelectrical
nonemotional
nonenforceable
nonenforcement
nonessential
nonethical
nonexchangeable
nonexempt
nonexistence
nonexistent
nonexplosive
nonfarm
nonfatal
nonfattening
nonfederated
nonferrous
nonfiction
nonfictional
nonfilamentous
nonfilterable
nonflammable
nonflowering
nonfood
nonfreezing
nonfulfillment
nonfunctional
nongraded
nonhereditary
nonhomogeneous
nonhomologous
nonhuman
nonidentical
nonimportation
nonindustrial
noninfectious
noninflammable
nonintellectual
nonintercourse
noninterference
nonintoxicant
nonintoxicating
nonionizing
nonirritating
nonlegal
nonlife
nonlinear
nonliterary
nonliving
nonlogical
nonmagnetic
nonmalignant
nonmaterial
nonmember
nonmembership
nonmigratory
nonmilitary
nonmoral
nonmotile
nonmoving
nonnegotiable
nonobservance
nonoccurrence
nonofficial
nonoily
nonorthodox
nonparallel
nonparasitic
nonparticipant

\ə\about \əˈkitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\\sing \o\go \o\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
\\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

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 nonpathogenic
 nonpaying
 nonpayment
 nonperformance
 nonperishable
 nonphysical
 nonpoisonous
 nonpolar
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 nonpregnant
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 nonreciprocal
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 nonrecurrent
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 nonrefillable
 nonreligious
 nonrenewable
 nonresidential
 nonrestricted
 nonreturnable
 nonreversible
 nonruminant
 nonsalable
 nonscientific
 nonscientist
 nonseasonal
 nonsectarian
 nonsegregated
 nonselective
 non-self-governing
 nonsexist
 nonsexual
 nonshrinkable
 nonsinkable
 nonskid
 nonslip
 nonsmoker
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 nonsocial
 nonspeaking
 nonspecialist
 nonspecialized
 nonstaining
 nonstriated
 nonstriker
 nonsubscriber
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 nontransferable
 nontransparent
 nontypical
 nonuniform
 nonuser
 nonvascular
 nonvenomous
 nonviable
 nonviolation
 nonvisual
 nonvocal
 nonvolatile
 nonvoter
 nonvoting
 nonworker
 nonworking
 nonzero
 non-age \ˈnān-ij, ˈnō-nij\ *n* 1 : legal minority 2 : a period of youth 3 : IMMATURITY
 non-age-nar-i-an \ˈnō-nə-jə-ˈner-ē-ən, ˈnān-ə-\ *n* : a person who is in his nineties
 non-aligned \ˈnān-ɪ-ˈlɪnd\ *adj* : not allied with other nations
 non-book \ˈnān-,bʊk\ *n* : a book of little literary merit which is often a compilation (as of press clippings)
 1 *nonce* \ˈnāns\ *n* : the one, particular, or present occasion or purpose (for the ~)
 2 *nonce* *adj* : occurring, used, or made only once or for a special occasion (a ~ word)
 non-cha-lant \ˈnān-shə-ˈlānt\ *adj* [F, fr. OF, fr. prp. of *nonchaloir* to disregard, fr. *non-* not + *chaloir* to concern, fr. *L calere* to be warm] : giving an effect of unconcern or indifference — *non-cha-lance* \ˈlāns\ *n* — *non-cha-lant-ly* *adv*
 non-com \ˈnān-,kām\ *n* : NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER
 non-com-ba-tant \ˈnān-kəm-ˈbat-ənt, ˈnān-ˈkām-bət-ənt\ *n* : a member (as a chaplain) of the armed forces whose duties do not include fighting; *also* : CIVILIAN — *noncombatant* *adj*
 non-com-mis-sioned officer \ˈnān-kə-,mish-ənd-\ *n* : a subordinate officer in the armed forces appointed from enlisted personnel
 non-com-mit-tal \ˈnān-kə-ˈmit-təl\ *adj* : indicating neither consent nor dissent
 non com-pos men-tis \ˈnān-,kām-pəs-ˈment-əs\ *adj* : not of sound mind
 non-con-duc-tor \ˈnān-kən-ˈdɔk-tər\ *n* : a substance that is a very poor conductor of heat, electricity, or sound
 non-con-form-ist \ˈkən-ˈfɔr-məst\ *n* 1 *often cap* : a person who does not conform to an established church and esp. the Church of England 2 : a person who does not conform to a generally accepted pattern of thought or action — *non-con-for-mi-ty* \ˈfɔr-mət-ē\ *n*
 non-co-op-er-a-tion \ˈnān-kō-,əp-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* : failure or refusal to cooperate; *esp* : refusal through civil disobedience of a people to cooperate with the government of a country
 non-cred-it \ˈ(ə)nān-ˈkred-ət\ *adj* : not offering credit toward a degree
 non-dairy \ˈnān-ˈde(ə)r-ē\ *adj* : containing no milk or milk products
 non-de-script \ˈnān-di-ˈskript\ *adj* : not belonging to any particular class or kind : not easily described
 non-drink-er \ˈ-driŋ-kər\ *n* : one who abstains from alcoholic beverages
 1 *none* \ˈnən\ *pron* 1 : not any (~ of them went) 2 : not one (~ of the family) 3 : not any such thing or person (half a loaf is better than ~)
 2 *none* *adj, archaic* : not any : NO
 3 *none* *adv* : by no means : not at all (he got there ~ too soon)
 non-en-ti-ty \ˈnān-ent-ət-ē\ *n* 1 : something that does not exist or exists only in the imagination 2 : one of no consequence or significance
 nones \ˈnɒnz\ *n* *sing or pl* : the 7th day of March, May, July, or October or the 5th day of any other month in the ancient Roman calendar
 none-such \ˈnən-,səʃ\ *n* : one without an equal — *nonetheless* *adj*
 none-the-less \ˈnən-thə-ˈles\ *adv* : NEVERTHELESS
 non-eu-clid-e-an \ˈnān-yü-ˈklid-ē-ən\ *adj, often cap E* : not assuming or in accordance with all the postulates of Euclid's *Elements* (~ geometry)
 non-event \ˈnān-i-,vent\ *n* 1 : an event that fails to take place or to satisfy expectations 2 : a highly promoted event of little or no consequence
 non-fat \-ˈfat\ *adj* : lacking fat solids : having fat solids removed (~ milk)
 non-gono-coc-cal \ˈnān-,gän-ə-ˈkāk-əl\ *adj* : not caused by the gonococcus
 non-he-ro \-ˈhē-rō\ *n* : ANTIHERO
 non-in-ter-ven-tion \ˈnān-,int-ər-ˈven-chən\ *n* : refusal or failure to intervene (as in the affairs of another state)
 non-met-al \ˈnān-ˈmet-əl\ *n* : a chemical element (as carbon, phosphorus, or oxygen) that lacks metallic properties — *non-met-al-lic* \ˈnān-mə-ˈtal-ik\ *adj*
 non-neg-a-tive \-ˈneg-ət-iv\ *adj* : not negative : being either positive or zero
 non-ob-jec-tive \ˈnān-əb-ˈjek-tiv\ *adj* 1 : not objective 2 : representing no natural or actual object, figure, or scene (~ art)
 1 *non-pa-reil* \ˈnān-pə-ˈrel\ *adj* : having no equal : PEERLESS
 2 *nonpareil* *n* 1 : an individual of unequaled excellence : PARAGON 2 : a small flat disk of chocolate covered with white sugar pellets
 non-par-ti-san \ˈnān-ˈpärt-ə-zən\ *adj* : not partisan; *esp* : not influenced by political party spirit or interests
 non-per-son \-ˈpərs-n\ *n* 1 : UNPERSON 2 : a person having no social or legal status
 non-plus \ˈnān-ˈpləs\ *vb* -plussed *also* -plused \-ˈpləst\ ; -plus-sing *also* -plus-ing : PUZZLE, PERPLEX
 non-pre-scrip-tion \ˈnān-pri-ˈskrip-shən\ *adj* : available for sale legally without a doctor's prescription
 non-prof-it \ˈnān-ˈpräf-ət\ *adj* : not conducted or maintained for the purpose of making a profit
 non-pro-lif-er-a-tion \ˈnān-prə-,lif-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *adj* : providing for the stoppage of proliferation (as of nuclear arms) (a ~ treaty)
 non-read-er \ˈnān-ˈrēd-ər\ *n* : one who does not read
 non-rep-re-sen-ta-tion-al \ˈnān-,rep-ri-,zen-ˈtā-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj* : NONOBJECTIVE 2

non-res-i-dent \ˈnän-ˈrez-əd-ənt\ *adj* : not living in a particular place — **non-res-i-dence** \-əd-əns\ *n* — **non-resident** *n*

non-re-sis-tance \,nän-ri-ˈzis-təns\ *n* : the principles or practice of passive submission to authority even when unjust or oppressive

non-re-strict-ive \-ri-ˈstrikt-iv\ *adj* **1** : not serving or tending to restrict **2** : not limiting the reference of the word or phrase modified (a ~ clause)

non-rig-id \nän-ˈrij-əd\ *adj* : maintaining form by pressure of contained gas (a ~ airship)

non-sched-uled \ˈnän-ˈskej-üld\ *adj* : licensed to carry passengers or freight by air without a regular schedule

non-sense \ˈnän-,sens-,səns\ *n* **1** : foolish or meaningless words or actions **2** : things of no importance or value : TRIFLES — **non-sen-si-cal** \nän-ˈsen-si-kəl\ *adj* — **non-sen-si-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

non seq *abbr* non sequitur

non se-qui-tur \nän-ˈsek-wət-ər\ *n* [L, it does not follow] : an inference that does not follow from the premises

non-sked \ˈnän-ˈsked\ *n* : a nonscheduled airline or transport plane

non-stand-ard \,nän-ˈstan-dərd\ *adj* **1** : not standard **2** : not conforming to the usage characteristic of educated native speakers of a language

non-start-er \ˈnän-ˈstärt-ər\ *n* : one that does not start or gets off to a poor start

non-stick \-ˈstik\ *adj* : allowing easy removal of cooked food particles

non-stop \-ˈstɒp\ *adj* : done or made without a stop — **nonstop** *adv*

non-sup-port \,nän-sə-ˈpɔrt\ *n* : failure to support; *esp* : failure on the part of one under obligation to provide maintenance

non trop-po \ˈnän-ˈtrɒ-pō\ *adv* or *adj* [It] : not too much so : moderately so — used as a direction in music

non-U \ˈnän-ˈyü\ *adj* : not characteristic of the upper classes

non-union \-ˈyü-nyən\ *adj* **1** : not belonging to a trade union (~ carpenters) **2** : not recognizing or favoring trade unions or their members (~ employers)

non-us-er \-ˈyü-zər\ *n* : one who does not make use of something (as drugs)

non-vi-o-lence \-ˈnän-ˈvi-ə-ləns\ *n* **1** : abstention from violence as a matter of principle **2** : avoidance of violence **3** : nonviolent political demonstrations — **non-vi-o-lent** \-lənt\ *adj*

non-white \,nän-ˈhwīt-,ˈwīt\ *adj* : a person whose features and esp. skin color are different from those of Caucasians of northwestern Europe — **nonwhite** *adj*

non-woven \ˈnän-ˈwō-vən\ *adj* : made of fibers held together by interlocking or bonding (as by chemical or thermal means) — **nonwoven** *n*

noo-dle \ˈnüd-əl\ *n* : a food paste made with egg and shaped typically in ribbon form

nook \ˈnuk\ *n* **1** : an interior angle or corner formed usu. by two walls (a chimney ~) **2** : a sheltered or hidden place (a shady ~)

noon \ˈnun\ *n* : the middle of the day : 12 o'clock in the daytime — **noon** *adj*

noon-day \-ˈdä\ *n* : NOON, MIDDAY

no one *pron* : NOBODY

noon-tide \ˈnün-,tid\ *n* : NOON

noon-time \-,tīm\ *n* : NOON

noose \ˈnu:s\ *n* : a loop with a running knot (as in a lasso) that binds closer the more it is drawn

no-par \ˈno-ˈpär\ or **no-par-val-ue** *adj* : having no nominal value (~ stock)

nope \ˈnöp\ *adv* : NO

nor \nər, (ˈ)nɔr\ *conj* : and not (not for you ~ for me) — used esp. to introduce and negate the second member and each later member of a series of items preceded by *neither* (neither here ~ there)

Nor *abbr* Norway; Norwegian

Nor-dic \ˈnɔrd-ik\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to the Germanic peoples of northern Europe and esp. of Scandinavia **2** : of or relating to a physical type characterized by tall stature, long head, light skin and hair, and blue eyes — **Nordic** *n*

nor-epi-neph-rine \ˈnɔr-,ep-ə-ˈnef-rən\ *n* [normal + epinephrine] : a nitrogen-containing compound that is the chemical means of transmission across synapses in parts of the sympathetic and central nervous systems

norm \ˈnɔrm\ *n* [L *norma*, lit., carpenter's square] : AVERAGE; *esp* : a set standard of development or achievement usu. derived from the average or median achievement of a large group

ˈnor-mal \ˈnɔr-məl\ *adj* **1** : REGULAR, STANDARD, NATURAL **2** : of average intelligence; *also* : sound in mind and body — **nor-mal-ly** \-səl\ *n* — **nor-mal-i-ty** \ˈnɔr-mal-ət-ē\ *n* — **nor-mal-ly** \ˈnɔr-mə-lē\ *adv*

ˈnormal *n* **1** : one that is normal **2** : the usual condition, level, or quantity

nor-mal-ize \ˈnɔr-mə-,līz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to make normal or average — **nor-mal-iza-tion** \,nɔr-mə-lə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*

normal school *n* : a usu. 2-year school for training chiefly elementary teachers

Nor-man \ˈnɔr-mən\ *n* **1** : a native or inhabitant of Normandy **2** : one of the 10th century Scandinavian conquerors of Normandy **3** : one of the Norman-French conquerors of England in 1066 — **Norman** *adj*

nor-ma-tive \ˈnɔr-mət-iv\ *adj* : of, relating to, or prescribing norms — **nor-ma-tive-ly** *adv* — **nor-ma-tive-ness** *n*

Norse \ˈnɔrs\ *n*, *pl* **Norse** **1** *pl* : SCANDINAVIANS; *also* : NORWEGIANS **2** : NORWEGIAN; *also* : any of the western Scandinavian dialects or languages

Norse-man \-mən\ *n* : one of the ancient Scandinavians

ˈnorth \ˈnɔrth\ *adv* : to or toward the north

ˈnorth *adj* **1** : situated toward or at the north **2** : coming from the north

ˈnorth *n* **1** : the direction to the left of one facing east **2** : the compass point directly opposite to south **3** *cap* : regions or countries north of a specified or implied point — **north-er-ly** \ˈnɔrth-ər-lē\ *adv* or *adj* — **north-ern** \-ərn\ *adj* — **North-ern-er** \-ə(r)n-ər\ *n* — **north-ern-most** \-ərn-,mɒst\ *adj* — **north-ward** \ˈnɔrth-wərd\ *adv* or *adj* — **north-wards** \-wərdz\ *adv*

north-east \ˈnɔrth-ˈēst\ *n* **1** : the general direction between north and east **2** : the compass point midway between north and east **3** *cap* : regions or countries northeast of a specified or implied point — **northeast** *adj* or *adv* — **north-east-er-ly** \-ər-lē\ *adv* or *adj* — **north-east-ern** \-ərn\ *adj*

north-east-er \-ər\ *n* **1** : a strong northeast wind **2** : a storm with northeast winds

north-er \ˈnɔr-thər\ *n* **1** : a strong north wind **2** : a storm with north winds

northern lights *n* *pl* : AURORA BOREALIS

north pole *n*, *often* *cap* *N&P* : the northernmost point of the earth

North Star *n* : the star toward which the northern end of the earth's axis points

north-west \ˈnɔrth-ˈwest\ *n* **1** : the general direction between north and west **2** : the compass point midway between north and west **3** *cap* : regions or countries northwest of a specified or implied point — **northwest** *adj* or *adv* — **north-west-er-ly** \-ər-lē\ *adv* or *adj* — **north-west-ern** \-ərn\ *adj*

Norw *abbr* Norway; Norwegian

Nor-we-gian \ˈnɔr-ˈwē-jən\ *n* **1** : a native or inhabitant of

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart

\ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \de\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job

\ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\out

\ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

Norway 2 : the language of Norway — **Norwegian** *adj*
nos *abbr* numbers

nose ¹'nōz\ *n* 1 : the part of the face containing the nostrils and covering the front of the nasal cavity 2 : the organ or sense of smell 3 : something (as a point, edge, or projecting front part) that resembles a nose (the ~ of a plane) — **nosed** ¹'nōzd\ *adj*

nose *vb* **nosed**; **nos-ing** 1 : to detect by or as if by smell : SCENT 2 : to push or move with the nose 3 : to touch or rub with the nose : NUZZLE 4 : PRY 5 : to move ahead slowly (the ship *nosed* into her berth)

nose-bleed \-,blēd\ *n* : a bleeding from the nose

nose cone *n* : a protective cone constituting the forward end of a rocket or missile

nose dive *n* 1 : a downward nose-first plunge (as of an airplane) 2 : a sudden extreme drop (as in prices)

nose-gay ¹'nōz-,gā\ *n* : a small bunch of flowers : POSY

nose out *vb* : to defeat by a narrow margin

nose-piece \-,pēs\ *n* 1 : a fitting at the lower end of a microscope tube to which the objectives are attached 2 : the bridge of a pair of eyeglasses

no-show ¹'nō-'shō\ *n* : a person who reserves space (as on an airplane or at a concert) but neither uses nor cancels the reservation

nos-tal-gia ¹'nā-'stal-jā\ *n* [NL, fr. Gk *nostos* return home + *algos* pain, grief] 1 : HOMESICKNESS 2 : a wistful yearning for something past or irrecoverable — **nos-tal-gic** \-'jik\ *adj*

nos-tril ¹'nās-trəl\ *n* [ME *noethirl*, fr. OE *nosthyrl*, fr. *nosu* nose + *thyrel* hole] : an external naris usu. with the adjoining nasal wall and passage

nos-trum ¹'nās-trəm\ *n* [L, neut. of *noster* our, ours, fr. *nos* we] : a questionable medicine or remedy

nosy or **nos-ey** ¹'nō-zē\ *adj* **nos-i-er**; -**est** : INQUISITIVE, PRY-ING

not ¹(¹)nāt\ *adv* 1 — used to make negative a group of words or a word (the boys are ~ here) 2 — used to stand for the negative of a preceding group of words (sometimes hard to see and sometimes ~)

no-ta be-ne ¹'nōt-ə-'bē-nē, -'ben-ē\ [L, mark well] — used to call attention to something important

no-ta-bil-i-ty ¹'nōt-ə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**ties** 1 : the quality or state of being notable 2 : NOTABLE

no-ta-ble ¹'nōt-ə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : NOTEWORTHY, REMARKABLE (a ~ achievement) 2 : DISTINGUISHED, PROMINENT (two ~ politicians made speeches)

no-ta-ble *n* : a person of note

no-ta-bly ¹'nōt-ə-blē\ *adv* 1 : in a notable manner 2 : ESPECIALLY, PARTICULARLY

no-tar-i-al ¹'nō-'ter-ē-əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or done by a notary public

no-ta-rize ¹'nōt-ə-,rīz\ *vb* -**rized**; -**rizing** : to acknowledge or make legally authentic as a notary public

no-ta-ry public ¹'nōt-ə-rē-\ *n*, *pl* **notaries public** or **notary publics** : a public official who attests or certifies writings (as deeds) to make them legally authentic

no-ta-tion ¹'nō-'tā-shən\ *n* 1 : ANNOTATION, NOTE 2 : the act, process, or method of representing data by marks, signs, figures, or characters; *also* : a system of symbols (as letters, numerals, or musical notes) used in such notation

notch ¹'näch\ *n* 1 : a V-shaped hollow in an edge or surface 2 : a narrow pass between two mountains

notch *vb* 1 : to cut or make notches in 2 : to score or record by or as if by cutting a series of notches (~ed 20 points for the team)

notch-back ¹'näch-,bak\ *n* : an automobile with a trunk whose lid forms a distinct deck

note ¹'nōt\ *vb* **not-ed**; **not-ing** 1 : to notice or observe with care; *also* : to record or preserve in writing 2 : to make special mention of : REMARK

note *n* 1 : a musical sound 2 : a cry, call, or sound esp. of a bird 3 : a special tone in a person's words or voice

(a ~ of fear) 4 : a character in music used to indicate duration of a tone by its shape and pitch by its position on the staff 5 : a characteristic feature : MOOD, QUALITY (a ~ of optimism) 6 : MEMORANDUM 7 : a brief and informal record; *also* : a written or printed comment or explanation 8 : a written promise to pay a debt 9 : a piece of paper money 10 : a short informal letter 11 : a formal diplomatic or official communication 12 : DISTINCTION, REPUTATION (an artist of ~) 13 : OBSERVATION, NOTICE, HEED (take ~ of the time)

note-book ¹'nōt-,bük\ *n* : a book for notes or memoranda

not-ed ¹'nōt-əd\ *adj* : well known by reputation : EMINENT, CELEBRATED

note-wor-thy \-,wər-'thē\ *adj* : worthy of note : REMARK-ABLE

noth-ing ¹'nəth-ɪŋ\ *pron* 1 : no thing (leaves ~ to the imagination) 2 : no part 3 : one of no interest, value, or importance (she's ~ to me)

nothing *adv* : not at all : in no degree

nothing *n* 1 : something that does not exist 2 : ZERO 3 : a person or thing of little or no value or importance

nothing *adj* : of no account : worthless

noth-ing-ness \-'nəs\ *n* 1 : the quality or state of being nothing 2 : NONEXISTENCE; *also* : utter insignificance 3 : something insignificant or valueless

no-tice ¹'nōt-əs\ *n* 1 : WARNING, ANNOUNCEMENT 2 : notification of the termination of an agreement or contract at a specified time 3 : ATTENTION, HEED (bring the matter to my ~) 4 : a written or printed announcement 5 : a short critical account or examination (as of a play) : REVIEW

notice *vb* **no-ticed**; **no-tic-ing** 1 : to make mention of : remark on : NOTE 2 : to take notice of : OBSERVE, MARK

no-tice-able ¹'nōt-əs-ə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : worthy of notice 2 : capable of being or likely to be noticed — **not-tice-ably** \-blē\ *adv*

no-ti-fy ¹'nōt-ə-,fī\ *vb* -**fied**; -**fy-ing** 1 : to give notice of : report the occurrence of 2 : to give notice to — **no-ti-fi-ca-tion** \,nōt-ə-fə-'kā-shən\ *n*

no-tion ¹'nō-shən\ *n* 1 : IDEA, CONCEPTION (have a ~ of what he means) 2 : a belief held : OPINION, VIEW 3 : WHIM, FANCY (a sudden ~ to go) 4 *pl* : small useful articles (as pins, needles, or thread)

no-tion-al ¹'nō-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj* 1 : existing in the mind only : IMAGINARY, UNREAL 2 : given to foolish or fanciful moods or ideas : WHIMSICAL

no-to-ri-ous ¹'nō-'tōr-ē-əs\ *adj* : generally known and talked of; *esp* : widely and unfavorably known — **no-to-ri-ety** ¹'nōt-ə-'rī-ət-ē\ *n* — **no-to-ri-ous-ly** \nō-'tōr-ē-əs-lē\ *adv*

not-with-stand-ing \,nāt-with-'stan-diŋ, -with-\ *prep* : in spite of

notwithstanding *adv* : NEVERTHELESS

notwithstanding *conj* : ALTHOUGH

nou-gat ¹'nü-gət\ *n* [F, fr. Provençal, fr. Old Provençal *nogat*, fr. *noga* nut, fr. L *nuc-*, *nux*] : a confection of nuts or fruit pieces in a sugar paste

nought ¹'nōt, 'nāt\ *var* of NAUGHT

noun ¹'naun\ *n* : a word that is the name of a subject of discourse (as a person or place)

nour-ish ¹'nar-ish\ *vb* : to cause to grow and develop (as by care and feeding)

nour-ish-ing *adj* : giving nourishment

nour-ish-ment ¹'nər-ish-mənt\ *n* 1 : FOOD, NUTRIMENT 2 : the action or process of nourishing

nou-veau riche \,nü-,vō-'rēsh\ *n*, *pl* **nou-veaux riches** ¹'same\ [F] : a person newly rich : PARVENU

Nov *abbr* November

no-va ¹'nō-və\ *n*, *pl* **novas** or **no-vae** \-,vē, -,vī\ [NL, fem. of L *novus* new] : a star that suddenly increases greatly in brightness and then within a few months or years grows dim again

nov-el ¹'nāv-əl\ *adj* 1 : having no precedent : NEW 2 : STRANGE, UNUSUAL

novel *n* : a long invented prose narrative dealing with human experience through a connected sequence of events — **nov-el-ist** \-(ə-)ləst/ *n*

nov-el-ette \nəv-ə-'let/ *n* : a brief novel or long short story

nov-el-ize \nəv-ə-'līz/ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to convert into the form of a novel — **nov-el-iza-tion** \nəv-ə-'lā-zā-shən/ *n*

no-vel-la \nō-'vel-ə/ *n*, *pl* **novellas** or **no-vel-le** \-'vel-ē/ : NOVELETTE

nov-el-ty \nəv-əl-tē/ *n*, *pl* -ties **1** : something new or unusual **2** : NEWNESS **3** : a small manufactured article intended mainly for personal or household adornment — usu. used in *pl*.

No-ven-ber \nō-'vem-bər/ *n* [ME *Novembre*, fr. OF, fr. L *November* (ninth month), fr. *novem* nine] : the 11th month of the year having 30 days

no-ve-na \nō-'vē-nə/ *n* : a Roman Catholic nine days' devotion

nov-ice \nəv-əs/ *n* **1** : a new member of a religious order who is preparing to take the vows of religion **2** : one who is inexperienced or untrained

no-vi-tiate \nō-'vish-ət/ *n* **1** : the period or state of being a novice **2** : NOVICE **3** : a house where novices are trained

now \(')nəʊ/ *adv* **1** : at the present time or moment **2** : in the time immediately before the present **3** : FORTHWITH **4** — used with the sense of present time weakened or lost (as to express command, introduce an important point, or indicate a transition) (<~ hear this) **5** : SOMETIMES (<~ one and ~ another) **6** : under the present circumstances **7** : at the time referred to

now *conj* : in view of the fact (<~ that you're here, we'll start)

now \(')nəʊ/ *n* : the present time or moment : PRESENT

now \(')nəʊ/ *adj* **1** : of or relating to the present time (the ~ president) **2** : excitingly new (<~ clothes); also : constantly aware of what is new (<~ people)

NOW *abbr* **1** National Organization for Women **2** negotiable order of withdrawal

now-a-days \nəʊ-(ə-)dāz/ *adv* : at the present time

no-way \nō-'wā/ or **no-ways** \-'wāz/ *adv* : NOWISE

no-where \-'hweər/ *adv* : not anywhere — **no-where** *n*

nowhere near *adv* : not nearly

no-wise \nō-'wīz/ *adv* : in no way

nox-ious \nāk-shəs/ *adj* : harmful esp. to health or morals

noz-zle \nāz-əl/ *n* : a short tube constricted in the middle or at one end and used (as on a hose) to speed up or direct a flow of fluid

np *abbr* **1** no pagination **2** no place (of publication)

Np *symbol* neptunium

NP *abbr* **1** notary public **2** noun phrase

NS *abbr* **1** not specified **2** Nova Scotia **3** nuclear ship

NSA *abbr* National Security Agency

NSC *abbr* National Security Council

NSF *abbr* **1** National Science Foundation **2** not sufficient funds

NSW *abbr* New South Wales

NT *abbr* **1** New Testament **2** Northern Territory **3** Northwest Territories

nth \(')enth/ *adj* **1** : numbered with an unspecified or indefinitely large ordinal number **2** : EXTREME, UTMOST (to the ~ degree)

NTP *abbr* normal temperature and pressure

nt wt or **n wt** *abbr* net weight

NU *abbr* name unknown

nu-ance \n(y)ü-'āns, n(y)ü-'āns/ *n* [F] : a shade of difference

: a delicate variation (as in tone or meaning)

nub \nəb/ *n* **1** : KNOB, LUMP **2** : GIST, POINT (the ~ of the story)

nub-bin \nəb-ən/ *n* **1** : something (as an ear of Indian

corn) that is small for its kind, stunted, undeveloped, or imperfect **2** : a small projecting bit

nub-ble \nəb-əl/ *n* : a small knob or lump — **nub-bly** \-(ə-)lē/ *adj*

nu-bile \n(y)ü-bəl, -bīl/ *adj* : of marriageable condition or age (<~ girls)

nu-cle-ar \n(y)ü-klē-ər/ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or constituting a nucleus **2** : of, relating to, or using the atomic nucleus or energy derived from it

nu-cle-ate \n(y)ü-klē-'āt/ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to form, act as, or have a nucleus — **nu-cle-ation** \n(y)ü-klē-'ā-shən/ *n*

nu-cle-ic acid \n(y)ü-,klē-ik-, -klā-/ *n* : any of various complex organic acids (as DNA) found esp. in cell nuclei

nu-cle-on \n(y)ü-klē-,än/ *n* : a proton or a neutron esp. in the atomic nucleus — **nu-cle-on-ic** \n(y)ü-klē-'än-ik/ *adj*

nu-cle-us \n(y)ü-klē-əs/ *n*, *pl* **nu-clei** \-klē-ī/ also **nu-cle-uses** [NL, fr. L, kernel, dim. of *nuc-*, *nux* nut] **1** : a central mass or part about which matter gathers or is collected : CORE **2** : a cell part that is characteristic of all living things except viruses, bacteria, and certain algae, that is necessary for heredity and for making proteins, that contains the chromosomes with their genes, and that is enclosed in a membrane **3** : a mass of gray matter or group of nerve cells in the central nervous system **4** : the central part of an atom that comprises nearly all of the atomic mass

nu-clide \n(y)ü-,klīd/ *n* : a species of atom characterized by the constitution of its nucleus

nude \n(y)üd/ *adj* **nud-er**; **nud-est** : BARE, NAKED, UNCLOTHED — **nu-di-ty** \n(y)üd-ət-ē/ *n*

nude *n* **1** : a nude human figure esp. as depicted in art **2** : the condition of being nude (in the ~)

nudge \nəj/ *vb* nudged; nudg-ing : to touch or push gently (as with the elbow) usu. in order to seek attention — **nudge** *n*

nud-ism \n(y)üd-,iz-əm/ *n* : the practice of going nude esp. in mixed groups at specially secluded places —

nud-ist \n(y)üd-əst/ *n*

nu-ga-to-ry \n(y)ü-gə-,tōr-ē/ *adj* **1** : INCONSEQUENTIAL, WORTHLESS **2** : having no force : INOPERATIVE

nug-get \nəg-ət/ *n* : a lump of precious metal (as gold)

nuis-ance \n(y)üs-'ns/ *n* : an annoying or troublesome person or thing

nuisance tax *n* : an excise tax collected in small amounts directly from the consumer

null \nəl/ *adj* **1** : having no legal or blinding force : INVALID, VOID **2** : amounting to nothing **2** : INSIGNIFICANT — **nul-li-ty** \nəl-ət-ē/ *n*

null and void *adj* : having no force, binding power, or validity

null-li-fy \nəl-ə-,fī/ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing : to make null or valueless; also : ANNUL — **null-li-fi-ca-tion** \nəl-ə-fə-'kā-shən/ *n*

num *abbr* numeral

Num or **Numb** *abbr* Numbers

numb \nəm/ *adj* : lacking sensation or emotion : BENUMBED — **numb** *vb* — **numb-ly** *adv* — **numb-ness** *n*

num-ber \nəm-bər/ *n* **1** : the total of individuals or units taken together **2** : a group or aggregate not specif. enumerated (a small ~ of tickets remain unsold) **3** : the possibility of being counted (the sands of the desert are without ~) **4** : a distinction of word form to denote reference to one or more than one **5** : a unit belonging to a mathematical system and subject to its laws; also, *pl* : ARITHMETIC **6** : a symbol used to represent a mathematical number; also : such a number used to identify

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\g\ing \o\go \ō\law \ō\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\foot
\ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

TABLE OF NUMBERS

CARDINAL NUMBERS ¹			ORDINAL NUMBERS ⁴	
NAME ²	SYMBOL		NAME ⁵	SYMBOL
	Arabic	Roman ³		
zero or naught or cipher	0		first	1st
one	1	I	second	2d or 2nd
two	2	II	third	3d or 3rd
three	3	III	fourth	4th
four	4	IV	fifth	5th
five	5	V	sixth	6th
six	6	VI	seventh	7th
seven	7	VII	eighth	8th
eight	8	VIII	ninth	9th
nine	9	IX	tenth	10th
ten	10	X	eleventh	11th
eleven	11	XI	twelfth	12th
twelve	12	XII	thirteenth	13th
thirteen	13	XIII	fourteenth	14th
fourteen	14	XIV	fifteenth	15th
fifteen	15	XV	sixteenth	16th
sixteen	16	XVI	seventeenth	17th
seventeen	17	XVII	eighteenth	18th
eighteen	18	XVIII	nineteenth	19th
nineteen	19	XIX	twentieth	20th
twenty	20	XX	twenty-first	21st
twenty-one	21	XXI	twenty-second	22d or 22nd
twenty-two	22	XXII	twenty-third	23d or 23rd
twenty-three	23	XXIII	twenty-fourth	24th
twenty-four	24	XXIV	twenty-fifth	25th
twenty-five	25	XXV	twenty-sixth	26th
twenty-six	26	XXVI	twenty-seventh	27th
twenty-seven	27	XXVII	twenty-eighth	28th
twenty-eight	28	XXVIII	twenty-ninth	29th
twenty-nine	29	XXIX	thirtieth	30th
thirty	30	XXX	thirty-first <i>etc</i>	31st
thirty-one <i>etc</i>	31	XXXI	fortieth	40th
forty	40	XL	fiftieth	50th
fifty	50	L	sixtieth	60th
sixty	60	LX	seventieth	70th
seventy	70	LXX	eightieth	80th
eighty	80	LXXX	ninetieth	90th
ninety	90	XC	hundredth or one hundredth	100th
one hundred	100	C	hundred and first or	101st
one hundred one or	101	CI	one hundred and first <i>etc</i>	
one hundred and one <i>etc</i>			two hundredth	200th
two hundred	200	CC	three hundredth	300th
three hundred	300	CCC	four hundredth	400th
four hundred	400	CD	five hundredth	500th
five hundred	500	D	six hundredth	600th
six hundred	600	DC	seven hundredth	700th
seven hundred	700	DCC	eight hundredth	800th
eight hundred	800	DCCC	nine hundredth	900th
nine hundred	900	CM	thousandth or one thousandth	1,000th
one thousand or ten	1,000	M	two thousandth <i>etc</i>	2,000th
hundred <i>etc</i>			five thousandth	5,000th
two thousand <i>etc</i>	2,000	MM	ten thousandth	10,000th
five thousand	5,000	V	hundred thousandth or	100,000th
ten thousand	10,000	X	one hundred thousandth	
one hundred thousand	100,000	C	millionth or one millionth	1,000,000th
one million	1,000,000	M		

¹The cardinal numbers are used in simple counting or in answer to "how many?" The words for these numbers may be used as nouns (I counted to *ten*), as pronouns (*ten* were found), or as adjectives (*ten* cows).

²In formal writing the numbers one to one hundred and in less formal writing the numbers one to nine are commonly written out, while larger numbers are given in numerals. A number occurring at the beginning of a sentence is usually written out. Except in very formal writing numerals are used for dates. Arabic numerals from 1,000 to 9,999 are often written without commas (1000; 9999). Year numbers are always written without commas (1783).

³The Roman numerals are written either in capitals or in lowercase letters.

⁴The ordinal numbers are used to show the order in which such items as names, objects, and periods of time are considered (the *twelfth* month; the *fourth* row of seats; the *18th* century).

⁵Each of the names of the ordinal numbers except *first* and *second* is used for one of the equal parts into which a whole may be divided (a *fourth*; a *sixth*; a *tenth*) and also as the denominator in fractions (*one fourth*; *three fifths*). Fractions used as nouns are usually written as two words, but fractions used as adjectives are usually hyphenated (a *two-thirds* majority). When a two-word ordinal number is used as a noun to name a denominator, a hyphen is usually used to make sure that there is only one meaning (*six hundred ten-thousandths* means only 600/10,000 and not 610/1000). When fractions are written in numerals, the cardinal symbols are used ($\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{8}$, $\frac{5}{6}$).

or designate (a phone ~) **7** : one in a series (the best ~ on the program)

number *vb* **num-bered**; **num-ber-ing** \-b(ə-)rɪŋ/ **1** : COUNT, ENUMERATE **2** : to include with or be one of a group **3** : to restrict to a small or definite number **4** : to assign a number to **5** : to comprise in number : TOTAL

num-ber-less \-ləs/ *adj* : INNUMERABLE, COUNTLESS

Numbers *n* — see BIBLE table

nu-mer-al \ˈn(y)ūm-(ə-)rəl/ *n* : a word or symbol representing a number — **numeral** *adj*

nu-mer-ate \ˈn(y)ū-mə-,rāt/ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** : ENUMERATE

nu-mer-a-tor \ˈn(y)ū-mə-,rāt-ər/ *n* : the part of a fraction above the line

nu-mer-ic \n(y)ū-ˈmer-ik/ *adj* : NUMERICAL; *esp* : denoting a number or a system of numbers

nu-mer-i-cal \n(y)ū-ˈmer-i-kəl/ *adj* **1** : of or relating to numbers **2** : denoting a number or expressed in numbers — **nu-mer-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lɪ/ *adv*

nu-mer-ol-o-gy \ˈn(y)ū-mə-ˈrāl-ə-jē/ *n* : the study of the occult significance of numbers — **nu-mer-ol-o-gist** \-jəst/ *n*

nu-mer-ous \ˈn(y)ūm-(ə-)rəs/ *adj* : consisting of, including, or relating to a great number : MANY

nu-mis-mat-ics \ˈn(y)ū-məz-ˈmat-iks/ *n* : the study or collection of monetary objects — **nu-mis-mat-ic** \-ik/ *adj* — **nu-mis-ma-tist** \ˈn(y)ū-ˈmiz-mət-əst/ *n*

num-skull \ˈnəm-,skəl/ *n* : a stupid person : DUNCE

nun \ˈnʌn/ *n* : a woman belonging to a religious order; *esp* : one under solemn vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

nun-cio \ˈnʌn-sē-,ō, ˈnʌn-/ *n*, *pl* **-ci-os** [It, fr. L *nuntius* messenger] : a permanent high-ranking papal representative to a civil government

nun-ery \ˈnʌn-ə-rē/ *n*, *pl* **-ner-ies** : a convent of nuns

nup-tial \ˈnʌp-shəl/ *adj* : of or relating to marriage or a wedding

nuptial *n* : MARRIAGE, WEDDING — *usu.* used in *pl.*

nurse \ˈnɜrs/ *n* [ME, fr. OF *nurice*, fr. LL *nutricia*, fr. L, fem. of *nutricius* nourishing] **1** : a girl or woman employed to take care of children **2** : a person trained to care for sick people

nurse *vb* **nursed**; **nurs-ing** **1** : SUCKLE **2** : to take charge of and watch over **3** : TEND (~ an invalid) **4** : to treat with special care (~ a headache) **5** : to hold in one's mind or consideration (~ a grudge) **6** : to act or serve as a nurse

nurse-maid \-,mād/ *n* : a girl or woman employed to look after children

nurs-ery \ˈnɜrs-(ə-)rē/ *n*, *pl* **-er-ies** **1** : a room for children **2** : a place where children are temporarily cared for in their parents' absence **3** : a place where young plants are grown *usu.* for transplanting

nurs-ery-man \-mən/ *n* : a man who keeps or works in a plant nursery

nursery school *n* : a school for children under kindergarten age

nursing home *n* : a private establishment where care is provided for persons (as the chronically ill) who are unable to care for themselves

nurs-ling \ˈnɜrs-lɪŋ/ *n* **1** : one that is solicitously cared for **2** : a nursing child

nur-ture \ˈnɜr-čər/ *n* **1** : TRAINING, UPBRINGING; *also*

: the influences that modify the expression of an individual's heredity **2** : FOOD, NOURISHMENT

nurture *vb* **nur-tured**; **nur-tur-ing** **1** : to care for : FEED, NOURISH **2** : EDUCATE, TRAIN **3** : FOSTER

nut \ˈnʌt/ *n* **1** : a dry fruit or seed with a hard shell and a firm inner kernel; *also* : its kernel **2** : a metal block with a hole through it that is fastened to a bolt or screw by means of a screw thread within the hole **3** : the ridge on the upper end of the fingerboard in a stringed musical instrument over which the strings pass **4** : a foolish, eccentric, or crazy person **5** : ENTHUSIAST

nut-crack-er \-,krak-ər/ *n* : an instrument for cracking nuts

nut-hatch \ˈnʌt-,hach/ *n* [ME *notehache*, fr. *note* nut + *hache* ax, fr. OF, battle-ax] : any of various small birds that creep on tree trunks in search of food and resemble titmice

nut-meg \ˈnʌt-,meg, -,mäg/ *n* [ME *notemuge*, deriv. of Old Provençal *noz muscada*, fr. *noz* nut (fr. L *nuc-*, *nux*) + *muscada*, fem. of *muscat* musky] : the nutlike aromatic seed of a tropical tree that is ground for use as a spice; *also* : this spice

nut-pick \ˈnʌt-,pɪk/ *n* : a small sharp-pointed table implement for extracting the kernels from nuts

nu-tria \ˈn(y)ū-trē-/ *n* [Sp] **1** : the durable usu. light brown fur of a nutria **2** : a So. American aquatic rodent with webbed feet and dorsal mammary glands

nu-tri-ent \ˈn(y)ū-trē-ənt/ *adj* : NOURISHING

nutrient *n* : a nutritive substance or ingredient

nu-tri-ment \-trē-mənt/ *n* : NUTRIENT

nu-tri-tion \n(y)ū-ˈtrɪsh-ən/ *n* : the act or process of nourishing; *esp* : the processes by which an individual takes in and utilizes food material — **nu-tri-tion-al** \-ˈtrɪsh-(ə-)nəl/ *adj* — **nu-tri-tious** \-ˈtrɪsh-əs/ *adj* — **nu-tri-tive** \ˈn(y)ū-trət-iv/ *adj*

nuts \ˈnʌts/ *adj* **1** : ENTHUSIASTIC, KEEN **2** : CRAZY, DEMENTED

nut-shell \ˈnʌt-,shell/ *n* : the shell of a nut — **in a nutshell** : in a few words (that's the story in a nutshell)

nut-ty \ˈnʌt-ē/ *adj* **nut-ti-er**; **-est** **1** : containing or suggesting nuts (a ~ flavor) **2** : mentally unbalanced

nuz-zle \ˈnəz-əl/ *vb* **nuz-zled**; **nuz-zling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ/ **1** : to root around, push, or touch with or as if with the nose **2** : NESTLE, SNUGGLE

NV *abbr* Nevada

NW *abbr* northwest

NWT *abbr* Northwest Territories

NY *abbr* New York

NYC *abbr* New York City

ny-lon \ˈni-,län/ *n* **1** : any of numerous strong tough elastic synthetic materials used esp. in textiles and plastics **2 pl** : stockings made of nylon

nymph \ˈnim-/ *n* **1** : any of the lesser goddesses in ancient mythology represented as maidens living in the mountains, forests, meadows, and waters **2** : an immature insect; *esp* : one that resembles the adult but is smaller and less differentiated and *usu.* lacks wings

nym-pho-ma-nia \ˈnim-fə-ˈmā-nē-ə, -nyə/ *n* : excessive sexual desire by a female — **nym-pho-ma-ni-ac** \-nē-,ək/ *n* or *adj*

NZ *abbr* New Zealand

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

O

10 \ˈoʊ n, pl **o's** or **os** \ˈoʊz/ *often cap* : the 15th letter of the English alphabet

20 *abbr, often cap* **1** ocean **2** Ohio **3** ohm

10 \ˈoʊ/ *var of* OH

20 *symbol* oxygen

o/a *abbr on or about*

oaf \ˈoʊf/ *n* : a stupid or awkward person — **oaf-ish** \ˈoʊ-fish/ *adj*

oak \ˈoʊk/ *n*, *pl oaks or oak* : any of various trees or shrubs related to the beech and chestnut and having a rounded thin-shelled nut surrounded at the base by a hardened cup; *also* : the usu. tough hard durable wood of an oak — **oak-en** \ˈoʊ-kən/ *adj*

oak-kum \ˈoʊ-kəm/ *n* : loosely twisted hemp or jute fiber impregnated with tar and used esp. in caulking ships

oar \ˈoʊr/ *n* : a long pole with a broad blade at one end used for propelling or steering a boat

oar-lock \-,lāk/ *n* : a U-shaped device for holding an oar in place

oars-man \ˈoʊr-z-mən/ *n* : one who rows esp. in a racing crew

OAS *abbr* Organization of American States

oa-sis \ˈoʊ-ā-səs/ *n*, *pl oa-ses* \-,sēz/ : a fertile or green area in an arid region

oat \ˈoʊt/ *n* : a cereal grass widely grown for its edible seed; *also* : this seed — **oat-en** \-ən/ *adj*

oat-cake \ˈoʊt-,kāk/ *n* : a thin flat oatmeal cake

oath \ˈoʊθ/ *n*, *pl oaths* \ˈoʊθz, ˈoʊθs/ **1** : a solemn appeal to God to witness to the truth of a statement or the sacredness of a promise **2** : an irreverent or careless use of a sacred name

oat-meal \ˈoʊt-,mēl/ *n* **1** : meal made from oats **2** : porridge made from ground or rolled oats

Ob or **Obad** *abbr* Obadiah

Oba-di-ah \,ō-bə-ˈdī-əh/ *n* — see **BIBLE** table

ob-bli-ga-to \,āb-lə-ˈgāt-ō/ *n*, *pl -tos* *also* -tī -ˈgāt-ē/ [It] : an accompanying part usu. played by a solo instrument

ob-du-rate \ˈāb-d(y)ə-rət/ *adj* : stubbornly resistant : UNYIELDING *syn* inflexible, adamant, rigid, uncompromising — **ob-du-ra-cy** \-rə-sē/ *n*

obe-di-ent \ˈō-bēd-ē-ənt/ *adj* : submissive to the restraint or command of authority *syn* docile, tractable, amenable, biddable — **obe-di-ence** \-əns/ *n* — **obe-di-ent-ly** *adv*

obei-sance \ˈō-bās-əns, ˈbēs-/ *n* : a bow made to show respect or submission; *also* : DEFERENCE, HOMAGE

obe-lisk \ˈāb-ə-,lisk/ *n* [MF *obelisque*, fr. L *obeliscus*, fr. Gk *obeliskos*, fr. dim. of *obelos* spit, pointed pillar] : a 4-sided pillar that tapers toward the top and ends in a pyramid

obese \ˈō-bēs/ *adj* [L *obesus*, fr. pp. of *obedere* to eat up, fr. *ob-* against + *edere* to eat] : excessively fat — **obe-sity** \-bē-sət-ē/ *n*

obey \ˈō-bā/ *vb* **obeyed**; **obey-ing** **1** : to follow the commands or guidance of : behave obediently **2** : to comply with (~ orders)

ob-fus-cate \ˈāb-fə-,skāt/ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing **1** : to make dark or obscure **2** : CONFUSE — **ob-fus-ca-tion** \,āb-fəs-ˈkā-shən/ *n*

obi \ˈō-bē/ *n* : a broad sash worn with a Japanese kimono

obit \ˈō-bit, ˈō-bət/ *n* : OBITUARY

obi-ter dic-tum \,ō-bət-ər-ˈdik-təm/ *n*, *pl obiter dic-ta* \-tə/ [LL, lit., something said in passing] : an incidental remark or observation

obit-u-ary \-ə-ˈbich-ə-,wer-ē/ *n*, *pl -ar-ies* : a notice of a person's death usu. with a short biographical account

obj *abbr* object; objective

ob-ject \ˈāb-jikt/ *n* **1** : something that may be seen or felt;

also : something that may be perceived or examined mentally **2** : something that arouses an emotional response (as of affection or pity) **3** : AIM, PURPOSE **4** : a word or word group denoting that on or toward which the action of a verb is directed; *also* : a noun or noun equivalent in a prepositional phrase

20 **ob-ject** \əb-ˈjekt/ *vb* **1** : to offer in opposition **2** : to oppose something; *also* : DISAPPROVE *syn* protest, remonstrate, expostulate — **ob-ject-or** \-ˈjekt-tər/ *n*

ob-ject-ti-fy \əb-ˈjekt-tə-,fī/ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing : to make objective

ob-ject-ion \əb-ˈjekt-shən/ *n* **1** : the act of objecting **2** : a reason for or a feeling of disapproval

ob-ject-ion-able \əb-ˈjekt-sh(ə)-nə-bəl/ *adj* : UNDESIRABLE, OFFENSIVE — **ob-ject-ion-ably** \-blē/ *adv*

10 **ob-ject-ive** \əb-ˈjekt-tiv/ *adj* **1** : of or relating to an object or end **2** : existing outside and independent of the mind **3** : of, relating to, or constituting a grammatical case marking typically the object of a verb or preposition **4** : treating or dealing with facts without distortion by personal feelings or prejudices — **ob-ject-ive-ly** *adv* — **ob-ject-ive-ness** *n* — **ob-ject-iv-i-ty** \,āb-,jek-ˈtīv-ət-ē/ *n*

20 **objective** *n* **1** : the lens (as in a microscope) nearest the object and forming an image of it **2** : an aim, goal, or end of action

ob-jet d'art \,ōb-,zhā-ˈdär/ *n*, *pl ob-jets d'art* \same/ [F] : an article of artistic worth; *also* : CURIO

ob-jet trou-vé \ˈōb-,zhā-trū-ˈvā/ *n*, *pl objets trouvés* \same/ [F, lit., found object] : a found natural object (as a piece of driftwood) held to have aesthetic value; *also* : an artifact not orig. intended as art but displayed as a work of art

ob-jur-gate \ˈāb-jər-,gāt/ *vb* -gat-ed; -gat-ing : to denounce harshly — **ob-jur-ga-tion** \,āb-jər-ˈgā-shən/ *n*

obl *abbr* **1** oblique **2** oblong

obl-ate \āb-ˈlāt/ *adj* : flattened or depressed at the poles (an ~ spheroid)

ob-la-tion \ə-ˈblā-shən/ *n* : a religious offering

obl-i-gate \ˈāb-lə-,gāt/ *vb* -gat-ed; -gat-ing : to bind legally or morally; *also* : to bind by a favor

obl-i-ga-tion \,āb-lə-ˈgā-shən/ *n* **1** : an act of obligating oneself to a course of action **2** : something (as a promise or a contract) that binds one to a course of action **3** : INDEBTEDNESS; *also* : LIABILITY **4** : DUTY — **oblig-a-to-ry** \-ə-ˈblig-ə-,tōr-ē, ˈāb-li-gə-/ *adj*

oblige \ə-ˈbli/ *vb* **obliged**; **oblige** **1** : FORCE, COMPEL **2** : to bind by a favor; *also* : to do a favor for or do something as a favor

oblig-ing \ə-ˈbli-jɪŋ/ *adj* : willing to do favors — **oblig-ing-ly** *adv*

oblique \ˈō-blik/ *also* ˈō-ˈblik/ *adj* **1** : neither perpendicular nor parallel : SLANTING **2** : not straightforward : INDIRECT — **oblique-ly** *adv* — **oblique-ness** *n* — **obliq-ui-ty** \-ˈblik-wət-ē/ *n*

oblit-er-ate \ə-ˈblit-ə-,rāt/ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing [L *oblitterare*, fr. *ob* in the way of + *littera* letter] **1** : to make undecipherable by wiping out or covering over **2** : to remove from recognition or memory **3** : CANCEL — **oblit-er-a-tion** \-,blit-ə-ˈrā-shən/ *n*

obliv-i-on \ə-ˈbliv-ē-ən/ *n* **1** : the condition of being oblivious **2** : the condition or state of being forgotten

obliv-i-ous \-ē-əs/ *adj* **1** : lacking memory or mindful attention **2** : UNAWARE — **obliv-i-ous-ly** *adv* — **obliv-i-ous-ness** *n*

ob-long \ˈāb-,lŏŋ/ *adj* : deviating from a square, circular, or spherical form by elongation in one dimension (the ~ fruit of a lemon tree) — **oblong** *n*

ob-lo-quy \ˈāb-lə-kwē/ *n*, *pl -quies* **1** : strongly condemna-

tory utterance or language **2** : bad repute : DISGRACE **syn** dishonor, shame, infamy, disrepute, ignominy
ob-nox-i-ous \äb-¹näk-shəs, əb-²\ *adj* : REPUGNANT, OFFENSIVE — **ob-nox-i-ous-ly** *adv* — **ob-nox-i-ous-ness** *n*
oboe \¹ō-bō\ *n* [It, fr. *F hautbois*, fr. *haut* high + *bois* wood] : a woodwind instrument shaped like a slender conical tube with holes and keys and a reed mouthpiece — **obo-ist** \¹ō-,bō-əst\ *n*



oboe

ob-scene \äb-¹sēn, əb-²\ *adj* **1** : REPULSIVE **2** : deeply offensive to morality or decency; *esp* : designed to incite to lust or depravity **syn** gross, vulgar, coarse, crude, indecent — **ob-scene-ly** *adv* — **ob-scen-i-ty** \¹sen-ət-ē\ *n*
ob-scu-ran-tism \äb-¹skyūr-ən-,tiz-əm, ²äb-¹skyū-²-rən\ *n* **1** : opposition to the spread of knowledge **2** : deliberate vagueness or abstruseness — **ob-scu-ran-tist** \ən-təst, -¹rənt-əst\ *n* or *adj*
¹**ob-scure** \äb-¹skyūr, əb-²\ *adj* **1** : DIM, GLOOMY **2** : not readily understood : VAGUE **3** : REMOTE; *also* : HUMBLE — **ob-scure-ly** *adv* — **ob-scu-ri-ty** \¹skyūr-ət-ē\ *n*
²**obscure** *vb* **ob-scured**; **ob-scu-ring** **1** : to make dark, dim, or indistinct **2** : to conceal or hide by or as if by covering **ob-se-qui-ous** \əb-¹sē-kwē-əs\ *adj* : humbly or excessively attentive (as to a person in authority) : FAWNING, SYCOPHANTIC — **ob-se-qui-ous-ly** *adv* — **ob-se-qui-ous-ness** *n*
ob-se-quey \¹äb-sə-kwē\ *n*, *pl* -*quies* : a funeral or burial rite — *usu.* used in *pl.*
ob-serv-able \əb-¹zər-və-bəl\ *adj* **1** : necessarily or customarily observed **2** : NOTICEABLE
ob-ser-vance \əb-¹zər-vəns\ *n* **1** : a customary practice or ceremony **2** : an act or instance of following a custom, rule, or law **3** : OBSERVATION
ob-ser-vant \-vənt\ *adj* **1** : WATCHFUL (~ spectators) **2** : KEEN, PERCEPTIVE **3** : MINDFUL (~ of the amenities)
ob-ser-va-tion \äb-sər-¹vā-shən, -zər-²\ *n* **1** : an act or the power of observing **2** : the gathering of information (as for scientific studies) by noting facts or occurrences **3** : a conclusion drawn from observing; *also* : REMARK, STATEMENT **4** : the fact of being observed
ob-ser-va-to-ry \əb-¹zər-və-,tōr-ē\ *n*, *pl* -*ries* : a place or institution equipped for observation of natural phenomena (as in astronomy)
ob-serve \əb-¹zər-v\ *vb* **ob-served**; **ob-serv-ing** **1** : to conform one's action or practice to **2** : CELEBRATE **3** : (to make a scientific observation of **4** : to see or sense *esp.* through careful attention **5** : to come to realize *esp.* through consideration of noted facts **6** : REMARK — **ob-serv-er** *n*
ob-sess \əb-¹ses\ *vb* : to preoccupy intensely or abnormally
ob-ses-sion \äb-¹sesh-ən, əb-²\ *n* : a persistent disturbing preoccupation with an idea or feeling; *also* : an emotion or idea causing such a preoccupation — **ob-ses-sive** \¹ses-iv\ *adj* or *n* — **ob-ses-sive-ly** *adv*
ob-sid-i-an \əb-¹sid-ē-ən\ *n* : a dark natural glass formed by the cooling of molten lava
ob-so-les-cent \äb-sə-¹les-ənt\ *adj* : going out of use : becoming obsolete — **ob-so-les-cence** \-ns\ *n*
ob-so-lete \äb-sə-¹lēt, ²äb-sə-,lēt\ *adj* : no longer in use; *also* : OLD-FASHIONED **syn** extinct, outworn, passé, superseded
ob-sta-cle \äb-sti-kəl\ *n* : something that stands in the way or opposes
ob-stet-rics \əb-¹stet-riks\ *n* *sing* or *pl* : a branch of medicine that deals with childbirth — **ob-stet-ric** \-rik\ or **ob-stet-ri-cal** \-ri-kəl\ *adj* — **ob-ste-tri-cian** \äb-stə-¹trish-ən\ *n*
ob-sti-nate \äb-stə-nət\ *adj* : fixed and unyielding (as in

an opinion or course) despite reason or persuasion : STUBBORN — **ob-sti-na-cy** \-nə-sē\ *n* — **ob-sti-nate-ly** *adv*
ob-strep-er-ous \əb-¹strep-(ə-)rəs\ *adj* **1** : uncontrollably noisy **2** : stubbornly resistant to control : UNRULY — **ob-strep-er-ous-ness** *n*
ob-struct \əb-¹strəkt\ *vb* **1** : to block by an obstacle **2** : to impede the passage, action, or operation of **3** : to shut off from sight — **ob-struct-ive** \¹strək-tiv\ *adj* — **ob-struct-or** \-tər\ *n*
ob-struc-tion \əb-¹strək-shən\ *n* **1** : an act of obstructing : the state of being obstructed **2** : something that obstructs : HINDRANCE
ob-struc-tion-ist \-sh(ə-)nəst\ *n* : a person who hinders progress or business *esp.* in a legislative body — **ob-struc-tion-ism** \-shə-,niz-əm\ *n*
ob-tain \əb-¹tān\ *vb* **1** : to gain or attain *usu.* by planning or effort **2** : to be generally recognized or established **syn** procure, secure, win, earn, acquire — **ob-tain-able** *adj*
ob-trude \əb-¹trüd\ *vb* **ob-trud-ed**; **ob-trud-ing** **1** : to thrust out **2** : to thrust forward without warrant or request **3** : INTRUDE — **ob-tru-sion** \¹trü-zhən\ *n* — **ob-tru-sive** \¹trü-siv\ *adj* — **ob-tru-sive-ly** *adv* — **ob-tru-sive-ness** *n*
ob-tuse \äb-¹(t)yūs, əb-²\ *adj* **ob-tus-er**; -*est* **1** : not sharp or quick of wit **2** : exceeding 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees (~ angle) **3** : not pointed or acute : BLUNT — **ob-tuse-ly** *adv* — **ob-tuse-ness** *n*
obv *abbr* obverse
¹**ob-verse** \äb-¹vərs, ²äb-¹vərs\ *adj* **1** : facing the observer or opponent **2** : having the base narrower than the top **3** : being a counterpart or complement — **ob-verse-ly** *adv*
²**ob-verse** \äb-¹vərs, ²äb-¹vərs\ *n* **1** : the side (as of a coin) bearing the principal design and lettering **2** : a front or principal surface **3** : a similar but contrasting element or condition
ob-vi-ate \äb-vē-,āt\ *vb* -*at-ed*; -*at-ing* : to anticipate and prevent (as a situation) or make unnecessary (as an action) **syn** prevent, avert, forestall, fend, preclude — **ob-vi-a-tion** \äb-vē-¹ā-shən\ *n*
ob-vi-ous \äb-vē-əs\ *adj* [L *obvius*, fr. *obviam* in the way, fr. *ob* in the way of + *viam*, acc. of *via* way] : easily found, seen, or understood : PLAIN **syn** evident, manifest, patent, clear — **ob-vi-ous-ly** *adv* — **ob-vi-ous-ness** *n*
OC *abbr* officer candidate
oc-a-ri-na \äb-¹ä-k-ə-rē-nə\ *n* [It, fr. *oca* goose, fr. LL *auca*, deriv. of L *avis* bird] : a simple wind instrument with holes that may be opened or closed by the finger to vary the pitch
occas *abbr* occasionally
¹**oc-ca-sion** \ə-¹kā-zhən\ *n* **1** : a favorable opportunity **2** : a direct or indirect cause **3** : the time of an event **4** : EXIGENCY **5 pl** : AFFAIRS, BUSINESS **6** : a special event : CELEBRATION
²**occasion** *vb* -*sioned*; -*sion-ing* \¹kāzh-(ə-)nig\ : CAUSE
oc-ca-sion-al \ə-¹kāzh-(ə-)nəl\ *adj* **1** : happening or met with now and then (~ references to the war) **2** : used or designed for a special occasion (~ verse) **syn** infrequent, rare, sporadic — **oc-ca-sion-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
oc-ci-den-tal \äb-sə-¹dent-əl\ *adj*, *often cap* [fr. *Occident* West, fr. ME, fr. L *occident-, occidens*, fr. *prp.* of *occidere* to fall, set (of the sun)] : WESTERN — **Occidental** *n*
oc-clude \ə-¹klüd\ *vb* **oc-clud-ed**; **oc-clud-ing** **1** : OBSTRUCT **2** : to shut in or out **3** : to come together with opposing surfaces in contact — **oc-clu-sion** \¹klü-zhən\ *n* — **oc-clu-sive** \¹klü-siv\ *adj*
¹**oc-cult** \ə-¹kəlt\ *adj* **1** : not revealed : SECRET **2** : AB-

\ə\abut \¹\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ä\ace \ä\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \i\job
 \ŋ\sing \ō\go \ō\law \ō\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

STRUSE, MYSTERIOUS **3** : of or relating to supernatural agencies, their effects, or knowledge of them

2 **occult** *n* : occult matters — used with *the*

oc-cult-ism \ə-ˈkəl-ˌtiz-əm/ *n* : occult theory or practice — **oc-cult-ist** \-təst/ *n*

oc-cu-pan-cy \ˈäk-yə-pən-sē/ *n, pl -cies 1* : the act of occupying : the state of being occupied **2** : an occupied building or part of a building

oc-cu-pant \-pənt/ *n* : one who occupies something; *esp* : RESIDENT

oc-cu-pa-tion \ˈäk-yə-ˈpā-shən/ *n 1* : an activity in which one engages; *esp* : VOCATION **2** : the taking possession of property; *also* : the taking possession of an area by a foreign military force — **oc-cu-pa-tion-al** \-sh(ə)-nəl/ *adj* — **oc-cu-pa-tion-al-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

occupational therapy *n* : therapy by means of activity; *esp* : creative activity prescribed for its effect in promoting recovery or rehabilitation — **occupational therapist** *n*

oc-cu-py \ˈäk-yə-,pī/ *vb -pied; -py-ing 1* : to engage the attention or energies of **2** : to fill up (an extent in space or time) **3** : to take or hold possession of **4** : to reside in as owner or tenant — **oc-cu-pi-er** \-pī(-ə)r/ *n*

oc-cur \ə-ˈkər/ *vb* **oc-curred; oc-cur-ring** \-ˈkər-ɪŋ/ **1** : to be found or met with : APPEAR **2** : HAPPEN **3** : to come to mind

oc-cur-rence \ə-ˈkər-əns/ *n 1* : something that takes place **2** : the action or process of occurring

ocean \ˈō-shən/ *n 1* : the whole body of salt water that covers nearly three fourths of the surface of the earth **2** : one of the large bodies of water into which the great ocean is divided — **oce-an-ic** \ˈō-shē-ˈan-ik/ *adj*

ocean-ar-i-um \ˈō-shə-ˈnar-ē-əm/ *n, pl -iums or -ia* \-ē-ə/ : a large marine aquarium

ocean-front \ˈō-shən-,frənt/ *n* : a shore area on the ocean

ocean-go-ing \-,gō-ɪŋ/ *adj* : of, relating to, or suitable for travel on the ocean

ocean-og-ra-phy \ˈō-shə-ˈnäg-rə-fē/ *n* : a science dealing with the ocean and its phenomena — **ocean-og-ra-pher** \-fər/ *n* — **ocean-o-graph-ic** \-nə-ˈgräf-ik/ *adj*

ocean-ol-o-gy \ˈō-shə-ˈnäl-ə-jē/ *n* : OCEANOGRAPHY — **ocean-ol-o-gist** \-jəst/ *n*

oce-lot \ˈäs-ə-,lät, ˈō-sə-/ *n* : a medium-sized American wildcat ranging southward from Texas and having a tawny yellow or gray coat with black markings

ocher or ochre \ˈō-kər/ *n* : an earthy usu. red or yellow iron ore used as a pigment; *also* : the color esp. of yellow ocher

o'clock \ə-ˈklāk/ *adv* : according to the clock

OCS *abbr* officer candidate school

oct *abbr* octavo

Oct *abbr* October

oc-ta-gon \ˈäk-tə-,gän/ *n* : a polygon of eight angles and eight sides — **oc-tag-o-nal** \äk-ˈtag-ən-əl/ *adj*

oc-tane \ˈäk-,tän/ *n 1* : any of several isomeric liquid hydrocarbons containing 8 carbon atoms per molecule **2** : OCTANE NUMBER

octane number *n* : a number that is used to measure the antiknock properties of gasoline and that increases as the likelihood of knocking decreases

oc-tave \ˈäk-tiv/ *n 1* : a musical interval embracing eight degrees; *also* : a tone or note at this interval or the whole series of notes, tones, or keys within this interval **2** : a group of eight

oc-ta-vo \äk-ˈtä-vō, -ˈtäv-ō/ *n, pl -vos 1* : the size of a piece of paper cut eight from a sheet **2** : a book printed on octavo pages

oc-tet \äk-ˈtet/ *n 1* : a musical composition for eight voices or eight instruments; *also* : the performers of such a composition **2** : a group or set of eight

Oc-to-ber \äk-ˈtō-bər/ *n* [ME *Octobre*, fr. OF, fr. L *October* (eighth month), fr. *octo* eight] : the 10th month of the year having 31 days

oc-to-ge-nar-i-an \ˈäk-tə-jə-ˈner-ē-ən/ *n* : a person who is in his eighties

oc-to-pus \ˈäk-tə-pəs/ *n, pl -pus-es or -pi* \-,pī/ : any of various sea mollusks with eight long arms furnished with two rows of suckers

oc-to-syl-lab-ic \ˈäk-tə-sə-ˈlab-ik/ *adj* : having or composed of verses having eight syllables — **octosyllabic** *n*

ˈoc-u-lar \ˈäk-yə-lər/ *adj 1* : VISUAL **2** : of or relating to the eye or the eyesight

2 **ocular** *n* : EYEPIECE

oc-u-list \ˈäk-yə-ləst/ *n 1* : OPHTHALMOLOGIST **2** : OPTOMETRIST

1 **OD** \(')ō-ˈdē/ *n* : an overdose of a narcotic

2 **OD** *abbr 1* doctor of optometry **2** [L *oculus dexter*] right eye **3** officer of the day **4** olive drab **5** overdraft **6** overdrawn

odd \ˈäd/ *adj* [ME *odde*, fr. ON *oddi* point of land, triangle, odd number] **1** : being only one of a pair or set (an ~ shoe) **2** : somewhat more than the number mentioned (forty ~ years ago) **3** : not divisible by two without leaving a remainder (~ numbers) **4** : additional to what is usual (~ jobs) **5** : STRANGE (an ~ way of behaving) — **odd-ly** *adv* — **odd-ness** *n*

odd-ball \ˈäd-,bōl/ *n* : one that is eccentric

odd-i-ty \ˈäd-ət-ē/ *n, pl -ties 1* : one that is odd **2** : the quality or state of being odd

odd-ment \ˈäd-mənt/ *n* : something left over : REMNANT

odds \ˈädz/ *n pl 1* : a difference by which one thing is favored over another **2** : DISAGREEMENT — usu. used with *at 3* : an equalizing allowance made to one believed to have a smaller chance of winning

odds and ends *n pl* : miscellaneous things or matters

odds-on \ˈädz-ˈön, -ˈän/ *adj* : having a better than even chance to win

ode \ˈōd/ *n* : a lyric poem that expresses a noble feeling with dignity

odi-ous \ˈōd-ē-əs/ *adj* : causing or deserving hatred or repugnance — **odi-ous-ly** *adv* — **odi-ous-ness** *n*

odi-um \ˈōd-ē-əm/ *n 1* : merited loathing : HATRED **2** : DISGRACE

odom-e-ter \ˈōd-äm-ət-ər/ *n* [F *odometre*, fr. Gk *hodomētron*, fr. *hodos* way, road + *metron* measure] : an instrument for measuring distance traveled (as by a vehicle)

odor \ˈōd-ər/ *n 1* : the quality of something that stimulates the sense of smell; *also* : a sensation resulting from such stimulation **2** : REPUTE, ESTIMATION — **odor-less** *adj* — **odor-ous** *adj*

od-y-sey \ˈäd-ə-sē/ *n, pl -seys* [the *Odyssey*, epic poem attributed to Homer recounting the long wanderings of Odysseus] : a long wandering marked usu. by many changes of fortune

OED *abbr* Oxford English Dictionary

oe-di-pal \ˈed-ə-pəl, ˈēd-/ *adj, often cap* : of or relating to the Oedipus complex

Oe-di-pus complex \-pəs-/ *n* : the positive sexual feelings of a child toward the parent of the opposite sex that may be a source of adult personality disorder when unresolved

OEO *abbr* Office of Economic Opportunity

o'er \ˈō(ə)r/ *adv or prep* : OVER

OES *abbr* Order of the Eastern Star

oe-soph-a-gus chiefly Brit *var of* ESOPHAGUS

œu-vre \œvr/ *n, pl oeuvres* \ˈsæm/ : a substantial body of work constituting the lifework of a writer, an artist, or a composer

of \(')əv, ˈäv/ *prep 1* : FROM (a man ~ the West) **2** : having as a significant background or character element (a man ~ noble birth) (a woman ~ ability) **3** : owing to (died ~ flu) **4** : by (the plays ~ Shakespeare) **5** : having as component parts or material, contents, or members (a house ~ brick) (a glass ~ water) (a pack ~ fools) **6** : belonging to or included by (the front ~ the house) (a

time ~ life) (one ~ you) (the best ~ his kind) (the son ~ a doctor) **7** : ABOUT (tales ~ the West) **8** : connected with : OVER (the king ~ England) **9** : that is : signified as (the city ~ Rome) **10** — used to indicate apposition of the words it joins (that fool ~ a husband) **11** : as concerns : FOR (love ~ country) **12** — used to indicate the application of an adjective (fond ~ candy) **13** : BEFORE (five minutes ~ ten)

OF *abbr* outfield

1 *off* \ə-ˈfɪʃ-əl **1** : from a place or position (drove ~ in a new car); *also* : ASIDE (turned ~ into a side road) **2** : at a distance in time or space (stood ~ a few yards) (several years ~) **3** : so as to be unattached or removed (the lid blew ~) **4** : to a state of disattunance, exhaustion, or completion (shut the radio ~) **5** : away from regular work (took time ~ for lunch)

2 *off* \ə-ˈfɪʃ-əl *prep* **1** : away from (just ~ the highway) (take it ~ the table) **2** : to seaward of (sail ~ the Maine coast) **3** : FROM (borrowed a dollar ~ me) **4** : at the expense of (lives ~ his sister) **5** : not now engaged in (~ duty) **6** : abstaining from (~ liquor) **7** : below the usual level of (~ his game)

3 *off* \ə-ˈfɪʃ-əl *adj* **1** : more removed or distant **2** : started on the way **3** : not operating **4** : not correct **5** : REMOTE, SLIGHT **6** : INFERIOR **7** : provided for (well ~)

4 *off* *abbr* office; officer; official

off-fal \ə-ˈfɒl *n* : the waste or by-product of a process; *esp* : the viscera and trimmings of a butchered animal removed in dressing

off and on *adv* : with periodic cessation

1 *off-beat* \ə-ˈfɪt, bɛt *n* : the unaccented part of a musical measure

2 *offbeat* *adj* : ECCENTRIC, UNCONVENTIONAL

off-col-or \ə-ˈfɒl-kəl-ər or *off-col-ored* \ə-ˈfɒl-kəl-əd *adj* **1** : not having the right or standard color **2** : of doubtful propriety : RISQUÉ

off-fend \ə-ˈfend *vb* **1** : SIN, TRANSGRESS **2** : to cause discomfort or pain : HURT **3** : to cause dislike or vexation : ANNOY *syn* affront, insult, outrage — *off-fend-er* *n*

off-fense or *off-fence* \ə-ˈfens, esp for 2 & 3 ˈæf,ens *n* **1** : something that outrages the senses **2** : ATTACK, ASSAULT **3** : the offensive team or members of a team playing offensive positions **4** : DISPLEASURE **5** : SIN, MISDEED **6** : an infraction of law : CRIME

1 *off-fen-sive* \ə-ˈfen-siv *esp* for 1 & 2 ˈæf, en- *adj* **1** : AGGRESSIVE **2** : of or relating to an attempt to score in a game; *also* : of or relating to a team in possession of the ball or puck **3** : OBNOXIOUS **4** : INSULTING — *off-fen-sive-ly* *adv* — *off-fen-sive-ness* *n*

2 *offensive* *n* : ATTACK

1 *off-fer* \ə-ˈfɛr *vb* *off-fered*; *off-fer-ing* \-(ə-)rɪŋ **1** : SACRIFICE **2** : to present for acceptance : TENDER; *also* : to propose as payment **3** : PROPOSE, SUGGEST; *also* : to declare one's readiness **4** : to try or begin to exert (~ resistance) **5** : to place on sale — *off-fer-ing* *n*

2 *offer* *n* **1** : PROPOSAL **2** : BID **3** : TRY

off-fer-to-ry \ə-ˈfɛr-(t)-, tɔr-əl *n*, *pl* -ries : the presentation of offerings at a church service; *also* : the musical accompaniment during it

off-hand \ə-ˈfɪ-hand *adv* or *adj* : without previous thought or preparation

off-hour \-, əu(-ə)r *n* : a period of time other than a rush hour; *also* : a period of time other than business hours

off-ice \ə-ˈfɪ-əs *n* **1** : a special duty or position; *esp* : a position of authority in government (run for ~) **2** : a prescribed form or service of worship; *also* : RITE **3** : an assigned or assumed duty or role **4** : a place where a business is transacted or a service is supplied

off-ice-hold-er \-, hɒl-dər *n* : one holding a public office

off-icer \ə-ˈfɪ-ər *n* **1** : one charged with the enforcement of law **2** : one who holds an office of trust or authority **3** : one who holds a commission in the armed forces

1 *off-icial* \ə-ˈfɪʃ-əl *n* : OFFICER

2 *official* *adj* **1** : of or relating to an office or to officers **2** : AUTHORIZED, AUTHORITATIVE **3** : befitting or characteristic of a person in office — *off-icial-ly* \-ē *adv*

off-icial-dom \ə-ˈfɪʃ-əl-dəm *n* : officials as a class

off-icial-ism \ə-ˈfɪʃ-ə-, lɪz-əm *n* : lack of flexibility and initiative combined with excessive adherence to regulations

off-ici-ant \ə-ˈfɪʃ-ē-ənt *n* : an officiating clergyman

off-ici-ate \ə-ˈfɪʃ-ē-, āt *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing **1** : to perform a ceremony, function, or duty **2** : to act in an official capacity

off-ici-ous \ə-ˈfɪʃ-əs *adj* : volunteering one's services where they are neither asked for nor needed — *off-ici-ous-ly* *adv* — *off-ici-ous-ness* *n*

off-ing \ə-ˈfɪ-ŋ *n* : the near or foreseeable future

off-ish \ə-ˈfɪ-ʃ *adj* : inclined to stand aloof

off-line \ə-ˈfɪ-lɪn *adj* or *adv* : not controlled directly by a computer

off *of prep* : OFF

off-print \ə-ˈfɪ-, prɪnt *n* : a separately printed excerpt (as from a magazine)

off-sea-son \-, sɛz-ən *n* : a time of suspended or reduced activity

1 *off-set* \-, set *n* **1** : a sharp bend (as in a pipe) by which one part is turned aside out of line **2** : a printing process in which an inked impression is first made on a rubber-blanketed cylinder and then transferred to the paper

2 *off-set* *vb* -set; -set-ting **1** : to place over against : BALANCE **2** : to compensate for **3** : to form an offset in (as a wall)

off-shoot \ə-ˈfɪ-, shut *n* **1** : a collateral or derived branch, descendant, or member **2** : a branch of a main stem (as of a plant)

1 *off-shore* \ə-ˈfɪ-shɔr *adv* : at a distance from the shore

2 *off-shore* \ə-ˈfɪ-shɔr *adj* **1** : moving away from the shore **2** : situated off the shore but within waters under a country's control

off-side \-, sɪd *adv* or *adj* : illegally in advance of the ball or puck

off-spring \-, sprɪŋ *n*, *pl* offspring *also* offsprings : PROGENY, YOUNG

off-stage \ə-ˈfɪ-stəɪ, -, stəɪ *adv* or *adj* : off or away from the stage

off-the-record *adj* : given or made in confidence and not for publication

off-the-shelf *adj* : available as a stock item : not specially designed or made

off-white \ə-ˈfɪ-ˈhwɪt *n* : a yellowish or grayish white

off year *n* **1** : a year in which no major election is held **2** : a year of diminished activity or production

oft \ə-ˈfɪt *adv* : OFTEN

of-ten \ə-ˈfɪ-(t)ən *adv* : many times : FREQUENTLY

of-ten-times \-, tɪmz or *oft-times* \ə-ˈfɪ(t)-, tɪmz *adv* : OFTEN

ogle \ə-ˈg-əl *vb* ogled; ogling \-(ə-)lɪŋ : to look at in a flirtatious way — *ogle* *n* — *ogler* \-(ə-)lər *n*

ogre \ə-ˈg-ər *n* **1** : a monster of fairy tales and folklore that feeds on human beings **2** : a dreaded person or object

ogress \ə-ˈg-(ə-)rəs *n* : a female ogre

oh \ə-ˈɒ *interj* **1** — used to express an emotion or in response to physical stimuli **2** — used in direct address

OH *abbr* Ohio

ohm \ə-ˈɒm *n* : a unit of electrical resistance equal to the resistance of a circuit in which a potential difference of one volt produces a current of one ampere — *ohm-ic* \ə-ˈmɪk *adj*

ohm-me-ter \ə-ˈɒ(m)-, mɛt-ər *n* : an instrument for indicating resistance in ohms directly

\ə-ˈabʊt \ə-ˈkɪtən \ə-ˈfɜr-ˈfʊr-ˈðər \ə-ˈʌʃ \ə-ˈvæʃ \ə-ˈkɒt, ˈkɑrt \ə-ˈaʊt \ˈtʃ-ˈtʃɪn \ˈv-ˈbet \ˈv-ˈeɪsɪ \ˈg-ˈgɔ \ˈhɪt \ˈvɪʃ \ˈvɒb \ˈŋ-ˈsɪŋ \ə-ˈgɔ \ə-ˈlɔw \ə-ˈlɔɪ-ˈbɔɪ \ˈtʰ-ˈtʰɪn \ˈtʰ-ˈtʰe \ə-ˈlʊt \ə-ˈfʊt \ˈv-ˈy-ˈet \ˈz-ˈhɪʒən *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- oil** \ˈɔɪl\ *n* [ME *oile*, fr. OF, fr. L *oleum* olive oil, fr. Gk *elaion*, fr. *elaia* olive] **1** : a fatty or greasy liquid substance obtained from plants, animals, or minerals and used for fuel, food, medicines, and manufacturing **2** : PETROLEUM **3** : artists' colors made with oil; *also* : a painting in such colors — **oil-i-ness** \ˈɔɪ-lē-nəs\ *n* — **oily** \ˈɔɪ-lē\ *adj*
- oil** *vb* : to put oil in or on — **oil-er** *n*
- oil-cloth** \-ˈklɒθ\ *n* : cloth treated with oil or paint and used for table and shelf coverings
- oil shale** *n* : a rock (as shale) from which oil can be recovered by distillation
- oil-skin** \ˈɔɪl-,ˈskɪn\ *n* **1** : an oiled waterproof cloth **2** : an oilskin raincoat **3 pl** : an oilskin coat and trousers
- oink** \ˈɔɪŋk\ *n* : the natural noise of a hog — **oink** *vb*
- oint-ment** \ˈɔɪnt-mənt\ *n* : a medicinal or cosmetic preparation usu. with a fatty or greasy base for use on the skin
- OJ** *abbr* orange juice
- Ojib-wa** or **Ojib-way** \ˈɔ-jib-,wə\ *n*, *pl* **Ojibwa** or **Ojibwas** or **Ojibway** or **Ojibways** : a member of an American Indian people orig. of Michigan
- OJT** *abbr* on-the-job training
- OK** or **okay** \ˈɔ-kə\ *adv* or *adj* : all right
- OK** or **okay** *vb* **OK'd** or **okayed**; **OK-ing** or **okay-ing** : APPROVE, AUTHORIZE — **OK** or **okay** *n*
- OK** *abbr* Oklahoma
- Okla** *abbr* Oklahoma
- okra** \ˈɔ-kɹə, Southern *also* -krē\ *n* : a tall annual plant related to the hollyhocks that has edible green pods; *also* : these pods
- old** \ˈɔld\ *adj* **1** : ANCIENT; *also* : of long standing **2 cap** : belonging to an early period (*Old Irish*) **3** : having existed for a specified period of time **4** : of or relating to a past era **5** : advanced in years **6** : showing the effects of age or use **7** : no longer in use — **old-ish** \ˈɔl-dɪʃ\ *adj*
- old** *n* : old or earlier time (days of ~)
- old-en** \ˈɔl-dən\ *adj* : of or relating to a bygone era
- old-fashioned** \ˈɔl(d)-ˈfəʃ-ənd\ *adj* **1** : OUT-OF-DATE, ANTICATED **2** : CONSERVATIVE
- old-fashioned** *n* : a cocktail usu. made with whiskey, bitters, sugar, a twist of lemon peel, and water or soda water
- old guard** *n*, *often cap* **O&G** : the conservative members of an organization
- old hat** *adj* **1** : OLD-FASHIONED **2** : STALE, TRITE
- old-ie** \ˈɔl-dē\ *n* : something old; *esp* : a popular song from the past
- old-line** \ˈɔl(d)-ˈlɪn\ *adj* **1** : ORIGINAL, ESTABLISHED (an ~ business) **2** : adhering to old policies or practices
- old maid** *n* **1** : SPINSTER **2** : a prim fussy person — **old-maid-ish** \ˈɔl(d)-ˈmā-dɪʃ\ *adj*
- old man** *n* **1** : HUSBAND **2** : FATHER
- old-ster** \ˈɔl(d)-stər\ *n* : an old or elderly person
- Old Testament** *n* : the first of the two chief divisions of the Bible — see **BIBLE** table
- old-time** \ˈɔl(d)-ˈtɪm\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or characteristic of an earlier period **2** : of long standing
- old-tim-er** \ˈɔl(d)-ˈtɪ-mər\ *n* VETERAN; *also* : OLDSTER
- old-world** \ˈɔl(d)-ˈwɜrld\ *adj* : having old-fashioned charm
- Old World** *n* : the eastern hemisphere; *esp* : continental Europe
- ole-ag-i-nous** \ˈɔ-lē-ˈaj-ə-nəs\ *adj* : OILY
- ole-an-der** \ˈɔ-lē-,ˈan-dər\ *n* : a poisonous evergreen shrub often grown for its fragrant red or white flowers
- oleo** \ˈɔ-lē-,ō\ *n*, *pl* **oleos** : MARGARINE
- oleo-mar-ga-rine** \ˈɔ-lē-ō-ˈmārj-(ə-)rən, -ˈmārj-ə-,rən\ *n* : MARGARINE
- ol-fac-to-ry** \äl-ˈfak-t(ə-)rē, ɔl-ˈ\ *adj* : of or relating to the sense of smell
- oli-gar-chy** \äl-ə-,gär-kē, ˈɔ-lə-ˈ\ *n*, *pl* **-chies** **1** : a government in which power is in the hands of a few **2** : a state having an oligarchy; *also* : the group holding power in such a state — **oli-garch** \-,gärk\ *n* — **oli-gar-chic** \-,äl-ə-ˈgär-kik, ˈɔ-lə-ˈ\ or **oli-gar-chi-cal** \-ki-kəl\ *adj*
- Oli-go-cene** \äl-i-gō-,sēn, ə-ˈlɪg-ə-,sēn\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the epoch of the Tertiary between the Eocene and the Miocene — **Oligocene** *n*
- olio** \ˈɔ-lē-,ō\ *n*, *pl* **olios** : HODGEPODGE, MEDLEY
- olive** \äl-iv, -əv\ *n* **1** : an Old World evergreen tree grown in warm regions for its fruit that is important as food and for its edible oil (**olive oil**) **2** : a dull yellow to yellowish green color
- olive drab** *n* **1** : a variable color averaging a grayish olive **2** : a wool or cotton fabric of an olive drab color; *also* : a uniform of this fabric
- ol-iv-ine** \äl-ə-,vən\ *n* : a usu. greenish mineral that is a complex silicate of magnesium and iron
- Olym-pic Games** \ə-ˈlɪm-pɪk-, ɔ-ˈ\ *n pl* : a modified revival of an ancient Greek festival held every four years and consisting of international athletic contests
- om** \ˈɔm\ *n* : a mantra consisting of the sound "om" used in contemplating ultimate reality
- Oma-ha** \ˈɔ-mə-,hä, -ˌhə\ *n*, *pl* **Omaha** or **Omahas** : a member of an American Indian people of northeastern Nebraska
- om-buds-man** \äm-,budz-mən, äm-ˈbüz-də\ *n*, *pl* **-men** \-mə\ **1** : a government official appointed to investigate complaints made by individuals against abuses or capricious acts of public officials **2** : one that investigates reported complaints (as from students or consumers)
- om-elet** or **om-elette** \äm-(ə-)lət\ *n* [F *omelette*, alter. of MF *alumelle*, lit., knife blade, modif. of L *lamella*, dim. of *lamina* thin plate] : eggs beaten with milk or water, cooked without stirring until set, and folded over
- omen** \ˈɔ-mən\ *n* : an event or phenomenon believed to be a sign or warning of a future occurrence
- om-i-nous** \äm-ə-nəs\ *adj* : foretelling evil : THREATENING — **om-i-nous-ly** *adv* — **om-i-nous-ness** *n*
- omis-sion** \ˈɔ-mɪʃ-ən\ *n* **1** : something neglected or left undone **2** : the act of omitting : the state of being omitted
- omit** \ˈɔ-mɪt\ *vb* **omit-ted**; **omit-ting** **1** : to leave out or leave unmentioned **2** : to fail to perform : NEGLECT
- om-ni-bus** \äm-ni-(ˌ)bəs\ *n* : BUS
- omnibus** *adj* : of, relating to, or providing for many things at once (an ~ bill)
- om-nip-o-tent** \äm-ˈnɪp-ət-ənt\ *adj* : having unlimited authority or influence : ALMIGHTY — **om-nip-o-tence** \-əns\ *n* — **om-nip-o-tent-ly** *adv*
- om-ni-pres-ent** \äm-ni-ˈprez-ənt\ *adj* : present in all places at all times — **om-ni-pres-ence** \-əns\ *n*
- om-ni-scient** \äm-ˈnɪʃ-ənt\ *adj* : having infinite awareness, understanding, and insight — **om-ni-science** \-əns\ *n* — **om-ni-scient-ly** *adv*
- om-ni-um-gath-er-um** \äm-nē-əm-ˈgath-ə-rəm\ *n*, *pl* **omnium-gatherums** : a miscellaneous collection
- om-niv-o-rous** \äm-ˈnɪv-(ə-)rəs\ *adj* : feeding on both animal and vegetable substances; *also* : AVID (an ~ reader) — **om-niv-o-rous-ly** *adv*
- on** (\ˈɔn, (\ˈɔn\ *prep* **1** : in or to a position over and in contact with (a book ~ the table) (jumped ~ his horse) **2** : touching the surface of (shadows ~ the wall) **3** : AT, TO (~ the right were the mountains) **4** : IN, ABOARD (went ~ the train) **5** : during or at the time of (came ~ Monday) (every hour ~ the hour) **6** : through the agency of (was cut ~ a tin can) **7** : in a state or process of (~ fire) (~ the wane) **8** : connected with as a member or participant (~ a committee) (~ tour) **9** — used to indicate a basis, source, or standard of computation (has it ~ good authority) (10 cents ~ the dollar) **10** : with regard to (a monopoly ~ wheat) **11** : at or toward as an object (crept up ~ her) (smiled ~ him) **12** : ABOUT, CONCERNING (a book ~ minerals)

on \ˈɒn, ˈæn\ *adv* **1** : in or into a position of contact with or attachment to a surface **2** : FORWARD **3** : into operation

on \ˈɒn, ˈæn\ *adj* : being in operation or in progress
ON *abbr* Ontario

once \wɒns\ *adv* **1** : one time only **2** : at any one time **3** : FORMERLY **4** : by one degree of relationship

once *n* : one single time — **at once** **1** : at the same time **2** : IMMEDIATELY

once *adj* : FORMER

once *conj* : AS SOON AS

once-over \-ɒ-vər\ *n* : a swift examination or survey

on-com-ing \ˈɒn-,kəm-ɪŋ, ˈæn-\ *adj* : APPROACHING (∼ traffic)

one \wən\ *adj* **1** : being a single unit or thing (∼ person went) **2** : being one in particular (early ∼ morning) **3** : being the same in kind or quality (members of ∼ race); *also* : UNITED **4** : being not specified or fixed (at ∼ time or another)

one *n* **1** : the number denoting unity **2** : the 1st in a set or series **3** : a single person or thing — **one-ness** \ˈwən-nəs\ *n*

one *pron* **1** : a single member or specimen (saw ∼ of his friends) **2** : a person in general (∼ never knows) **3** — used in place of a first-person pronoun

Onei-da \ˈɒ-nīd-ə\ *n*, *pl* **Oneida** or **Oneidas** : a member of an American Indian people orig. of New York

oner-ous \ˈæn-ə-rəs, ˈɒ-nə-\ *adj* : imposing or constituting a burden : TROUBLESOME *syn* oppressive, exacting, burdensome, weighty

one-self \(\)wən-ˈself\ *also* **one's self** \(\)wən-, ˈwenz-\ *pron* : one's own self — *usu.* used reflexively or for emphasis

one-sid-ed \ˈwən-ˈsīd-əd\ *adj* **1** : having or occurring on one side only; *also* : having one side prominent or more developed **2** : UNEQUAL (a ∼ game) **3** : PARTIAL (a ∼ attitude)

one-time \ˈwən-,tīm\ *adj* : FORMER

one-to-one \,wən-tə-ˈwən\ *adj* : pairing each element of a class uniquely with an element of another class

one up *adj* : being in a position of advantage (was *one up* on the others)

one-way *adj* : moving, allowing movement, or functioning in only one direction (∼ streets)

on-go-ing \ˈɒn-,gō-ɪŋ, ˈæn-\ *adj* : continuously moving forward

on-ion \ˈɒn-yən\ *n* : a plant related to the lilies and grown for its pungent edible bulb; *also* : this bulb

on-ion-skin \-,skɪn\ *n* : a thin strong translucent paper of very light weight

on-line *adj* or *adv* : controlled directly by a computer (∼ equipment)

on-look-er \ˈɒn-,lʊk-ər, ˈæn-\ *n* : SPECTATOR

on-ly \ˈɒn-lē\ *adj* **1** : unquestionably the best **2** : SOLE

only *adv* **1** : MERELY, JUST (∼ \$2) **2** : SOLELY (known ∼ to me) **3** : at the very least (was ∼ too true) **4** : as a final result (will ∼ make you sick)

only *conj* : except that

on-o-mato-poe-ia \,æn-ə-, ˈæn-ə-, ˈmat-ə-ˈpē-(y)ə\ *n* **1** : formation of words in imitation of natural sounds (as *buzz* or *hiss*) **2** : the use of words whose sound suggests the sense — **on-o-mato-poe-ic** \-ˈpē-ɪk\ or **on-o-mato-po-et-ic** \-pō-ˈet-ɪk\ *adj* — **on-o-mato-poe-i-cal-ly** \-ˈpē-ə-k(ə)-lē\ or **on-o-mato-po-et-i-cal-ly** \-pō-ˈet-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

On-on-da-ga \,æn-ə(n)-ˈdō-gə\ *n*, *pl* **-ga** or **-gas** : a member of an American Indian people of New York and Canada

on-rush \ˈɒn-,rəʃ, ˈæn-\ *n* : a rushing onward — **on-rush-ing** \-ɪŋ\ *adj*

on-set \-,set\ *n* **1** : ATTACK **2** : BEGINNING

on-shore \-,ʃɔr\ *adj* **1** : moving toward the shore **2** : situated on or near the shore — **on-shore** \-ˈʃɔr\ *adv*

on-slaught \ˈɒn-,slɔt, ˈæn-\ *n* : a fierce attack

Ont *abbr* Ontario

on-to \,ɒn-tə, ˈæn-, ˈɒn-tū, ˈæn-\ *prep* : to a position or point on

onus \ˈɒ-nəs\ *n* **1** : BURDEN **2** : OBLIGATION **3** : BLAME

on-ward \ˈɒn-wərd, ˈæn-\ *also* **on-wards** \-wərdz\ *adv* : FORWARD

onward *adj* : directed or moving onward : FORWARD

on-yx \ˈæn-ɪks\ *n* [ME *onix*, fr. OF & L; OF, fr. L *onyx*, fr. Gk, lit., claw, nail] : a translucent chalcedony in parallel layers of different colors

oo-dles \ˈūd-əlz\ *n pl* : a great quantity

oo-lite \ˈɒ-ə-,līt\ *n* : a rock consisting of small round grains cemented together — **oo-lit-ic** \,ɒ-ə-ˈlɪt-ɪk\ *adj*

ooze \ˈūz\ *n* **1** : a soft deposit (as of mud) on the bottom of a body of water **2** : soft wet ground : MUD — **oozy** \ˈū-zē\ *adj*

ooze *n* : something that oozes

ooze *vb* **oozed**; **ooz-ing** **1** : to flow or leak out slowly or imperceptibly **2** : EXUDE

op *abbr* opus

OP abbr **1** observation post **2** out of print

opac-ity \ɒ-ˈpas-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : the quality or state of being opaque **2** : obscurity of meaning **3** : mental dullness **4** : an opaque spot in a normally transparent structure

opal \ˈɒ-pəl\ *n* : a mineral with soft changeable colors that is used as a gem

opal-es-cent \,ɒ-pə-ˈles-nt\ *adj* : IRIDESCENT — **opal-es-cence** \-ns\ *n*

opaque \ˈɒ-ˈpāk\ *adj* **1** : not allowing radiant energy and esp. light to pass through **2** : not easily understood **3** : OBTUSE — **opaque-ly** *adv* — **opaque-ness** *n*

op art \ˈɒp-\ *n* : OPTICAL ART — **op artist** *n*

op cit *abbr* [L *opere citato*] in the work cited

ope \ˈɒp\ *vb* **oped**; **op-ing** *archaic* : OPEN

OPEC *abbr* Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries

open \ˈɒp-pən\ *adj* **open-er** \ˈɒp-(ə)-nər\; **open-est** \ˈɒp-(ə)-nəst\ **1** : not shut or shut up (an ∼ door) **2** : not secret or hidden; *also* : FRANK **3** : not enclosed or covered (an ∼ fire); *also* : not protected **4** : free to be entered or used (an ∼ tournament) **5** : easy to get through or see (∼ country) **6** : spread out : EXTENDED **7** : not decided (an ∼ question) **8** : readily accessible and cooperative; *also* : GENEROUS **9** : having components separated by a space in writing and printing (the name *Spanish moss* is an ∼ compound) **10** : ready to operate (stores are ∼) **11** : free from restraints or controls (∼ season) — **open-ly** *adv* — **open-ness** \-pən-nəs\ *n*

open \ˈɒp-pən\ *vb* **opened** \ˈɒp-pənd\; **open-ing** \ˈɒp-(ə)-nɪŋ\ **1** : to change or move from a shut position; *also* : to make open by clearing away obstacles **2** : to make accessible **3** : to make openings in **4** : to make or become functional (∼ a store) **5** : REVEAL; *also* : ENLIGHTEN **6** : BEGIN — **open-er** \ˈɒp-(ə)-nər\ *n*

open *n* **1** : OUTDOORS **2** : a contest or tournament open to all

open-air *adj* : OUTDOOR (∼ theaters)

open-hand-ed \,ɒ-pən-ˈhan-dəd\ *adj* : GENEROUS

open-heart *adj* : of, relating to, or performed on a heart temporarily relieved of circulatory function and laid open for inspection and treatment

open-hearth *adj* : of, relating to, or being a process of making steel in a furnace that reflects the heat from the roof onto the material

open-ing \ˈɒp-(ə)-nɪŋ\ *n* **1** : an act or instance of making or becoming open **2** : BEGINNING **3** : something that is open **4** : OCCASION; *also* : an opportunity for employment

\əˈbʌt \əˈkɪtən \əˈfɜːr \əˈvʌʃ \əˈvʌs \əˈkɒt, kɑːt
 \aʊt \hʌt \bet \ˈbiːt \ˈeɪsɪ \ˈgɒ \ˈhɪt \ˈɪs \ˈdʒɒb
 \sɪŋ \ˈdʒɒ \ˈlɒ \ˈbɔɪ \ˈθɪn \ˈθɪ \ˈthe \ˈlʊt
 \fʊt \ˈyɛt \ˈzɪ \ˈvɪʒən *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

open-mind-ed \,ô-pən-¹mīn-dəd\ *adj* : free from rigidly fixed preconceptions

open sentence *n* : a statement (as in mathematics) containing at least one blank or unknown so that when the blank is filled or a quantity substituted for the unknown the statement becomes a complete statement that is either true or false

open shop *n* : an establishment having members and non-members of a labor union on the payroll

open-work \,ô-pən-¹wərk\ *n* : work so made as to show openings through its substance (a railing of wrought-iron ~) — **open-worked** \-¹wərk-t\ *adj*

¹**opera** *pl* of **opus**

²**op-er-a** \,âp-(ə)-rə\ *n* : a drama set to music — **op-er-at-ic** \,âp-ə-¹rət-ik\ *adj*

op-er-a-ble \,âp-(ə)-rə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : fit, possible, or desirable to use **2** : likely to result in a favorable outcome upon surgical treatment

opera glasses *n pl* : small binoculars for use in a theater
op-er-ate \,âp-ə-¹rāt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** **1** : to perform work : **FUNCTION** **2** : to produce an effect **3** : to put or keep in operation **4** : to perform an operation — **op-er-a-tor** \-¹rāt-ər\ *n*

op-er-a-tion \,âp-ə-¹rā-shən\ *n* **1** : a doing or performing of a practical work **2** : an exertion of power or influence; *also* : method or manner of functioning **3** : a surgical procedure **4** : a process of deriving one mathematical expression from others according to a rule **5** : a military action or mission — **op-er-a-tion-al** \-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj*

¹**op-er-a-tive** \,âp-(ə)-rət-iv, \,âp-ə-¹rāt-\ *adj* **1** : producing an appropriate effect **2** : **OPERATING** (an ~ force) **3** : having to do with physical operations; *also* : **WORKING** (an ~ craftsman) **4** : based on or consisting of an operation

²**operative** *n* : **OPERATOR**; *esp* : a secret agent

op-er-et-ta \,âp-ə-¹ret-ə\ *n* [It, dim. of *opera*] : a light musical-dramatic work with a romantic plot, spoken dialogue, and dancing scenes

oph-thal-mic \âf-¹thal-mik, âp-\ *adj* : of, relating to, or located near the eye

oph-thal-mol-o-gy \,âf-,thal-¹mäl-ə-jē, \,âp-\ *n* : a branch of medicine dealing with the structure, functions, and diseases of the eye — **oph-thal-mol-o-gist** \-jəst\ *n*

oph-thal-mo-scope \âf-¹thal-mə-¹sköp, âp-\ *n* : an instrument with a mirror centrally perforated for use in viewing the interior of the eye

opi-ate \,ô-pē-ət, -pē-,āt\ *n* : a preparation or derivative of opium; *also* : **NARCOTIC** — **opiate** *adj*

opine \,ô-¹pīn\ *vb* **opined**; **opin-ing** : to express an opinion : **STATE**

opin-ion \ə-¹pīn-yən\ *n* **1** : a belief stronger than impression and less strong than positive knowledge **2** : **JUDGMENT** **3** : a formal statement by an expert after careful study

opin-ion-at-ed \ə-¹pīn-yə-,nāt-əd\ *adj* : obstinately adhering to personal opinions

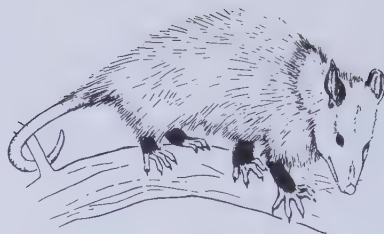
opi-um \,ô-pē-əm\ *n* [ME, fr. L, fr. Gk *opion*, fr. dim. of *opos* sap] : an addictive narcotic drug that is the dried juice of a poppy

opos-sum \ə-¹pās-əm\ *n, pl* **opossums** *also* **opossum** [fr. *âpasîm*, lit., white animal (in some American Indian language of Virginia)] : any of various American marsupial mammals; *esp* : a common omnivorous tree-dwelling animal of the eastern U.S.

opp *abbr* **opposite**

op-po-nent \ə-¹pō-nənt\ *n* : one that opposes : **ADVERSARY**
op-por-tune \,âp-ər-¹t(y)ūn\ *adj* [ME, fr. MF *opportun*, fr. L *opportunus*, fr. *ob-* toward + *portus* port, harbor] : **SUITABLE** — **op-por-tune-ly** *adv*

op-por-tun-ism \,âp-ər-¹t(y)ū-,niz-əm\ *n* : a taking advantage of opportunities or circumstances *esp.* with little regard for principles or ultimate consequences — **op-**



opossum

por-tun-ist \-nəst\ *n* — **op-por-tu-nis-tic** \-t(y)ū-¹nis-tik\ *adj*

op-por-tu-ni-ty \,âp-ər-¹t(y)ū-nət-ē\ *n, pl* **-ties** **1** : a favorable combination of circumstances, time, and place **2** : a chance for advancement or progress

op-pose \ə-¹pōz\ *vb* **op-posed**; **op-pos-ing** **1** : to place opposite or against something (as to provide resistance or contrast) **2** : to strive against : **RESIST** — **op-po-si-tion** \,âp-ə-¹zish-ən\ *n*

¹**op-po-site** \,âp-ə-zət\ *n* : one that is opposed or contrary

²**opposite** *adj* **1** : set over against something that is at the other end or side **2** : **OPPOSED**, **HOSTILE**; *also* : **CONTRARY** **3** : contrarily turned or moving — **op-po-site-ly** *adv* — **op-po-site-ness** *n*

³**opposite** *adv* : on opposite sides

⁴**opposite** *prep* : across from and usu. facing (the house ~ ours)

op-press \ə-¹pres\ *vb* **1** : to crush by abuse of power or authority **2** : to weigh down : **BURDEN** *syn* **aggrieve**, **wrong**, **persecute** — **op-pres-sive** \-¹pres-iv\ *adj* — **op-pres-sive-ly** *adv* — **op-pres-sor** \-¹pres-ər\ *n*

op-pres-sion \ə-¹presh-ən\ *n* **1** : unjust or cruel exercise of power or authority **2** : **DEPRESSION**

op-pro-bri-ous \ə-¹prō-brē-əs\ *adj* : expressing or deserving opprobrium — **op-pro-bri-ous-ly** *adv*

op-pro-bri-um \-brē-əm\ *n* **1** : something that brings disgrace **2** : **INFAMY**

¹**opt** \,âpt\ *vb* : to make a choice

²**opt** *abbr* **1** optical; optician; optics **2** optional

op-tic \,âp-tik\ *adj* : of or relating to vision or the eye
op-ti-cal \,âp-ti-kəl\ *adj* **1** : relating to optics **2** : **OPTIC** **3** : of, relating to, or using light **4** : of or relating to optical art

optical art *n* : nonobjective art characterized by the use of geometric patterns often for an illusory effect

optical disc *n* : a disc on which information has been recorded digitally and which is read using a laser

optical fiber *n* : a single fiber-optic strand

op-ti-cian \,âp-¹tish-ən\ *n* **1** : a maker of or dealer in optical items and instruments **2** : one that grinds lenses to prescription and dispenses spectacles

op-tics \,âp-tiks\ *n pl* : a science that deals with the nature and properties of light and the effects that it undergoes and produces

op-ti-mal \,âp-tə-məl\ *adj* : most desirable or satisfactory — **op-ti-mal-ly** \-əl\ *adv*

op-ti-mism \,âp-tə-,miz-əm\ *n* [F *optimisme*, fr. L *optimus*, *n.*, best, fr. neut. of *optimus* best] **1** : a doctrine that this world is the best possible world **2** : an inclination to anticipate the best possible outcome of actions or events — **op-ti-mist** \-məst\ *n* — **op-ti-mis-tic** \,âp-tə-¹mis-tik\ *adj* — **op-ti-mis-tic-al-ly** \-ti-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

op-ti-mum \,âp-tə-məm\ *n, pl* **-ma** \-mə\ *also* **-mums** [L] : the amount or degree of something most favorable to an end; *also* : greatest degree attained under implied or specified conditions

op-tion \,âp-shən\ *n* **1** : the power or right to choose **2** : a right to buy or sell something at a specified price during

a specified period **3** : something offered for choice — **op-tion-al** \sh(ə)-nəl/ *adj*
op-tom-e-try \äp-ä'täm-ə-trē/ *n* : the art or profession of examining the eyes for defects of refraction and of prescribing lenses to correct these — **op-tom-e-trist** \-trəst/ *n*
opt out *vb* : to choose not to participate
op-u-lence \äp-yə-ləns/ *n* **1** : WEALTH **2** : ABUNDANCE
op-u-lent \äp-yə-lənt/ *adj* **1** : WEALTHY **2** : richly abundant
opus \äp-pəs/ *n*, *pl* **opera** \äp-pə-rə, äp-ə/ *also* **opus-es** \äp-pə-səz/ : WORK; *esp* : a musical composition
or \ər, (r)ör/ *conj* — used as a function word to indicate an alternative (sink ~ swim)
OR *abbr* **1** operating room **2** Oregon
-or \ər/ *n* *suffix* : one that does a (specified) thing (calculator) (elevator)
or-a-cle \äp-rə-kəl/ *n* **1** : one held to give divinely inspired answers or revelations **2** : an authoritative or wise utterance; *also* : a person of great authority or wisdom — **or-a-cu-lar** \äp-rak-yə-lər/ *adj*
oral \äp-rəl, äp-rä/ *adj* **1** : SPOKEN **2** : of or relating to the mouth **3** : of, relating to, or characterized by the first stage of psychosexual development in which libidinal gratification is derived from intake (as of food), by sucking, and later by biting **4** : relating to or characterized by personality traits of passive dependency and aggressiveness — **oral-ly** \äp-rə-lē, äp-rä/ *adv*
oral *n* : an oral examination — usu. used in pl.
orang \äp-ran/ *n* : ORANGUTAN
or-ange \äp-rinj/ *n* **1** : a juicy citrus fruit with reddish yellow rind; *also* : the evergreen tree with fragrant white flowers that bears this fruit **2** : a color between red and yellow
or-ange-ade \äp-rinj-äd/ *n* : a beverage of orange juice, sugar, and water
orange hawkweed *n* : a weedy herb related to the daisies with bright orange-red flower heads
or-ange-ry \äp-rinj-(ə)-rē/ *n*, *pl* **-ries** : a protected place (as a greenhouse) for raising oranges in cool climates
orang-utan \äp-ran-ə-tan, -tan/ *n* [Malay *orang hutan*, fr. *orang* man + *hutan* forest] : a reddish brown man-like tree-living ape of Borneo and Sumatra
orate \äp-rāt/ *vb* **orat-ed**; **orat-ing** : to speak in a declamatory manner
ora-tion \äp-rä-shən/ *n* : an elaborate discourse delivered in a formal dignified manner
or-a-tor \äp-rät-ər/ *n* : one noted for skill and power as a public speaker
or-a-tor-i-cal \äp-rät-ər-i-kəl/ *adj* : of, relating to, or characteristic of an orator or oratory
or-a-to-rio \äp-rät-tör-ē-ō/ *n*, *pl* **-rios** : a lengthy choral work usu. on a scriptural subject
or-a-to-ry \äp-rät-tör-ē/ *n*, *pl* **-ries** : a private or institutional chapel
oratory *n* : the art of speaking eloquently and effectively in public *syn* rhetoric, elocution
orb \örb/ *n* : a spherical body; *esp* : a celestial body (as a planet)
or-bic-u-lar \ör-bik-yə-lər/ *adj* : SPHERICAL
or-bit \ör-bät/ *n* [L. *orbita*, lit., track, rut] **1** : a path described by one body or object in its revolution about another **2** : range or sphere of activity — **or-bit-al** \-äl/ *adj*
orbit *vb* **1** : CIRCLE **2** : to send up and make revolve in an orbit (~ a satellite) — **or-bit-er** \-bät-ər/ *n*
orch *abbr* orchestra
or-char-d \ör-chärd/ *n* : a place where fruit trees or nut trees are grown; *also* : the trees of such a place — **or-char-d-ist** \-əst/ *n*
or-ches-tra \ör-kə-strə/ *n* [L, fr. Gk. *orchestra*, fr. *orchēsthai* to dance] **1** : a group of instrumentalists organized to perform ensemble music **2** : the front section of

seats on the main floor of a theater — **or-ches-tral** \ör-kə-strəl/ *adj*
or-ches-trate \ör-kə-strät/ *vb* **-trat-ed**; **-trat-ing** : to compose or arrange for an orchestra — **or-ches-tra-tion** \ör-kə-strä-shən/ *n*
or-chid \ör-kəd/ *n* [irreg. from L. *orchis*, fr. Gk, testicle] : any of numerous related plants having often showy flowers with three petals of which the middle one is enlarged into a lip; *also* : a flower of an orchid
ord *abbr* **1** order **2** ordnance
or-dain \ör-dän/ *vb* **1** : to admit to the ministry or priesthood by the ritual of a church **2** : DECREE, ENACT; *also* : DESTINE
or-deal \ör-dē-(ə)l, öp-r-dē-(ə)l/ *n* : a severe trial or experience
or-der \örd-ər/ *vb* **or-der-ed**; **or-der-ing** \örd-(ə)rig/ **1** : ARRANGE, REGULATE **2** : COMMAND **3** : to place an order
order *n* **1** : a group of people formally united; *also* : a badge or medal of such a group **2** : any of the several grades of the Christian ministry; *also*, *pl* : ORINATION **3** : a rank, class, or special group of persons or things **4** : a category of biological classification ranking above the family and below the class **5** : ARRANGEMENT, SEQUENCE; *also* : the prevailing mode of things **6** : a customary mode of procedure; *also* : the rule of law or proper authority **7** : a specific rule, regulation, or authoritative direction **8** : a style of building; *also* : an architectural column forming the unit of a style **9** : condition *esp.* with regard to repair **10** : a written direction to pay money or to buy or sell goods; *also* : goods bought or sold
or-der-ly \örd-ər-lē/ *adj* **1** : arranged according to some order; *also* : NEAT, TIDY **2** : well behaved (an ~ crowd) *syn* methodical, systematic, regular — **or-der-li-ness** *n*
orderly *n*, *pl* **-lies** **1** : a soldier who attends a superior officer **2** : a hospital attendant who does general work
or-di-nal \örd-(ə)-nəl/ *n* : an ordinal number
ordinal *adj* : indicating order or rank (as sixth) in a series
or-di-nance \örd-(ə)-nəns/ *n* : an authoritative decree or law; *esp* : a municipal regulation
or-di-nary \örd-n-er-ē/ *adj* **1** : to be expected : USUAL **2** : of common quality, rank, or ability; *also* : POOR, INFERIOR *syn* customary, routine, normal, everyday — **or-di-nar-i-ly** \örd-n-er-ə-lē/ *adv*
or-di-nate \örd-(ə)-nat, öp-r-dn-ät/ *n* : the coordinate of a point in a plane coordinate system that is the distance of the point from the horizontal axis found by measuring along a line parallel to the vertical axis
or-di-na-tion \örd-n-ä-shən/ *n* : the act or ceremony by which a person is ordained
ord-nance \örd-nəns/ *n* **1** : military supplies (as weapons, ammunition, or vehicles) **2** : CANNON, ARTILLERY
Or-do-vi-cian \örd-ə-vish-ən/ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the period of the Paleozoic era between the Cambrian and the Silurian — **Ordovician** *n*
or-dure \ör-jər/ *n* : EXCREMENT
ore \ör/ *n* : a mineral mined to obtain a substance that it contains
ore \är-ə/ *n*, *pl* **ore** — see *krona, krone* at MONEY table
Oreg or **Ore** *abbr* Oregon
oreg-a-no \äp-reg-ə-nō/ *n* [AmerSp] : a bushy perennial mint used as a seasoning and a source of oil
org *abbr* organization; organized
or-gan \ör-gən/ *n* **1** : a musical instrument having sets of pipes sounded by compressed air and controlled by keyboards; *also* : an instrument in which the sounds of the pipe organ are approximated by electronic devices **2** : a differentiated animal or plant structure made up of

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 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
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 \ð\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

cells and tissues and performing some bodily function **3** : a means of performing a function or accomplishing an end **4** : PERIODICAL

or-gan-dy also **or-gan-die** \ˈôr-gən-dē\ *n*, *pl* **-dies** [F *organ-di*] : a fine transparent muslin with a stiff finish

or-gan-ic \ôr-ˈgan-ik\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or arising in a bodily organ **2** : ORGANIZED (an ~ whole) **3** : of, relating to, or derived from living things **4** : of, relating to, or containing carbon compounds **5** : of or relating to a branch of chemistry dealing with carbon compounds **6** : involving, producing, or dealing in foods produced without the use of laboratory-made fertilizers, growth substances, antibiotics, or pesticides (~ gardeners) — **or-gan-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

or-gan-ism \ôr-gə-ˈniz-əm\ *n* : a living person, animal, or plant — **or-gan-is-mic** \ôr-gə-ˈniz-mik\ *adj*

or-gan-ist \ôr-gə-nəst\ *n* : one who plays an organ

or-ga-ni-za-tion \ôr-gə-ˈnā-zā-shən\ *n* **1** : the act or process of organizing or of being organized; *also* : the condition or manner of being organized **2** : ASSOCIATION, SOCIETY **3** : MANAGEMENT — **or-ga-ni-za-tion-al** *adj*

or-ga-nize \ôr-gə-ˈniz\ *vb* **-nized**; **-niz-ing** **1** : to develop an organic structure **2** : to arrange or form into a complete and functioning whole **3** : to set up an administrative structure for **4** : to arrange by systematic planning and united effort **5** : to join in a union; *also* : UNIONIZE *syn* institute, found, establish, constitute — **or-ga-niz-er** *n*

or-gano-chlo-rine \ôr-gan-ə-ˈklôr-ēn\ *adj* : of or relating to the chlorinated hydrocarbon pesticides (as DDT) — **organochlorine** *n*

or-gano-phos-phate \ˈfās-fāt\ *n* : an organophosphorus pesticide — **organophosphate** *adj*

or-gano-phos-pho-rus \ˈfās-f(ə)-rəs\ *also* **or-gano-phos-pho-rous** \ˈfās-fôr-əs\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being a phosphorus-containing organic pesticide (as malathion)

or-gan-za \ôr-ˈgan-zə\ *n* : a sheer dress fabric resembling organdy and usu. made of silk, rayon, or nylon

or-gasm \ôr-gəz-əm\ *n* : a climax of sexual excitement

or-gi-as-tic \ôr-jē-ˈas-tik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or marked by orgies

or-gu-lous \ôr-g(y)-ləs\ *adj* : PROUD

or-gy \ôr-jē\ *n*, *pl* **orgies** : a gathering marked by unrestrained indulgence (as in alcohol, drugs, or sexual practices)

ori-el \ôr-ē-əl\ *n* : a window built out from a wall and usu. supported by a bracket

ori-ent \ôr-ē-ent\ *vb* **1** : to set in a definite position esp. in relation to the points of the compass **2** : to acquaint with an existing situation or environment — **ori-en-ta-tion** \ôr-ē-ən-ˈtā-shən\ *n*

Orient *n* : EAST **3** ; *esp* : the countries of eastern Asia

ori-en-tal \ôr-ē-ent-əl\ *adj* [fr. *Orient* East, fr. ME, fr. MF, fr. L *orient-*, *oriens*, fr. prp. of *ori* to rise] *often cap* : of or situated in the Orient — **Oriental** *n*

ori-en-tate \ôr-ē-ən-ˈtāt\ *vb* **-tated**; **-tat-ing** **1** : ORIENT **2** : to face east

or-i-fice \ôr-ə-fəs\ *n* : OPENING, MOUTH

ori-flamme \ôr-ə-flam\ *n* : a brightly colored banner used as a standard or ensign in battle

orig *abbr* original; originally

ori-ga-mi \ôr-ə-ˈgām-ē\ *n* : the art or process of Japanese paper folding

or-i-gin \ôr-ə-jən\ *n* **1** : ANCESTRY **2** : rise, beginning, or derivation from a source; *also* : CAUSE **3** : the intersection of coordinate axes

orig-i-nal \ə-ˈrij-(ə)-nəl\ *n* : something from which a copy, reproduction, or translation is made : PROTOTYPE

2 **original** *adj* **1** : FIRST, INITIAL **2** : not copied from something else : FRESH **3** : INVENTIVE — **orig-i-nal-i-ty** \-ˈrij-ə-ˈnal-ə-tē\ *n* — **orig-i-nal-ly** \-ˈrij-ən-əl-ē\ *adv*

orig-i-nate \ə-ˈrij-ə-nāt\ *vb* **-nated**; **-nat-ing** **1** : to give

rise to : INITIATE **2** : to come into existence : BEGIN — **orig-i-na-tor** \-ˈnāt-ər\ *n*

ori-ole \ôr-ē-, ôl\ *n* [F *oriol*, fr. L *Laureolus*, dim. of *aurus* golden, fr. *aurum* gold] : any of a family of New World birds of which the males are usually black and yellow or orange and the females chiefly greenish or yellowish

or-i-son \ôr-ə-sən\ *n* : PRAYER

or-mo-lu \ôr-mə-, lū\ *n* : a brass made to imitate gold and used for decorative purposes

1 **or-na-ment** \ôr-nə-mənt\ *n* : something that lends grace or beauty — **or-na-men-tal** \ôr-nə-mənt-əl\ *adj*

2 **or-na-ment** \-ment\ *vb* : to provide with ornament : ADORN — **or-na-men-ta-tion** \ôr-nə-mən-ˈtā-shən\ *n*

or-nate \ôr-ˈnāt\ *adj* : elaborately decorated — **or-nate-ly** *adv* — **or-nate-ness** *n*

or-nery \ôr-n(ə)-rē, ˈän-ə\ *adj* : having an irritable disposition

ornith *abbr* ornithology

or-ni-thol-o-gy \ôr-nə-ˈthäl-ə-jē\ *n*, *pl* **-gies** : a branch of zoology dealing with birds — **or-ni-tho-log-i-cal** \-thə-ˈlāj-i-kəl\ *adj* — **or-ni-thol-o-gist** \-ˈthäl-ə-jəst\ *n*

oro-tund \ôr-ə-, tænd\ *adj* **1** : SONOROUS **2** : POMPOUS

or-phan \ôr-fən\ *n* : a child deprived by death of one or usu. both parents — **orphan** *vb*

or-phan-age \ôr-f(ə)-nij\ *n* : an institution for the care of orphans

or-ris \ôr-əs\ *n* : a European iris with a fragrant rootstock (orrisroot) used in perfume and sachets

orth-odon-tia \ôr-thə-ˈdän-ch(ē)-ə\ *n* : ORTHODONTICS

or-tho-don-tics \ôr-thə-ˈdānt-iks\ *n* : a branch of dentistry dealing with faulty tooth occlusion and its correction — **or-tho-don-tist** \-ˈdānt-əst\ *n*

or-tho-dox \ôr-thə-, daks\ *adj* [MF or LL; MF *orthodoxe*, fr. LL *orthodoxus*, fr. LGK *orthodoxos*, fr. Gk *orthos* right + *doxa* opinion] **1** : conforming to established doctrine esp. in religion **2** : CONVENTIONAL **3** *cap* : of or relating to a Christian church originating in the church of the Eastern Roman Empire — **or-tho-doxy** \-, dāk-sē\ *n*

or-thog-ra-phy \ôr-ˈthäg-rə-fē\ *n* : SPELLING — **or-tho-graph-ic** \ôr-thə-ˈgraf-ik\ *adj*

or-tho-pe-dics \ôr-thə-ˈpēd-iks\ *n* *sing* or *pl* : the correction or prevention of skeletal deformities — **or-tho-pe-dic** \-ik\ *adj* — **or-tho-pe-dist** \-ˈpēd-əst\ *n*

or-to-lan \ôr-təl-ən\ *n* : a European bunting valued as a table delicacy

-ory \ôr-ē-, (ə)-rē\ *adj* *suffix* **1** : of, relating to, or characterized by **2** : serving for, producing, or maintaining

Os *symbol* osmium

OS *abbr* **1** [L *oculus sinister*] left eye **2** out of stock

Osage \ô-ˈsāj\ *n*, *pl* **Osag-es** or **Osage** : a member of an American Indian people orig. of Missouri

os-cil-late \ˈās-ə-, lāt\ *vb* **-lated**; **-lat-ing** **1** : to swing backward and forward like a pendulum **2** : to move or travel back and forth between two points **3** : VARY, FLUCTUATE — **os-cil-la-tion** \ˈās-ə-ˈlā-shən\ *n* — **os-cil-la-tor** \ˈās-ə-, lāt-ər\ *n* — **os-cil-la-to-ry** \ˈā-sil-ə-, tōr-ē\ *adj*

os-cil-lo-scope \ā-ˈsil-ə-, skōp\ *n* : an instrument in which variations in current or voltage appear as a visible wave form on a fluorescent screen

os-cu-late \ˈās-kyə-, lāt\ *vb* **-lated**; **-lat-ing** : KISS — **os-cu-la-tion** \ˈās-kyə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*

Osee \ô-, zē, ô-ˈzā-ə\ *n* — see BIBLE table

OSHA *abbr* Occupational Safety and Health Administration

osier \ô-zhər\ *n* : a willow tree with pliable twigs used esp. in making baskets and furniture; *also* : a twig from an osier

os-mi-um \ˈāz-mē-əm\ *n* : a heavy hard brittle metallic chemical element used in alloys — see ELEMENT table

os-mo-sis \āz-ˈmō-səs, ās-ə\ *n* : diffusion of a solvent through a partially permeable membrane into a solution of higher concentration that tends to equalize the con-

centrations of the solutions on either side of the membrane — **os-mot-ic** \-'mät-ik\ *adj*

os-prey \-'äs-prē-, -prā\ *n*, *pl* **ospreys** : a large brown and white fish-eating hawk

os-si-fy \-'äs-ə-'fī\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to change into bone — **os-si-fi-ca-tion** \-'äs-ə-'fä-'kā-shən\ *n*

os-su-ary \-'äsh-ə-, wer-ē-, 'äs-(y)-ə\ *n*, *pl* **-ar-ies** : a depository for the bones of the dead

os-ten-si-ble \-'äs-'sten-sə-bəl\ *adj* : shown outwardly : PRO-FESSED, APPARENT — **os-ten-si-bly** \-'blē\ *adv*

os-ten-ta-tion \-'äs-tən-'tä-shən\ *n* : pretentious or excessive display — **os-ten-ta-tious** \-'shəs\ *adj* — **os-ten-ta-tious-ly** *adv*

os-teo-path \-'äs-tē-ə-, path\ *n* : a practitioner of osteopathy

os-te-op-a-thy \-'äs-tē-'äp-ə-thē\ *n* : a system of healing that emphasizes manipulation (as of joints) but does not exclude other agencies (as the use of medicine and surgery) — **os-teo-path-ic** \-'äs-tē-ə-'path-ik\ *adj*

os-teo-po-ro-sis \-'äs-tē-ō-pə-'rō-səs\ *n*, *pl* **-ro-ses** \-'sēz\ : a bodily disorder occurring esp. after age 45, characterized by fragile and porous bones, and caused by faulty nutrition and mineral metabolism

ostler *var* of **HOTLER**

ost-mark \-'öst-'märk-, 'öst-\ *n* — see **MONEY** table

os-tra-cize \-'äs-trə-'sīz\ *vb* **-cized**; **-ciz-ing** [Gk *ostrakizein* to banish by voting with potsherds, fr. *ostrakon* shell, potsherd] : to exclude from a group by common consent — **os-tra-cism** \-'sīz-əm\ *n*

os-trich \-'äs-trich-, 'ös-\ *n* : a very large swift-footed flightless bird of Africa and Arabia

Os-we-go tea \-'ä-, swē-gō-\ *n* : a No. American mint with showy scarlet flowers

OT *abbr* 1 Old Testament 2 overtime

1oth-er \-'əth-ər\ *adj* 1 : being the one left; *also* : being the ones distinct from those first mentioned 2 : ALTERNATE (every ~ day) 3 : DIFFERENT 4 : ADDITIONAL 5 : recently past (the ~ night)

2other *pron* 1 : remaining one or ones (one foot and then the ~) 2 : a different or additional one (something or ~)

oth-er-wise \-'wīz\ *adv* 1 : in a different way 2 : in different circumstances 3 : in other respects — **otherwise** *adj*

oth-er-world \-'wərd\ *n* : a world beyond death or beyond present reality

oth-er-world-ly \-'wərd-(l)lē\ *adj* : not worldly : concerned with spiritual, intellectual, or imaginative matters

oti-ose \-'ō-shē-, 'ōs-, 'ōt-ē-\ *adj* 1 : IDLE 2 : STERILE 3 : USE-LESS

oto-lar-yn-gol-o-gist \-'ōt-ō-, lar-ən-'gäl-ə-jəst\ *n* : a specialist in otorhinolaryngology — **oto-lar-yn-gol-o-gy** \-'ə-jē\ *n*

oto-rhi-no-lar-yn-gol-o-gy \-'ōt-ō-, rī-nō-, lar-ən-'gäl-ə-jē\ *n* : a medical specialty concerned esp. with the ear, nose, and throat — **oto-rhi-no-lar-yn-gol-o-gist** \-'jəst\ *n*

OTS *abbr* officers' training school

Ot-ta-wa \-'ät-ə-wə-, -wä-, -wō\ *n*, *pl* **Ottawas** or **Ottawa** : a member of an American Indian people of Michigan and southern Ontario

ot-ter \-'ät-ər\ *n*, *pl* **otters** *also* **otter** : a web-footed fish-eating mammal that is related to the weasels and has dark brown fur; *also* : its fur



otter

ot-to-man \-'ät-ə-mən\ *n* : an upholstered seat or couch; *also* : an overstuffed footstool

ou-bli-ette \-'ü-blē-'et\ *n* [F, fr. MF, fr. *oublier* to forget, fr. L *oblivisci*] : a dungeon with an opening at the top

ought \-'ōt\ *verbal auxiliary* — used to express moral obligation, advisability, natural expectation, or logical consequence

ou-gui-ya \-'ü-'g(w)ē-(y)-ə\ *n*, *pl* **ouguiya** — see **MONEY** table

ounce \-'auns\ *n* [ME, fr. MF *unce*, fr. L *uncia* twelfth part, ounce, fr. *unus* one] : a unit of avoirdupois, troy, and apothecaries' weight — see **WEIGHT** table

our \-'är-, ('ä)ä(ə)r\ *adj* : of or relating to us or ourselves

ours \-'(ä)ä(ə)rz-, ärz\ *pron* : one or the ones belonging to us

our-selves \-'är-'selvz-, ä(ə)r-\ *pron* : our own selves — used reflexively, for emphasis, or in absolute constructions (we pleased ~) (we'll do it ~) (~ tourists, we avoided other tourists)

-ous \-'əs\ *adj* *suffix* : full of : abounding in : having : possessing the qualities of (clamorous) (poisonous)

oust \-'aust\ *vb* : to eject from or deprive of property or position : EXPEL *syn* evict, dismiss, banish, deport

oust-er \-'aüs-tər\ *n* : EXPULSION

1out \-'aut\ *adv* 1 : in a direction away from the inside or center 2 : beyond control 3 : to extinction, exhaustion, or completion 4 : in or into the open 5 : so as to retire a batter or base runner; *also* : so as to be retired

2out *vb* : to become known (the truth will ~)

3out *prep* 1 : out through (looked ~ the window) 2 : outward on or along (drive ~ the river road)

4out *adj* 1 : situated outside or at a distance 2 : not in : ABSENT; *also* : not being in power 3 : not successful in reaching base 4 : not being in vogue or fashion : not up-to-date

5out *n* 1 : one who is out of office 2 : the retiring of a batter or base runner

out-and-out \-'aut-'n(d)-'aut\ *adj* : COMPLETE, THOROUGH-GOING (an ~ fraud)

out-bid \-'aut-'bid\ *vb* : to make a higher bid than

1out-board \-'aut-, börd\ *adj* 1 : situated outboard 2 : having or using an outboard motor

2outboard *adv* 1 : outside a ship's hull : away from the long axis of a ship 2 : in a position closer to the wing tip of an airplane

outboard motor *n* : a small internal-combustion engine with propeller attached for mounting at the stern of a small boat

out-bound \-'aut-, baund\ *adj* : outward bound (~ traffic)

out-break \-'äbräk\ *n* 1 : a sudden or violent breaking out 2 : something (as an epidemic) that breaks out

out-build-ing \-'bil-diŋ\ *n* : a building separate from but accessory to a main house

out-burst \-'bürst\ *n* : ERUPTION; *esp* : a violent expression of feeling

out-cast \-'kast\ *n* : one who is cast out by society : PARIAH

out-class \-'aut-'klas\ *vb* : SURPASS

out-come \-'aut-'kəm\ *n* : a final consequence : RESULT

out-crop \-'äkräp\ *n* : a coming out of bedrock to the surface of the ground; *also* : the part of a rock formation that thus appears — **outcrop** *vb*

out-cry \-'äkrī\ *n* : a loud cry : CLAMOR

out-dat-ed \-'aut-'dāt-əd\ *adj* : OUTMODED

out-dis-tance \-'dis-təns\ *vb* : to go far ahead of (as in a race) : OUTSTRIP

out-do \-'dü\ *vb* **-did** \-'did\; **-done** \-'dän\; **-do-ing** \-'dü-iŋ\; **-does** \-'dəz\ : to go beyond in action or performance : EXCEL

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'shə \ə'sace \ə'cot, cart
 \ə'out \ə'hichin \ə'bet \ə'easy \ə'go \ə'hilt \ə'ice \ə'job
 \ŋ'sing \ə'go \ə'law \ə'boy \ə'thin \ə'the \ə'loot
 \ə'foot \ə'yet \ə'hivision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

out-door \ˈaʊt-,dɔr\ *also* **out-doors** \-,dɔrz\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to the outdoors 2 : performed outdoors 3 : not enclosed (as by a roof)

1 out-doors \ˈaʊt-ˈdɔrz\ *adv* : in or into the open air

2 outdoors *n* 1 : the open air 2 : the world away from human habitation

out-draw \ˈaʊt-ˈdrɔ\ *vb* **-drew** \-ˈdri\; **-drawn** \-ˈdrɔn\; **-drawing** 1 : to attract a larger audience than 2 : to draw a handgun more quickly than

out-er \ˈaʊt-ər\ *adj* 1 : EXTERNAL 2 : situated farther out; *also* : being away from a center

out-er-most \-,mɒst\ *adj* : farthest out

outer space *n* : SPACE 5; *esp* : the region beyond the solar system

out-face \ˈaʊt-ˈfæs\ *vb* 1 : to cause to waver or submit 2 : DEFEAT

out-field \ˈaʊt-,fēld\ *n* : the part of a baseball field beyond the infield and within the foul lines; *also* : players in the outfield — **out-field-er** \-,fēld-ər\ *n*

out-fight \ˈaʊt-ˈfi\ *vb* : to surpass in fighting : DEFEAT

1 out-fit \ˈaʊt-,fit\ *n* 1 : the equipment or apparel for a special purpose or occasion 2 : GROUP

2 outfit *vb* **out-fit**; **out-fit-ting** : EQUIP — **out-fit-ter** *n*

out-flank \ˈaʊt-ˈflæŋ\ *vb* : to get around the flank of (an opposing force)

out-flow \ˈaʊt-,flɔ\ *n* 1 : a flowing out 2 : something that flows out

out-fox \ˈaʊt-ˈfäks\ *vb* : OUTWIT

out-gen-er-al \-ˈjɛn-(ə-)rəl\ *vb* : to surpass in generalship

out-go \ˈaʊt-,gō\ *n, pl* **outgoes** : EXPENDITURES, OUTLAY

out-go-ing \-,gō-ɪŋ\ *adj* 1 : going out (~ tide) 2 : retiring from a place or position 3 : FRIENDLY

out-grow \ˈaʊt-ˈgrō\ *vb* **-grew** \-ˈgrū\; **-grown** \-ˈgrɒn\; **-growing** 1 : to grow faster than 2 : to grow too large for

out-growth \ˈaʊt-,grōθ\ *n* : a product of growing out

: OFFSHOOT; *also* : CONSEQUENCE

out-guess \ˈaʊt-ˈges\ *vb* : OUTWIT

out-gun \-ˈgʌn\ *vb* : to surpass in firepower

out-house \ˈaʊt-,haʊs\ *n* : OUTBUILDING; *esp* : an outdoor toilet

out-ing \ˈaʊt-ɪŋ\ *n* : a brief stay or trip in the open

out-land-ish \ˈaʊt-ˈlan-dɪʃ\ *adj* 1 : of foreign appearance or manner; *also* : BIZARRE 2 : remote from civilization — **out-land-ish-ly** *adv*

out-last \-ˈlast\ *vb* : to last longer than

1 out-law \ˈaʊt-,lə\ *n* 1 : a person excluded from the protection of the law 2 : a lawless person

2 outlaw *vb* 1 : to deprive of the protection of the law 2 : to make illegal — **out-law-ry** \ˈaʊt-,lə(ə)r-ē\ *n*

out-lay \ˈaʊt-,lə\ *n* 1 : the act of spending 2 : EXPENDITURE

out-let \ˈaʊt-,let-,lət\ *n* 1 : EXIT, VENT 2 : a means of release (as for an emotion) 3 : a market for a commodity 4 : a receptacle for the plug of an electrical device

1 out-line \ˈaʊt-,lɪn\ *n* 1 : a line marking the outer limits of an object or figure 2 : a drawing in which only contours are marked 3 : SUMMARY, SYNOPSIS 4 : PLAN

2 outline *vb* 1 : to draw the outline of 2 : to indicate the chief features or parts of

out-live \ˈaʊt-ˈlɪv\ *vb* : to live longer than *syn* outlast, survive

out-look \ˈaʊt-,lʊk\ *n* 1 : a place offering a view; *also* : VIEW 2 : STANDPOINT 3 : the prospect for the future

out-ly-ing \-,li-ɪŋ\ *adj* : distant from a center or main body

out-ma-neu-ver \ˈaʊt-mə-ˈn(y)ü-vər\ *vb* 1 : to defeat by more skillful maneuvering 2 : to surpass in maneuverability

out-mod-ed \ˈaʊt-ˈmɒd-əd\ *adj* 1 : being out of style 2 : no longer acceptable or approved

out-num-ber \-ˈnəm-bər\ *vb* : to exceed in number

out of *prep* 1 : out from within or behind (walk out of the room) (look out of the window) 2 : from a state of (wake up out of a deep sleep) 3 : beyond the limits of (out of

sight) 4 : BECAUSE OF (came out of curiosity) 5 : FROM, WITH (built it out of scrap) 6 : in or into a state of loss or not having (cheated him out of \$5000) (we're out of matches) 7 : from among (one out of four) — **out of it** : SQUARE, OLD-FASHIONED

out-of-bounds \ˈaʊt-ə(v)-ˈbaʊn(d)z\ *adv or adj* : outside the prescribed boundaries or limits

out-of-date \-ˈdāt\ *adj* : no longer in fashion or in use : OUTMODED

out-of-door \ˈaʊt-ˈdɔr\ *or* **out-of-doors** \-ˈdɔrz\ *adj* : OUT-DOOR

out-of-the-way \-ˈθə-ˈwə\ *adj* 1 : being off the beaten track 2 : UNUSUAL

out-pa-tient \ˈaʊt-,pā-shənt\ *n* : a person not an inmate of a hospital who visits it for diagnosis or treatment

out-per-form \ˈaʊt-pər-ˈfɔrm\ *vb* : to perform better than

out-play \ˈaʊt-ˈplā\ *vb* : to play more skillfully than

out-point \-ˈpɔɪnt\ *vb* : to win more points than

out-post \ˈaʊt-,pɒst\ *n* 1 : a military detachment stationed at some distance from a main force to protect it from surprise attack; *also* : a military base established (as by treaty) in a foreign country 2 : an outlying or frontier settlement

out-pour-ing \-,pɔr-ɪŋ\ *n* : something that pours out or is poured out

out-pull \ˈaʊt-ˈpʊl\ *vb* : OUTDRAW 1

1 out-put \ˈaʊt-,pʊt\ *n* 1 : the amount produced (as by a machine or factory) : PRODUCTION 2 : the information fed out by a computer

2 output *vb* **out-put**-ted *or* **output**; **out-put-ting** : to produce as output

1 out-rage \ˈaʊt-,rāj\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, excess, outrage, fr. *outr* beyond, in excess, fr. L *ultra*] 1 : a violent or shameful act 2 : INJURY, INSULT 3 : the anger or resentment aroused by an outrage

2 outrage *vb* **out-raged**; **out-rag-ing** 1 : RAPE 2 : to subject to violent injury or gross insult 3 : to arouse to extreme resentment

out-ra-geous \ˈaʊt-ˈrāj-əs\ *adj* : extremely offensive, insulting, or shameful : SHOCKING — **out-ra-geous-ly** *adv*

out-rank \-ˈræŋk\ *vb* : to rank higher than

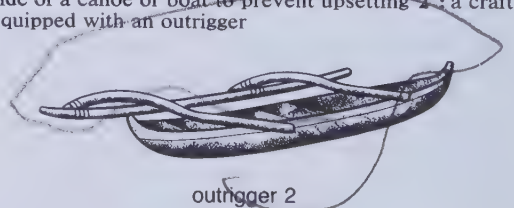
ou-tré \ü-ˈtrā\ *adj* [F] : violating convention or propriety : BIZARRE

1 out-reach \ˈaʊt-ˈrēch\ *vb* 1 : to surpass in reach 2 : to get the better of by trickery

2 out-reach \ˈaʊt-,rēch\ *n* 1 : the act of reaching out 2 : the extent of reach 3 : the extending of services beyond usual limits

out-rid-er \-,rɪd-ər\ *n* : a mounted attendant

out-rig-ger \-,rɪg-ər\ *n* 1 : a frame that extends from the side of a canoe or boat to prevent upsetting 2 : a craft equipped with an outrigger



outrigger 2

1 out-right \(\)ˈaʊt-ˈrɪt\ *adv* 1 : COMPLETELY 2 : INSTANTANEOUSLY

2 outright *adj* 1 : being exactly what is stated (~ lie) 2 : given or made without reservation or encumbrance (~ sale)

out-run \ˈaʊt-rən\ *vb* **-ran** \-ˈran\; **-run**; **-run-ning** : to run faster than; *also* : EXCEED

out-sell \-ˈsel\ *vb* **-sold** \-ˈsɒld\; **-sell-ing** : to exceed in sales

out-set \ˈaʊt-,set\ *n* : BEGINNING, START

out-shine \ˈaʊt-ˈʃɪn\ *vb* **-shone** \-ˈʃɒn\ *or* **-shined**; **-shin-ing** 1 : to shine brighter than 2 : SURPASS

1 *out-side* \aüt-'sīd, 'aüt-'sīd\ *n* 1 : a place or region beyond an enclosure or boundary 2 : EXTERIOR 3 : the utmost limit or extent

2 *outside* *adj* 1 : OUTER 2 : coming from without (~ influences) 3 : being apart from one's regular duties (~ activities) 4 : REMOTE (an ~ chance)

3 *outside* *adv* : on or to the outside

4 *outside* *prep* 1 : on or to the outside of 2 : beyond the limits of 3 : EXCEPT

outside of *prep* 1 : OUTSIDE 2 : BESIDES

out-sid-er \aüt-'sīd-ər\ *n* : one who does not belong to a group

out-size \aüt-'sīz\ *n* : an unusual size; *esp* : a size larger than the standard

out-skirts \-s'kɔrts\ *n pl* : the outlying parts (as of a city) : BORDERS

out-smart \aüt-'smärt\ *vb* : OUTWIT

out-spend \-'spend\ *vb* 1 : to exceed the limits of in spending (~ his income) 2 : to surpass in spending

out-spo-ken \aüt-'spō-kən\ *adj* : direct and open in speech or expression — *out-spo-ken-ness* \-kən-nəs\ *n*

out-spread \-'spred\ *vb* -spread; -spread-ing : to spread out : EXTEND

out-stand-ing \-'stan-dɪŋ\ *adj* 1 : PROJECTING 2 : UNPAID; *also* : UNRESOLVED 3 : publicly issued and sold 4 : CONSPICUOUS; *also* : DISTINGUISHED — *out-stand-ing-ly* *adv*

out-stay \-'stā\ *vb* 1 : OVERSTAY 2 : to surpass in endurance

out-stretched \-'stretʃ\ *adj* : stretched out : EXTENDED

out-strip \-'strip\ *vb* 1 : to go faster than 2 : EXCEL, SURPASS

out-vote \-'vot\ *vb* : to defeat by a majority of votes

1 *out-ward* \aüt-wərd\ *adj* 1 : moving or directed toward the outside 2 : showing outwardly

2 *outward* or *out-wards* \-wərdz\ *adv* : toward the outside

out-ward-ly \-wərd-lē\ *adv* : on the outside : EXTERNALLY

out-wear \aüt-'waər\ *vb* -wore \-'wɔr\; -worn \-'wɔrn\; -wear-ing : to wear longer than : OUTLAST

out-weigh \-'wā\ *vb* : to exceed in weight, value, or importance

out-wit \-'wit\ *vb* : to get the better of by superior cleverness

1 *out-work* \-'wɜrk\ *vb* : to outdo in working

2 *out-work* \aüt-'wɜrk\ *n* : a minor defensive position outside a fortified area

out-worn \aüt-'wɔrn\ *adj* : OUTMODED

ou-zo \-'(z)zō, -(z)zō\ *n* : a colorless anise-flavored unsweetened Greek liqueur

ova *pl* of OVUM

oval \'ō-vəl\ *adj* [ML *ovalis*, fr. LL, of an egg, fr. L *ovum*] : egg-shaped; *also* : broadly elliptical — *oval* *n*

ova-ry \'ōv-(ə)-rē\ *n, pl* -ries 1 : a usu. paired organ of a female animal in which eggs and often sex hormones are produced 2 : the part of a flower in which seeds are produced — *ovar-i-an* \'ō-'vər-ē-ən, -'ver-\ *adj*

ovate \'ō-'vāt\ *adj* : egg-shaped

ova-tion \'ō-'vā-shən\ *n* [L *ovation*-, *ovatio*, fr. *ovatus*, pp. of *ovare* to exult] : an enthusiastic popular tribute

oven-en \'ēv-ən\ *n* : a chamber (as in a stove) for baking, heating, or drying

oven-bird \-,bɜrd\ *n* : a large American warbler that builds its dome-shaped nest on the ground

1 *over* \'ō-vər\ *adv* 1 : across a barrier or intervening space 2 : across the brim (boil ~) 3 : so as to bring the underside up 4 : out of a vertical position 5 : beyond some quantity, limit, or norm 6 : ABOVE 7 : at an end 8 : THROUGH; *also* : THOROUGHLY 9 : AGAIN

2 *over* \'ō-vər, 'ō-\ *prep* 1 : above in position, authority, or scope (towered ~ her) (obeyed those ~ him) (the talk was ~ their heads) 2 : more than (paid ~ \$100 for it) 3 : ON, UPON (a cape ~ his shoulders) 4 : along the length of (~ the road) 5 : through the medium of : ON (spoke ~ TV) 6 : all through (showed me ~ the house) 7 : on

or above so as to cross (walk ~ the bridge) (jump ~ a ditch) 8 : DURING (~ the past 25 years) 9 : on account of (fought ~ a woman)

3 *over* \'ō-vər, 'ō-\ *adj* 1 : UPPER, HIGHER 2 : REMAINING 3 : ENDED

over- *prefix* 1 : so as to exceed or surpass 2 : excessive; excessively

overabundance

overabundant

overactive

overaggressive

overambitious

overanxious

overbid

overbold

overbuild

overburden

overbuy

overcapacity

overcapitalize

overcareful

overcautious

overcompensation

overconfidence

overconfident

overconscientious

overcook

overcritical

overcrowd

overdecorated

overdetermined

overdevelop

overdose

overdress

overeager

overeat

overemphasis

overemphasize

overenthusiastic

overestimate

overexcite

overexert

overexertion

overextend

overfatigued

overfeed

overfill

overgenerous

overgraze

overhasty

overheat

overindulge

over-act \'ō-vər-'akt\ *vb* : to exaggerate in acting

1 *over-age* \-'āj\ *adj* 1 : too old to be useful 2 : older than is normal for one's position, function, or grade

2 *over-age* \'ōv-(ə)-rɪj\ *n* : SURPLUS

over-all \,ō-vər-'ól\ *adj* : including everything (~ expenses)

over-alls \'ō-vər-'ólz\ *n pl* : trousers of strong material usu. with a piece extending up to cover the chest

over-arm \-,ärm\ *adj* : done with the arm raised above the shoulder

over-awe \,ō-vər-'ō\ *vb* : to restrain or subdue by awe

over-bal-ance \-'bal-əns\ *vb* 1 : OUTWEIGH 2 : to cause to lose balance

over-bear-ing \-'ba(ə)r-ɪŋ\ *adj* : ARROGANT, DOMINEERING

over-blown \-'blōn\ *adj* 1 : PORTLY 2 : INFLATED, PRETENTIOUS

overindulgence

overindulgent

overlarge

overlearn

overliberal

overload

overlong

overmodest

overnice

overoptimism

overoptimistic

overpay

overpopulated

overpopulation

overpraise

overprice

overproduce

overproduction

overprotect

overproud

overrate

overreact

overrefinement

overrepresented

overripe

oversell

oversensitive

oversensitiveness

oversimple

oversimplification

oversimplify

overspecialization

overspecialize

overspend

overstock

overstrict

oversubtle

oversupply

overtax

overtired

overtrain

overuse

overvalue

overzealous

\ə'but \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
 \ə'u'out \ch'chin \e'bet \e'easy \ə'go \i'hlt \i'vice \j'Job
 \ŋ'sing \ə'go \ə'law \ə'i'boy \th'thin \th'the \ü'loot
 \ü'foot \y'yet \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

over-board \ˈō-vər-,bɔrd\ *adv* 1 : over the side of a ship into the water 2 : to extremes of enthusiasm
1over-cast \ˈō-vər-,kast\ *adj* : clouded over : GLOOMY
2over-cast *n* : COVERING; *esp* 3 : a covering of clouds
over-charge \ˈō-vər-ˈchärj\ *vb* 1 : to charge too much 2 : to fill or load too full — **over-charge** \ˈō-vər-,ˈchärj\ *n*
over-coat \ˈō-vər-,kót\ *n* : a warm coat worn over indoor clothing
over-come \ˈō-vər-ˈkəm\ *vb* -came \-ˈkām\; -come; -coming 1 : CONQUER 2 : to make helpless or exhausted
over-do \ˈō-vər-ˈdū\ *vb* -did \-ˈdɪd\; -done \-ˈdɒn\; -doing \-ˈdū-ɪŋ\; -does \-ˈdɒz\ 1 : to do too much; *also* : to tire oneself 2 : EXAGGERATE 3 : to cook too long
over-draft \ˈō-vər-,draɪt\; -ˌdraɪt\ *n* : an overdrawing of a bank account; *also* : the sum overdrawn
over-draw \ˈō-vər-ˈdrɔʊ\ *vb* -drew \-ˈdruː\; -drawn \-ˈdrɔn\; -drawing 1 : to draw checks on a bank account for more than the balance 2 : EXAGGERATE
over-drive \ˈō-vər-ˈdrɪv\ *n* : an automotive transmission gear that transmits to the drive shaft a speed greater than the engine speed
over-dub \ˈō-vər-ˈdʌb\ *vb* : to transfer (recorded sound) onto an earlier recording for a combined effect — **over-dub** \ˈō-vər-,dɒb\ *n*
over-due \ˈō-(y)ū\ *adj* 1 : unpaid when due; *also* : not appearing or presented on time 2 : more than ready
over-ex-pose \ˈō-vər-ɪk-ˈspɔz\ *vb* : to expose (a photographic plate or film) for more time than is needed — **over-ex-po-sure** \-ˈspɔ-zhər\ *n*
1over-flow \-ˈflɔ\ *vb* 1 : INUNDATE; *also* : to pour forth in a flood 2 : to flow over the brim or top of
2over-flow \ˈō-vər-,flɔ\ *n* 1 : FLOOD; *also* : SURPLUS 2 : an outlet for surplus liquid
over-fly \ˈō-vər-ˈflaɪ\ *vb* -flew \-ˈfluː\; -flown \-ˈflɔn\; -flying : to fly over in an airplane or spacecraft — **over-flight** \ˈō-vər-,flaɪt\ *n*
over-grow \ˈō-vər-ˈgrɔ\ *vb* -grew \-ˈgruː\; -grown \-ˈgrɒn\; -growing 1 : to grow over so as to cover 2 : OUTGROW 3 : to grow excessively
over-hand \ˈō-vər-,hand\ *adj* : made with the hand brought down from above — **overhand** *adv*
1over-hang \ˈō-vər-,haŋ\; -ˌvər-ˈhaŋ\ *vb* -hung \-ˌhɛŋ\; -ˌhɛŋ\; -hang-ing 1 : to project over : jut out 2 : to hang over threateningly
2over-hang \ˈō-vər-,haŋ\ *n* : a part (as of a roof) that overhangs
over-haul \ˈō-vər-ˈhɔl\ *vb* 1 : to examine thoroughly and make necessary repairs and adjustments 2 : OVERTAKE
1over-head \ˈō-vər-ˈhed\ *adv* : ALOFT
2over-head \ˈō-vər-,hed\ *adj* : operating or lying above (~ door)
3over-head \ˈō-vər-,hed\ *n* : business expenses not chargeable to a particular part of the work
over-hear \ˈō-vər-ˈhɪər\ *vb* -heard \-ˈhɛrd\; -hear-ing \-ˈhɪ(ə)r-ɪŋ\ : to hear without the speaker's knowledge or intention
over-joyed \ˈō-vər-ˈjɔɪd\ *adj* : filled with great joy
over-kill \ˈō-vər-,kɪl\ *n* 1 : a capacity for destruction of a target greatly exceeding that required 2 : a large excess
over-land \ˈō-vər-,land\; -ˌlənd\ *adv* or *adj* : by, on, or across land
over-lap \ˈō-vər-ˈlap\ *vb* 1 : to lap over 2 : to have something in common
over-lay \ˈō-vər-ˈlā\ *vb* -laid \-ˈlād\; -lay-ing : to lay or spread over or across — **over-lay** \ˈō-vər-,lā\ *n*
over-leap \ˈō-vər-ˈleɪp\ *vb* -leaped or -leapt \-ˈleɪpt\; -leap-ing \-ˈleɪp-ɪŋ\ 1 : to leap over or across 2 : to defeat (oneself) by going too far
over-lie \ˈō-vər-ˈli\ *vb* -lay \-ˈlā\; -lain \-ˈlān\; -lying \-ˈli-ɪŋ\ : to lie over or upon
1over-look \ˈō-vər-ˈlʊk\ *vb* 1 : INSPECT 2 : to look down on from above 3 : to fail to see 4 : IGNORE; *also* : EXCUSE 5 : SUPERVISE

2over-look \ˈō-vər-,lʊk\ *n* : a place from which to look down upon a scene below
over-lord \-ˌlɔrd\ *n* : a lord who has supremacy over other lords
over-ly \ˈō-vər-lē\ *adv* : EXCESSIVELY
over-master \ˈō-vər-ˈmas-tər\ *vb* : OVERPOWER, SUBDUE
over-match \-ˈmætʃ\ *vb* : to be more than a match for : DEFEAT
over-much \-ˈmætʃ\ *adj* or *adv* : too much
1over-night \-ˈniɪt\ *adv* 1 : on or during the night 2 : SUD-DENLY (became famous ~)
2overnight *adj* : of, lasting, or staying the night (~ guests)
over-pass \ˈō-vər-,pas\ *n* 1 : a crossing (as of two high-ways) at different levels by means of a bridge 2 : the upper level of an overpass
over-play \ˈō-vər-ˈplā\ *vb* 1 : EXAGGERATE; *also* : OVER-EMPHASIZE 2 : to rely too much on the strength of
over-pow-er \-ˈpaʊ(-ə)r\ *vb* 1 : to overcome by superior force 2 : OVERWHELM (~ed by hunger)
over-print \-ˈprɪnt\ *vb* : to print over with something additional — **over-print** \ˈō-vər-,prɪnt\ *n*
over-qual-i-fied \-ˈkwəl-ə-,fɪd\ *adj* : having more education, training, or experience than a job calls for
over-reach \ˈō-vər-ˈrɛtʃ\ *vb* 1 : to reach above or beyond 2 : to defeat (oneself) by too great an effort
over-ride \-ˈrɪd\ *vb* -rode \-ˈrɒd\; -rid-den \-ˈrɪd-n\; -rid-ing \-ˈrɪd-ɪŋ\ 1 : to ride over or across 2 : to prevail over; *also* : to set aside
over-rule \-ˈrʊl\ *vb* 1 : to prevail over 2 : to rule against 3 : to set aside
1over-run \-ˈrən\ *vb* -ran \-ˈran\; -run-ning 1 : to defeat and occupy the positions of 2 : OVERSPREAD; *also* : INFEST 3 : to go beyond 4 : to flow over
2over-run \ˈō-vər(r)-,rən\ *n* 1 : an act or instance of over-running; *esp* : an exceeding of estimated costs 2 : the amount by which something overruns
over-sea \ˈō-vər-ˈsɛ\; -ˈvər-,sɛ\ *adj* or *adv* : OVERSEAS
over-seas \ˈō-vər-ˈsɛz\; -ˌsɛz\ *adv* or *adj* : beyond or across the sea : ABROAD
over-see \ˈō-vər-ˈsɛ\ *vb* -saw \-ˈsɔ\; -seen \-ˈsɛn\; -see-ing 1 : OVERLOOK 2 : INSPECT; *also* : SUPERVISE — **over-seer** \ˈō-vər-,sɪər\ *n*
over-sexed \ˈō-vər-ˈsɛkst\ *adj* : exhibiting excessive sexual drive or interest
over-shad-ow \-ˈshad-ə\ *vb* 1 : DARKEN 2 : to exceed in importance
over-shoe \ˈō-vər-,shū\ *n* : a protective outer shoe; *esp* : GALOSH
over-shoot \ˈō-vər-,shūt\ *vb* -shot \-ˈshāt\; -shoot-ing 1 : to pass swiftly beyond 2 : to shoot over or beyond (as a target)
over-sight \ˈō-vər-,sɪt\ *n* 1 : SUPERVISION 2 : an inadvertent omission or error
over-size \ˈō-vər-ˈsɪz\ or **over-sized** \-ˈsɪzd\ *adj* : of more than ordinary size
over-sleep \ˈō-vər-ˈslɛp\ *vb* -slept \-ˈslept\; -sleep-ing : to sleep beyond the time for waking
over-spread \-ˈspred\ *vb* -spread; -spread-ing : to spread over or above
over-state \-ˈstāt\ *vb* : EXAGGERATE — **over-state-ment** *n*
over-stay \-ˈstā\ *vb* : to stay beyond the time or limits of
over-step \-ˈstep\ *vb* : EXCEED
over-sub-scribe \-səb-ˈskɪb\ *vb* : to subscribe for more of than is available, asked for, or offered for sale
overt \ˈō-ˈvɛrt\; -ˌvɛrt\ *adj* [ME, fr. MF *ouvert*, *overt*, fr. pp. of *ouvrir* to open] : not secret
over-take \ˈō-vər-ˈtāk\ *vb* -took \-ˈtʊk\; -tak-en \-ˈtā-kən\; -tak-ing : to catch up with; *also* : to catch up with and pass by
over-throw \ˈō-vər-ˈθrɔ\ *vb* -threw \-ˈθruː\; -thrown \-ˈθrɒn\; -throw-ing 1 : UPSET 2 : to bring down : DEFEAT (~ a government) 3 : to throw over or past — **over-throw** \ˈō-vər-,θrɔ\ *n*

over-time \ˈō-vər-,tīm\ *n* : time beyond a set limit; *esp* : working time in excess of a standard day or week — **overtime** *adv*

over-tone \-,tōn\ *n* 1 : one of the higher tones in a complex musical tone 2 : IMPLICATION, SUGGESTION

over-top \,ō-vər-ˈtāp\ *vb* 1 : to tower above 2 : SURPASS

over-trick \ˈō-vər-,trɪk\ *n* : a card trick won in excess of the number bid

over-ture \ˈō-vər-,chūr-, -chər\ *n* [ME, lit., opening, fr. MF, fr. (assumed) VL *apertura*, alter. of L *apertura*] 1 : an opening offer 2 : an orchestral introduction to a musical dramatic work

over-turn \,ō-vər-ˈtərn\ *vb* 1 : to turn over : UPSET 2 : OVERTHROW

over-view \ˈō-vər-,vyū\ *n* : a general survey : SUMMARY

over-ween-ing \,ō-vər-ˈwē-nɪŋ\ *adj* 1 : ARROGANT 2 : IM-MODERATE

over-weight \-ˈwā\ *vb* 1 : to exceed in weight 2 : OPPRESS

over-weight \ˈō-vər-,wāt\ *n* 1 : weight above what is required or allowed 2 : bodily weight greater than normal for one's age, height, and build — **overweight** *adj*

over-whelm \,ō-vər-ˈhwelm\ *vb* 1 : OVERTHROW 2 : SUB-MERGE 3 : to overcome completely

over-whelm-ing *adj* : EXTREME, GREAT (∼ indifference) — **over-whelm-ing-ly** *adv*

over-win-ter \-ˈwint-ər\ *vb* : to survive the winter

over-work \-ˈwɜrk\ *vb* 1 : to work or cause to work too hard or long 2 : to use too much — **overwork** *n*

over-wrought \,ō-və(r)-ˈrōt\ *adj* 1 : extremely excited 2 : elaborated to excess

ovi-duct \ˈō-və-,dəkt\ *n* : a tube that serves for the pas-sage of eggs from an ovary

ovip-a-rous \-ˈvip-ə-rəs\ *adj* : reproducing by eggs that hatch outside the parent's body

ovoid \ˈō-,vōid\ or **ovoi-dal** \-ˈvōid-əl\ *adj* : egg-shaped : OVAL

ovu-late \-ˈvə-,lāt-, ˈōv-əl\ *vb* -**lat-ed**; -**lat-ing** : to produce eggs or discharge them from an ovary — **ovu-la-tion** \,āv-yə-ˈlā-shən-, ˈōv-əl\ *n*

ovule \-ˈvūl-, ˈōv-əl\ *n* : any of the bodies in a plant ovary that after fertilization become seeds

ovum \ˈō-vəm\ *n*, *pl* **ova** -ˈvə\ : EGG 2

ow \ˈaʊ\ *interj* — used *esp.* to express sudden pain

owe \ˈō\ *vb* **owed**; **ow-ing** 1 : to be under obligation to pay or render 2 : to be indebted to or for; *also* : to be in debt

owing to prep : BECAUSE OF

owl \ˈaʊl\ *n* : a nocturnal bird of prey with large head and eyes and strong talons — **owl-ish** *adj* — **owl-ish-ly** *adv*

owl-et \ˈaʊ-lət\ *n* : a young or small owl

own \ˈōn\ *adj* : belonging to oneself — used as an inten-sive after a possessive adjective (his ∼ car)

own *vb* 1 : to have or hold as property 2 : ACKNOWLEDGE; *also* : CONFESS — **own-er** *n* — **own-er-ship** *n*

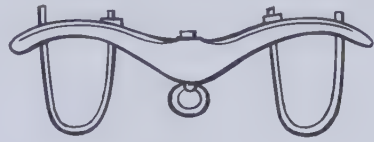
own *pron* : one or ones belonging to oneself

ox \ˈāks\ *n*, *pl* **ox-en** \ˈāk-sən\ *also* **ox** : one of the common large domestic cattle kept for milk, draft, and meat; *esp* : an adult castrated male

ox-blood \ˈāks-,bləd\ *n* : a moderate reddish brown

ox-bow \ˈāks-,bō\ *n* 1 : a U-shaped collar worn by a draft

ox 2 : a U-shaped bend in a river — **oxbow** *adj*



oxbow 1

ox-ford \ˈāks-fərd\ *n* : a low shoe laced or tied over the instep

ox-i-dant \ˈāk-səd-ənt\ *n* : OXIDIZING AGENT — **oxidant** *adj*

ox-i-da-tion \,āk-sə-ˈdā-shən\ *n* : the act or process of oxidizing; *also* : the condition of being oxidized — **ox-i-da-tive** \ˈāk-sə-,dāt-iv\ *adj*

ox-ide \ˈāk-,sɪd\ *n* : a compound of oxygen with another element or group

ox-i-dize \ˈāk-sə-,dīz\ *vb* -**dized**; -**diz-ing** : to combine with oxygen (iron rusts because it is *oxidized* by expo-sure to the air) — **ox-i-diz-er** *n*

oxidizing agent *n* : a substance (as oxygen or nitric acid) that oxidizes by taking up electrons

oxy-acet-y-lene \,āk-sē-ə-ˈset-əl-ən-, -l-,ēn\ *adj* : of, relat-ing to, or utilizing a mixture of oxygen and acetylene

oxy-gen \ˈāk-si-jən\ *n* [F *oxygène*, fr. Gk *oxys*, *adj.*, acid, lit., sharp + *-genēs* born; so called because it was once thought to be an essential element of all acids] : a color-less odorless gaseous chemical element that is found in the air, is essential to life, and is involved in combus-tion — see ELEMENT table

oxy-y-gen-ate \ˈāk-si-jə-,nāt\ *vb* -**at-ed**; -**at-ing** : to impreg-nate, combine, or supply with oxygen — **ox-y-gen-a-tion** \,āk-si-jə-ˈnā-shən\ *n*

oxygen tent *n* : a canopy which can be placed over a bedridden person and within which a flow of oxygen can be maintained

oys-ter \ˈoi-stər\ *n* : any of various mollusks with an ir-regular 2-valved shell that live on stony bottoms in shallow seas and include edible shellfish and pearl pro-ducers — **oys-ter-ing** \ˈoi-st(ə-)rɪŋ\ *n* — **oys-ter-man** \ˈoi-stər-mən\ *n*

oz *abbr* [obs. It *onza* (now *uncia*)] ounce; ounces

ozone \ˈō-,zōn\ *n* 1 : a faintly blue form of oxygen that is produced by the silent discharge of electricity in air or oxygen and is used for disinfecting, deodorizing, and bleaching 2 : pure and refreshing air

P

p \ˈpē\ *n*, *pl* **p's** or **ps** \ˈpēz\ *often cap* : the 16th letter of the English alphabet

p *abbr*, *often cap* 1 page 2 participle 3 past 4 pawn 5 pence; penny 6 per 7 petite 8 pint 9 pressure 10 purl

P *symbol* phosphorus

pa \ˈpā-, ˈpō\ *n* : FATHER

Pa *abbr* Pennsylvania

p *symbol* protactinium

PA *abbr* 1 Pennsylvania 2 per annum 3 physician's assis-tant 4 power of attorney 5 press agent 6 private account

7 professional association 8 public address 9 purchas-ing agent

pa-an-ga \pā-ˈāŋ-(g)ə\ *n* — see MONEY table

pab-u-lum \ˈpab-yə-ləm\ *n* [L, food, fodder] : usu. soft digestible food

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ə\rfurther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \h\hit \i\ice \j\job
\\sing \d\go \d\law \d\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot
\\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

Pac *abbr* Pacific

PAC *abbr* political action committee

1 **pace** \ˈpās\ *n* 1 : rate of movement or progress (as in walking or working) 2 : a step in walking; *also* : the length of such a step 3 : **GAIT**; *esp* : a horse's gait in which the legs on the same side move together

2 **pace** *vb* **paced**; **pac-ing** 1 : to go or cover at a pace or with slow steps 2 : to measure off by paces 3 : to set or regulate the pace of

3 **pace** \ˈpā-sē\ *prep* : with due respect to

pace-maker \ˈpās-,mā-kər\ *n* 1 : one that sets the pace for another 2 : a body part (as of the heart) that serves to establish and maintain a rhythmic activity 3 : an electrical device for stimulating or steadying the heartbeat

pac-er \ˈpā-sər\ *n* 1 : a horse that paces 2 : **PACEMAKER**
pachy-derm \ˈpak-i-,dorm\ *n* [*F* *pachyderme*, *fr.* *Gk* *pachydermos* thick-skinned, *fr.* *pachys* thick + *derma* skin] : any of various thick-skinned hoofed mammals (as an elephant)

pach-ys-an-dra \ˌpak-i-ˈsan-drə\ *n* : any of a genus of low evergreen plants used as a ground cover

pa-cif-ic \pə-ˈsif-ik\ *adj* 1 : tending to lessen conflict 2 : **CALM**, **PEACEFUL** 3 *cap* : of or relating to the Pacific Ocean

pac-i-fi-er \ˈpas-ə-,fi-(ə)r\ *n* : one that pacifies; *esp* : a device for a baby to chew or suck on

pac-i-fism \ˈpas-ə-,fiz-əm\ *n* : opposition to war or violence as a means of settling disputes — **pac-i-fist** \-fəst\ *n* or *adj* — **pac-i-fis-tic** \ˈpas-ə-ˈfis-tik\ *adj*

pac-i-fy \ˈpas-ə-,fi\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** 1 : to allay anger or agitation in 2 : **SETTLE**; *also* : **SUBDUE** — **pac-i-fi-ca-tion** \ˈpas-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

1 **pack** \ˈpak\ *n* 1 : a compact bundle; *also* : a flexible container for carrying a bundle *esp.* on the back 2 : a large amount : **HEAP** 3 : a set of playing cards 4 : a group or band of people or animals 5 : wet absorbent material for application to the body

2 **pack** *vb* 1 : to stow goods in for transportation 2 : to fill in or surround so as to prevent passage of air, steam, or water 3 : to put into a protective container 4 : to load with a pack (~ a mule) 5 : to crowd in 6 : to make into a pack 7 : to cause to go without ceremony (~ them off to school) 8 : **WEAR**, **CARRY** (~ a gun)

3 **pack** *vb* : to make up fraudulently so as to secure a desired result (~ a jury)

1 **pack-age** \ˈpak-ij\ *n* 1 : **BUNDLE**, **PARCEL** 2 : a group of related things offered as a whole

2 **package** *vb* **pack-aged**; **pack-ag-ing** : to make into or enclose in a package

package deal *n* : an offer containing several items all or none of which must be accepted

package store *n* : a store that sells alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off the premises

pack-er \ˈpak-ər\ *n* : one that packs; *esp* : a wholesale food dealer

pack-et \ˈpak-ət\ *n* 1 : a passenger boat carrying mail and cargo on a regular schedule 2 : a small bundle or package

pack-horse \ˈpak-,hɔrs\ *n* : a horse used to carry goods or supplies

pack-ing \ˈpak-ɪŋ\ *n* : material used to pack something

pack-ing-house \-,haʊs\ *n* : an establishment for processing and packing food and *esp.* meat and its by-products

pack rat *n* : a bushy-tailed rodent of the Rocky Mountain area that hoards food and miscellaneous objects

pack-sad-dle \ˈpak-,səd-əl\ *n* : a saddle for supporting packs on the back of an animal

pack-thread \-,θred\ *n* : strong thread for tying

pack \ˈpak\ *n* : **AGREEMENT**, **TREATY**
1 **pad** \ˈpad\ *n* 1 : a cushioning part or thing : **CUSHION** 2 : the cushioned part of the foot of some mammals 3 : the

floating leaf of a water plant 4 : a writing tablet 5 : **LAUNCHPAD** 6 : living quarters; *also* : **BED**

2 **pad** *vb* **pad-ded**; **pad-ding** 1 : to furnish with a pad or padding 2 : to expand with needless or fraudulent matter

pad-ding \ˈpad-ɪŋ\ *n* : the material with which something is padded

1 **pad-dle** \ˈpad-əl\ *vb* **pad-dled**; **pad-dling** : to move the hands and feet about in shallow water

2 **paddle** *n* 1 : an implement with a flat blade used in propelling and steering a small craft (as a canoe) 2 : an implement used for stirring, mixing, or beating 3 : a broad board on the outer rim of a waterwheel or a paddle wheel

3 **paddle** *vb* **pad-dled**; **pad-dling** \ˈpad-(ə-)liŋ\ 1 : to move on or through water by or as if by using a paddle 2 : to beat or stir with a paddle

paddle wheel *n* : a wheel with boards around its outer edge used to move a water craft

paddle wheeler *n* : a steam-driven vessel propelled by a paddle wheel

pad-dock \ˈpad-ək\ *n* : a usu. enclosed area for pasturing or exercising animals; *esp* : one where racehorses are saddled and paraded before a race

pad-dy \ˈpad-ē\ *n*, *pl* **paddies** : wet land where rice is grown

pad-dy wagon \ˈpad-ē-\ *n* : **PATROL WAGON**

pad-lock \ˈpad-,lök\ *n* : a removable lock with a curved piece that snaps into a catch — **padlock** *vb*

pa-dre \ˈpād-rə\ *n* [*Sp* or *It* or *Pg*, *lit.*, *father*, *fr.* *L* *pater*] 1 : **PRIEST**, **CLERGYMAN** 2 : a military chaplain

pa-e-an \ˈpē-əm\ *n* : an exultant song of praise or thanksgiving

pa-gan \ˈpā-gən\ *n* [*ME*, *fr.* *LL* *paganus*, *fr.* *L*, country dweller, *fr.* *pagus* country district] : **HEATHEN** — **pagan** *adj* — **pa-gan-ism** \-,iz-əm\ *n*

1 **page** \ˈpāj\ *n* : **ATTENDANT**; *esp* : one employed to deliver messages

2 **page** *vb* **paged**; **pag-ing** : to summon by repeatedly calling out the name of

3 **page** *n* : a single leaf (as of a book); *also* : a single side of such a leaf

4 **page** *vb* **paged**; **pag-ing** : to mark or number the pages of
pag-eant \ˈpaj-ənt\ *n* [*ME* *pagyn*, *padgeant*, *lit.*, scene of a play, *fr.* *ML* *pagina*, *fr.* *L*, page] : an elaborate spectacle, show, or procession *esp.* with tableaux or floats — **pag-eant-ry** \-ən-trē\ *n*

page-boy \ˈpāj-,bɔi\ *n* [*1* *page*] : an often shoulder-length haired with the ends of the hair turned under in a smooth roll

pag-er \ˈpā-jər\ *n* : one that pages; *esp* : **BEEPER**

pag-i-nate \ˈpaj-ə-,nāt\ *vb* **-nat-ed**; **-nat-ing** : **4** **PAGE**

pag-i-na-tion \ˌpaj-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n* 1 : the paging of written or printed matter 2 : the number and arrangement of pages (as of a book)

pa-go-da \pə-ˈgōd-ə\ *n* : a tower with roofs curving upward at the division of each of several stories (*Chinese* ~)

paid *past* and *past part* of **PAY**

pail \ˈpāl\ *n* : a usu. cylindrical vessel with a handle — **pail-ful** \-,fʊl\ *n*

1 **pain** \ˈpān\ *n* 1 : **PUNISHMENT**, **PENALTY** 2 : suffering or distress of body or mind; *also* : a sensation marked by discomfort (as throbbing or aching) 3 *pl* : great care — **pain-ful** \ˈfəl\ *adj* — **pain-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **pain-less** *adj* — **pain-less-ly** *adv*

2 **pain** *vb* : to cause or experience pain
pain-kill-er \ˈpān-,kil-ər\ *n* : something (as a drug) that relieves pain — **pain-kill-ing** \-ɪŋ\ *adj*

pains-tak-ing \ˈpān-,stā-kiŋ\ *adj* : taking pains : showing care — **pains-taking** *n* — **pains-tak-ing-ly** *adv*

1 **paint** \ˈpānt\ *vb* 1 : to apply color, pigment, or paint to 2

: to produce or portray in lines or colors on a surface; *also* : to practice the art of painting 3 : to decorate with colors 4 : to use cosmetics 5 : to describe vividly 6 : SWAB — **paint-er** *n*

paint *n* 1 : something produced by painting 2 : MAKEUP 3 : a mixture of a pigment and a liquid that forms a thin adherent coating when spread on a surface; *also* : the dry pigment used in making this mixture 4 : an applied coating of paint

paint-brush *n* : a brush for applying paint

paint-ing *n* 1 : a work (as a picture) produced by painting 2 : the art or occupation of painting

pair *n*, *pl* **pairs** *also* **pair** [ME *paire*, fr. OF, fr. L *paria* equal things, fr. neut. pl. of *par* equal] 1 : two things of a kind designed for use together 2 : something made up of two corresponding pieces (a ~ of trousers) 3 : a set of two people or animals (a carriage and ~) (a married ~)

pair *vb* 1 : to arrange in pairs 2 : to form a pair : MATCH 3 : to become associated with another

pai-sa *n*, *pl* **paisa** or **pai-se** *n* — see *rupee*, *taka* at MONEY table

pais-ley *n*, *pl* **pais-ley** *adj*, *often cap* : decorated with colorful curved abstract figures (a ~ shawl)

Pai-ute *n*, *pl* **Pai-utes** *n* : a member of an American Indian people orig. of Utah, Arizona, Nevada, and California

pa-jamas *n*, *pl* **pa-jamas** *n* : a loose suit for sleeping or lounging

Pak-i-stani *n*, *pl* **Pak-i-stanis** *n* : a native or inhabitant of Pakistan — **Pakistani** *adj*

pal *n* : a close friend

pal-ace *n* [ME *palais*, fr. OF, fr. L *palatium*, fr. *Palatium*, the Palatine Hill in Rome where the emperors' residences were built] 1 : the official residence of a sovereign 2 : MANSION

pal-a-din *n* : a knightly supporter of a medieval prince

pa-lae-s-tra *n*, *pl* **-trae** *n* (-(træ)) : a school in ancient Greece or Rome for sports (as wrestling)

pa-lan-quin *n*, *pl* **palanquins** *n* : an enclosed couch for one person borne on the shoulders of men by means of poles

pal-at-able *adj* : agreeable to the taste *syn* appetizing, savory, tasty, toothsome

pal-a-tal *n*, *pl* **palatals** *n* : of or relating to the palate 2 : pronounced with the front of the tongue near or touching the hard palate (the *y* in *yeast* and the *sh* in *she* are ~ sounds)

pal-a-tal-ize *vb* : to pronounce as or change into a palatal sound — **pal-a-tal-iza-tion** *n*

pal-ate *n* 1 : the roof of the mouth consisting of an anterior bony part and a posterior membranous fold 2 : TASTE

pa-la-tial *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or being a palace 2 : MAGNIFICENT

pa-lat-i-nate *n* : the territory of a palatine

pal-a-tine *adj* 1 : of or relating to a palace : PALATIAL 2 : possessing royal privileges; *also* : of or relating to a palatine or a palatinate

palatine *n* 1 : a high officer of an imperial palace 2 : a feudal lord having sovereign power within his domains

pa-la-ver *n*, *pl* **palavers** *n* [Pg *palavra* word, speech, fr. LL *parabola* parable, speech] : a long parley : TALK — **palaver** *vb*

pale *adj* **pal-er**; **pal-est** 1 : deficient in color : WAN (~ face) 2 : lacking in brightness : DIM (~ star) 3 : light in color or shade (~ blue) — **pale-ness** *n*

pale *vb* **paled**; **pal-ing** : to make or become pale

pale *vb* **paled**; **pal-ing** : to enclose with or as if with pales : FENCE

pale *n* 1 : a stake or picket of a fence 2 : an enclosed place; *also* : a district or territory within certain bounds

or under a particular jurisdiction 3 : LIMITS, BOUNDS (conduct beyond the ~)

pale-face *n*, *pl* **pale-faces** *n* : a white person

Paleo-cene *n*, *pl* **Paleocenes** *n* : of, relating to, or being the earliest epoch of the Tertiary — **Paleocene** *n*

pa-le-og-ra-phy *n*, *pl* **palaeography** *n* : the study of ancient writings and inscriptions — **pa-le-og-ra-pher** *n*

Pa-leo-lith-ic *n*, *pl* **Paleolithics** *n* : of or relating to an early period of the Stone Age characterized by rough or chipped stone implements

pa-le-on-tol-o-gy *n*, *pl* **palaeontology** *n* : a science dealing with the life of past geologic periods esp. as known from fossil remains — **pa-le-on-tol-o-gist** *n*, *pl* **palaeontologists** *n*

Pa-leo-zo-ic *n*, *pl* **Paleozoics** *n* : of, relating to, or being the era of geologic history between the Proterozoic and Mesozoic and extending from about 620 million years ago to about 230 million years ago — **Paleozoic** *n*

pal-ette *n* : a thin often oval board on which a painter lays and mixes colors; *also* : the colors on a palette

pal-frey *n*, *pl* **palfreys** *n* : a saddle horse; *esp* : one suitable for a woman

pal-imp-est *n*, *pl* **palimpsests** *n* [L *palimpsestus*, fr. Gk *palimpsestos* scraped again] : writing material (as a parchment) used after the erasure of earlier writing

pal-in-drome *n*, *pl* **palindromes** *n* : a word, verse, or sentence (as 'Able was I ere I saw Elba') that reads the same backward or forward

pal-ing *n*, *pl* **palings** *n* : a fence of pales 2 : material for pales 3 : PALE, PICKET

pal-in-ode *n*, *pl* **palinodes** *n* : an ode or song of recantation or retraction

pal-i-sade *n*, *pl* **palisades** *n* : a high fence of stakes esp. for defense 2 : a line of steep cliffs

pall *n*, *pl* **palls** *n* : to lose in interest or attraction 2 : SATIATE, CLOY

pall *n* 1 : a heavy cloth draped over a coffin 2 : something that produces a gloomy atmosphere

pal-la-di-um *n* : a silver-white metallic chemical element used esp. as a catalyst and in alloys — see ELEMENT table

pall-bear-er *n* : a person who attends the coffin at a funeral

pal-let *n* : a small, hard, or makeshift bed

pallet *n* : a portable platform for transporting and storing materials

pal-li-ate *vb* **pal-liated**; **-at-ing** 1 : to ease without curing 2 : to cover by excuses and apologies — **pal-li-a-tion** *n*, *pl* **pal-liations** *n* — **pal-li-a-tive** *n*, *pl* **pal-liatives** *n*

pal-lid *adj* : PALE, WAN

pal-lor *n*, *pl* **pal-lors** *n* : PALENESS

palm *n*, *pl* **palm** *n* [ME, fr. OE, fr. L *palma* palm of the hand, palm tree; fr. the resemblance of the tree's leaves to the outstretched hand] 1 : any of a family of mostly tropical trees, shrubs, or vines usu. with a tall unbranched stem topped by a crown of large leaves 2 : a symbol of victory; *also* : VICTORY

palm *n* : the underpart of the hand between the fingers and the wrist

palm *vb* 1 : to conceal in or with the hand (~ a card) 2 : to impose by fraud

pal-mate *n*, *pl* **pal-mates** *n* *also* **pal-mated** *n*, *pl* **pal-mateds** *n* : resembling a hand with the fingers spread

palm-er *n*, *pl* **palmers** *n* : a person wearing two crossed palm leaves as a sign of having gone on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land

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pal-met-to \pal-'met-ō\ *n*, *pl* -tos or -toes : any of several usu. small palms with fan-shaped leaves

pal-mist-ry \pām-ə-strē, 'pāl-mə-\ *n* : the practice of reading a person's character or future from the markings on the palms — **pal-mist** \pām-əst, 'pāl-məst\ *n*

Palm Sunday *n* : the Sunday preceding Easter and commemorating Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem

palmy \pām-ē, 'pāl-mē\ *adj* **pal-mi-er**; -est 1 : abounding in or bearing palms 2 : FLOURISHING, PROSPEROUS

pal-o-mi-no \,pal-ə-'mē-nō\ *n*, *pl* -nos [AmerSp, fr. Sp, like a dove, fr. *L palumbinus*, fr. *palumbes* wood pigeon] : a horse with a pale cream to golden coat and cream or white mane and tail

pal-pa-ble \pal-pə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : capable of being touched or felt : TANGIBLE 2 : OBVIOUS, PLAIN **syn** perceptible, sensible, appreciable, tangible, detectable — **pal-pa-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

pal-pate \pal-,pāt\ *vb* **pal-pat-ed**; **pal-pat-ing** : to examine by touch esp. medically — **pal-pa-tion** \pal-'pā-shən\ *n*

pal-pi-tate \pal-pə-'tāt\ *vb* -tat-ed; -tat-ing : to beat strongly and irregularly : THROB, QUIVER — **pal-pi-tation** \,pal-pə-'tā-shən\ *n*

pal-sy \pōl-zē\ *n*, *pl* **palsies** 1 : PARALYSIS 2 : a condition marked by tremor — **pal-sied** \-zēd\ *adj*

pal-ter \pōl-tər\ *vb* **pal-tered**; **pal-ter-ing** \-t(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to act insincerely : EQUIVOCATE 2 : HAGGLE

pal-try \pōl-trē\ *adj* **pal-tri-er**; -est 1 : TRASHY (a ~ pamphlet) 2 : MEAN (a ~ trick) 3 : TRIVIAL (~ excuses) 4 : MEAGER, MEASLY (a ~ sum)

pam *abbr* pamphlet

pam-pa \pam-pə, 'pām-\ *n*, *pl* **pam-pas** \-pəz, -pəs\ : a grassy So. American plain

pam-per \pam-pər\ *vb* **pam-pered**; **pam-per-ing** \-p(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to treat with excessive attention : INDULGE **syn** coddle, humor, baby, spoil

pam-plet \pam-flət\ *n* [ME *pamflet* unbound booklet, fr. *Pamphilus seu De Amore* Pamphilus or On Love, popular Latin love poem of the 12th cent.] : an unbound printed publication

pam-phle-ter \pam-flə-'tɪr\ *n* : a writer of pamphlets attacking something or urging a cause

pan \pan\ *n* 1 : a usu. broad, shallow, and open container for domestic use; *also* : something resembling such a container 2 : a basin or depression in land 3 : HARDPAN

pan *vb* **panned**; **pan-ning** 1 : to wash earth or gravel in a pan in searching for gold 2 : to criticize severely (a new play **panned** by the critics)

Pan *abbr* Panama

pan-a-cea \,pan-ə-'sē-ə\ *n* : a remedy for all ills or difficulties

pan-nache \pə-'nash, -'nāsh\ *n* [MF *pennache*, deriv. of LL *pinna* small wing] 1 : an ornamental tuft (as of feathers) esp. on a helmet 2 : dash or flamboyance in style and action

pan-a-ma \pan-ə-,mä, -,mò\ *n*, *often cap* : a handmade hat braided from strips of the leaves from a tropical American tree

pan-a-tela \,pan-ə-'tel-ə\ *n* [Sp, fr. AmerSp, a long thin biscuit, deriv. of *L panis* bread] : a long slender cigar with straight sides rounded off at the sealed end

pan-cake \pan-,kāk\ *n* : a flat cake made of thin batter and fried on both sides

pan-chro-mat-ic \,pan-kro-'mat-ik\ *adj* : sensitive to light of all colors (~ film)

pan-cre-as \pan-kre-'əs, 'pan-\ *n* : a large gland that produces insulin and discharges enzymes into the intestine — **pan-cre-at-ic** \,pan-kre-'at-ik, 'pan-\ *adj*

pan-da \pan-də\ *n*  : a long-tailed Himalayan mammal related to and resembling the raccoon 2 : a large black-and-white mammal of western China usu. classified with the bears

pan-dem-ic \pan-'dem-ik\ *n* : a widespread outbreak of disease — **pandemic** *adj*

pan-de-mo-ni-um \,pan-də-'mō-nē-əm\ *n* : a wild uproar : TUMULT

pan-der \pan-dər\ *n* 1 : a go-between in love intrigues 2 : PIMP 3 : someone who caters to or exploits others' desires or weaknesses

pander *vb* **pan-dered**; **pan-der-ing** \-d(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to act as a pander

P and L *abbr* profit and loss

pan-dow-dy \pan-'daud-ē\ *n*, *pl* -dies : a deep-dish apple dessert spiced, sweetened, and covered with a crust

pane \pān\ *n* : a sheet of glass (as in a door or window)

pan-e-gy-ric \,pan-ə-'jɪr-ik\ *n* : a eulogistic oration or writing — **pan-e-gy-rist** \-'jɪr-əst\ *n*

pan-el \pan-'l\ *n* 1 : a list of persons appointed for special duty (a jury ~); *also* : a group of people taking part in a discussion or quiz program 2 : a section of something (as a wall or door) often sunk below the level of the frame; *also* : a flat piece of construction material 3 : a flat piece of wood on which a picture is painted 4 : a board mounting instruments or controls

panel *vb* -eled or -elled; -el-ing or -el-ling : to decorate with panels

pan-el-ing \pan-'l-ɪŋ\ *n* : decorative panels

pan-el-ist \pan-'l-əst\ *n* : a member of a discussion or quiz panel

panel truck *n* : a small motortruck with a fully enclosed body

pang \pan\ *n* : a sudden sharp attack (as of pain)

pan-han-dle \pan-,han-dəl\ *n* : a narrow projection of a larger territory (as a state)

pan-handle *vb* -dled; -dling \-,han-d(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to ask for money on the street — **pan-han-dler** \-d(ə-)lər\ *n*

pan-ic \pan-ik\ *n* : a sudden overpowering fright **syn** terror, consternation, dismay, alarm, dread, fear — **pan-icky** \-i-kē\ *adj*

panic *vb* **pan-icked** \-ikt\; **pan-ick-ing** : to affect or be affected with panic

pan-i-cle \pan-i-kəl\ *n* : a compound loosely branched racemose flower cluster

pan-jan-drum \pan-'jan-drəm\ *n*, *pl* -drums *also* -dra \-drə\ : a powerful personage or pretentious official

pan-nier *also* **pan-ier** \pan-yər\ *n* : a large basket esp. for bearing on the back

pan-o-ply \pan-ə-plē\ *n*, *pl* -plies 1 : a full suit of armor 2 : a protective covering 3 : an impressive array

pan-ora-ma \,pan-ə-'ram-ə, -'rām-\ *n* 1 : a picture unrolled before one's eyes 2 : a complete view in every direction — **pan-oram-ic** \-'ram-ik\ *adj*

pan out *vb* : TURN OUT; *esp* : SUCCEED

pan-sy \pan-zē\ *n*, *pl* **pansies** [MF *pensée*, fr. *pensée* thought, fr. *penser* to think, fr. *L pensare* to ponder] : a low-growing garden herb related to the violet; *also* : its showy flower

pan-t \pant\ *vb* [ME *panten*, fr. MF *pantaisier*, fr. (assumed) VL *phantasiare* to have hallucinations, fr. Gk *phantasioun*, fr. *phantasia* appearance, imagination] 1 : to breathe in a labored manner 2 : YEARN 3 : THROB

2 pant *n* : a panting breath or sound

3 pant *n* 1 : an outer garment covering each leg separately and usu. extending from the waist to the ankle — usu. used in pl. 2 *pl* : PANTIE

pan-ta-loons \,pant-'l-ūnz\ *n* *pl* 1 : close-fitting trousers of the 19th century usu. having straps passing under the instep 2 : loose-fitting usu. shorter than ankle-length trousers

pan-the-ism \pan-thē-'iz-əm\ *n* : a doctrine that equates God with the forces and laws of the universe — **pan-the-ist** \-əst\ *n* — **pan-the-istic** \pan-thē-'is-tik\ *adj*

pan-the-on \pan-thē-,än, -ən\ *n* 1 : a temple dedicated to all the gods 2 : a building serving as the burial place of or containing memorials to famous dead 3 : the gods of a people

pan-ther \pan-thər\ *n*, *pl* **panthers** *also* **panther** 1 : LEOP-

ARD; *esp* : one of a black form **2** : COUGAR **3** : JAGUAR
pant-ie or **panty** \ˈpant-ē/ *n*, *pl* **pant-ies** : a woman's or child's undergarment covering the lower trunk and made with closed crotch — *usu.* used in *pl.*
pan-to-mime \ˈpant-ə-,mim/ *n* **1** : a play in which the actors use no words **2** : expression of something by bodily or facial movements only — **pantomime** *vb* — **pan-to-mim-ic** \ˈpant-ə-mim-ik/ *adj*
pan-try \ˈpan-trē/ *n*, *pl* **pantries** : a storage room for food or dishes
pant-suit \ˈpant-,süt/ *n* : a woman's outfit consisting usu. of a long jacket and pants of the same material
panty hose *n pl* : a one-piece undergarment for women consisting of hosiery combined with a panty
panty-waist \ˈpant-ē-,wäst/ *n* : Sissy
pap \ˈpap/ *n* : soft food for infants or invalids
pa-pa \ˈpā-pə/ *n* : FATHER
pa-pa-cy \ˈpā-pə-sē/ *n*, *pl* **-cies** **1** : the office of pope **2** : a succession of popes **3** : the term of a pope's reign **4 cap** : the system of government of the Roman Catholic Church
pa-pa-in \ˈpə-ˈpā-ən-, ˈpī-ən/ *n* : an enzyme in the juice of unripe papayas that is used esp. as a meat tenderizer and in medicine
pa-pal \ˈpā-pəl/ *adj* : of or relating to the pope or to the Roman Catholic Church
pa-paw *n* **1** \ˈpə-ˈpō/ : PAPAYA **2** \ˈpā-pə/ : a No. American tree with yellow edible fruit; *also* : its fruit
pa-pa-ya \ˈpə-ˈpī-ə/ *n* : a tropical American tree with large yellow black-seeded edible fruit; *also* : its fruit
pa-per \ˈpā-pər/ *n* [ME *papir*, fr. MF *papier*, fr. L *papyrus* papyrus, paper, fr. Gk *papyros* papyrus] **1** : a pliable substance made usu. of vegetable matter and used to write or print on, to wrap things in, or to cover walls; *also* : a single sheet of this substance **2** : a printed or written document **3** : NEWSPAPER **4** : WALLPAPER — **paper** *adj* or *vb* — **pa-pery** \ˈpā-p(ə-)rē/ *adj*
pa-per-back \-,bak/ *n* : a paper-covered book
pa-per-board \-,bōrd/ *n* : a material made from cellulose fiber (as wood pulp) like paper but usu. thicker
pa-per-hang-er \ˈpā-pər-,hæŋ-ər/ *n* : one that applies wallpaper — **pa-per-hang-ing** \-iŋ/ *n*
pa-per-weight \-,wəit/ *n* : an object used to hold down loose papers by its weight
pa-pier-mâ-ché \ˈpā-pər-mə-ˈshā-, ˈpā-p-,yā-mə-, -ma-/ *n* [F, lit., chewed paper] : a molding material of waste-paper and additives (as glue) — **papier-mâché** *adj*
pa-pil-la \ˈpə-ˈpil-ə/ *n*, *pl* **pa-pil-lae** \-ˈpil-(ə)-, -rē/ [L, nipple] : a small projecting bodily part — **pap-il-lary** \ˈpā-pə-,ler-ē-, ˈpə-ˈpil-ə-rē/ *adj*
pa-pil-lote \ˈpā-pē-(y)ōt/ *n* [F] : a greased paper wrapper in which food is cooked
pa-poose \ˈpā-pūs-, ˈpə-/ *n* : a young child of No. American Indian parents
pa-pri-ka \ˈpə-ˈprē-kə-, ˈpə-/ *n* [Hung] : a mild red spice made from the fruit of some sweet peppers
Pap smear \ˈpā-p-/ *n* : a method for the early detection of cancer
Pap test \ˈpā-p-/ *n* : PAP SMEAR
pap-ule \ˈpā-p-yūl/ *n* : a small solid usu. conical lesion of the skin — **pap-u-lar** \-yə-lər/ *adj*
pa-py-rus \ˈpā-pī-rəs/ *n*, *pl* **pa-py-rus-es** or **pa-py-ri** \-(ə)rē-, -rē/ **1** : a tall grassy Egyptian sedge **2** : paper made from papyrus pith
par \ˈpār/ *n* **1** : a stated value (as of a security) **2** : a common level : EQUALITY **3** : an accepted standard or normal condition **4** : the score standard set for each hole of a golf course — **par** *adj*
2par abbr **1** paragraph **2** parallel **3** parish
pa-ra \ˈpār-ə/ *n*, *pl* **paras** or **para** — see *dinar* at MONEY table
par-a-ble \ˈpar-ə-bəl/ *n* : a simple story told to illustrate a moral truth

pa-rab-o-la \ˈpə-ˈrab-ə-lə/ *n* : a plane curve generated by a point moving so that its distance from a fixed point is equal to its distance from a fixed line : a curve formed by the intersection of a cone with a plane parallel to its side — **par-a-bol-ic** \ˈpar-ə-ˈbäl-ik/ *adj*
para-chute \ˈpar-ə-,shūt/ *n* : a device for slowing the descent of a person or object through the air that consists of a usu. hemispherical canopy beneath which the person or object is suspended — **parachute** *vb* — **par-a-chut-ist** \-,shūt-əst/ *n*
pa-rade \ˈpə-ˈrād/ *n* **1** : a pompous display : EXHIBITION (a ~ of wealth) **2** : MARCH, PROCESSION; *esp* : a ceremonial formation and march (as of troops) **3** : a place for strolling
2parade *vb* **pa-rad-ed**; **pa-rad-ing** **1** : to march in a parade **2** : PROMENADE **3** : SHOW OFF **4** : MASQUERADE
par-a-digm \ˈpar-ə-,dīm-, -dim/ *n* **1** : MODEL, PATTERN **2** : a systematic inflection of a verb or noun showing a complete conjugation or declension
par-a-dise \ˈpar-ə-,dis-, -diz/ *n* [ME *paradis*, fr. OF, fr. LL *paradisus*, fr. Gk *paradeisos*, lit., enclosed park, of Iranian origin] **1** : HEAVEN **2** : a place or state of bliss
par-a-di-si-a-cal \ˈpar-ə-də-ˈsī-ə-kəl/ or **par-a-dis-i-ac** \-ˈdiz-ē-,ak-, -dis-/ *adj* : of, relating to, or resembling paradise
par-a-dox \ˈpar-ə-,däks/ *n* : a statement that seems contrary to common sense and yet is perhaps true — **par-a-dox-i-cal** \ˈpar-ə-däk-si-kəl/ *adj* — **par-a-dox-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē/ *adv*
par-af-fin \ˈpar-ə-fən/ *n* : a waxy substance used esp. for making candles and sealing foods
par-a-gon \ˈpar-ə-,gän-, -gən/ *n* : a model of perfection : PATTERN
par-a-graph \ˈpar-ə-,graf/ *n* : a subdivision of a written composition that deals with one point or gives the words of one speaker; *also* : a character (as ¶) marking the beginning of a paragraph
2paragraph *vb* : to divide into paragraphs
par-a-keet \ˈpar-ə-,kēt/ *n* : any of numerous usu. small slender parrots with a long graduated tail
para-le-gal \ˈpar-ə-ˈlē-gəl/ *adj* : of, relating to, or being a paraprofessional who assists a lawyer — **paralegal** *n*
Par-a-li-pom-e-non \ˈpar-ə-lə-ˈpām-ə-,nän/ *n* — see BIBLE table
par-al-lax \ˈpar-ə-,laks/ *n* : the difference in apparent direction of an object as seen from two different points
par-al-lel \ˈpar-ə-,lel/ *adj* [L *parallelus*, fr. Gk *parallēlos*, fr. *para* beside + *allēlōn* of one another, fr. *allos* . . . *allos* one . . . another, fr. *allos* other] **1** : lying or moving in the same direction but always the same distance apart **2** : similar in essential parts : LIKE — **par-al-lel-ism** \-,iz-əm/ *n*
2parallel *n* **1** : a parallel line, curve, or surface **2** : one of the imaginary circles on the earth's surface that parallel the equator and mark the latitude **3** : something essentially similar to another **4** : LIKENESS, SIMILARITY
3parallel *vb* **1** : COMPARE **2** : to correspond to **3** : to extend in a parallel direction with
par-al-lel-o-gram \ˈpar-ə-ˈlel-ə-,gram/ *n* : a 4-sided geometrical figure with opposite sides equal and parallel
pa-ral-y-sis \ˈpə-ˈral-ə-səs/ *n*, *pl* **-yses** \-,sēz/ : loss of function and esp. of feeling or the power of voluntary motion — **par-a-lyt-ic** \ˈpar-ə-ˈlit-ik/ *adj* or *n*
par-a-lyze \ˈpar-ə-,līz/ *vb* -lyzed; -lyz-ing **1** : to affect with paralysis **2** : to make powerless or inactive — **par-a-lyz-ing-ly** \-,lī-zīŋ-lē/ *adv*
par-a-me-cium \ˈpar-ə-ˈmē-sh(ē)-, -sē-əm/ *n*, *pl* **-cia**

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\-sh(ē)-ə, -sē-ə] *also* -ci-ums : any of a genus of slipper-shaped protozoans that move by cilia

para-med-ic-al \,par-ə-'med-i-kəl/ *adj* : concerned with supplementing the work of trained medical professionals — **para-med-ic** \,par-ə-'med-ik/ *n*

para-m-e-ter \pə-'ram-ət-ər/ *n* 1 : an arbitrary constant whose value characterizes a member of a system (as a family of curves) 2 : a physical property whose value determines the characteristics or behavior of a system 3 : a characteristic element : FACTOR — **para-met-ric** \,par-ə-'me-trik/ *adj*

para-mil-i-tary \,par-ə-'mil-ə-,ter-ē/ *adj* : formed on a military pattern esp. as an auxiliary military force

para-a-mount \,par-ə-,maunt/ *adj* : superior to all others : SUPREME *syn* preponderant, predominant, dominant, chief, sovereign

para-amour \,par-ə-,mūr/ *n* : an illicit lover

para-noia \,par-ə-'nōi-ə/ *n* : a psychosis marked by delusions and irrational suspicion usu. without hallucinations — **par-a-noid** \,par-ə-,nōid/ *adj* or *n*

para-a-pet \,par-ə-pət, -pet/ *n* 1 : a protecting rampart 2 : a low wall or railing (as at the edge of a bridge)

para-a-pher-na-lia \,par-ə-fə(r)-'nāl-yə/ *n sing* or *pl* 1 : personal belongings 2 : EQUIPMENT, APPARATUS

para-phrase \,par-ə-,frāz/ *n* : a restatement of a text giving the meaning in different words — **paraphrase** *vb*

para-ple-gia \,par-ə-'plē-j(ē)-ə/ *n* : paralysis of the lower trunk and legs — **para-ple-gic** \-jik/ *adj* or *n*

para-pro-fes-sion-al \-prə-'fesh-(ə)-nəl/ *n* : a trained aide who assists a professional

para-psy-cho-l-o-gy \,par-ə-si-'käl-ə-jē/ *n* : a branch of study involving the investigation of telepathy and related subjects — **para-psy-cho-l-o-gist** \-jəst/ *n*

para-a-site \,par-ə-,sit/ *n* [MF, fr. L *parasitus*, fr. Gk *parasitos*, fr. *para-* beside + *sitos* grain, food] 1 : a plant or animal living in or on another organism usu. to its harm 2 : one depending on another and not making adequate return — **par-a-sit-ic** \,par-ə-'sit-ik/ *adj* — **para-sit-ism** \,par-ə-sə-,tiz-əm, -sit-,iz-/ *n* — **para-a-sit-ize** \-sə-,tiz/ *vb*

para-a-si-to-l-o-gy \,par-ə-sə-'täl-ə-jē/ *n* : a branch of biology dealing with parasites and parasitism esp. among animals — **par-a-si-to-l-o-gist** \-jəst/ *n*

para-sol \,par-ə-,söl/ *n* [F, fr. *parasole*, fr. *parare* to shield + *sole* sun, fr. L *sol*] : a lightweight umbrella used as a shield against the sun

para-sym-pa-thet-ic nervous system \,par-ə-,sim-pə-'thet-ik-/ *n* : the part of the autonomic nervous system that tends to induce secretion, to increase the tone and contractility of smooth muscle, and to cause the dilatation of blood vessels

para-thi-on \,par-ə-'thi-ən, -än/ *n* : an extremely toxic insecticide

para-thy-roid \-'thi-,rōid/ *n* : PARATHYROID GLAND — **parathyroid** *adj*

parathyroid gland *n* : any of usu. four small endocrine glands that are adjacent to or embedded in the thyroid gland and produce a hormone concerned with calcium metabolism

para-troop-er \,par-ə-,trū-pər/ *n* : a member of the paratroops

para-troops \-,trūps/ *n pl* : troops trained to parachute from an airplane

para-ty-phoid \,par-ə-'ti-,foid, -ti-'foid/ *n* : a food poisoning resembling typhoid fever

par-boil \,pär-,bōil/ *vb* : to boil briefly

par-cel \,pär-səl/ *n* 1 : a tract or plot of land 2 : COLLECTION, LOT 3 : a wrapped bundle : PACKAGE

parcel *vb* -celed or -celled; -cel-ing or -cel-ling \,pär-s(ə)-liŋ/ : to divide into portions

parcel post *n* 1 : a mail service handling parcels 2 : packages handled by parcel post

parch \'pärch/ *vb* 1 : to toast under dry heat 2 : to shrivel with heat

parch-ment \'pärch-mənt/ *n* : the skin of an animal prepared for writing on; *also* : a writing on such material

pard \'pärd/ *n* : LEOPARD

par-don \'pärd-n/ *n* : excuse of an offense without penalty; *esp* : an official release from legal punishment

2 pardon *vb* **par-doned**; **par-don-ing** \'pärd-(ə-)niŋ/ : to free from penalty : EXCUSE, FORGIVE — **par-don-able** \'pärd-(ə-)nə-bəl/ *adj*

par-don-er \'pärd-(ə-)nər/ *n* 1 : a medieval preacher delegated to raise money for religious works by soliciting offerings and granting indulgences 2 : one that pardons

pare \'pær/ *vb* **pared**; **par-ing** 1 : to trim or shave off an outside part (as the skin or rind) of (~ an apple) 2 : to reduce as if by paring (~ expenses) — **par-er** *n*

par-e-go-ric \,par-ə-'gór-ik/ *n* : an alcoholic preparation of opium and camphor

par-ent \'par-ənt/ *n* 1 : one that begets or brings forth offspring : FATHER, MOTHER 2 : SOURCE, ORIGIN — **par-ent-age** \-ij/ *n* — **pa-ren-tal** \pə-'rent-əl/ *adj* — **par-ent-hood** *n*

pa-ren-the-sis \pə-'ren-thə-səs/ *n, pl -the-ses* \-,sēz/ 1 : a word, phrase, or sentence inserted in a passage to explain or modify the thought 2 : one of a pair of punctuation marks () used esp. to enclose parenthetical matter —

par-en-thet-ic \,par-ən-'thet-ik/ or **par-en-thet-i-cal** \-i-kəl/ *adj* — **par-en-thet-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə)-lē/ *adv*

pa-ren-the-size \pə-'ren-thə-,siz/ *vb* -sized; -siz-ing : to make a parenthesis of

par-ent-ing \'par-ənt-ing, 'per-/ *n* : the raising of a child by its parents

pa-re-sis \pə-'rē-səs, 'par-ə-/ *n, pl pa-re-ses* \-,sēz/ : a usu. incomplete paralysis; *also* : insanity caused by syphilitic alteration of the brain that leads to dementia and paralysis

par-ex-cel-lence \,pär-,ek-sə-'läs/ *adj* [F, lit., by excellence] : being the best of a kind : PREEMINENT

par-fait \pär-'fä/ *n* [F, lit., something perfect, fr. *parfait* perfect, fr. L *perfectus*] 1 : a flavored custard containing whipped cream and a syrup frozen without stirring 2 : a cold dessert made of layers of fruit, syrup, ice cream, and whipped cream

pa-ri-ah \pə-'ri-ə/ *n* : OUTCAST

pa-ri-et-al \pə-'ri-ət-əl/ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or forming the walls of an anatomical structure 2 : of or relating to college living or its regulation

pari-mu-tu-el \,par-i-'myü-chə-(wə)/ *n* : a betting system in which winners share the total stakes minus a percentage for the management

par-ing \'par-ing/ *n* : something pared off (potato ~s)

pa-ri pas-su \,par-i-'pas-ü/ *adv* or *adj* [L, with equal step] : at an equal rate or pace

Par-is green \,par-əs-/ *n* : a poisonous bright green powder used as a pigment and as an insecticide

par-ish \'par-ish/ *n* 1 : a church district in the care of one pastor; *also* : the residents of such an area 2 : a local church community 3 : a civil division of the state of Louisiana : COUNTY

pa-rish-io-ner \pə-'rish-(ə)-nər/ *n* : a member or resident of a parish

par-i-ty \'par-ət-ē/ *n, pl -ties* : EQUALITY, EQUIVALENCE

1 park \'pärk/ *n* 1 : a tract of ground kept as a game preserve or recreation area 2 : a level valley between mountain ranges 3 : a place where vehicles (as automobiles) are parked 4 : an enclosed stadium used esp. for ball games

2 park *vb* 1 : to leave a vehicle temporarily (as in a parking lot or garage) 2 : to set and leave temporarily

par-ka \'pär-kə/ *n* : a very warm jacket with a hood

Par-kin-son's disease \'pär-kən-sən-z-/ *n* : a chronic progressive nervous disease of later life that is marked

by tremor and weakness of resting muscles and by a peculiar gait

Par-kin-son's Law *n* 1 : an observation in office organization: the number of subordinates increases at a fixed rate regardless of the amount of work produced 2 : an observation in office organization: work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion

park-way \ˈpärk-, wā/ *n* : a broad landscaped thoroughfare

par-lance \ˈpär-ləns/ *n* 1 : SPEECH 2 : manner of speaking (military ~)

par-lay \ˈpär-, lä-, -lē/ *vb* : to increase or change into something of much greater value

parlay *n* : a series of bets in which the original stake plus its winnings are risked on successive wagers

par-ley \ˈpär-lē/ *n*, *pl* **parleys** : a conference usu. over matters in dispute : DISCUSSION — **parley** *vb*

par-lia-ment \ˈpär-lə-mənt/ *n* 1 : a formal governmental conference 2 *cap* : an assembly that constitutes the supreme legislative body of a country (as the United Kingdom) — **par-lia-men-ta-ry** \ˈpär-lə-men-t(ə-)rē/ *adj*
par-lia-men-ta-ri-an \ˈpär-lə-men-t(ə-)ən/ *n* 1 *often cap* : an adherent of the parliament in opposition to the king during the English Civil War 2 : an expert in parliamentary procedure

par-lor \ˈpär-lər/ *n* 1 : a room for conversation or the reception of guests 2 : a place of business (beauty ~)

par-lour \ˈpär-lər/ *chiefly Brit var of* PARLOR

par-lous \ˈpär-ləs/ *adj* : full of danger or risk : PRECARIOUS (~ state of a country's finances) — **par-lous-ly** *adv*

Par-me-san \ˈpär-mə-, zän-, -zən/ *n* : a hard dry cheese with a sharp flavor

par-mi-gia-na \ˈpär-mi-ˈjän-ə-, ˈpär-mi-ˈzhän/ *or* **par-mi-gia-no** \-ˈjän-(ə)ð/ *adj* : made or covered with Parmesan cheese (veal ~)

pa-ro-chi-al \pə-ˈrō-kē-əl/ *adj* 1 : of or relating to a church parish 2 : limited in scope : NARROW, PROVINCIAL — **pa-ro-chi-al-ism** \-ə-, liz-əm/ *n*

parochial school *n* : a school maintained by a religious body

par-o-dy \ˈpar-əd-ē/ *n*, *pl* **-dies** [L *parodia*, fr. Gk *parōidia*, fr. *para-* beside + *aidein* to sing] : a humorous or satirical imitation — **parody** *vb*

pa-role \pə-ˈrōl/ *n* : a conditional release of a prisoner before his sentence expires — **parole** *vb* — **pa-rol-ee** \-, rō-, -lē-, -rō-, -lē/ *n*

par-ox-ysm \ˈpar-ək-, siz-əm, pə-, räk-/ *n* : a sudden sharp attack (as of pain or coughing) : SPASM *syn* convulsion, fit — **par-ox-ys-mal** \ˈpar-ək-siz-məl, pə-, räk-/ *adj*

par-quet \ˈpär-, kă-, pär-, kâ/ *n* [F] 1 : a flooring of parquetry 2 : the lower floor of a theater; *esp* : the forward part of the orchestra

par-que-try \ˈpär-kə-trē/ *n*, *pl* **-tries** : fine woodwork inlaid in patterns

par-ra-keet *var of* PARAKEET

par-ri-cide \ˈpar-ə-, sīd/ *n* 1 : one that murders his or her father, mother, or a close relative 2 : the act of a parricide

par-rot \ˈpar-ət/ *n* : any of numerous bright-colored tropical birds that have a stout hooked bill

parrot fever *n* : an infectious disease of birds that is marked by diarrhea and wasting and is transmissible to man

par-ry \ˈpar-ē/ *vb* **par-ried**; **par-ry-ing** 1 : to ward off a weapon or blow 2 : to evade *esp*. by an adroit answer — **parry** *n*

parse \ˈpärz *also* ˈpärz/ *vb* **parsed**; **pars-ing** : to give a grammatical description of a word or a group of words

par-sec \ˈpär-, sek/ *n* : a unit of measure for interstellar space equal to 3.26 light-years or 19.2 trillion miles

par-si-mo-ni-ous \ˈpär-sə-mō-nē-/ *n* : extreme or excessive frugality — **par-si-mo-ni-ous-ly** *adv*

pars-ley \ˈpär-slē/ *n* : a garden plant with finely divided leaves used as a seasoning or garnish

pars-nip \ˈpär-snəp/ *n* : a garden plant with a long edible root; *also* : this root

par-son \ˈpärz-ən/ *n* [ME *persone*, fr. OF, fr. ML *persona*, lit., person, fr. L] : a usu. Protestant clergyman

par-son-age \ˈpärz-(ə-)nij/ *n* : a house provided by a church for its pastor

part \ˈpärt/ *n* 1 : a division or portion of a whole 2 : the melody or score for a particular voice or instrument (the alto ~) 3 : a spare piece for a machine 4 : DUTY, FUNCTION 5 : one of the sides in a dispute (took his friend's ~) 6 : ROLE; *also* : an actor's lines in a play 7 *pl* : TALENTS, ABILITY 8 : the line where one's hair divides (as in combing)

part *vb* 1 : to take leave of someone 2 : to divide or break into parts : SEPARATE 3 : to go away : DEPART; *also* : DIE 4 : to give up possession (~ed with her jewels) 5 : AP-PORTION, SHARE

part *abbr* 1 participial; participle 2 particular

par-take \ˈpär-ˈtāk, par-/ *vb* **-took** \-ˈtūk/; **-tak-en** \-ˈtā-kən/; **-tak-ing** 1 : to have a share or part 2 : to take a portion (as of food) — **par-tak-er** *n*

par-ter-re \ˈpär-ˈteər/ *n* [F, fr. MF, fr. *par terre* on the ground] 1 : an ornamental arrangement of flower beds 2 : the part of a theater floor behind the orchestra

par-the-no-gen-e-sis \ˈpär-thə-nō-ˈjen-ə-səs/ *n* [NL, fr. Gk *parthenos* virgin + L *genesis* genesis] : development of a new individual from an unfertilized egg — **par-the-no-par-the-no-ge-net-ic** \-jə-ˈnet-ik/ *adj*

par-tial \ˈpär-shəl/ *adj* 1 : favoring one party over the other : BIASED 2 : markedly or foolishly fond — used with *to* 3 : not total or general : affecting a part only — **par-tial-i-ty** \ˈpärsh-(ē-)ˈal-ət-ē/ *n* — **par-tial-ly** \ˈpärsh-(ə-)lē/ *adv*

par-tic-i-pate \pər-ˈtis-ə-, pāt, pār-/ *vb* **-pat-ed**; **-pat-ing** 1 : to take part in something (~ in a game) 2 : SHARE — **par-tic-i-pant** \-pənt/ *adj* *or* *n* — **par-tic-i-pa-tion** \-ˈtis-ə-ˈpā-shən/ *n* — **par-tic-i-pa-tor** \-ˈtis-ə-, pāt-ər/ *n* — **par-tic-i-pa-to-ry** \-ˈtis-ə-pə-, tōr-/ *adj*

par-tic-i-ple \ˈpärt-ə-, sip-əl/ *n* : a word having the characteristics of both verb and adjective — **par-ti-cip-i-al** \ˈpärt-ə-ˈsip-ē-əl/ *adj*

par-ti-cle \ˈpärt-i-kəl/ *n* 1 : a very small bit of matter 2 : ELEMENTARY PARTICLE 3 : a unit of speech (as an article, preposition, or conjunction) expressing some general aspect of meaning or some connective or limiting relation

par-ti-cle-board \-, bōrd/ *n* : a board made of very small pieces of wood bonded together

par-ti-col-or \ˈpärt-ē-ˈkəl-ər/ *or* **par-ti-col-ored** \-ərd/ *adj* : showing different colors or tints; *esp* : having patches of two or more colors

par-tic-u-lar \pə(r)-ˈtik-yə-lər/ *adj* 1 : of or relating to a specific person or thing (the laws of a ~ state) 2 : DISTINCTIVE, SPECIAL (the ~ point of his talk) 3 : SEPARATE, INDIVIDUAL (each ~ hair) 4 : attentive to details : PRECISE 5 : hard to please : EXACTING *syn* single, sole, unique, lone, solitary — **par-tic-u-lar-i-ty** \-ˈtik-yə-ˈlar-ət-ē/ *n* — **par-tic-u-lar-ly** \-ˈtik-yə-lər-lē/ *adv*

particular *n* : an individual fact or detail

par-tic-u-lar-ize \pə(r)-ˈtik-yə-lə-, rīz/ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** 1 : to state in detail : SPECIFY 2 : to go into details

par-tic-u-late \pər-ˈtik-yə-lət, pār-, -lāt/ *adj* : relating to or existing as minute separate particles

part-ing \ˈpärt-ig/ *n* 1 : SEPARATION, DIVISION 2 : the action of leaving one another (lovers' ~) 3 : a place of separation or divergence

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈvash \əˈvace \əˈcot, cart \əʊˈout \chˈchin \əˈbet \ēˈeasy \əˈgo \iˈhlt \iˈlice \iˈjob \iˈsing \əˈgo \əˈlaw \əˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \əˈlout \əˈfoot \yˈyet \zhˈvision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

parting *adj* : given, taken, or performed at parting (a ~ kiss)

par-ti-san or **par-ti-zan** \ˈpär-tə-zən, -sən\ *n* 1 : one that takes the part of another : ADHERENT 2 : GUERRILLA — **partisan** *adj* — **par-ti-san-ship** *n*

par-tite \ˈpär-,tīt\ *adj* : divided into a usu. specified number of parts

par-ti-tion \pär-ˈtish-ən, pär-ˈ\ *n* 1 : DIVISION 2 : something that divides or separates; *esp* : an interior wall dividing one part of a house from another — **partition** *vb*

par-ti-tive \ˈpärt-ət-iv\ *adj* : of, relating to, or denoting a part (a ~ construction)

part-ly \ˈpärt-lē\ *adv* : in part : in some measure or degree

part-ner \ˈpärt-nər\ *n* 1 : ASSOCIATE, COLLEAGUE 2 : either of two persons who dance together 3 : one who plays on the same team with another 4 : HUSBAND, WIFE 5 : one of two or more persons contractually associated as joint principals in a business — **part-ner-ship** *n*

part of speech : a traditional class of words distinguished according to the kind of idea denoted and the function performed in a sentence

par-tridge \ˈpär-trij\ *n*, *pl* **partridge** or **par-tridg-es** : any of various stout-bodied game birds

part-song \ˈpärt-,sɔŋ\ *n* : a song with two or more voice parts

part-time \-ˈtīm\ *adj* or *adv* : involving or working less than a full or regular schedule

par-tu-ri-tion \,pärt-ə-ˈrish-ən, ,pär-chə-, ,pär-tyū-\ *n* : CHILDBIRTH

part-way \ˈpärt-wā\ *adv* : to some extent : PARTLY

par-ty \ˈpärt-ē\ *n*, *pl* **parties** 1 : a person or group taking one side of a question; *esp* : a group of persons organized for the purpose of directing the policies of a government 2 : a person or group concerned in an action or affair : PARTICIPANT 3 : a group of persons detailed for a common task 4 : a social gathering

par-ve-nu \ˈpär-və-,n(y)ü\ *n* [F, fr. pp. of *parvenir* to arrive, fr. L *pervenire*, fr. *per* through + *venire* to come] : one who has recently or suddenly risen to wealth or power and has not yet secured the social position associated with it

pas \ˈpä\ *n*, *pl* **pas** \ˈpā(z)\ *n* : a dance step or combination of steps

pas-cal \ˈpas-ˈkal\ *n* : a unit of pressure in the metric system equal to one newton per square meter

pas-chal \ˈpas-kəl\ *adj* [deriv. of Heb *pesah* Passover] : of, relating to, appropriate for, or used during Passover or Easter ceremonies

pa-sha \ˈpāsh-ə, ˈpash-; pə-ˈshā\ *n* : a man (as formerly a governor in Turkey) of high rank

pass \ˈpas\ *vb* 1 : MOVE, PROCEED 2 : to go away; *also* : DIE 3 : to move past, beyond, or over 4 : to allow to elapse : SPEND 5 : to go or make way through 6 : to go or allow to go unchallenged 7 : to undergo transfer 8 : to render a legal judgment 9 : OCCUR 10 : to secure the approval of (as a legislature) 11 : to go or cause to go through an inspection, test, or course of study successfully 12 : to be regarded 13 : CIRCULATE 14 : VOID 15 : to transfer the ball or puck to another player 16 : to decline to bid or bet on one's hand in a card game 17 : to permit to reach first base by a base on balls — **pass-er** *n*

pass *n* : a gap in a mountain range

pass *n* 1 : the act or an instance of passing 2 : REALIZATION, ACCOMPLISHMENT 3 : a state of affairs 4 : a written authorization to leave, enter, or move about freely 5 : a transfer of a ball or puck from one player to another 6 : BASE ON BALLS 7 : EFFORT, TRY 8 : a sexually inviting gesture or approach

pass *abbr* 1 passenger 2 passive

pass-able \ˈpas-ə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : capable of being passed or traveled on 2 : just good enough : TOLERABLE — **pass-ably** \-blē\ *adv*

pas-sage \ˈpas-ij\ *n* 1 : the action or process of passing 2 : a means (as a road or corridor) of passing 3 : a voyage esp. by sea or air 4 : a right or permission to pass 5 : ENACTMENT 6 : a mutual act (as an exchange of blows) 7 : a usu. brief portion or section (as of a book)

pas-sage-way \-,wā\ *n* : a way that allows passage

pass-book \ˈpas-,bʊk\ *n* : BANKBOOK

pas-sé \ˈpa-ˈsā\ *adj* 1 : past one's prime 2 : not up-to-date : OUTMODDED

pas-sel \ˈpas-əl\ *n* : a large number

pas-sen-ger \ˈpas-n-jər\ *n* : a traveler in a public or private conveyance

passe-par-tout \,pas-pär-ˈtü\ *n* [F] : something that passes or enables one to pass everywhere

pass-er-by \ˈpas-ər-,bi\ *n*, *pl* **pass-ers-by** \-ər-z-\ : one who passes by

pas-ser-ine \ˈpas-ə-,rīn\ *adj* : of or relating to the large order of birds comprising singing birds that perch

pas-sim \ˈpas-əm\ *adv* [L, fr. *passus* scattered, fr. pp. of *pandere* to spread] : here and there : THROUGHOUT

pass-ing \ˈpas-ɪŋ\ *n* : the act of one that passes or causes to pass; *esp* : DEATH

pas-sion \ˈpash-ən\ *n* 1 *often cap* : the sufferings of Christ between the night of the Last Supper and his death 2 : strong feeling; *also pl* : the emotions as distinguished from reason 3 : RAGE, ANGER 4 : LOVE; *also* : an object of affection or enthusiasm 5 : sexual desire — **pas-sion-ate** \ˈpash-(ə)nət\ *adj* — **pas-sion-ate-ly** *adv* — **pas-sion-less** *adj*

pas-sion-flow-er \ˈpash-ən-,flau-(ə)r\ *n* [trans. of L *flos passionis*; fr. the fancied resemblance of parts of the flower to the instruments of Christ's crucifixion] : any of a genus of chiefly tropical woody climbing vines or erect herbs with showy flowers and pulpy often edible berries

passion fruit *n* : the edible fruit of a passionflower

pas-sive \ˈpas-iv\ *adj* 1 : not active : acted upon 2 : asserting that the grammatical subject is subjected to or affected by the action represented by the verb (~ voice) 3 : making use of the sun's heat usu. without the aid of mechanical devices 4 : SUBMISSIVE, PATIENT — **passive** *n* — **pas-sive-ly** *adv* — **pas-siv-i-ty** \ˈpa-siv-ət-ē\ *n*

pass-key \ˈpas-,kē\ *n* : a key for opening two or more locks

pass out *vb* : to lose consciousness

Pass-over \ˈpas-,ō-vər\ *n* [fr. the exemption of the Israelites from the slaughter of the firstborn in Egypt (Exod 12:23–27)] : a Jewish holiday celebrated in March or April in commemoration of the Hebrews' liberation from slavery in Egypt

pass-port \ˈpas-,pɔrt\ *n* : an official document issued by a country upon request to a citizen requesting protection during travel abroad

pass up *vb* : DECLINE, REJECT

pass-word \ˈpas-,wɜrd\ *n* 1 : a word or phrase that must be spoken by a person before he is allowed to pass a guard 2 : a sequence of characters required for access to a computer system

past \ˈpɑst\ *adj* 1 : AGO (10 years ~) 2 : just gone or elapsed (the ~ month) 3 : having existed or taken place in a period before the present : BYGONE 4 : of, relating to, or constituting a verb tense that expresses time gone by

past *prep* or *adv* : BEYOND

past *n* 1 : time gone by 2 : something that happened or was done in a former time 3 : the past tense; *also* : a verb form in it 4 : a secret past life

pas-ta \ˈpās-tə\ *n* [It] 1 : a paste in processed form (as spaghetti) or in the form of fresh dough (as ravioli) 2 : a dish of cooked pasta

paste \ˈpāst\ *n* 1 : DOUGH 2 : a smooth food product made by evaporation or grinding (almond ~) 3 : a shaped dough (as spaghetti or ravioli) 4 : a preparation (as of

- other than the standard dialect; *esp* : illiterate or provincial speech 2 : JARGON 2
- pa-tri-arch** \ˈpā-trē-, ˈār-kə\ *n* 1 : a man revered as father or founder (as of a tribe) 2 : a venerable old man 3 : an ecclesiastical dignitary (as the bishop of an Eastern Orthodox see) — **pa-tri-ar-chal** \,pā-trē-ˈār-kəl\ *adj* — **pa-tri-ar-ate** \ˈpā-trē-, ˈār-kət-, -kāt\ *n* — **pa-tri-ar-chy** \-, ˈār-kē\ *n*
- pa-tri-cian** \pə-ˈtrɪʃ-ən\ *n* : a person of high birth : ARISTOCRAT — **patrician** *adj*
- pat-ri-cide** \ˈpā-trē-, sɪd\ *n* 1 : one who murders his own father 2 : the murder of one's own father
- pat-ri-mo-ny** \ˈpā-trē-, mō-nē\ *n* : something (as an estate) inherited or derived *esp.* from one's father : HERITAGE — **pat-ri-mo-ni-al** \,pā-trē-ˈmō-nē-əl\ *adj*
- pa-tri-ot** \ˈpā-trē-ət-, -āt\ *n* [MF *patriote*, fr. LL *patriota*, fr. Gk *patriōtēs*, fr. *patrios* of one's father, fr. *patr-*, *pater* father] : one who loves his country — **pa-tri-ot-ic** \,pā-trē-ˈāt-ik\ *adj* — **pa-tri-ot-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **pa-tri-o-tism** \ˈpā-trē-ə-, tɪz-əm\ *n*
- pa-tris-tic** \pə-ˈtrɪs-tɪk\ *adj* : of or relating to the church fathers or their writings
- ˈpa-trol** \pə-ˈtrɒl\ *n* : the action of going the rounds (as of an area) for observation or the maintenance of security; *also* : a person or group performing such an action
- ˈpatrol** *vb* **pa-trolled**; **pa-trol-ling** [F *patrouiller*, fr. MF, to tramp around in the mud, fr. *pattie* paw] : to carry out a patrol
- pa-trol-man** \pə-ˈtrɒl-mən\ *n* : a policeman assigned to a beat
- patrol wagon** *n* : an enclosed motortruck for carrying prisoners
- pa-tron** \ˈpā-trən\ *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. ML & L; ML *patronus* patron saint, patron of a benefice, pattern, fr. L, defender, fr. *patr-*, *pater* father] 1 : a person chosen or named as special protector 2 : a wealthy or influential supporter (∼ of poets); *also* : BENEFACTOR 3 : a regular client or customer *syn* sponsor, guarantor, angel, backer
- pa-tron-ess** \ˈpā-trə-nəs\ *n* : a woman who is a patron
- pa-tron-age** \ˈpā-trə-nij, ˈpā-\ *n* 1 : the support or influence of a patron 2 : the trade of customers 3 : control of appointment to government jobs
- pa-tron-ize** \ˈpā-trə-, nɪz, ˈpā-\ *vb* -ized; -izing 1 : to be a customer of 2 : to treat condescendingly
- pat-ro-nym-ic** \,pā-trə-ˈnɪm-ik\ *n* : a name derived from the name of one's father or paternal ancestor *usu.* by the addition of a prefix or suffix
- pa-troon** \pə-ˈtrūn\ *n* : the proprietor of a manorial estate *esp.* in New York under Dutch rule
- pat-sy** \ˈpat-sē\ *n*, *pl* **pat-sies** : one who is duped or victimized
- ˈpat-ter** \ˈpat-ər\ *vb* : to talk glibly or mechanically *syn* chatter, prate, chat, prattle, babble
- ˈpatter** *n* 1 : a specialized lingo 2 : extremely rapid talk (a comedian's ∼)
- ˈpatter** *vb* : to strike, pat, or tap rapidly
- ˈpatter** *n* : a quick succession of taps or pats (the ∼ of rain)
- ˈpattern** \ˈpat-ərn\ *n* [ME *patron*, fr. MF, fr. ML *patronus*, fr. L, defender, fr. *patr-*, *pater* father] 1 : an ideal model 2 : something used as a model for making things (a dressmaker's ∼) 3 : SAMPLE 4 : an artistic design 5 : CONFIGURATION
- ˈpattern** *vb* : to form according to a pattern
- pat-ty** *also* **pat-tie** \ˈpat-ē\ *n*, *pl* **patties** 1 : a little pie 2 : a small flat cake *esp.* of chopped food
- pau-ci-ty** \ˈpō-sət-ē\ *n* : smallness of number or quantity
- paunch** \ˈpɒnʃ\ *n* : a *usu.* large belly : POTBELLY — **paunchy** *adj*
- pau-per** \ˈpō-pər\ *n* : a person without means of support except from charity — **pau-per-ism** \-pə-, rɪz-əm\ *n* — **pau-per-ize** \-pə-, rɪz\ *vb*
- ˈpause** \ˈpōz\ *n* 1 : a temporary stop; *also* : a period of inaction 2 : a brief suspension of the voice 3 : a sign ◡ or ◢ above or below a musical note or rest to show it is to be prolonged 4 : a reason for pausing
- ˈpause** *vb* **paused**; **paus-ing** : to stop, rest, or linger for a time
- pave** \ˈpāv\ *vb* **paved**; **pav-ing** : to cover (as a road) with hard material in order to smooth or firm the surface
- pave-ment** \ˈpāv-mənt\ *n* 1 : a paved surface 2 : the material with which something is paved
- pa-vil-ion** \pə-ˈvil-yən\ *n* [ME *pavilion*, fr. OF *paveillon*, fr. L *papilion-*, *papilio* butterfly] 1 : a large tent 2 : a light structure (as in a park) used for entertainment or shelter
- pav-ing** \ˈpā-vɪŋ\ *n* : PAVEMENT
- ˈpaw** \ˈpō\ *n* : the foot of a quadruped (as a dog or lion) having claws
- ˈpaw** *vb* 1 : to feel or handle clumsily or rudely 2 : to touch or strike with a paw; *also* : to scrape with a hoof 3 : to flail about or grab for with the hands
- pawl** \ˈpɔl\ *n* : a pivoted tongue or sliding bolt designed to fall into notches on another machine part to permit motion in one direction only
- ˈpawn** \ˈpɒn\ *n* 1 : goods deposited as security for a loan; *also* : HOSTAGE 2 : the state of being pledged
- ˈpawn** *vb* : to deposit as a pledge
- ˈpawn** *n* [ME *pawn*, fr. MF *poon*, fr. ML *pedon-*, *pedo* foot soldier, fr. LL, one with broad feet, fr. L *ped-*, *pes* foot] : a chessman of the least value
- pawn-bro-ker** \ˈpɒn-, brō-kər\ *n* : one who loans money on goods pledged
- Paw-nee** \pə-ˈnē\ *n*, *pl* **Pawnee** or **Pawnees** : a member of an American Indian people orig. of Kansas and Nebraska
- pawn-shop** \ˈpɒn-, shəp\ *n* : a pawnbroker's place of business
- paw-paw** *var* of **PAPAW**
- ˈpay** \ˈpā\ *vb* **paid** \ˈpād\ *also* in sense 7 **payed**; **pay-ing** [ME *payen*, fr. OF *paier*, fr. L *pacare* to pacify, fr. *pac-*, *pax* peace] 1 : to make due return to for goods or services 2 : to discharge indebtedness for : SETTLE (∼ a bill) 3 : to give in forfeit (∼ the penalty) 4 : REQUITE 5 : to give, offer, or make freely or as fitting (∼ attention) 6 : to be profitable to : RETURN 7 : to make slack and allow to run out (∼ out a rope) — **pay-able** *adj* — **pay-ee** \pā-ē\ *n* — **pay-er** *n*
- ˈpay** *n* 1 : the state of being paid by an employer : EMPLOY 2 : something paid; *esp* : WAGES
- ˈpay** *adj* 1 : containing something valuable (as gold) (∼ dirt) 2 : equipped to receive a fee for use (∼ telephone)
- pay-check** \ˈpā-, chek\ *n* 1 : a check in payment of wages or salary 2 : WAGES, SALARY
- pay-load** \ˈpā-, lōd\ *n* : the load carried by a vehicle in addition to what is necessary for its operation
- pay-mas-ter** \-, mas-tər\ *n* : one who distributes the payroll
- pay-ment** \ˈpā-mənt\ *n* 1 : the act of paying 2 : something paid
- pay-off** \-, ɒf\ *n* 1 : payment at the outcome of an enterprise (a big ∼ from an investment) 2 : the climax of an incident or enterprise (the ∼ of a story)
- pay-roll** \ˈpā-, rōl\ *n* : a list of persons entitled to receive pay; *also* : the money to pay those on such a list
- payt** *abbr* payment
- pay up** *vb* : to pay what is due; *also* : to pay in full
- Pb** *symbol* [L *plumbum*] lead
- PBX** *abbr* private branch exchange
- PC** *abbr* 1 Peace Corps 2 percent; percentage 3 personal computer 4 postcard 5 [L *post cibum*] after meals 6 professional corporation
- PCB** \ˈpē-, sē-, bē\ *n* : POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYL
- PCP** \ˈpē-, sē-, pē\ *n* : PHENCYCLADINE
- pct** *abbr* percent; percentage

pd *abbr* paid

Pd *symbol* palladium

PD *abbr* 1 per diem 2 police department 3 potential difference

PDQ \ˈpē-ˈdē-kyū\ *adv*, often not cap [*abbr.* of *pretty damned quick*] : IMMEDIATELY

PDT *abbr* Pacific daylight time

PE *abbr* 1 physical education 2 printer's error 3 professional engineer

pea \pē\ *n*, *pl* **peas** also **pease** \ˈpēz\ 1 : the round edible protein-rich seed borne in the pod of a widely grown leguminous vine; also : this vine 2 : any of various plants resembling or related to the pea

peace \ˈpēs\ *n* 1 : a state of calm and quiet; *esp* : public security under law 2 : freedom from disturbing thoughts or emotions 3 : a state of concord (as between persons or governments); also : an agreement to end hostilities — **peace-able** \ə-ˈbəl\ *adj* — **peace-ably** \-blē\ *adv* — **peace-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **peace-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

peace-keep-ing \ˈpēs-, kē-piŋ\ *n* : the preserving of peace; *esp* : international enforcement and supervision of a truce — **peace-keep-er** \-pər\ *n*

peace-mak-er \-, mā-kər\ *n* : one who settles an argument or stops a fight

peace-time \-, tīm\ *n* : a time when a nation is not at war

peach \ˈpēch\ *n* [ME *peche*, fr. MF (the fruit), fr. LL *persica*, fr. L *persicum*, fr. neut. of *persicus* Persian, fr. *Persia*] : a sweet juicy fruit of a low tree with pink blossoms; also : this tree

peacock \ˈpē-, kāk\ *n* : the male peafowl having long tail coverts which can be spread at will displaying brilliant colors

peafowl \-, faʊl\ *n* : a very large domesticated Asian pheasant

peahen \-, hen\ *n* : the female peafowl

peak \ˈpēk\ *n* 1 : a pointed or projecting part 2 : the top of a hill or mountain; also : MOUNTAIN 3 : the front projecting part of a cap 4 : the narrow part of a ship's bow or stern 5 : the highest level or greatest degree — **peak** *adj*

²**peak** *vb* : to bring to or reach a maximum

peak-ed \ˈpē-kəd\ *adj* : THIN, SICKLY

peal \ˈpēl\ *n* 1 : the loud ringing of bells 2 : a set of tuned bells 3 : a loud sound or succession of sounds

²**peal** *vb* : to give out peals : RESOUND

pea-nut \ˈpē-(j)nət\ *n* 1 : an annual herb related to the pea but having pods that ripen underground; also : this pod or one of the edible seeds it bears 2 *pl* : a very small amount

pear \ˈpær\ *n* : the fleshy fruit of a tree related to the apple; also : this tree

pearl \ˈpɜrl\ *n* 1 : a small hard often lustrous body formed within the shell of some mollusks and used as a gem 2 : one that is choice or precious (≈ *s of wisdom*) 3 : a slightly bluish medium gray — **pearly** \ˈpɜr-lē\ *adj*

peas-ant \ˈpez-ənt\ *n* 1 : any of a class of small landowners or laborers tilling the soil 2 : a person of low social or cultural status — **peas-ant-ry** \-ən-trē\ *n*

pea-shoot-er \ˈpē-, shūt-ər\ *n* : a toy blowgun for shooting peas

peat \ˈpēt\ *n* : a dark substance formed by partial decay of plants (as mosses) in water — **peaty** *adj*

peat moss *n* : SPHAGNUM

pebble \ˈpēb-əl\ *n* : a small usu. round stone — **peb-bly** \-(ə-)lē\ *adj*

²**pebble** *vb* **peb-bled**; **peb-bling** \-(ə-)liŋ\ : to produce a rough surface texture in (≈ leather)

pe-can \pi-ˈkän, -ˈkan\ *n* : a large American hickory tree bearing a smooth-shelled edible nut; also : this nut

pec-ca-dil-lo \ˌpek-ə-ˈdil-ō\ *n*, *pl* **-loes** or **-los** : a slight offense

pec-ca-ry \ˈpek-ə-rē\ *n*, *pl* **-ries** : an American chiefly

tropical mammal resembling but smaller than the related pigs

pec-ca-vi \ˈpe-ˈkă-,vē\ *n* [L, I have sinned, fr. *peccare* to sin] : an acknowledgment of sin

¹**peck** \ˈpek\ *n* — see **WEIGHT** table

²**peck** *vb* 1 : to strike or pierce with or as if with the bill 2 : to make (as a hole) by pecking 3 : to pick up with or as if with the bill

³**peck** *n* 1 : an impression made by pecking 2 : a quick sharp stroke; also : kiss

pecking order also **peck order** *n* : a basic pattern of social organization within a flock of poultry in which each bird pecks another lower in the scale without fear of retaliation and submits to pecking by one of higher rank; also : a social hierarchy

pec-tin \ˈpek-tən\ *n* : any of various water-soluble plant substances that cause fruit jellies to set — **pec-tic** \-tik\ *adj*

pec-to-ral \ˈpek-t(ə)rəl\ *adj* : of or relating to the breast or chest

pec-u-late \ˈpek-yə-,lāt\ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** : EMBEZZLE — **pec-u-la-tion** \ˌpek-yə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*

pe-cu-liar \pi-ˈkyūl-yər\ *adj* [ME *peculier*, fr. L *peculiaris* of private property, special, fr. *peculium* private property, fr. *pecus* cattle] 1 : belonging exclusively to one person or group 2 : CHARACTERISTIC, DISTINCTIVE 3 : QUEER, ODD *syn* idiosyncratic, eccentric, singular, strange, weird — **pe-cu-liar-i-ty** \-kyūl-yər-ət-ē-, -ē-ˈar-\ *n* — **pe-cu-liar-ly** \-kyūl-yər-lē\ *adv*

pe-cu-ni-ary \pi-ˈkyū-nē-,er-ē\ *adj* : of or relating to money : MONETARY

ped-a-gogue also **ped-a-gog** \ˈped-ə-,gäg\ *n* : TEACHER, SCHOOLMASTER

ped-a-go-gy \ˈped-ə-,gōj-ē-, -gāj-\ *n* : the art or profession of teaching; *esp* : EDUCATION 2 — **ped-a-gog-ic** \ˌped-ə-ˈgäj-ik, -ˈgōj- or **ped-a-gog-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj*

¹**pedal** \ˈped-əl\ *n* : a lever worked by the foot

²**ped-al** *adj* : of or relating to the foot

³**ped-al** \ˈped-əl\ *vb* **-aled** also **-alled**; **-al-ing** also **-al-ling** \-(ə-)liŋ\ 1 : to use or work a pedal (as of a piano or bicycle) 2 : to ride a bicycle

ped-ant \ˈped-ənt\ *n* 1 : a person who makes a display of his learning 2 : a formal uninspired teacher — **pe-dan-tic** \pi-ˈdant-ik\ *adj* — **ped-ant-ry** \ˈped-ənt-rē\ *n*

ped-dle \ˈped-əl\ *vb* **ped-dled**; **ped-dling** \ˈped-(ə-)liŋ\ : to sell or offer for sale from place to place — **ped-dler** also **ped-lar** \ˈped-lər\ *n*

ped-er-ast \ˈped-ə-,rast\ *n* [Gk *paidērastēs*, lit., lover of boys] : one that practices anal intercourse *esp.* with a boy — **ped-er-ast-y** \ˈped-ə-,ras-tē\ *n*

ped-es-tal \ˈped-əs-təl\ *n* 1 : the support or foot of something (as a column, statue, or vase) that is upright 2 : a position of high regard

¹**pe-des-tri-an** \pə-ˈdes-trē-ən\ *adj* 1 : COMMONPLACE 2 : going on foot

²**pedestrian** *n* : WALKER

pe-di-at-rics \ˌpēd-ē-ˈa-triks\ *n* : a branch of medicine dealing with the care and diseases of children — **pe-di-at-ric** \-trik\ *adj* — **pe-di-a-tri-cian** \ˌpēd-ē-ə-ˈtrish-ən\ *n*

pedi-cab \ˈped-i-,kab\ *n* : a pedal-driven tricycle with seats for a driver and two passengers

ped-i-cure \ˈped-i-,kyūr\ *n* : care of the feet, toes, and nails; also : a single treatment of these parts — **ped-i-cur-ist** \-,kyūr-əst\ *n*

ped-i-gree \ˈped-ə-,grē\ *n* [ME *pedegru*, fr. MF *pie de grue* crane's foot; fr. the shape made by the lines of genealogical chart] 1 : a record of a line of ancestors 2 : an ancestral line — **ped-i-greed** \-grēd\ *adj*

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ə\farther \ə\wash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ad\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\vice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
\u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

ped-i-ment \ˈped-ə-mənt\ *n* : a low triangular gablelike decoration (as over a door or window) on a building



pediment

pe-dom-e-ter \pi-ˈdām-ət-ər\ *n* : an instrument that measures the distance one walks

pe-dun-cle \ˈpē-ˌdʌŋ-kəl\ *n* : a narrow supporting stalk
peek \ˈpēk\ *vb* **1** : to look furtively **2** : to peer from a place of concealment **3** : GLANCE — **peek** *n*

peel \ˈpiːl\ *n* : a skin or rind esp. of a fruit

peel *vb* [ME *pelen*, fr. MF *peler*, fr. L *pilare* to remove the hair from, fr. *pilus* hair] **1** : to strip the skin, bark, or rind from **2** : to strip off (as a coat); *also* : to come off **3** : to lose the skin, bark, or rind

peel-ing \ˈpiː-lɪŋ\ *n* : a peeled-off piece or strip (as of skin or rind)

peen \ˈpiːn\ *n* : the usu. hemispherical or wedge-shaped end of the head of a hammer opposite the face

peep \ˈpiːp\ *vb* : to utter a feeble shrill sound

peep *n* : a feeble shrill sound

peep *vb* **1** : to look slyly esp. through an aperture : PEEK **2** : to begin to emerge — **peep-er** *n*

peep *n* **1** : a first faint appearance **2** : a brief or furtive look

peep-hole \ˈpēp-ˌhōl\ *n* : a hole to peep through

peer \ˈpiər\ *n* **1** : one of equal standing with another : EQUAL **2** : NOBLE — **peer-age** \-iː\ *n*

peer *vb* **1** : to look intently or curiously **2** : to come slightly into view

peer-ess \ˈpiər-əs\ *n* : a woman who is a peer

peer-less \ˈpiər-ləs\ *adj* : having no equal : MATCHLESS *syn* supreme, unequalled, unparalleled, incomparable

peeve \ˈpiːv\ *vb* **peev-; peev-ing** : to make resentful : ANNOY

peeve *n* **1** : a feeling or mood of resentment **2** : a particular grievance

pee-vish \ˈpiː-vɪʃ\ *adj* : querulous in temperament : FRETFUL *syn* irritable, petulant, huffy — **pee-vish-ly** *adv* — **pee-vish-ness** *n*

pee-wee \ˈpiː-(ˌ)wē\ *n* : one that is diminutive or tiny

peg \ˈpeg\ *n* **1** : a small pointed piece (as of wood) used to pin down or fasten things or to fit into holes **2** : a projecting piece used as a support or boundary marker **3** : SUPPORT, PRETEXT **4** : STEP, DEGREE **5** : THROW

peg *vb* **pegged; peg-ging** **1** : to put a peg into : fasten, pin down, or attach with or as if with pegs **2** : to work hard and steadily : PLUG **3** : HUSTLE **4** : to mark by pegs **5** : to hold (as prices) at a set level or rate **6** : THROW

peg-ma-tite \ˈpeg-mə-ˌtiːt\ *n* : a coarse variety of granite occurring in veins

PEI *abbr* Prince Edward Island

pei-noir \pān-ˈwār, pen-ˌ\ *n* [F, lit., garment worn while combing the hair, fr. MF, fr. *peigner* to comb the hair, fr. L *pectinare*, fr. *pectin-*, *pecten* comb] : NEGLIGENCE
pe-jo-ra-tive \pi-ˈjōr-ət-iv, ˈpej-(ə-)rət-ˌ\ *adj* : having a tendency to make or become worse : DISPARAGING

peke \ˈpēk\ *n*, *often cap* : PEKINGESE

Pe-king-ese or **Pe-kin-ese** \ˌpē-kɪŋ-ˌēz, -kiŋ-, ˈiːs\ *n*, *pl* Pekingese or Pekinese : a small short-legged long-haired Chinese dog

pe-koe \ˈpē-(ˌ)kō\ *n* : a black tea made from small-sized tea leaves esp. in India and Ceylon

pel-age \ˈpel-ij\ *n* : the hairy covering of a mammal

pel-ag-ic \pə-ˈlaj-ik\ *adj* : OCEANIC

pelf \ˈpelf\ *n* : MONEY, RICHES

pel-i-can \ˈpel-i-kən\ *n* : a large web-footed bird having a pouched lower bill used to scoop in fish

pel-la-gra \pə-ˈlag-rə, ˈlāg-ˌ\ *n* : a chronic disease marked by skin and digestive disorders and nervous symptoms and caused by a faulty diet

pel-let \ˈpel-ət\ *n* **1** : a little ball (as of medicine) **2** : BULLET — **pel-let-al** \-əl\ *adj* — **pel-let-ize** \-ˌɪz\ *vb*

pell-mell \ˈpel-mel\ *adv* **1** : in mingled confusion **2** : HEADLONG

pel-lu-cid \pə-ˈlū-səd\ *adj* : extremely clear : LIMPID, TRANSPARENT *syn* translucent, lucid, lucent

pelt \ˈpelt\ *n* : a skin esp. of a fur-bearing animal

pelt *vb* : to strike with a succession of blows or missiles

pel-vis \ˈpel-vəs\ *n*, *pl pel-vis-es* \-və-səz\ or **pel-ves** \-ˌiːvəz\ : a basin-shaped part of the vertebrate skeleton consisting chiefly of the two large bones of the hip — **pel-vic** \-vik\ *adj*

pem-mi-can *also* **pem-i-can** \ˈpem-i-kən\ *n* : dried meat pounded fine and mixed with melted fat

pen \ˈpen\ *n* **1** : a small enclosure for animals **2** : a small place of confinement or storage

pen *vb* **pen-ned; pen-ning** : to shut in a pen : ENCLOSE

pen *n* : an instrument with a split point to hold ink used for writing; *also* : a fluid-using writing instrument

pen *vb* **pen-ned; pen-ning** : WRITE

pen *n* : PENITENTIARY

pen *abbr* peninsula

PEN *abbr* International Association of Poets, Playwrights, Editors, Essayists and Novelists

pe-nal \ˈpēn-əl\ *adj* : of or relating to punishment

pe-nal-ize \ˈpēn-əl-ˌɪz, ˈpēn-ˌ\ *vb* **-ized; -iz-ing** : to put a penalty on

pen-al-ty \ˈpen-əl-tē\ *n*, *pl -ties* **1** : punishment for crime or offense **2** : something forfeited when a person fails to do something agreed to **3** : disadvantage, loss, or hardship due to some action

pen-ance \ˈpen-əns\ *n* **1** : an act performed to show sorrow or repentance for sin **2** : a sacrament (as in the Roman Catholic Church) consisting of repentance, confession, a penance, and absolution

Pe-na-tes \pə-ˈnāt-ēz\ *n pl* : the Roman gods of the household

pence \ˈpens\ *pl of* PENNY

pen-chant \ˈpen-çənt\ *n* [F, fr. prp. of *pencher* to incline, fr. (assumed) VL *pendicare*, fr. L *pendere* to weigh] : a strong inclination : LIKING *syn* leaning, propensity, predilection, predisposition

pen-cil \ˈpen-səl\ *n* : a writing or drawing tool consisting of or having a slender cylinder of a solid marking substance

pencil *vb* **-ciled or -cilled; -cil-ing or -cil-ling** \-s(ə)-liŋ\ : to paint, draw, or write with a pencil

pen-dant *also* **pen-dent** \ˈpen-dənt\ *n* : a hanging ornament (as an earring)

pen-dent or **pen-dant** \ˈpen-dənt\ *adj* : SUSPENDED, OVERHANGING

pend-ing \ˈpen-dɪŋ\ *prep* **1** : DURING **2** : while awaiting

pending *adj* **1** : not yet decided **2** : IMMINENT

pen-du-lous \ˈpen-jə-ləs, -də-\ *adj* : hanging loosely : DROOPING

pen-du-lum \-ləm\ *n* : a body that swings freely from a fixed point

pe-ne-plain *also* **pe-ne-plane** \ˈpēn-i-,plān\ *n* : a large almost flat land surface shaped by erosion

pen-e-trate \ˈpen-ə-,trāt\ *vb* **-trat-ed; -trat-ing** **1** : to enter into : PIERCE **2** : PERMEATE **3** : to see into : UNDERSTAND **4** : to affect deeply — **pen-e-tra-ble** \-trə-bəl\ *adj* — **pen-e-tra-tion** \ˈpen-ə-ˌtrā-shən\ *n* — **pen-e-tra-tive** \ˈpen-ə-,trāt-iv\ *adj*

pen-e-trat-ing \-,trāt-ɪŋ\ *adj* **1** : having the power of entering, piercing, or pervading (a ~ shriek) (a ~ odor) **2** : ACUTE, DISCERNING (a ~ look)

pen-guin \ˈpen-gwən, ˈpeŋ-ˌ\ *n* : any of several erect short-legged flightless seabirds of the southern hemisphere

pen-hold-er \ˈpen-,hōl-dər\ *n* : a holder or handle for a pen

pen-i-cil-lin \,pen-əˈsil-ən\ *n* : any of several antibiotics produced by a green mold and used against various bacteria

pen-in-su-la \pəˈnin-sə-lə\ *n* [L *paeninsula*, fr. *paene* almost + *insula* island] : a long narrow portion of land extending out into the water — **pen-in-su-lar** \-lər\ *adj*

pe-nis \ˈpē-nəs\ *n*, *pl* **pe-nēs** \-,nēz\ or **pe-nis-es** [L, penis, tail] : a male organ of copulation that in the human male also functions as the channel by which urine leaves the body

¹**pen-i-tent** \ˈpen-ə-tənt\ *adj* : feeling sorrow for sins or offenses : REPENTANT — **pen-i-tence** \-təns\ *n* — **pen-i-ten-tial** \,pen-əˈten-chəl\ *adj*

²**penitent** *n* : a penitent person

¹**pen-i-ten-tia-ry** \,pen-əˈtENCH-(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* **-ries** : a state or federal prison

²**pen-i-ten-tia-ry** *adj* : of, relating to, or incurring confinement in a penitentiary

pen-knife \ˈpen-,nif\ *n* : a small pocketknife

pen-light or **pen-lite** \ˈpen-,lit\ *n* : a small flashlight resembling a fountain pen in size or shape

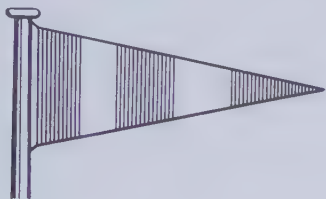
pen-man \ˈpen-mən\ *n* **1** : COPYIST **2** : one skilled in penmanship **3** : AUTHOR

pen-man-ship \-,ship\ *n* : the art or practice of writing with the pen

Penn or **Penna** *abbr* Pennsylvania

pen name *n* : an author's pseudonym

pen-nant \ˈpen-ənt\ *n* **1** : a tapering flag used esp. for signaling **2** : a flag symbolic of championship



pennant

pen-ni \ˈpen-ē\ *n*, *pl* **pen-nia** \-ē-ə\ or **pen-nis** \-ēz\ — see *markka* at MONEY table

pen-non \ˈpen-ən\ *n* **1** : a long narrow ribbonlike flag borne on a lance **2** : WING

Penn-syl-va-nian \,pen-səl-ˈvā-nyən\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the period of the Paleozoic era between the Mississippian and the Permian — **Pennsylvanian** *n*

pen-ny \ˈpen-ē\ *n*, *pl* **pennies** \-ēz\ or **pence** \ˈpens\ **1** : a British monetary unit formerly equal to 1/12 shilling but now equal to 1/100 pound; *also* : a coin of this value — see *pound* at MONEY table **2 pl pennies** : a cent of the U.S. or Canada — **pen-ni-less** \ˈpen-i-ləs\ *adj*

pen-ny-pinch-ing \ˈpen-ē-,pin-chiŋ\ *n* : FRUGALITY, PARSIMONY — **pen-ny-pinch-er** \-chər\ *n* — **penny-pinching** *adj*

pen-ny-roy-al \,pen-ē-ˈrōi-əl, ˈpen-i-,rīl\ *n* : a hairy perennial mint with small pungently aromatic leaves

pen-ny-weight \ˈpen-ē-,wāt\ *n* — see *WEIGHT* table

pen-ny-wise \ˈpen-ē-,wīz\ *adj* : wise or prudent only in small matters

pe-nol-o-gy \ˈpi-nəl-ə-jē\ *n* : a branch of criminology dealing with prisons and the treatment of offenders

¹**pen-sion** \ˈpen-chən\ *n* : a fixed sum paid regularly esp. to a person retired from service

²**pen-sion** \ˈpen-chən\ *vb* **pen-sioned**; **pen-sion-ing** \ˈpench-(ə-)niŋ\ : to pay a pension to — **pen-sion-er** *n*

pen-sive \ˈpen-siv\ *adj* : musingly, dreamily, or sadly thoughtful *syn* reflective, speculative, contemplative, meditative — **pen-sive-ly** *adv*

pen-stock \ˈpen-,stāk\ *n* **1** : a sluice or gate for regulating a flow **2** : a conduit for conducting water

pent \ˈpent\ *adj* : shut up : CONFINED

pen-ta-gon \ˈpent-ə-,gān\ *n* : a polygon of five angles and five sides — **pen-ta-gon-al** \ˈpen-ˈtəg-ən-əl\ *adj*

pen-tam-e-ter \ˈpen-təm-ət-ər\ *n* : a line consisting of five metrical feet

Pen-te-cost \ˈpent-i-,kōst\ *n* : the 7th Sunday after Easter observed as a church festival commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles — **Pen-te-cos-tal** \,pent-i-ˈkāst-əl\ *adj*

Pentecostal *n* : a member of a fundamentalist Christian religious body that stresses religious revivals — **Pen-te-cos-tal-ism** \,pent-i-ˈkāst-əl-,iz-əm\ *n*

pent-house \ˈpent-,həʊs\ *n* [ME *pentis*, fr. MF *appentis*, prob. fr. ML *appenticium* appendage, fr. L *appendic-, appendix*] **1** : a shed or sloping roof attached to a wall or building **2** : an apartment built on the roof of a building

pen-ul-ti-mate \pi-ˈnəl-tə-mət\ *adj* : next to the last (∼ syllable)

pen-um-bra \pə-ˈnəm-brə\ *n*, *pl* **-brae** \-(ə)brē\ or **-bras** : the partial shadow surrounding a complete shadow (as in an eclipse)

pe-nu-ri-ous \pə-ˈn(y)ūr-ē-əs\ *adj* **1** : marked by penury **2** : MISERLY *syn* stingy, close, tightfisted, parsimonious

pen-u-ry \ˈpen-yə-rē\ *n* : extreme poverty

pe-on \ˈpē-,ān, -ən\ *n*, *pl* **peons** or **pe-o-nēs** \pā-ˈō-nēz\ **1** : a member of the landless laboring class in Spanish America **2** : one bound to service for payment of a debt — **pe-on-age** \-ə-nij\ *n*

pe-o-ny \ˈpē-ə-nē\ *n*, *pl* **-nies** : a garden plant with large usu. double red, pink, or white flowers; *also* : its flower

¹**peo-ple** \ˈpē-pəl\ *n*, *pl* **people** [ME *peple*, fr. OF *peuple*, fr. L *populus*] **1 pl** : human beings making up a group or linked by a common characteristic or interest **2 pl** : human beings — often used in compounds instead of *persons* (salespeople) **3 pl** : the mass of persons in a community : POPULACE; *also* : ELECTORATE (the ∼'s choice) **4 pl peoples** : a body of persons (as a tribe, nation, or race) united by a common culture, sense of kinship, or political organization

²**people** *vb* **peo-pled**; **peo-pling** \-p(ə-)liŋ\ : to supply or fill with or as if with people

¹**pep** \ˈpep\ *n* : brisk energy or initiative — **pep-py** *adj*

²**pep** *vb* **pepped**; **pep-ping** : to put pep into : STIMULATE

¹**pep-per** \ˈpep-ər\ *n* **1** : a pungent condiment from the berry (**pep-per-corn** \-,kōrn\ of an East Indian climbing plant; *also* : this plant **2** : a plant related to the tomato and widely grown for its hot or mild sweet fruit; *also* : this fruit

²**pepper** *vb* **pep-pered**; **pep-per-ing** \ˈpep-(ə-)riŋ\ **1** : to sprinkle or season with or as if with pepper **2** : to shower with missiles or rapid blows

pep-per-mint \-,mint, -mənt\ *n* : a pungent aromatic mint; *also* : candy flavored with its oil

pep-per-o-ni \,pep-ə-ˈrō-nē\ *n* : a highly seasoned beef and pork sausage

pep-per-y \ˈpep-(ə-)rē\ *adj* **1** : having the qualities of pepper : PUNGENT, HOT **2** : having a hot temper **3** : FIERY **pep-sin** \ˈpep-sən\ *n* : an enzyme of the stomach that begins the digestion of proteins; *also* : a preparation of this used medicinally

pep-tic \ˈpep-tik\ *adj* **1** : relating to or promoting digestion **2** : resulting from the action of digestive juices (a ∼ ulcer)

Pe-quot \ˈpē-,kwät\ *n* : a member of an American Indian people of eastern Connecticut

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ə\out ʃh\chin ɛ\bet ɛ\easy ɡ\go ɪ\hit ɪ\ice ɪ\job
ŋ\sing ɔ\go ɔ\law ɔ\boy ʰh\thin ʰh\the ʰl\oot
ə\foot ʷy\et ʰh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

per \(')pər\ *prep* **1** : by means of **2** : to or for each **3** : ACCORDING TO
per *adv* : for each : APIECE
per *abbr* **1** period **2** person
per-ad-ven-ture \('pər-əd-, ven-chər\ *adv*, *archaic* : PER-HAPS
peradventure *n* : DOUBT, CHANCE
per-am-bu-late \pə-'ram-byə-, lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing : to travel over esp. on foot — **per-am-bu-la-tion** \-, ram-byə-'lā-shən\ *n*
per-am-bu-la-tor \pə-'ram-byə-, lāt-ər\ *n*, chiefly *Brit* : a baby carriage
per-an-num \(')pər-'an-əm\ *adv* [ML] : in or for each year : ANNUALLY
per-ca-le \(')pər-'kāl, 'pər-, (')pər-'kal\ *n* : a fine woven cotton cloth
per-cap-i-ta \(')pər-'kap-ət-ə\ *adv* or *adj* [ML, by heads] : by or for each person
per-ceive \pər-'sēv\ *vb* **per-ceived**; **per-ceiving** **1** : to attain awareness : REALIZE **2** : to become aware of through the senses — **per-ceive-able** *adj*
per-cent \pər-'sent\ *adv* [fr. *per* + *L* *centum* hundred] : in each hundred
percent *n*, *pl* **percent** or **percents** **1** : one part in a hundred : HUNDREDTH **2** : PERCENTAGE
per-cent-age \pər-'sent-ij\ *n* **1** : a part of a whole expressed in hundredths **2** : the result obtained by multiplying a number by a percent **3** : ADVANTAGE, PROFIT **4** : PROBABILITY; *also* : favorable odds
per-cen-tile \pər-'sen-, tīl\ *n* : a statistical measure expressing the standing of a score or grade in terms of the percentage of scores or grades falling with or below it
per-cept \pər-'sept\ *n* : a sense impression of an object accompanied by an understanding of what it is
per-cep-ti-ble \pər-'sep-tə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being perceived — **per-cep-ti-bly** \-blē\ *adv*
per-cep-tion \pər-'sep-shən\ *n* **1** : an act or result of perceiving **2** : awareness of environment through physical sensation **3** : ability to perceive : INSIGHT, COMPREHENSION *syn* penetration, discernment, discrimination
per-cep-tive \pər-'sep-tiv\ *adj* : of or relating to perception : having perception; *also* : DISCERNING — **per-cep-tive-ly** *adv*
per-cep-tu-al \-chə-(wə)\ *adj* : of, relating to, or involving sensory stimulus as opposed to abstract concept — **per-cep-tu-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
perch \(')pərch\ *n* **1** : a roost for birds **2** : a high station or vantage point
perch *vb* : ROOST
perch *n*, *pl* **perch** or **perches** : either of two small freshwater spiny-finned food fishes; *also* : any of various fishes resembling or related to these
per-chance \pər-'chans\ *adv* : PERHAPS
per-cip-i-ent \pər-'sip-ē-ənt\ *adj* : capable of or characterized by perception — **per-cip-i-ence** \-əns\ *n*
per-co-late \pər-'kə-, lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing **1** : to trickle or filter through a permeable substance **2** : to filter hot water through to extract the essence (~ coffee) — **per-co-la-tor** \-, lāt-ər\ *n*
per-con-tra \(')pər-'kän-trə\ *adv* [It, by the opposite side (of the ledger)] **1** : on the contrary **2** : by way of contrast
per-cus-sion \pər-'kəsh-ən\ *n* **1** : a sharp blow : IMPACT; *esp* : a blow upon a cap (percussion cap) filled with powder and designed to explode the charge in a firearm **2** : the beating or striking of a musical instrument; *also* : instruments sounded by striking, shaking, or scraping
per-di-em \-'dē-əm, -'di-ə\ *adv* [ML] : by the day — **per diem** *adj* or *n*
per-di-tion \pər-'dish-ən\ *n* [ME *perdition*, fr. LL *perdition*, *perditio*, fr. *L* *perdere* to destroy, fr. *per*- to destruction + *dare* to give] **1** : eternal damnation **2** : HELL

per-du-ra-ble \(')pər-'d(y)ūr-ə-bəl\ *adj* : very durable — **per-du-ra-bil-i-ty** \-, d(y)ūr-ə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n*
per-e-gri-na-tion \, per-ə-grə-'nā-shən\ *n* : a journeying about from place to place
per-emp-to-ry \pə-'rem-p-t(ə-)rē\ *adj* **1** : barring a right of action or delay : FINAL **2** : expressive of urgency or command : IMPERATIVE **3** : marked by self-assurance : DECISIVE *syn* imperious, masterful, domineering, magisterial — **per-emp-to-ri-ly** \t(ə-)rə-lē\ *adv*
per-en-ni-al \pə-'ren-ē-əl\ *adj* **1** : present at all seasons of the year (~ streams) **2** : continuing to live from year to year (~ plants) **3** : recurring regularly : PERMANENT (~ problems) *syn* lasting, perpetual, enduring, everlasting — **per-en-ni-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
perennial *n* : a plant that lives for an indefinite number of years
perf *abbr* **1** perfect **2** perforated
per-fect \pər-'fikt\ *adj* **1** : being without fault or defect **2** : EXACT, PRECISE **3** : COMPLETE **4** : relating to or being a verb tense that expresses an action or state completed at the time of speaking or at a time spoken of *syn* whole, entire, intact — **per-fect-ly** \-fik(t)-lē\ *adv* — **per-fect-ness** \-fik(t)-nəs\ *n*
per-fect \pər-'fekt\ *vb* : to make perfect
per-fect \pər-'fikt\ *n* : the perfect tense; *also* : a verb form in it
per-fect-ible \pər-'fek-tə-bəl, 'pər-fik-\ *adj* : capable of improvement or perfection — **per-fect-ibil-i-ty** \pər-, fek-tə-'bil-ət-ē, 'pər-fik-\ *n*
per-fec-tion \pər-'fek-shən\ *n* **1** : the quality or state of being perfect **2** : the highest degree of excellence **3** : the act or process of perfecting *syn* virtue, merit, excellence
per-fec-tion-ist \-sh(ə-)nəst\ *n* : a person who will not accept or be content with anything less than perfection
per-fec-to \pər-'fek-tō\ *n*, *pl* -tos : a cigar that is thick in the middle and tapers almost to a point at each end
per-fi-dy \pər-'fəd-ē\ *n*, *pl* -dies [L *perfidia*, fr. *perfidus* faithless, fr. *per* *fidem* *decipere* to betray, lit., to deceive by trust] : violation of faith or loyalty : TREACHERY — **per-fid-i-ous** \pər-'fid-ē-əs\ *adj* — **per-fid-i-ous-ly** *adv*
per-fo-rate \pər-'fə-, rāt\ *vb* -rat-ed; -rat-ing : to bore through : PIERCE; *esp* : to make a line of holes in to facilitate separation *syn* puncture, punch, prick — **per-fo-ra-tion** \, pər-fə-'rā-shən\ *n*
per-force \pər-'fōrs\ *adv* : of necessity
per-form \pə(r)-'fōrm\ *vb* **1** : FULFILL **2** : to carry out : ACCOMPLISH **3** : FUNCTION **4** : to do in a set manner **5** : to give a performance : PLAY *syn* execute, discharge, achieve — **per-form-er** *n*
per-for-mance \pər-'fōr-, mən\ *n* **1** : the act or process of performing **2** : DEED, FEAT **3** : a public presentation
per-fume \pər-'fyūm, 'pər-, fyūm\ *n* **1** : a usu. pleasant odor : FRAGRANCE **2** : a preparation used for scenting
per-fume \pər-'fyūm, 'pər-, fyūm\ *vb* **per-fumed**; **per-fum-ing** : to treat with a perfume; *also* : SCENT
per-fum-ery \, pər-'fyūm-(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* -er-ies : PERFUMES
per-func-to-ry \pər-'fʌŋk-t(ə-)rē\ *adj* : done merely as a duty — **per-func-to-ri-ly** \t(ə-)rə-lē\ *adv*
per-go-la \pər-'gə-lə\ *n* [It] : a structure consisting of posts supporting an open roof in the form of a trellis
perh *abbr* perhaps
per-haps \pər-'(h)aps, 'praps\ *adv* : possibly but not certainly
per-i-gee \pər-ə-'jē\ *n* [fr. *perigee* point in the orbit of a satellite of the earth when it is nearest the earth, fr. NL *perigeum*, fr. Gk *perigeion*, fr. *peri* around, near + *gē* earth] : the point at which an orbiting object is nearest the body (as the earth) being orbited
peri-he-lion \, per-ə-'hēl-yən\ *n*, *pl* -he-lia \-'hēl-yə\ : the point in the path of a celestial body (as a planet) that is nearest to the sun
per-il \pər-'əl\ *n* : DANGER; *also* : a source of danger : RISK *syn* jeopardy, hazard — **per-il-ous** *adj* — **per-il-ous-ly** *adv*

peri-lune \ˈper-ə-ˌlün\ *n* : the point in a lunar orbit closest to the moon's surface

pe-rim-e-ter \pə-ˈrim-ət-ər\ *n* : the outer boundary of a body or figure; *also* : the length of a perimeter

pe-ri-od \ˈpɪr-ē-əd\ *n* 1 : SENTENCE; *also* : the full pause closing the utterance of a sentence 2 : END, STOP 3 : a punctuation mark . used esp. to mark the end of a declarative sentence or an abbreviation 4 : an extent of time; *esp* : one regarded as a stage or division in a process or development 5 : a portion or division of time in which something comes to an end and is ready to begin again 6 : a single cyclic occurrence of menstruation *syn* epoch, era, age

period *adj* : of or relating to a particular historical period (~ furniture)

pe-ri-od-ic \pɪr-ē-ˈād-ik\ *adj* 1 : occurring at regular intervals of time 2 : happening repeatedly 3 : of or relating to a sentence that has no trailing elements following full grammatical statement of the essential idea

pe-ri-od-i-cal \pɪr-ē-ˈād-ik-əl\ *adj* 1 : PERIODIC 2 : published at regular intervals 3 : of or relating to a periodical — **pe-ri-od-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

periodical *n* : a periodical publication

peri-odon-tal \pɪr-ē-əd-ˈdānt-əl\ *adj* : surrounding or occurring about the teeth

pe-ri-pa-tet-ic \pɪr-ə-pə-ˈtɛt-ik\ *adj* : performed or performing while moving about : ITINERANT

pe-ri-ph-er-al \pə-ˈrɪf-(ə-)rəl\ *n* : a device connected to a computer to provide communication or auxiliary functions

peripheral nervous system *n* : the part of the nervous system that is outside the central nervous system and comprises the spinal nerves, the cranial nerves except the one supplying the retina, and the autonomic nervous system

pe-ri-ph-ery \pə-ˈrɪf-(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* -er-ies 1 : the boundary of a rounded figure 2 : outward bounds : border area — **pe-ri-ph-er-al** \-(ə-)rəl\ *adj*

pe-ri-ph-ra-sis \pə-ˈrɪf-rə-səs\ *n*, *pl* -ra-ses \-,sēz\ : CIRCUM-LOCUTION

pe-ri-que \pə-ˈrɪk\ *n* [LaF] : a strong-flavored Louisiana tobacco used in smoking mixtures

peri-scope \ˈper-ə-,sköp\ *n* : a tubular optical instrument enabling an observer to get an otherwise blocked field of view

per-ish \ˈper-ish\ *vb* : to become destroyed or ruined : DIE
per-ish-able \ˈper-ish-ə-bəl\ *adj* : easily spoiled (~ foods) — **perishable** *n*

peri-stal-sis \pɪr-ə-ˈstəl-səs, -ˈstəl-\ *n*, *pl* -stal-ses : waves of contraction passing along the intestine and forcing its contents onward — **pe-ri-stal-tic** \-ˈstəl-tik, -ˈstəl-\ *adj*

peri-style \ˈper-ə-,stil\ *n* : a row of columns surrounding a building or court

peri-to-ne-um \pɪr-ət-ən-ˈē-əm\ *n*, *pl* -ne-ums or -nea : the smooth transparent serous membrane that lines the cavity of the abdomen — **pe-ri-to-ne-al** \-ˈē-əl\ *adj*

peri-to-ni-tis \pɪr-ət-ən-ˈɪt-əs\ *n* : inflammation of the membrane lining the cavity of the abdomen

peri-wig \ˈper-i-,wig\ *n* : WIG

per-i-win-kle \ˈper-i-,wiŋ-kəl\ *n* : a usu. blue-flowered creeping plant cultivated as a ground cover

periwinkle *n* : any of various small edible seashore snails

per-ju-ry \ˈpɜrj-(ə-)rē\ *n* : the voluntary violation of an oath to tell the truth : false swearing — **per-jure** \ˈpɜr-jər\ *vb* — **per-jur-er** *n*

perk \ˈpɜrk\ *vb* 1 : to thrust (as the head) up impudently or jauntily 2 : to make trim or brisk : FRESHEN 3 : to regain vigor or spirit — **perky** *adj*

perk *vb* : PERCOLATE

per-lite \ˈpɜr-,lɪt\ *n* : volcanic glass that when expanded by heat forms a lightweight material used esp. in concrete and plaster and for potting plants

perm \ˈpɜrm\ *n* : PERMANENT

perm *vb* : to give (hair) a permanent

perm *abbr* permanent

per-ma-frost \ˈpɜr-mə-,frɒst\ *n* : a permanently frozen layer below the surface in frigid regions of a planet (as earth)

per-ma-nent \ˈpɜr-mə-nənt\ *adj* : LASTING, STABLE — **per-ma-nence** \-nəns\ *n* — **per-ma-nen-cy** \-nən-sē\ *n* — **per-ma-nent-ly** *adv*

permanent *n* : a long-lasting hair wave or straightening

permanent press *n* : the process of treating fabrics with chemicals (as resin) and heat for setting the shape and for aiding wrinkle resistance

per-me-able \ˈpɜr-mē-ə-bəl\ *adj* : having small openings that permit liquids or gases to seep through — **per-me-a-bil-i-ty** \,pɜr-mē-ə-ˈbɪl-ət-ē\ *n*

per-me-ate \ˈpɜr-mē-,āt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing 1 : PERVADE 2 : to seep through the pores of : PENETRATE — **per-me-ation** \,pɜr-mē-ˈā-shən\ *n*

Permian \ˈpɜr-mē-ən\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the latest period of the Paleozoic era — **Permian** *n*

per-mis-si-ble \pɜr-ˈmis-ə-bəl\ *adj* : that may be permitted : ALLOWABLE

per-mis-sion \pɜr-ˈmɪsh-ən\ *n* : formal consent : AUTHORIZATION

per-mis-sive \pɜr-ˈmɪs-iv\ *adj* : granting permission; *esp* : INDULGENT — **per-mis-sive-ness** *n*

per-mit \pɜr-ˈmɪt\ *vb* **per-mit-ted**; **per-mit-ting** 1 : to consent to : ALLOW 2 : to make possible

per-mit \ˈpɜr-,mit, pɜr-ˈmɪt\ *n* : a written permission : LICENSE

per-mu-ta-tion \,pɜr-myū-ˈtā-shən\ *n* 1 : TRANSFORMATION 2 : any one of the total number of changes in position or order possible among the units or members of a group (~s of the alphabet) *syn* innovation, mutation, vicissitude

per-ni-cious \pɜr-ˈnɪsh-əs\ *adj* [MF *pernicius*, fr. L *pernicius*, fr. *pernicies* destruction, fr. *per-* through + *nec-*, *nex* violent death] : very destructive or injurious — **per-ni-cious-ly** *adv*

per-ora-tion \ˈper-ər-,ā-shən, ˈpɜr-\ *n* : the concluding part of a speech

per-ox-ide \pə-ˈrāk-,sɪd\ *n* : an oxide containing a large proportion of oxygen; *esp* : HYDROGEN PEROXIDE

peroxide *vb* -id-ed; -id-ing : to bleach with hydrogen peroxide

perp *abbr* perpendicular

per-pen-dic-u-lar \pɜr-pən-ˈdik-yə-lər\ *adj* 1 : standing at (right angles to the plane of the horizon 2 : meeting another line at a right angle — **perpendicular** *n* — **per-pen-dic-u-lar-i-ty** \-,dik-yə-ˈlar-ət-ē\ *n* — **per-pen-dic-u-lar-ly** *adv*

per-pe-trate \ˈpɜr-pə-,trāt\ *vb* -trat-ed; -trat-ing : to be guilty of : COMMIT — **per-pe-tration** \,pɜr-pə-ˈtrā-shən\ *n* — **per-pe-tra-tor** \ˈpɜr-pə-,trāt-ər\ *n*

per-pet-u-al \pɜr-ˈpɛch-(ə-w)əl\ *adj* 1 : continuing forever : EVERLASTING 2 : occurring continually : CONSTANT (~ annoyance) *syn* ceaseless, unceasing, continual, continuous, incessant, unremitting — **per-pet-u-al-ly** \-əl\ *adv*

per-pet-u-ate \pɜr-ˈpɛch-ə-,wāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to make perpetual : cause to last indefinitely — **per-pet-u-ation** \-,pɛch-ə-ˈwā-shən\ *n*

per-pe-tu-ity \,pɜr-pə-t(y)ü-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ities 1 : endless time : ETERNITY 2 : the quality or state of being perpetual

per-plex \pɜr-ˈpleks\ *vb* : to disturb mentally; *esp* : CONFUSE — **per-plex-i-ty** \-ət-ē\ *n*

per-plexed \-ˈplekst\ *adj* 1 : filled with uncertainty : PUZ-

\əˈbut \ˈkɪtən \ərˈfurther \əˈʌʃ \əˈvace \əˈcɒt, cart
\\out \chˈvitten \eˈbet \eˈeasy \əˈgo \iˈhɪt \iˈvice \jˈjob
\\sing \əˈgo \əˈlaw \əˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \üˈloot
\\foot \yˈet \zhˈvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

ZLED 2 : full of difficulty : COMPLICATED — **per-plexed-ly** \-ˈplek-səd-lē\ *adv*

per-qui-site \ˈpər-kwə-zət\ *n* : a privilege or profit beyond regular pay

pers *abbr* person; personal

per se \(\,pər-ˈsə\ *adv* [L] : by, of, or in itself : as such
per-se-cute \ˈpər-si-,kyüt\ *vb* -cut-ed; -cut-ing : to pursue in such a way as to injure or afflict : HARASS; *esp* : to cause to suffer because of belief syn oppress, wrong, aggrrieve — **per-se-cu-tion** \,pər-si-kyü-shən\ *n* — **per-se-cu-tor** \ˈpər-si-,kyüt-ər\ *n*

per-se-vere \,pər-sə-ˈviər\ *vb* -vered; -ver-ing : to persist (as in an undertaking) in spite of difficulties — **per-se-ver-ance** \-ˈvir-əns\ *n*

Pers-ian \ˈpər-zhən\ *n* 1 : a native or inhabitant of ancient Persia 2 : a member of one of the peoples of modern Iran 3 : the language of the Persians

Persian cat *n* : a stocky round-headed domestic cat that has long and silky fur

Persian lamb *n* : a pelt that is obtained from lambs that are older than those yielding broadtail and that has very silky tightly curled fur

per-si-flage \ˈpər-si-,flāzh, ˈper-\ *n* [F, fr. *persifler* to banter, fr. *per*-thoroughly + *siffler* to whistle, hiss, boo, fr. L *sibilare*] : lightly jesting or mocking talk

per-sim-mon \ˈpər-ˈsim-ən\ *n* : a tree related to the ebony; also : its edible orange-red plumlike fruit

per-sist \ˈpər-ˈsist, ˈzist\ *vb* 1 : to go on resolutely or stubbornly in spite of difficulties : PERSEVERE 2 : to continue to exist — **per-sis-tence** \-ˈsis-təns, ˈzis-\ *n* — **per-sis-ten-cy** \-tən-sē\ *n* — **per-sis-tent** \-tənt\ *adj* — **per-sis-tent-ly** *adv*

per-snick-e-ty \ˈpər-ˈsnik-ət-ē\ *adj* : fussy about small details

per-son \ˈpərs-ən\ *n* [ME, fr. OF *persone*, fr. L *persona* actor's mask, character in a play, person, prob. fr. Etruscan *phersu* mask] 1 : a human being : INDIVIDUAL — used in combination *esp.* by those who prefer to avoid *man* in compounds applicable to both sexes (chairperson) 2 : one of the three modes of being in the Godhead as understood by Trinitarians 3 : the body of a human being 4 : the individual personality of a human being : SELF 5 : reference of a segment of discourse to the speaker, to one spoken to, or to one spoken of *esp.* as indicated by certain pronouns

per-son-able \ˈpərs-(ə-)nə-bəl\ *adj* : pleasing in person : ATTRACTIVE

per-son-age \ˈpərs-(ə-)nij\ *n* : a person of rank, note, or distinction

per-son-al \ˈpərs-(ə-)nəl\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or affecting a person : PRIVATE (~ correspondence) 2 : done in person (a ~ inquiry) 3 : relating to the person or body (~ injuries) 4 : relating to an individual *esp.* in an offensive way (resented such ~ remarks) 5 : of or relating to temporary or movable property as distinguished from real estate 6 : denoting grammatical person — **per-son-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

personal *n* 1 : a short newspaper paragraph relating to a person or group or to personal matters 2 : a short personal or private communication in the classified ads section of a newspaper

personal computer *n* : MICROCOMPUTER

per-son-al-ity \,pərs-ən-ˈal-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : an offensively personal remark (indulges in *personalities*) 2 : distinctive personal character 3 : distinction of personal and social traits; also : a person having such quality syn individuality, temperament, disposition, makeup

per-son-al-ize \ˈpərs-(ə-)nə-,līz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to make personal or individual; *esp* : to mark as belonging to a particular person

per-son-al-ty \ˈpərs-(ə-)nəl-tē\ *n*, *pl* -ties : personal property

per-so-na non gra-ta \pər-,sō-nə-,nən-ˈgrat-ə, ˈgrāt-\ *adj* [L] : being personally unacceptable or unwelcome

per-son-ate \ˈpərs-ən-,āt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : IMPERSONATE, REPRESENT

per-son-i-fy \pər-ˈsän-ə-,fi\ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing 1 : to think of or represent as a person 2 : to be the embodiment of : INCARNATE (~ the law) — **per-son-i-fi-ca-tion** \-,sän-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

per-son-nel \,pərs-ən-ˈel\ *n* : a body of persons employed in a service or an organization

per-spec-tive \pər-ˈspek-tiv\ *n* 1 : the science of painting and drawing so that objects represented have apparent depth and distance 2 : the aspect in which a subject or its parts are mentally viewed; *esp* : a view of things (as objects or events) in their true relationship or relative importance

per-spi-cac-i-ty \,pər-spə-ˈkas-ət-ē\ *n* : acuteness of understanding or judgment — **per-spi-ca-cious** \-ˈkā-shəs\ *adj*

per-spic-u-ous \pər-ˈspik-yə-wəs\ *adj* : plain to the understanding — **per-spi-cu-i-ty** \,pər-spə-ˈkyü-ət-ē\ *n*

per-spire \pər-ˈspīr\ *vb* per-spired; per-spir-ing : SWEAT — **per-spi-ra-tion** \,pər-spə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

per-suade \pər-ˈswād\ *vb* per-suad-ed; per-suad-ing : to move by argument or entreaty to a belief or course of action — **per-sua-sive** \-ˈswā-siv, -ziv\ *adj* — **per-sua-sive-ly** *adv* — **per-sua-sive-ness** *n*

per-sua-sion \pər-ˈswā-zhən\ *n* 1 : the act or process of persuading 2 : OPINION, BELIEF

per-t \pərt\ *adj* [ME, open, bold, pert, modif. of OF *apert*, fr. L *apertus* open, fr. pp. of *aperire* to open] 1 : saucily free and forward : IMPUDENT 2 : stylishly trim : JAUNTY 3 : LIVELY

pert *abbr* pertaining

per-tain \pər-ˈtān\ *vb* 1 : to belong to as a part, quality, or function (duties ~ing to the office) 2 : to have reference : RELATE (facts that ~ to the case) syn bear, appertain, apply

per-ti-na-cious \,pərt-ən-ˈā-shəs\ *adj* 1 : holding resolutely to an opinion or purpose 2 : obstinately persistent : TENACIOUS (a ~ bill collector) syn obstinate, dogged, mulish, headstrong, perverse — **per-ti-nac-i-ty** \-ˈas-ət-ē\ *n*

per-ti-nent \ˈpərt-ən-ənt\ *adj* : relating to the matter under consideration syn relevant, germane, applicable, appropos — **per-ti-nence** \-əns\ *n*

per-turb \pər-ˈtərb\ *vb* : to disturb greatly *esp.* in mind : UPSET — **per-tur-ba-tion** \,pərt-ər-ˈbā-shən\ *n*

per-tus-sis *n* : WHOOPING COUGH

pe-ruke \pə-ˈrūk\ *n* : WIG

pe-ruse \pə-ˈrüz\ *vb* pe-rused; pe-rus-ing : READ; *esp* : to read attentively — **pe-rus-al** \-ˈrū-zəl\ *n*

Pe-ru-vi-an \pə-ˈrū-vē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Peru

per-vade \pər-ˈvād\ *vb* per-vad-ed; per-vad-ing : to spread through every part of : PERMEATE, PENETRATE — **per-va-sive** \-,vā-siv, -ziv\ *adj*

per-verse \pər-ˈvərs\ *adj* 1 : turned away from what is right or good : CORRUPT 2 : obstinate in opposing what is reasonable or accepted — **per-verse-ly** *adv* — **per-verse-ness** *n* — **per-ver-si-ty** \-ˈvər-sət-ē\ *n*

per-ver-sion \pər-ˈvər-zhən\ *n* 1 : the action of perverting : the condition of being perverted 2 : a perverted form of something; *esp* : aberrant sexual behavior

per-vert \pər-ˈvərt\ *vb* 1 : to lead astray : CORRUPT (~ the young) 2 : to divert to a wrong purpose : MISAPPLY (~ evidence) syn deprave, debauch, demoralize

per-vert \ˈpər-,vərt\ *n* : one that is perverted; *esp* : a person given to sexual perversion
pe-se-ta \pə-ˈsāt-ə\ *n* — see MONEY table
pe-se-wa \pə-ˈsā-wə\ *n* — see *cedi* at MONEY table
pes-ky \ˈpes-kē\ *adj* pes-ki-er; -est : causing annoyance : TROUBLESOME

pe-so \ˈpā-sō/ *n*, *pl* pesos — see MONEY table

pes-si-mism \ˈpes-ə-,miz-əm/ *n* [F *pessimisme*, fr. L *pessimus* worst] : an inclination to take the least favorable view (as of events) or to expect the worst possible outcome — **pes-si-mist** \-məst/ *n* — **pes-si-mis-tic** \,pes-ə-ˈmis-tik/ *adj*

pest \ˈpest/ *n* 1 : a destructive epidemic disease : PLAGUE 2 : a plant or animal detrimental to man 3 : one that pesters : NUISANCE

pes-ter \ˈpes-tər/ *vb* **pes-tered**; **pes-ter-ing** \-t(ə-)rɪŋ/ : to harass with petty irritations : ANNOY

pes-ti-cide \ˈpes-tə-,sɪd/ *n* : an agent used to kill pests

pes-tif-er-ous \pes-ˈtif-(ə-)rəs/ *adj* 1 : PESTILENT 2 : ANNOYING

pes-ti-lence \ˈpes-tə-ləns/ *n* : a destructive infectious swiftly spreading disease; *esp* : PLAGUE

pes-ti-lent \-lənt/ *adj* 1 : dangerous to life : DEADLY; *also* : spreading or causing pestilence 2 : PERNICIOUS, HARMFUL 3 : TROUBLESOME

pes-ti-len-tial \,pes-tə-ˈlen-çəl/ *adj* 1 : causing or tending to cause pestilence : DEADLY 2 : morally harmful — **pes-ti-len-tial-ly** \-əl/ *adv*

pes-tle \ˈpes-əl, ˈpes-təl/ *n* : an implement for grinding substances in a mortar

pet \ˈpet/ *n* 1 : FAVORITE, DARLING 2 : a domesticated animal kept for pleasure rather than utility

pet *adj* 1 : kept or treated as a pet (< dog) 2 : expressing fondness (< name) 3 : particularly liked or favored

pet *vb* **pet-ted**; **pet-ting** 1 : to stroke gently or lovingly 2 : to make a pet of : PAMPER 3 : to engage in amorous kissing and caressing

pet *n* : a fit of peevishness, sulkiness, or anger

Pet *abbr* Peter

pet-al \ˈpet-əl/ *n* : one of the modified leaves of a flower's corolla

pe-tard \pə-ˈtär(d)/ *n* : a case containing an explosive to break down a door or gate or breach a wall

pe-ter \ˈpēt-ər/ *vb* : to diminish gradually and come to an end (< his energy ~ed out)

Pe-ter \ˈpēt-ər/ *n* — see BIBLE table

pet-i-ole \ˈpet-ē-,ōl/ *n* : a stalk that supports a leaf

pe-tite \pə-ˈtēt/ *adj* [F] : small and trim of figure (< a ~ woman)

pe-tit four \,pet-ē-ˈfōr/ *n*, *pl* **petits fours** or **petit fours** \-fōrz/ [F, lit., small oven] : a small cake cut from pound or sponge cake and frosted

pe-ti-tion \pə-ˈtish-ən/ *n* : an earnest request : ENTREATY; *esp* : a formal written request made to a superior

petition *vb* -tioned; -tion-ing \-ˈtish-(ə-)niŋ/ : to make a petition — **pe-ti-tion-er** \-(ə-)nər/ *n*

pet-nap-ping \ˈpet-,nap-ɪŋ/ *n* : the act of stealing a pet

pet-rel \ˈpet-trəl/ *n* : any of various small seabirds that fly far from land

pet-ri-fy \ˈpet-trə-,fi/ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing 1 : to change into stony material 2 : to make rigid or inactive (as from fear or awe) — **pet-ri-fac-tion** \,pe-trə-ˈfak-shən/ *n*

pet-ro-chem-i-cal \,pe-trō-ˈkem-i-kəl/ *n* : a chemical isolated or derived from petroleum or natural gas — **pet-ro-chem-is-try** \-ˈkem-ə-strə/ *n*

pet-rol \ˈpe-trəl/ *n*, *Brit* : GASOLINE

pet-ro-la-tum \,pe-trə-ˈlāt-əm/ *n* : a tasteless, odorless, and oily or greasy substance from petroleum that is used *esp.* in ointments and dressings

pet-ro-leum \pə-ˈtrō-lē-əm/ *n* [ML, fr. L *petr-* stone, rock (fr. Gk, fr. *petros* stone & *petra* rock) + *oleum* oil] : an oily flammable liquid obtained from wells drilled in the ground and refined into gasoline, fuel oils, and other products

petroleum jelly *n* : PETROLATUM

pet-ti-coat \ˈpet-ē-,kōt/ *n* 1 : a skirt worn under a dress 2 : an outer skirt

petticoat *adj* : FEMALE (< government)

pet-ti-fog \ˈpet-ē-,fög, -fäg/ *vb* -fogged; -fog-ging 1 : to engage in legal trickery 2 : to quibble over insignificant details — **pet-ti-fog-ger** *n*

pet-tish \ˈpet-ish/ *adj* : PEEVISH *syn* irritable, petulant, fretful, huffy, querulous

pet-ty \ˈpet-ē/ *adj* **pet-tier**; -est [ME *pety* small, minor, alter. of *petit*, fr. MF, small] 1 : having secondary rank : MINOR (< prince) 2 : of little importance : TRIFLING (< faults) 3 : marked by narrowness or meanness — **pet-ti-ly** \ˈpet-ē-/ *adv* — **pet-ti-ness** \-ē-nəs/ *n*

petty officer *n* : a subordinate officer in the navy or coast guard appointed from among the enlisted men

petty officer first class *n* : a petty officer ranking below a chief petty officer

petty officer second class *n* : a petty officer ranking below a petty officer first class

petty officer third class *n* : a petty officer ranking below a petty officer second class

pet-u-lant \ˈpetch-ə-lənt/ *adj* : marked by capricious ill humor *syn* irritable, peevish, fretful, fractious, querulous — **pet-u-lance** \-ləns/ *n* — **pet-u-lant-ly** *adv*

pe-tu-nia \pi-ˈt(y)ün-yə/ *n* : a garden plant with bright funnel-shaped flowers

pew \ˈpyū/ *n* [ME *pewe*, fr. MF *puie* balustrade, fr. L *podia*, pl. of *podium* parapet, podium, fr. Gk *podion* base, dim. of *pod-*, *pous* foot] : one of the benches with backs fixed in rows in a church

pe-wee \ˈpē-(i)wē/ *n* : any of various small flycatchers

pew-ter \ˈpyüt-ər/ *n* : an alloy of tin usu. with lead used *esp.* for kitchen or table utensils

pey-o-te \pə-ˈōt-ē/ *also* **pey-otl** \-ˈōt-əl/ *n* : a stimulant drug derived from an American cactus; *also* : this cactus

pf *abbr* 1 pfennig 2 preferred

PFC *abbr* private first class

pdf *abbr* preferred

pfen-nig \ˈfen-ig/ *n*, *pl* **pfennig** *also* **pfennigs** or **pfen-ni-ge** \ˈfen-i-gə/ — see *deutsche mark*, *mark* at MONEY table

pg *abbr* page

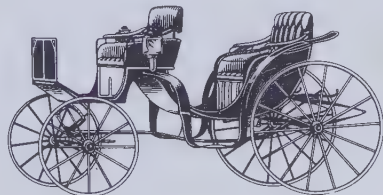
PG *abbr* postgraduate

PGA *abbr* Professional Golfers' Association

pH \(')pē-ˈäch/ *n* : a value used to express acidity and alkalinity; *also* : the condition represented by such a value

PH *abbr* 1 pinch hit 2 public health

pha-eton \ˈfā-ət-ən/ *n* [F *phaéton*, fr. Gk *Phaethon*, son of the sun god who persuaded his father to let him drive the chariot of the sun but who lost control of the horses with disastrous consequences] 1 : a light 4-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle 2 : an open automobile with two cross seats



phaeton 1

phage \ˈfaj/ *n* : BACTERIOPHAGE

pha-lanx \ˈfā-,lanks/ *n*, *pl* **pha-lanx-es** or **pha-lan-ges** \ˈfā-lan-jéz/ 1 : a group or body (as of troops) in com-

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\wash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ə\chinch \ə\bet \ə\easy \ə\go \ə\hit \ə\ice \ə\job
 \ə\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \ə\thin \ə\the \ə\loot
 \ə\foot \ə\yet \ə\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

pact formation 2 *pl phalanges* : one of the digital bones of the hand or foot of a vertebrate

phal-a-rope \ˈfāl-ə-,rōp\ *n*, *pl -ropes* also **-rope** : any of several small shorebirds

phal-lic \ˈfāl-ik\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or resembling a phallus 2 : relating to or being the stage of psychosexual development in psychoanalytic theory during which children become interested in their own sexual organs

phal-lus \ˈfāl-əs\ *n*, *pl phal-li* \ˈfāl-i\ or **phal-lus-es** : PENIS; also : a symbolic representation of the penis

phan-tasm \ˈfān-,taz-əm\ *n* : a product of the imagination : ILLUSION

phan-tas-ma-go-ria \fān-,taz-mə-ˈgōr-ē-ə\ *n* : a constantly shifting complex succession of things seen or imagined; also : a scene that constantly changes or fluctuates

phantasy *var of FANTASY*

phan-tom \ˈfānt-əm\ *n* [deriv. of *L phantasma*] 1 : something (as a specter) that is apparent to sense but has no substantial existence 2 : a mere show : SHADOW 3 : a representation of something abstract, ideal, or incorporeal — **phantom** *adj* — **phan-tom-like** *adv* or *adj*

pha-raoh \ˈfē(ə)r-ō, ˈfā-rō\ *n*, often *cap* : a ruler of ancient Egypt

phar-i-sa-ical \,fär-ə-ˈsā-ə-kəl\ *adj* : hypocritically self-righteous — **phar-i-sa-ical-ly** \-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

phar-isee \ˈfär-ə-,sē\ *n* 1 *cap* : a member of an ancient Jewish sect noted for strict observance of rites and ceremonies of the traditional law 2 : a self-righteous or hypocritical person — **phar-i-sa-ic** \,fär-ə-ˈsā-ik\ *adj*

pharm *abbr* pharmaceutical; pharmacist; pharmacy

phar-ma-ceu-ti-cal \,fär-mə-ˈsüt-i-kəl\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to pharmacy or pharmacists 2 : MEDICINAL — **pharmaceutical** *n*

phar-ma-col-o-gy \,fär-mə-ˈkäl-ə-jē\ *n* 1 : the science of drugs esp. as related to medicinal uses 2 : the reactions and properties of a drug — **phar-ma-co-log-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ also **phar-ma-co-log-ic** \-kə-ˈlāj-ik\ *adj* — **phar-ma-col-o-gist** \-ˈkäl-ə-jəst\ *n*

phar-ma-co-poe-ia also **phar-ma-co-pe-ia** \-kə-ˈpē-(y)ə\ *n* 1 : a book describing drugs and medicinal preparations 2 : a stock of drugs

phar-ma-cy \ˈfär-mə-sē\ *n*, *pl -cies* 1 : the art or practice of preparing and dispensing drugs 2 : DRUGSTORE — **phar-macist** \-səst\ *n*

phar-os \ˈfær-,äs\ *n* : LIGHTHOUSE

phar-ynx \ˈfär-ink\ *n*, *pl phar-yn-ges* \fä-ˈrin-,jēz\ also

phar-ynx-es : the space just back of the mouth into which the nostrils, esophagus, and trachea open — **phar-yn-ge-al** \fä-ˈrin-j(ē)-əl, ˈfär-ən-ˈjē-əl\ *adj*

phase \ˈfāz\ *n* 1 : a particular appearance in a recurring series of changes (~s of the moon) 2 : a stage or interval in a process or cycle (first ~ of an experiment) 3 : an aspect or part under consideration

phase in *vb* : to introduce in stages

phase-out \ˈfāz-,aüt\ *n* : a gradual stopping of operations or production

phase out \ˈfāz-,aüt\ *vb* : to stop production or use of in stages

PhD *abbr* [*L philosophiae doctor*] doctor of philosophy
pheas-ant \ˈfēz-ənt\ *n*, *pl pheasant* or **pheasants** : any of various long-tailed brilliantly colored game birds related to the domestic fowl

phen-cy-cli-dine \,fēn-ˈsī-klə-,dēn\ *n* : a drug used medicinally as an anesthetic and sometimes illicitly to induce vivid mental imagery

phe-no-bar-bi-tal \,fē-nō-ˈbär-bə-,töl\ *n* : a crystalline drug used as a hypnotic and sedative

phe-nol \ˈfē-,nöl, -,nöl, fi-ˈnöl, -ˈnöl\ *n* : a caustic poisonous acidic compound in tar used as a disinfectant

phe-nom-e-non \fi-ˈnām-ə-,nän, -nən\ *n*, *pl -na* \-nə\ or **-nons** [*L phenomenon*, fr. Gk *phainomenon*, fr. neut. of *phainomenos*, prp. of *phainesthai* to appear] 1 *pl -na*

: an observable fact or event 2 : an outward sign of the working of a law of nature 3 *pl -nons* : an extraordinary person or thing : PRODIGY — **phe-nom-e-nal** \-ˈnām-ən-əl\ *adj*

pher-o-mone \ˈfer-ə-,mōn\ *n* : a chemical substance that is produced by an animal and serves to stimulate a behavioral response in other individuals of the same species — **pher-o-mon-al** \,fer-ə-ˈmōn-əl\ *adj*

phi-al \fi-(ə)\ *n* : VIAL

Phil *abbr* Philippians

phi-lan-der \fə-ˈlan-dər\ *vb -dered*; **-der-ing** \-d(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to make love without serious intent : FLIRT — **phi-lan-der-er** *n*

phi-lan-thro-py \fə-ˈlan-thrə-pē\ *n*, *pl -pies* 1 : goodwill to fellowmen; *esp* : effort to promote human welfare 2 : a charitable act or gift; also : an organization that distributes or is supported by donated funds — **phil-an-throp-ic** \,fil-ən-ˈthrəp-ik\ *adj* — **phi-lan-thro-pist** \fə-ˈlan-thrə-pəst\ *n*

phi-lat-e-ly \fə-ˈlat-əl-ē\ *n* : the collection and study of postage and imprinted stamps — **phi-lat-e-list** \-l-əst\ *n*

Phi-le-mon \fə-ˈlē-mən, fi-ˈ\ *n* — see BIBLE table

Phi-lip-pi-ans \fə-ˈlip-ē-ən\ *n* — see BIBLE table

phi-lip-pic \fə-ˈlip-ik\ *n* : TIRADE

phi-lis-tine \ˈfil-ə-,stēn; fə-ˈlis-tən\ *n*, often *cap* [*Philistine*, inhabitant of ancient Philistia (Palestine)] : a materialistic person; *esp* : one who is smugly insensitive or indifferent to intellectual or artistic values — **philistine** *adj*, often *cap*

philo-den-dron \,fil-ə-ˈden-drən\ *n*, *pl -drons* or **-dra** \-drə\ [NL, fr. Gk, neut. of *philodendros* loving trees, fr. *philos* dear, friendly + *dendron* tree] : any of various arums grown for their showy foliage

phi-lol-o-gy \fə-ˈläl-ə-jē\ *n* 1 : the study of literature and relevant fields 2 : LINGUISTICS; *esp* : historical and comparative linguistics — **phil-o-log-i-cal** \,fil-ə-ˈlāj-i-kəl\ *adj* — **phi-lol-o-gist** \fə-ˈläl-ə-jəst\ *n*

philos *abbr* philosopher; philosophy

phil-os-o-pher \fə-ˈlās-ə-fər\ *n* 1 : a reflective thinker : SCHOLAR 2 : a student of or specialist in philosophy 3 : one whose philosophical perspective enables him to meet trouble calmly

phil-os-o-phize \fə-ˈlās-ə-,fɪz\ *vb -phized*; **-phiz-ing** 1 : to reason like a philosopher : THEORIZE 2 : to expound a philosophy *esp*. superficially

phil-os-o-phy \fə-ˈlās-ə-fē\ *n*, *pl -phies* 1 : a critical study of fundamental beliefs and the grounds for them 2 : sciences and liberal arts exclusive of medicine, law, and theology (doctor of ~) 3 : a system of philosophical concepts (Aristotelian ~) 4 : a basic theory concerning a particular subject or sphere of activity 5 : the sum of the ideas and convictions of an individual or group (his ~ of life) 6 : calmness of temper and judgment — **phil-o-soph-ic** \,fil-ə-ˈsäf-ik\ or **phil-o-soph-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **phil-o-soph-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

phil-ter or **phil-tre** \ˈfil-tər\ *n* 1 : a potion, drug, or charm held to arouse sexual passion 2 : a magic potion

phle-bi-tis \ˈfi-ˈbit-əs\ *n* : inflammation of a vein

phle-bot-o-my \ˈfi-ˈbāt-ə-mē\ *n*, *pl -mies* : the opening of a vein for removing or releasing blood

phlegm \ˈflem\ *n* : thick mucus secreted in abnormal quantity *esp*. in the nose and throat

phleg-mat-ic \ˈfleg-ˈmat-ik\ *adj* : having or showing a slow and stolid temperament *syn* impassive, apathetic, stoic, stolid

phlo-em \ˈflō-,em\ *n* : a vascular plant tissue external to the xylem that carries dissolved food material downward

phlox \ˈfläks\ *n*, *pl phlox* or **phlox-es** : any of several American herbs; *esp* : one that has tall stalks with showy spreading terminal clusters of flowers

pho-bia \ˈfō-bē-ə\ *n* : an irrational persistent fear or dread

phoe-be \ˈfē-(i)bē\ *n* : a flycatcher of the eastern U.S.

that has a slight crest and is grayish brown above and yellowish white below

phoe-nix \fē-niks/ *n* : a legendary bird held to live for centuries and then to burn itself to death and rise fresh and young from its ashes

phon *abbr* phonetics

1 **phone** \fōn/ *n* **1** : EARPHONE **2** : TELEPHONE

2 **phone** *vb* **phoned**; **phon-ing** : TELEPHONE

pho-neme \fō-nēm/ *n* : one of the smallest units of speech that distinguish one utterance from another — **pho-ne-mic** \fō-nē-mik/ *adj*

pho-net-ics \fə-net-iks/ *n* : the study and systematic classification of the sounds made in spoken utterance — **pho-net-ic** \-ik/ *adj* — **pho-ne-ti-cian** \fō-nə-tish-ən/ *n*

pho-nic \fān-ik/ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or producing sound **2** : of or relating to the sounds of speech or to phonics — **pho-ni-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē/ *adv*

pho-nics \fān-iks/ *n* : a method of teaching people to read and pronounce words by learning the phonetic value of letters, letter groups, and esp. syllables

pho-no-graph \fō-nə-graf/ *n* : an instrument for reproducing sounds by means of the vibration of a needle following a spiral groove on a revolving disc — **pho-no-graph-ic** \fō-nə-graf-ik/ *adj* — **pho-no-graph-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē/ *adv*

pho-nol-o-gy \fə-nāl-ə-jē/ *n* : a study and description of the sound changes in a language — **pho-nol-o-gist** \fōn-l-āj-i-kəl/ *adj* — **pho-nol-o-gist** \fə-nāl-ə-jəst/ *n*

pho-ny or **pho-ney** \fō-nē/ *adj* **pho-ni-er**; -est : marked by empty pretension : FAKE — **phony** *n*

phosph- or **phospho-** *comb form* **1** : phosphorus **2** : phosphate

phos-phate \fās-fāt/ *n* : a salt of a phosphoric acid — **phos-phat-ic** \fās-fat-ik/ *adj*

phos-phor \fās-fər/ *also* **phos-phore** \-fər/ *n* : a phosphorescent substance

phos-pho-res-cence \fās-fə-res-əns/ *n* **1** : luminescence caused by radiation absorption that continues after the radiation has stopped **2** : an enduring luminescence without sensible heat — **phos-pho-res-cent** \-ənt/ *adj* — **phos-pho-res-cent-ly** *adv*

phosphoric acid \fās-fər-ik-, -fär-/ *n* : any of several oxygen-containing acids of phosphorus

phos-pho-rus \fās-f(ə)-rəs/ *n* [NL, fr. Gk *phōsphoros* light-bearing, fr. *phōs* light + *pherein* to carry, bring] : a nonmetallic chemical element that has characteristics similar to nitrogen and occurs widely esp. as phosphates — see **ELEMENT** table — **phos-phor-ic** \fās-fər-ik-, -fär-/ *adj* — **phos-pho-rous** \fās-f(ə)-rəs; fās-fər-əs-, -fər-/ *adj*

phot- or **photo-** *comb form* **1** : light **2** : photograph : photographic **3** : photoelectric

photo \fōt-ō/ *n*, *pl* **photos** : PHOTOGRAPH — **photo** *vb* or *adj*

photo-cell \fōt-ə-, sel/ *n* : PHOTOELECTRIC CELL

photo-chem-i-cal \fōt-ō-kem-i-kəl/ *adj* : of, relating to, or resulting from the chemical action of radiant energy

photo-com-pose \-kəm-pōz/ *vb* : to compose reading matter for reproduction by means of characters photographed on film — **photo-com-po-si-tion** \-kām-pə-zish-ən/ *n*

photo-copy \fōt-ə-, kăp-ē/ *n* : a photographic reproduction of graphic matter — **photocopy** *vb*

photo-elec-tric \fōt-ō-i-lek-trik/ *adj* : relating to an electrical effect due to the interaction of light with matter — **photo-elec-tri-cal-ly** \-tri-k(ə)-lē/ *adv*

photoelectric cell *n* : a device in which variations in light are converted into variations in an electric current

photo-en-grave \fōt-ō-in-grāv/ *vb* : to make a photoengraving of

photo-en-grav-ing \-grāv-ŋ/ *n* : a process by which an etched printing plate is made from a photograph or drawing; *also* : a print made from such a plate

photo finish *n* : a race finish so close that a photograph of the finish is used to determine the winner

1 **photo-tog** \fə-täg/ *n* : PHOTOGRAPHER

2 **photog** *abbr* photographic; **photography**

pho-to-ge-nic \fōt-ə-jen-ik/ *adj* : eminently suitable esp. aesthetically for being photographed

pho-to-graph \fōt-ə-, graf/ *n* : a picture taken by photography — **pho-to-graph** *vb* — **pho-tog-ra-pher** \fə-täg-rə-fər/ *n*

pho-tog-ra-phy \fə-täg-rə-fē/ *n* : the art or process of producing images on a sensitized surface (as film in a camera) by the action of light — **pho-to-graph-ic** \fōt-ə-graf-ik/ *adj* — **pho-to-graph-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē/ *adv*

pho-to-gra-vure \fōt-ə-grə-vyūr/ *n* : a process for making prints from an intaglio plate prepared by photographic methods

pho-to-li-thog-ra-phy \fōt-ō-lith-äg-rə-fē/ *n* : the process of photographically transferring a pattern to a surface for etching (as in making an integrated circuit)

pho-tom-e-ter \fō-tām-ət-ər/ *n* : an instrument for measuring luminous intensity — **pho-to-met-ric** \fōt-ə-met-rik/ *adj* — **pho-tom-e-try** \fō-tām-ə-trē/ *n*

pho-to-mi-cro-graph \fōt-ə-mi-kre-, graf/ *n* : a photograph of a magnified image of a small object — **pho-to-mi-cro-gra-phy** \-mi-krag-rə-fē/ *n*

pho-ton \fō-tān/ *n* : a quantum of radiant energy

pho-to-play \fōt-ō-, plā/ *n* : MOTION PICTURE

pho-to-sen-si-tive \fōt-ə-sen-sət-iv/ *adj* : sensitive or sensitized to the action of radiant energy

pho-to-sphere \fōt-ə-, sfēr/ *n* **1** : a sphere of light **2** : the luminous surface of a star — **pho-to-spher-ic** \fōt-ə-sfi(ə)r-ik-, -sfer-/ *adj*

pho-to-syn-the-sis \fōt-ō-sin-thə-səs/ *n* : formation of carbohydrates by chlorophyll-containing plants exposed to sunlight — **pho-to-syn-the-size** \-, siz/ *vb* — **pho-to-syn-thet-ic** \-sin-thet-ik/ *adj*

phr *abbr* phrase

1 **phrase** \frāz/ *n* **1** : a brief expression **2** : a group of two or more grammatically related words that form a sense unit expressing a thought

2 **phrase** *vb* **phrased**; **phras-ing** : to express in words

phrase-ol-o-gy \frā-zē-äl-ə-jē/ *n*, *pl* -gies : a manner of phrasing : STYLE

phras-ing \frā-zŋ/ *n* : style of expression

phre-net-ic \fri-net-ik/ *adj* : FRENETIC

phren-ic \fren-ik/ *adj* : of or relating to the diaphragm (~nerves)

phre-nol-o-gy \fri-nāl-ə-jē/ *n* : the study of the conformation of the skull as indicative of mental faculties and character traits

phy-lac-tery \fə-lak-t(ə)-rē/ *n*, *pl* -ter-ies **1** : one of two small square leather boxes containing slips inscribed with scripture passages and traditionally worn on the left arm and forehead by Jewish men during morning weekday prayers **2** : AMULET

phy-lum \fi-ləm/ *n*, *pl* **phy-la** \-lə/ : a major division of the animal and in some classifications the plant kingdom; *also* : a group (as of people) apparently of common origin

phys *abbr* **1** physical **2** physics

1 **phys-ic** \fiz-ik/ *n* **1** : the profession of medicine **2** : MEDICINE; *esp* : CATHARTIC

2 **physic** *vb* **phys-icked**; **phys-ick-ing** : PURGE

1 **phys-i-cal** \fiz-i-kəl/ *adj* **1** : of or relating to nature or the laws of nature **2** : material as opposed to mental or spiritual **3** : of, relating to, or produced by the forces

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\au\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ə\go \ō\law \ō\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot
\ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

and operations of physics **4** : of or relating to the body — **phys-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē/ *adv*

physical *n* : an examination of the bodily functions and condition of an individual

physical education *n* : instruction in the development and care of the body ranging from simple calisthenics to training in hygiene, gymnastics, and the performance and management of athletic games

physical examination *n* : PHYSICAL

physical science *n* : any of the sciences (as physics and astronomy) that deal primarily with nonliving materials — **physical scientist** *n*

physical therapy *n* : the treatment of disease by physical and mechanical means (as massage, exercise, water, or heat) — **physical therapist** *n*

phys-i-cian \fə-'zish-ən/ *n* : a doctor of medicine

phys-i-cist \fiz-ə-səst/ *n* : a specialist in physics

physics \fiz-iks/ *n* 1 : the science of matter and energy and their interactions **2** : physical properties and composition

phys-i-og-no-my \fiz-ē-'ä(g)-nə-mē/ *n*, *pl* -mies : facial appearance esp. as a reflection of inner character

phys-i-og-ra-phy \fiz-ē-'äg-rə-fē/ *n* : geography dealing with physical features of the earth — **phys-i-o-graph-ic** \fiz-ē-ō-'graf-ik/ *adj*

phys-i-ol-o-gy \fiz-ē-'äl-ə-jē/ *n* 1 : a science dealing with the functions and functioning of living matter and beings **2** : functional processes in an organism or any of its parts — **phys-i-o-log-i-cal** \-ē-ə-'läj-i-kəl/ or **phys-i-o-log-ic** \-ik/ *adj* — **phys-i-o-log-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē/ *adv* — **phys-i-ol-o-gist** \-ē-'äl-ə-jəst/ *n*

phys-i-o-ther-a-py \fiz-ē-ō-'ther-ə-pē/ *n* : treatment of disease by physical means (as massage or exercise) — **phys-i-o-ther-a-pist** \-pəst/ *n*

phys-ique \fə-'zēk/ *n* : the build of a person's body : bodily constitution

phy-to-plank-ton \fit-ō-,plank-tən/ *n* : plant life of the plankton

pi *a-nis-si-mo* \pē-ə-'nis-ə-,mō/ *adv* or *adj* : very softly

— used as a direction in music

pi-a-nist \pē-'an-əst, 'pē-ə-nəst/ *n* : one who plays the piano

pi-a-no \pē-'än-ō/ *adv* or *adj* : SOFTLY — used as a direction in music

piano \pē-'an-ō/ *n*, *pl* pianos [It, short for *pianoforte*, fr. *piano* *e forte* soft and loud, fr. *piano* soft (fr. L *planus* level, flat) + *forte* loud, fr. L *fortis* strong; fr. the fact that its tones could be varied in loudness] : a musical instrument having steel strings sounded by felt-covered hammers operated from a keyboard

pi-a-no-for-te \pē-'an-ō-'fōr-tā, -tē; pē-'an-ə-,fōrt/ *n* : PIANO

pi-as-ter or **pi-as-tre** \pē-'as-tər/ *n* — see *lira*, *pound* at MONEY table

pi-az-za \pē-'az-ə, esp for l -'at-sə/ *n*, *pl* piazzas or **pi-az-ze** \-'at-(ə)sā, -'ät-/ [It, fr. L *platea* broad street] **1** : an open square esp. in an Italian town **2** : a long hall with an arched roof; *also*, *dial* : VERANDA

pi-broch \pē-'brāk/ *n* : a set of variations for the bagpipe

pic \pik/ *n*, *pl* pics or **pix** \piks/ **1** : PHOTOGRAPH **2** : MOTION PICTURE

pi-ca \pi-'kə/ *n* : a typewriter type providing 10 characters to the inch

pi-ca-resque \,pik-ə-'resk, 'pē-kə-/ *adj* : of or relating to rogues (~ fiction)

pic-a-yune \,pik-ē-'(y)ün/ *adj* [F *picaillon* halfpenny] : of little value : TRIVIAL; *also* : PETTY

pic-ca-lil-li \,pik-ə-'lil-ē/ *n* : a pungent relish of chopped vegetables and spices

pic-co-lo \'pik-ə-,lə/ *n*, *pl* -los [It, short for *piccolo flauto* small flute] : a small shrill flute pitched an octave higher than the ordinary flute

pice \pi's/ *n*, *pl* pice : PAISA

'pick \'pik/ *vb* **1** : to pierce or break up with a pointed instrument **2** : to remove bit by bit (~ meat from bones); *also* : to remove covering matter from **3** : to gather by plucking (~ apples) **4** : CULL, SELECT **5** : ROB (~ a pocket) **6** : PROVOKE (~ a quarrel) **7** : to dig into or pull lightly at **8** : to pluck with fingers or a plectrum **9** : to loosen or pull apart with a sharp point (~ wool) **10** : to unlock with a wire **11** : to eat sparingly — **pick-er** *n*

²pick *n* **1** : the act or privilege of choosing **2** : the best or choicest one **3** : the part of a crop gathered at one time

³pick *n* **1** : PICKAX **2** : a pointed implement used for picking **3** : a small thin piece (as of metal) used to pluck the strings of a stringed instrument

pick-a-back \'pig-ē-,bak, 'pik-ə-/ *var* of PIGGYBACK

pick-ax \'pik-,aks/ *n* : a tool with a wooden handle and a blade pointed at one end or at both ends that is used by diggers and miners

pick-er-el \'pik-(ə)-rəl/ *n*, *pl* pickerel or pickerels : any of various small pikes; *also* : WALLEYE **2**

pick-er-el-weed \-rəl-,wēd/ *n* : a blue-flowered American shallow-water herb

'pick-et \'pik-ət/ *n* **1** : a pointed stake (as for a fence) **2** : a detached body of soldiers on outpost duty; *also* : SENTINEL **3** : a person posted by a labor union where workers are on strike; *also* : a person posted for a demonstration

²picket *vb* **1** : to guard with pickets **2** : TETHER **3** : to post pickets at (~ a factory) **4** : to serve as a picket

pick-ings \'pik-ɪŋz, -ənz/ *n* *pl* **1** : gleanable or eatable fragments : SCRAPS **2** : yield for effort expended : RETURN; *also* : share of spoils

pick-le \'pik-əl/ *n* **1** : a brine or vinegar solution for preserving foods; *also* : a food preserved in a pickle **2** : a difficult situation : PLIGHT — **pickle** *vb*

pick-lock \'pik-,læk/ *n* **1** : a tool for picking locks **2** : BURGLAR, THIEF

pick-pock-et \'pik-,pæk-ət/ *n* : one who steals from pockets

pick-up \'pik-,əp/ *n* **1** : a picking up **2** : revival of activity : IMPROVEMENT **3** : ACCELERATION **4** : a temporary chance acquaintance **5** : the conversion of mechanical movements into electrical impulses in the reproduction of sound; *also* : a device for making such conversion **6** : a light truck having an enclosed cab and an open body with low sides and a tailgate

pick up \('pik-'əp/ *vb* **1** : to take hold of and lift **2** : IMPROVE **3** : to put in order

pick-y \'pik-ē/ *adj* **pick-i-er-y** -est : FUSSY, FINICKY

'pic-nic \'pik-,nik/ *n* : an outing with food usu. provided by members of the group and eaten in the open

²picnic *vb* **pic-nicked**; **pic-nick-ing** : to go on a picnic : eat in picnic fashion

pi-co-sec-ond \'pē-kō-,sek-ənd/ *n* : one trillionth of a second

pi-cot \'pē-,kō/ *n* : one of a series of small loops forming an edging on ribbon or lace

pic-to-ri-al \'pik-tō-ē-əl/ *adj* : of, relating to, or consisting of pictures

'pic-ture \'pik-chər/ *n* **1** : a representation made by painting, drawing, or photography **2** : a vivid description in words **3** : IMAGE, COPY **4** : a transitory visual image or reproduction **5** : MOTION PICTURE **6** : SITUATION

²picture *vb* **pic-tured**; **pic-tur-ing** **1** : to paint or draw a picture of **2** : to describe vividly in words **3** : to form a mental image of

pic-tur-esque \,pik-chə-'resk/ *adj* **1** : resembling a picture (a ~ landscape) **2** : CHARMING, QUIANT (a ~ character) **3** : GRAPHIC, VIVID (a ~ account) — **pic-tur-esque-ness** *n*

picture tube *n* : a cathode-ray tube on which the picture in a television set appears

pid-dle \ˈpɪd-əl\ *vb* **pid-dled**; **pid-dling** \ˈpɪd-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to act or work idly : DAWDLE
pid-dling \-(ə-)lɪŋ, -(ə-)lɪŋ\ *adj* : TRIVIAL, PALTRY
pid-gin \ˈpɪj-ən\ *n* [fr. *Pidgin English*, *Pidgin E.*, modif. of *E business English*] : a simplified speech used for communication between people with different languages; *esp* : an English-based pidgin used in the Orient
pie \ˈpi\ *n* : a dish consisting of a pastry crust and a filling (as of fruit or meat)
pie *var of* **PI**
pie-bald \ˈpi-,bɔld\ *adj* : of different colors; *esp* : blotched with white and black
piebald *n* : a piebald animal (as a horse)
piece \ˈpiːs\ *n* 1 : a part of a whole : **FRAGMENT** 2 : one of a group, set, or mass (chess ~); *also* : a single item (a ~ of news) 3 : a length, weight, or size in which something is made or sold 4 : a product (as an essay) of creative work 5 : **FIREARM** 6 : **COIN**
piece *vb* **pieced**; **piecing** 1 : to repair or complete by adding pieces : **PATCH** 2 : to join into a whole
pièce de résistance \ˈpē-,es-də-rā-,zē-ˈstāns\ *n*, *pl* **pièces de résistance** \same\ 1 : the chief dish of a meal 2 : an outstanding item
piece-meal \ˈpiːs-mēl\ *adv or adj* : one piece at a time : **GRADUALLY**
piece-work \-,wɜrk\ *n* : work done and paid for by the piece — **piece-work-er** *n*
pie \ˈpiːd\ *adj* : of two or more colors in blotches : **VARI-GATED**
piéd-à-terre \ˈpē-,ād-ə-ˈter\ *n*, *pl* **piéd-à-terre** \same\ [F, lit., foot to the ground] : a temporary or second lodging
pier \ˈpiər\ *n* 1 : a support for a bridge span 2 : a structure built out into the water for use as a landing place or a promenade or to protect or form a harbor 3 : an upright supporting part (as a pillar) of a building or structure
pierce \ˈpiərs\ *vb* **pierced**; **piercing** 1 : to enter or thrust into sharply or painfully : **STAB** 2 : to make a hole in or through : **PERFORATE** 3 : to force or make a way into or through : **PENETRATE** 4 : to see through : **DISCERN**
pies *pl of* **PI** *or of* **PIE**
pi-ety \ˈpi-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **pi-et-ies** 1 : fidelity to natural obligations (as to parents) 2 : dutifulness in religion : **DEVOUT-NESS** 3 : a pious act *syn* allegiance, devotion, loyalty
pi-fle \ˈpiːfl\ *n* : trifling talk or action
pig \ˈpig\ *n* 1 : **SWINE**; *esp* : a young swine 2 : **PORK** 3 : one thought to resemble a pig (as in dirtiness or greed) 4 : a casting of metal (as iron or lead) run directly from a smelting furnace into a mold
pi-geon \ˈpij-ən\ *n* : any of numerous stout-bodied short-legged birds with smooth thick plumage
pi-geon-hole \ˈpij-ən-,hɔl\ *n* : a small open compartment (as in a desk) for keeping letters or documents
pigeonhole *vb* 1 : to place in or as if in a pigeonhole : **FILE** 2 : to lay aside 3 : **CLASSIFY**
pi-geon-toed \ˈpij-ən-,tōd\ *adj* : having the toes turned in
pig-gish \ˈpig-ish\ *adj* 1 : **GREEDY** 2 : **STUBBORN**
pig-gy-back \ˈpig-ē-,bak\ *adv or adj* 1 : up on the back and shoulders 2 : on a railroad flatcar
pig-head-ed \ˈpig-hed-əd\ *adj* : **OBSTINATE**, **STUBBORN**
pig latin *n*, *often cap L* : a jargon that is made by systematic alteration of English
pig-let \ˈpig-lət\ *n* : a small usu. young hog
pig-ment \ˈpig-mənt\ *n* 1 : coloring matter 2 : a powder mixed with a suitable liquid to give color (as in paints and enamels)
pig-men-ta-tion \-,pig-mən-ˈtā-shən\ *n* : coloration with or deposition of pigment; *esp* : an excessive deposition of bodily pigment
pigmy *var of* **PYGMY**
pig-nut \ˈpig-,nɒt\ *n* : any of several bitter hickory nuts; *also* : a tree bearing these

pig-pen \-,pen\ *n* 1 : a pen for pigs 2 : a dirty place
pig-skin \-,skin\ *n* 1 : the skin of a pig; *also* : leather made from it 2 : **FOOTBALL** 2
pig-sty \-,sti\ *n* : **PIG-PEN**
pig-tail \-,tāl\ *n* : a tight braid of hair
pi-ka \ˈpi-kə\ *n* : any of various small short-eared mammals of the rocky uplands of Asia and western No. America that are related to the rabbits
pike \ˈpɪk\ *n* : a sharp point or spike
pike *n*, *pl* **pikes** *or* **pikes** : a large slender long-snouted freshwater food fish; *also* : a related fish
pike *n* : a long wooden shaft with a pointed steel head formerly used as a foot soldier's weapon
pike *n* : **TURNPIKE**
pik-er \ˈpi-kər\ *n* 1 : one who does things in a small way or on a small scale 2 : **TIGHTWAD**, **CHEAPSKATE**
pik-staff \ˈpi-k-,staf\ *n* : the staff of a foot soldier's pike
pi-laf *or* **pi-laff** \ˈpi-,láf, ˈpē-,láf *or* **pi-lau** \ˈpi-,lō, ˈlō, ˈpē-lō, -lō\ *n* : a dish made of seasoned rice often with meat
pi-las-ter \ˈpi-,las-tər, ˈpī-,las-tər\ *n* : a slightly projecting upright column that ornaments or helps to support a wall
pil-chard \ˈpil-çərd\ *n* : any of several fishes related to the herrings and often packed as sardines
pil \ˈpɪl\ *n* : a long slender column (as of wood or steel) driven into the ground to support a vertical load
pil *n* 1 : a quantity of things heaped together 2 : **PYRE** 3 : a great number or quantity : **LOT**
pil *vb* **piled**; **piling** 1 : to lay in a pile : **STACK** 2 : to heap up : **ACCUMULATE** 3 : to press forward in a mass : **CROWD**
pil *n* : a velvety surface of fine short hairs or threads (as on cloth) — **piled** \ˈpɪld\ *adj* — **pil-less** *adj*
piles \ˈpɪlz\ *n pl* : **HEMORRHOIDS**
pil-fer \ˈpil-fər\ *vb* **pil-fered**; **pil-fer-ing** \-f(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to steal in small quantities
pil-grim \ˈpil-ɡrəm\ *n* [ME, fr. OF *peligrin*, fr. LL *pelegrinus*, alter. of L *peregrinus* foreigner, fr. *peregrinus* foreign, fr. *pereger* being abroad, fr. *per* through + *ager* land] 1 : one who journeys in foreign lands : **WAY-FARER** 2 : one who travels to a shrine or holy place as an act of devotion 3 *cap* : one of the English settlers founding Plymouth colony in 1620
pil-grim-age \-ɡrə-mij\ *n* : a journey of a pilgrim *esp.* to a shrine or holy place
pil-ing \ˈpil-ɪŋ\ *n* : a structure of piles
pill \ˈpɪl\ *n* 1 : a medicine prepared in a little ball to be taken whole 2 : a disagreeable or tiresome person 3 : an oral contraceptive — *usu.* used with *the*
pil-lage \ˈpil-ɪj\ *vb* **pil-laged**; **pil-lag-ing** : to take booty : **LOOT**, **PLUNDER** — **pillage** *n*
pil-lar \ˈpil-ər\ *n* 1 : a strong upright support (as for a roof) 2 : a column or shaft standing alone *esp.* as a monument — **pil-lared** \-ərd\ *adj*
pill-box \ˈpil-,bɒks\ *n* 1 : a low usu. round box to hold pills 2 : something (as a low concrete emplacement for machine guns) shaped like a pillbox
pil-lion \ˈpil-yən\ *n* 1 : a pad or cushion placed behind a saddle for an extra rider 2 : a motorcycle or bicycle saddle for a passenger
pil-lo-ry \ˈpil-(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* **-ries** : a wooden frame for public punishment having holes in which the head and hands can be locked
pillory *vb* **-ried**; **-ry-ing** 1 : to set in a pillory 2 : to expose to public scorn
pil-low \ˈpil-θ\ *n* : a case filled with springy material (as feathers) and used to support the head of a resting person

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 \a\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \g\sing \o\go \o\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

pillow *vb* : to rest or place on or as if on a pillow; *also* : to serve as a pillow for
pillow-case \ˈpil-ə-, kās-, -ō-*n* : a removable covering for a pillow
pi-lot \ˈpi-lət/ *n* 1 : HELMSMAN, STEERSMAN 2 : a person qualified and licensed to take ships into and out of a port 3 : GUIDE, LEADER 4 : one that flies an aircraft or spacecraft 5 : a television show filmed or taped as a sample of a proposed series — **pi-lot-less** *adj*
pi-lot *vb* : CONDUCT, GUIDE; *esp* : to act as pilot of
pi-lot *adj* : serving as a guiding or activating device or as a testing or trial unit (a ~ light) (a ~ factory)
pi-lot-house \ˈpi-lət-, haüs/ *n* : an enclosed place forward on the upper deck of a ship that shelters the steering gear and the helmsman
pil-sner *also* **pil-sen-er** \ˈpilz-(ə-)nər/ *n* [G, lit., of Pilsen, city in Czechoslovakia (now Plzeň)] 1 : a light beer with a strong flavor of hops 2 : a tall slender footed glass for beer
pi-men-to \pə-ˈment-ō/ *n*, *pl* **pimentos** or **pimento** [Sp *pimenta* allspice, pepper, fr. LL *pimenta*, pl. of *pimentum* plant juice, fr. L, pigment] 1 : PIMIENTO 2 : ALL-SPICE
pi-mien-to \pə-ˈm(y)ent-ō/ *n*, *pl* **-tos** : a mild red sweet pepper fruit that yields paprika
pimp \ˈpimp/ *n* : a man who solicits clients for a prostitute — **pimp** *vb*
pin-per-nel \ˈpim-pər-, nel-, -pər-nəl/ *n* : any of a genus of herbs related to the primroses and having flowers that close in rainy or cloudy weather
pin-ple \ˈpim-pəl/ *n* : a small inflamed swelling on the skin often containing pus — **pin-ple** \-p(ə-)lē/ *adj*
pin \ˈpin/ *n* 1 : a piece of wood or metal used esp. for fastening articles together or as a support by which one article may be suspended from another; *esp* : a small pointed piece of wire with a head used for fastening clothes or attaching papers 2 : an ornament or emblem fastened to clothing with a pin 3 : one of the wooden pieces constituting the target (as in bowling); *also* : the staff of the flag marking a hole on a golf course 4 : LEG
pin *vb* **pinned**; **pin-ning** 1 : to fasten with a pin 2 : to press together and hold fast 3 : to make dependent (*pinned* their hopes on one man) 4 : to assign the blame for (~ a crime on someone) 5 : to define clearly : ESTABLISH (~ down an idea) 6 : to hold fast or immobile in a spot or position
pi-ña co-la-da \,pēn-yə-kō-ˈläd-ə/ *n* [Sp, lit., strained pineapple] : a tall drink made of rum, cream of coconut, and pineapple juice mixed with ice
pin-afore \ˈpin-ə-, fōr/ *n* : a sleeveless dress or apron fastened at the back
pince-nez \ˈpaʰs-ˈnā/ *n*, *pl* **pince-nez** \-ˈnā(z)/ [F, lit., pinch-nose] : eyeglasses clipped to the nose by a spring
pin-cer \ˈpin-sər/ *n* 1 *pl* : a gripping instrument with two handles and two grasping jaws 2 : a claw (as of a lobster) resembling pincers
pinch \ˈpinʃ/ *vb* 1 : to squeeze between the finger and thumb or between the jaws of an instrument 2 : to compress painfully : CRAMP 3 : CONTRACT, SHRIVEL 4 : to be miserly; *also* : to subject to strict economy 5 : STEAL 6 : ARREST
pinch *n* 1 : a critical point 2 : painful effect 3 : an act of pinching 4 : a very small quantity 5 : ARREST
pinch *adj* : SUBSTITUTE (a ~ runner)
pinch-hit \(\)ˈpinʃ-ˈhit/ *vb* 1 : to bat in the place of another player esp. when a hit is particularly needed 2 : to act or serve in place of another — **pinch hit** *n* — **pinch hitter** *n*
pin curl *n* : a curl made usu. by dampening a strand of hair, coiling it, and securing it by a hairpin or clip
pin-cush-ion \ˈpin-, kush-ən/ *n* : a cushion for pins not in use
pine \ˈpin/ *n* : any of a genus of evergreen cone-bearing

trees; *also* : the light durable resinous wood of a pine
pine *vb* **pined**; **pin-ing** 1 : to lose vigor or health through distress 2 : to long for something intensely
pi-ne-al \ˈpi-nē-əl, pi-ˈnē-əl/ *n* : PINEAL GLAND — **pineal** *adj*
pineal gland *n* : a small usu. conical appendage of the brain of all vertebrates with a cranium that is variously postulated to be a vestigial third eye, an endocrine organ, or the seat of the soul
pine-ap-ple \ˈpin-, ap-əl/ *n* : a tropical plant bearing an edible juicy fruit; *also* : its fruit
pin-feath-er \ˈpin-, feth-ər/ *n* : a new feather just coming through the skin
ping \ˈpiŋ/ *n* 1 : a sharp sound like that of a bullet striking 2 : engine knock
pin-hole \ˈpin-, hōl/ *n* : a small hole made by, for, or as if by a pin
pin-ion \ˈpin-yən/ *n* : the end section of a bird's wing; *also* : WING
pinion *vb* : to restrain by binding the arms; *also* : SHACKLE
pinion *n* : a gear with a small number of teeth designed to mesh with a larger wheel or rack
pink \ˈpiŋk/ *n* 1 : any of a genus of plants with narrow leaves often grown for their showy flowers 2 : the highest degree : HEIGHT (the ~ of condition)
pink *n* : a light tint of red
pink *adj* 1 : of the color pink 2 : holding socialistic views — **pink-ish** *adj*
pink *vb* 1 : PIERCE, STAB 2 : to perforate in an ornamental pattern 3 : to cut a saw-toothed edge on
pink elephants *n pl* : any of various hallucinations arising esp. from heavy drinking or use of narcotics
pink-eye \ˈpiŋk-, ī/ *n* : an acute contagious eye inflammation
pin-kie or **pin-ky** \ˈpiŋ-kē/ *n*, *pl* **pinkies** : the smallest finger of the hand
pin-nace \ˈpin-əs/ *n* 1 : a light sailing ship 2 : a ship's boat
pin-na-cle \ˈpin-i-kəl/ *n* [ME *pinacle*, fr. MF, fr. LL *pinaculum* gable, fr. dim. of L *pinna* wing, battlement] 1 : a turret ending in a small spire 2 : a lofty peak 3 : the highest point : ACME
pin-nate \ˈpin-, ät/ *adj* : having similar parts arranged on each side of an axis — **pin-nate-ly** *adv*
pi-noch-le \ˈpē-, nək-əl/ *n* : a card game played with a 48-card deck
pi-ñon or **pin-yon** \ˈpin-, yōn-, -, yän/ *n*, *pl* **pi-ñons** or **pin-yons** or **pi-ño-nes** \ˈpin-ˈyō-nēz/ [AmerSp *piñón*] : any of various low-growing pines of western No. America with edible seeds; *also* : the edible seed of a piñon
pin-point \ˈpin-, pōint/ *vb* : to locate, hit, or aim with great precision
pin-prick \-, pri:k/ *n* 1 : a small puncture made by or as if by a pin 2 : a petty irritation or annoyance
pins and needles *n pl* : a prickling tingling sensation in a limb growing numb or recovering from numbness — **on pins and needles** : in a nervous or jumpy state of anticipation
pin-stripe \ˈpin-, stri:p/ *n* : a narrow stripe on a fabric; *also* : a suit with such stripes — **pin-striped** \-, stri:pt/ *adj*
pit \ˈpit/ *n* — see **WEIGHT** table
pin-to \ˈpin-, tō/ *n*, *pl* **pintos** *also* **pintoes** : a spotted horse
pinto bean *n* : a mottled kidney bean that is grown in the southwestern U.S. for food and for stock feed
pin-up \ˈpin-, əp/ *adj* : suitable for pinning up on an admirer's wall (~ photo); *also* : suited (as by beauty) to be the subject of a pinup photograph
pin-wheel \-, hwēl/ *n* 1 : a toy consisting of lightweight vanes that revolve at the end of a stick 2 : a fireworks device in the form of a revolving wheel of colored fire
pin-worm \-, wɔrm/ *n* : a small worm parasitic in the intestines of man
pin-yin \ˈpin-ˈyin/ *n*, *often cap* : a system for writing

Chinese ideograms by using Roman letters to represent the sounds

pi-o-neer \ˈpi-ə-ˈniər\ *n* [MF *pionier*, fr. OF *peonier* foot soldier, fr. *peon* foot soldier, fr. ML *pedon-*, *pedo*, fr. LL one with broad feet, fr. L *ped-*, *pes* foot] **1** : one that originates or helps open up a new line of thought or activity **2** : an early settler in a territory

pioneer *vb* **1** : to act as a pioneer **2** : to open or prepare for others to follow; *esp* : SETTLE

pi-ous \ˈpi-əs\ *adj* **1** : marked by reverence for deity : DEVOUT **2** : excessively or affectedly religious **3** : SACRED, DEVOTIONAL **4** : marked by sham or hypocrisy **5** : showing loyal reverence for a person or thing : DUTIFUL — **pi-ous-ly** *adv*

ˈpip \ˈpi-p\ *n* **1** : a disease of birds **2** : a usu. minor human ailment

ˈpip *n* : one of the dots or figures used chiefly to indicate numerical value (as of a playing card)

ˈpip *n* : a small fruit seed (as of an apple)

ˈpipe \ˈpi-p\ *n* **1** : a musical instrument having a tube played by forcing air through it **2** : BAGPIPE **3** : a tube designed to conduct something (as water, steam, or oil) **4** : a device for smoking having a tube with a bowl at one end and a mouthpiece at the other

ˈpipe *vb* **ˈpiped**; **ˈpip-ing** **1** : to play on a pipe **2** : to speak in a high or shrill voice **3** : to convey by or as if by pipes — **ˈpip-er** *n*

pipe down *vb* : to stop talking or making noise

pipe dream *n* : an illusory or fantastic hope

ˈpipe-line \ˈpi-p,lin\ *n* **1** : a line of pipe with pumps, valves, and control devices for conveying liquids, gases, or fine solids **2** : a channel for information

ˈpi-pette or **ˈpi-pet** \ˈpi-ˈpet\ *n* : a device for measuring and transferring small volumes of liquid

pipe up *vb* : to begin to play, sing, or speak

ˈpip-ing \ˈpi-piŋ\ *n* **1** : the music of pipes **2** : a narrow fold of material used to decorate edges or seams

ˈpip-ing *hot adj* : so hot as to sizzle or hiss : very hot

ˈpip-pin \ˈpi-pən\ *n* : any of several yellowish apples

ˈpip-squeak \ˈpi-p,skwēk\ *n* : one that is small or insignificant

ˈpi-quant \ˈpi-kənt\ *adj* **1** : pleasantly savory : PUNGENT **2** : engagingly provocative; *also* : having a lively charm — **ˈpi-quant-cy** \-kən-sē\ *n*

ˈpique \ˈpi-ek\ *n* [F] : offense taken by one slighted; *also* : a fit of resentment

ˈpique *vb* **ˈpiqued**; **ˈpiqu-ing** **1** : to offend esp. by slighting **2** : to arouse by a provocation or challenge : GOAD

ˈpi-qué or **ˈpi-que** \ˈpi-ˈkā\ *n* : a durable ribbed clothing fabric

ˈpi-quet \ˈpi-ˈkā\ *n* : a 2-handed card game played with 32 cards

ˈpi-ra-cy \ˈpi-rə-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies **1** : robbery on the high seas or in the air **2** : the unauthorized use of another's production or invention

ˈpi-ra-nha \ˈpi-ran-yə-, ˈrən-(y)ə\ *n* [Pg] : a small So. American fish that often attacks human beings and large animals

ˈpi-rate \ˈpi-rət\ *n* [ME, fr. MF or L; MF, fr. L *pirata*, fr. Gk *peiratēs*, fr. *peiran* to attempt, attack] : one who commits piracy — **ˈpirate** *vb* — **ˈpi-rat-i-cal** \ˈpi-rat-i-kəl, pi-ˈæd\ *adj*

ˈpir-ou-ette \ˈpi-rə-ˈwet\ *n* [F] : a full turn on the toe or ball of one foot in ballet; *also* : a rapid whirling about of the body — **ˈpirouette** *vb*

ˈpis *pl* of *pi*

ˈpis-ca-to-ri-al \ˈpi-s-kə-ˈtōr-ē-əl\ *adj* : of or relating to fishing

ˈPi-sces \ˈpi-sēz\ *n* [ME, fr. L, lit., fishes] **1** : a zodiacal constellation between Aquarius and Aries usu. pictured as a fish **2** : the 12th sign of the zodiac in astrology; *also* : one born under this sign

ˈpis-mire \ˈpi-s,mī(ə)r\ *n* : ANT

ˈpis-ta-chio \ˈpi-ˈstəsh-(ē-)ō-, ˈstāsh-ə\ *n*, *pl* -chios : the greenish edible seed of a small tree related to the sumacs; *also* : the tree

ˈpis-til \ˈpi-s-tl\ *n* : the female reproductive organ in a flower — **ˈpis-til-late** \ˈpi-s-tə-lāt\ *adj*

ˈpis-tol \ˈpi-s-tl\ *n* : a handgun whose chamber is integral with the barrel

ˈpistol-whip \-,hwip\ *vb* : to beat with a pistol

ˈpis-ton \ˈpi-s-tən\ *n* : a sliding piece that receives and transmits motion and that usu. consists of a short cylinder inside a large cylinder

ˈpit \ˈpit\ *n* **1** : a hole, shaft, or cavity in the ground **2** : an often sunken area designed for a particular use; *also* : an enclosed place (as for cockfights) **3** : HELL; *also*, *pl* : WORST (it's the ~s) **4** : a hollow or indentation esp. in the surface of the body **5** : a small indented scar (as from smallpox)

ˈpit *vb* **ˈpit-ted**; **ˈpit-ting** **1** : to form pits in or become marred with pits **2** : to match for fighting

ˈpit *n* : the stony seed of some fruits (as the cherry, peach, and date)

ˈpit *vb* **ˈpit-ted**; **ˈpit-ting** : to remove the pit from

ˈpi-ta \ˈpi-tə\ *n* [NGk] : a thin flat bread

ˈpit-a-pat \ˈpi-ti-ˈpat\ *n* : PITTER-PATTER — **ˈpit-a-pat** *adv* or *adj*

ˈpit bull *n* : a powerful compact short-haired dog developed for fighting

ˈpitch \ˈpiç\ *n* **1** : a dark sticky substance left over esp. from distilling tar or petroleum **2** : resin from various conifers — **ˈpitchy** *adj*

ˈpitch *vb* **1** : to erect and fix firmly in place (~ a tent) **2** : THROW, FLING **3** : to deliver a baseball to a batter **4** : to toss (as coins) toward a mark **5** : to set at a particular level (~ the voice low) **6** : to fall headlong **7** : to have the front end (as of a ship) alternately plunge and rise **8** : to incline downward : SLOPE

ˈpitch *n* **1** : the action or a manner of pitching **2** : degree of slope (~ of a roof) **3** : the relative level of some quality or state (a high ~ of excitement) **4** : highness or lowness of sound **5** : an often high-pressure sales talk **6** : the delivery of a baseball to a batter; *also* : the baseball delivered

ˈpitch-blende \ˈpiç-,blend\ *n* : a dark mineral that is the chief source of uranium

ˈpitch-er \ˈpiç-ər\ *n* : a container for liquids that usu. has a lip and a handle

ˈpitcher *n* : one that pitches esp. in a baseball game

ˈpitcher plant *n* : a plant with leaves modified to resemble pitchers in which insects are trapped and digested

ˈpitch-fork \ˈpiç-,fɔrk\ *n* : a long-handled fork used esp. in pitching hay

ˈpitch in *vb* **1** : to begin to work **2** : to contribute to a common effort

ˈpitch-man \ˈpiç-mən\ *n* : SALESMAN; *esp* : one who vends novelties on the streets or from a concession

ˈpit-e-ous \ˈpit-ē-əs\ *adj* : arousing pity : PITIFUL — **ˈpit-e-ous-ly** *adv*

ˈpit-fall \ˈpit-fəl\ *n* **1** : TRAP, SNARE; *esp* : a covered pit used for capturing animals **2** : a hidden danger or difficulty

ˈpith \ˈpiθ\ *n* **1** : loose spongy tissue esp. in the center of the stem of vascular plants **2** : the essential part : CORE **ˈpithy** \ˈpiθ-ē\ *adj* **ˈpith-i-er**; -est **1** : consisting of or filled with pith **2** : being brief and to the point

ˈpiti-able \ˈpit-ē-ə-bəl\ *adj* : PITIFUL

ˈpiti-ful \ˈpit-i-fəl\ *adj* **1** : arousing or deserving pity (a ~ sight) **2** : MEAN, MEAGER — **ˈpiti-ful-ly** \-f(ə-)lē\ *adv*

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 \əʊʊout \chʌchin \əbet \əeasy \gəgo \iʰit \iʰice \iʰjob
 \ŋsɪŋg \dʌgo \dʌlaw \dʌbboy \ththin \ththe \thʊfoot
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pitiless \ˈpit-i-ləs\ *adj* : devoid of pity : **MERCILESS** — **pitilessly** *adv*
pit-ton \ˈpē-tān\ *n* [F] : a spike, wedge, or peg that can be driven into a rock or ice surface as a support
pit-tance \ˈpit-ns\ *n* : a small portion, amount, or allowance
pit-ter-pat-ter \ˈpit-ər-, pat-ər, ˈpit-ē-\ *n* : a rapid succession of light taps or sounds — **pit-ter-patter** \ˈpit-ər-, pat-ər, ˈpit-ē-\ *adv* or *adj* — **pit-ter-patter** *like adv* \ *vb*
pi-tu-itary \ˈpə-t(y)ū-ə-ter-ē\ *n*, *pl* -itar-ies : PITUITARY GLAND — **pituitary** *adj*
pituitary gland *n* : a small oval endocrine gland attached to the brain which produces various hormones that affect most basic bodily functions
pit viper *n* : any of various mostly New World specialized venomous snakes with a sensory pit on each side of the head and hollow perforated fangs
ˈpity \ˈpit-ē\ *n*, *pl* **pit-ies** [ME *pīte*, fr. OF *pitē*, fr. L *pietas* piety, pity, fr. *pius* pious] 1 : sympathetic sorrow : **COMPASSION** 2 : something to be regretted
ˈpity *vb* **pit-ied**; **pit-ying** : to feel pity for
ˈpiv-ot \ˈpiv-ət\ *n* : a fixed pin on which something turns — **pivot** *adj* — **piv-ot-al** \ˈpiv-ət-əl\ *adj*
ˈpivot *vb* : to turn on or as if on a pivot
pix *pl* of **pic**
pix-el \ˈpik-səl, -səl\ *n* : any of the small elements that together make up an image (as on a television screen)
pix-ie or **pixy** \ˈpik-sē\ *n*, *pl* **pix-ies** : FAIRY; *esp* : a mischievous sprite
piz-za \ˈpēt-sə\ *n* [It] : an open pie made of rolled bread dough spread with a spiced mixture (as of tomatoes, cheese, and ground meat) and baked
piz-zazz or **pi-zazz** \ˈpə-zaz\ *n* 1 : GLAMOUR 2 : VITALITY
piz-ze-ria \ˈpēt-sə-ˈrē-ə\ *n* : an establishment where pizzas are made and sold
piz-zi-ca-to \ˈpit-si-ˈkāt-ō\ *adv* or *adj* [It] : by means of plucking instead of bowing — used as a direction in music
ˈpj's \ˈ(ˈ)pē-tjāz\ *n* *pl* : PAJAMAS
pk *abbr* 1 park 2 peak 3 peck 4 pike
pkg *abbr* package
pkt *abbr* 1 packet 2 pocket
pkwy *abbr* parkway
pl *abbr* 1 place 2 plate 3 plural
ˈplac-ard \ˈplak-ərd, -jərd\ *n* : a notice posted in a public place : **POSTER**
ˈplac-ard \-jərd, -ərd\ *vb* 1 : to cover with or as if with placards 2 : to announce by posting
ˈplac-ate \ˈplā-, kāt, ˈplak-, āt\ *vb* **plac-at-ed**; **plac-at-ing** : to soothe *esp.* by concessions : **APPEASE** — **plac-a-ble** \ˈplak-ə-bəl, ˈplā-kə-\ *adj*
ˈplace \ˈplās\ *n* [ME, fr. MF, open space, fr. L *platea* broad street, fr. Gk *plateia* (hodos), fr. fem. of *platys* broad, flat] 1 : SPACE, ROOM 2 : an indefinite region : AREA 3 : a building or locality used for a special purpose 4 : a center of population 5 : a particular part of a surface : SPOT 6 : relative position in a scale or sequence; *also* : high and *esp.* 2d position at the end of a competition 7 : ACCOMMODATION; *esp.* : SEAT 8 : the position of a figure in a numeral (12 is a two ~ number) 9 : JOB; *esp.* : public office 10 : a public square
ˈplace *vb* **placed**; **plac-ing** 1 : to distribute in an orderly manner : **ARRANGE** 2 : to put in a particular place : SET 3 : IDENTIFY 4 : to give an order for (~ a bet) 5 : to rank high and *esp.* 2d at the end of a competition
ˈpla-ce-bo \ˈplā-sē-bō\ *n*, *pl* -bos [L, I shall please] : an inert medication used for its psychological effect or for purposes of comparison in an experiment
ˈplace-hold-er \ˈplās-, hōl-dər\ *n* : a symbol in a mathematical or logical expression that may be replaced by the name of any element of a set
ˈplace-kick \-ˈkik\ *n* : the kicking of a ball placed or held on the ground — **placekick** *vb* — **place-kick-er** *n*

place-ment \ˈplās-mənt\ *n* : an act or instance of placing
ˈpla-cen-ta \ˈplā-sent-ə\ *n*, *pl* -centas or -cen-tae \-ˈsent-(j)ē\ [NL, fr. L, flat cake] : the organ in most mammals by which the fetus is joined to the uterus of the mother and is nourished — **ˈpla-cen-tal** \-ˈsent-əl\ *adj*
ˈplac-er \ˈplas-ər\ *n* : an alluvial or glacial deposit containing particles of valuable mineral
ˈplac-id \ˈplas-əd\ *adj* : UNDISTURBED, PEACEFUL *syn* tranquil, serene, calm — **ˈpla-cid-i-ty** \ˈplā-sid-ət-ē\ *n* — **ˈplac-id-ly** \ˈplas-əd-lē\ *adv*
ˈplack-et \ˈplak-ət\ *n* : a slit in a garment
ˈpla-gia-rize \ˈplā-jə-, rīz\ *vb* -rized; -riz-ing : to present the ideas or words of another as one's own — **ˈpla-gia-rism** \-rīz-əm\ *n* — **ˈpla-gia-rist** \-rəst\ *n*
ˈplague \ˈplāg\ *n* 1 : a disastrous evil or influx; *also* : NUISANCE 2 : PESTILENCE; *esp.* : a destructive contagious bacterial disease (as bubonic plague)
ˈplague *vb* **plagued**; **plagu-ing** 1 : to afflict with or as if with disease or disaster 2 : TEASE, TORMENT, HARASS
ˈplaid \ˈplad\ *n* 1 : a rectangular length of tartan worn *esp.* over the left shoulder as part of the Scottish national costume 2 : a twilled woolen fabric with a tartan pattern 3 : a pattern of unevenly spaced repeated stripes crossing at right angles — **plaid** *adj*
ˈplain \ˈplān\ *n* : an extensive area of level or rolling treeless country
ˈplain *adj* 1 : lacking ornament (a ~ dress) 2 : free of extraneous matter 3 : OPEN, UNOBSTRUCTED (~ view) 4 : EVIDENT, OBVIOUS 5 : easily understood : CLEAR 6 : CANDID, BLUNT 7 : SIMPLE, UNCOMPLICATED (~ cooking) 8 : lacking beauty — **ˈplain-ly** *adv* — **ˈplain-ness** \ˈplān-nəs\ *n*
ˈplain-clothes-man \ˈplān-ˈklō(θ)-z-mən, -man\ *n* : a police officer who does not wear a uniform while on duty : DETECTIVE
ˈplain-spo-ken \-ˈspō-kən\ *adj* : speaking or spoken plainly and *esp.* bluntly
ˈplaint \ˈplānt\ *n* 1 : LAMENTATION, WAIL 2 : PROTEST, COMPLAINT
ˈplain-tiff \ˈplānt-əf\ *n* : the complaining party in a lawsuit
ˈplain-tive \ˈplānt-iv\ *adj* : expressive of suffering or woe : MELANCHOLY — **ˈplain-tive-ly** *adv*
ˈplait \ˈplāt, ˈplat\ *n* 1 : PLEAT 2 : a braid *esp.* of hair or straw — **plait** *vb*
ˈplan \ˈplān\ *n* 1 : a drawing or diagram showing the parts or outline of something 2 : a method for accomplishing something 3 : GOAL, AIM — **ˈplan-less** *adj*
ˈplan *vb* **planned**; **plan-ning** 1 : to form a plan of (~ a new city) 2 : INTEND (planned to go) — **ˈplan-ner** *n*
ˈplane \ˈplān\ *vb* **planed**; **plan-ing** : to smooth or level off with or as if with a plane — **ˈplan-er** *n*
ˈplane *n* : PLANE TREE
ˈplane *n* : a tool for smoothing or shaping a wood surface



ˈplane

ˈplane *n* 1 : a level or flat surface 2 : a level of existence, consciousness, or development 3 : one of the main supporting surfaces of an airplane; *also* : AIRPLANE
ˈplane *adj* 1 : FLAT, LEVEL 2 : dealing with flat surfaces or figures (~ geometry)
ˈplane-load \ˈplān-, lōd\ *n* : a load that fills an airplane
ˈplan-et \ˈplan-ət\ *n* [ME *planetē*, fr. OF, fr. LL *planeta*, modif. of Gk *planēt-*, *planēs*, lit., wanderer, fr. *planas-thai* to wander] : a celestial body other than a comet,

PLANETS

SYMBOL	NAME	MEAN DISTANCE FROM THE SUN		PERIOD OF REVOLUTION IN DAYS OR YEARS	EQUATORIAL DIAMETER IN MILES
		astronomical units	million miles		
☿	Mercury	0.387	36.0	87.97 d.	3,031
♀	Venus	0.723	67.2	224.70 d.	7,521
♁	Earth	1.000	92.9	365.26 d.	7,926
♂	Mars	1.524	141.5	686.98 d.	4,216
♃	Jupiter	5.203	483.4	11.86 y.	88,700
♄	Saturn	9.569	889.0	29.46 y.	74,500
♅	Uranus	19.309	1793.8	84.01 y.	31,600
♆	Neptune	30.284	2813.4	164.79 y.	30,200
♇	Pluto	39.781	3695.7	247.69 y.	1,900

asteroid, or satellite that revolves around the sun — **plan-e-tary** \ˈæ-,tər-ē\ *adj*

plan-e-tar-i-um \ˈplæn-ē-tər-ē-əm\ *n*, *pl-i-ums* or *-ia* \-ē-ə\ : a building or room housing a device to project images of celestial bodies

plan-e-tes-i-mal \ˈplæn-ə-ˈtes-ə-məl\ *n* : any of numerous small solid celestial bodies which may have existed during the formation of the solar system

plan-e-toid \ˈplæn-ə-,tɔɪd\ *n* : a body resembling a planet; *esp* : ASTEROID

plane tree *n* : SYCAMORE 2; *esp* : one of or introduced from the Old World

plan-gent \ˈplæn-jənt\ *adj* 1 : having a loud reverberating sound 2 : having an expressive *esp.* plaintive quality — **plan-gen-cy** \-jən-sē\ *n*

plank \ˈplæŋk\ *n* 1 : a heavy thick board 2 : an article in the platform of a political party

plank *vb* 1 : to cover with planks 2 : to set or lay down forcibly 3 : to cook and serve on a board

plank-ing \ˈplæŋ-kiŋ\ *n* : a quantity or covering of planks

plank-ton \ˈplæŋk-tən\ *n* : the passively floating or weakly swimming animal and plant life of a body of water — **plank-ton-ic** \plæŋk-ˈtän-ik\ *adj*

plant \ˈplɑnt\ *vb* 1 : to set in the ground to grow 2 : ESTABLISH, SETTLE 3 : to stock or provide with something 4 : to place firmly or forcibly 5 : to hide or arrange with intent to deceive

plant *n* 1 : any of a kingdom of living things that usu. have no locomotor ability or obvious sense organs and have cellulose cell walls and usu. capacity for indefinite growth 2 : the land, buildings, and machinery used in carrying on a trade or business

plan-tain \ˈplɑnt-ən\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. L *plantagin-*, *planta-*, fr. *planta* sole of the foot; fr. its broad leaves] : any of a genus of short-stemmed weedy herbs with spikes of tiny greenish flowers

plantain *n* [Sp *plátano* plane tree, banana tree, fr. ML *plantanus* plane tree, alter. of L *platanus*] : a banana plant with starchy greenish fruit; *also* : its fruit

plan-tar \ˈplɑnt-ər, ˈplɑn-,tär\ *adj* : of or relating to the sole of the foot

plan-ta-tion \ˈplɑn-ˈtā-shən\ *n* 1 : a large group of trees under cultivation 2 : an agricultural estate worked by resident laborers

plant-er \ˈplɑnt-ər\ *n* 1 : one that plants or sows; *esp* : an owner or operator of a plantation 2 : a container for a plant

plant louse *n* : APHID

plaque \ˈplæk\ *n* [F] 1 : an ornamental brooch 2 : a flat thin piece (as of metal) used for decoration; *also* : a commemorative tablet 3 : a bacteria-containing film on a tooth

plash \ˈpləʃ\ *n* : SPLASH — **plash** *vb*

plas-ma \ˈplaz-mə\ *n* 1 : the watery part of blood, lymph, or milk 2 : a gas composed of ionized particles — **plas-**

mat-ic \ˈplaz-ˈmat-ik\ *adj*

plas-ter \ˈplas-tər\ *n* 1 : a dressing consisting of a backing spread with an often medicated substance that clings to the skin (adhesive ~) 2 : a paste that hardens as it dries and is used for coating walls and ceilings

plaster *vb* **plas-tered**; **plas-ter-ing** \-t(ə-)riŋ\ : to cover with or as if with plaster — **plas-ter-er** *n*

plas-ter-board \ˈplas-tər-,bɔrd\ *n* : a wallboard consisting of fiberboard, paper, or felt over a plaster core

plaster of par-is \-ˈpar-əs\ *often cap 2d P* : a white powder made from gypsum and used as a quick-setting paste with water for casts and molds

plas-tic \ˈplas-tik\ *adj* [L *plasticus* of molding, fr. Gk *plastikos*, fr. *plassein* to mold, form] 1 : capable of being molded (~ clay) 2 : characterized by or using modeling (~ arts) 3 : made or consisting of a plastic syn pliable, plant, ductile, malleable, adaptable — **plas-tic-ity** \ˈplas-ˈtis-ət-ē\ *n*

plastic *n* : a plastic substance; *esp* : a synthetic or processed material that can be formed into rigid objects or into films or filaments

plastic surgery *n* : a branch of surgery concerned with the repair, restoration, or improvement of lost, injured, defective, or misshapen body parts — **plastic surgeon** *n*

plat \ˈplæt\ *n* 1 : a small plot of ground 2 : a plan of a piece of land with actual or proposed features (as lots)

plat *vb* **plat-ted**; **plat-ting** : to make a plat of

plate \ˈplæt\ *n* 1 : a flat thin piece of material 2 : domestic hollowware made of or plated with gold, silver, or base metals 3 : DISH 4 : HOME PLATE 5 : the molded metal or plastic cast of a page of type to be printed from 6 : a thin sheet of material (as glass) that is coated with a chemical sensitive to light and is used in photography 7 : the part of a denture that fits to the mouth and holds the teeth 8 : something printed from an engraving 9 : a huge mobile segment of the earth's crust

plate *vb* **plat-ed**; **plat-ing** 1 : to arm with armor plate 2 : to overlay with metal (as gold or silver) 3 : to make a printing plate of

pla-teau \ˈplɑ-tō\ *n*, *pl plateaus* or **pla-teaux** \-ˈtōz\ [F] : a large level area raised above adjacent land on at least one side : TABLELAND

plate glass *n* : rolled, ground, and polished sheet glass

plat-en \ˈplæt-ən\ *n* 1 : a flat plate of metal; *esp* : one (as the part of a printing press which presses the paper against the type) that exerts or receives pressure 2 : the roller of a typewriter

plat-form \ˈplæt-,fɔrm\ *n* 1 : a raised flooring or stage for speakers, performers, or workers 2 : a declaration of the principles on which a group of persons (as a political party) stands

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\au\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ə\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \i\job
\ŋ\sing \d\go \d\law \d\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\foot
\u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

plat-ing \ˈplāt-ɪŋ\ *n* : a coating of metal plates or plate (the ~ of a ship)

plat-i-num \ˈplāt-(ə)nəm\ *n* : a heavy silver-white metallic chemical element — see **ELEMENT** table

plat-i-tude \ˈplāt-ə,t(y)üd\ *n* : a flat or trite remark — **plat-i-tu-di-nous** \-t(y)üd-(ə)nəs\ *adj*

pla-ton-ic love \plə-tən-ik-, plā-*n*, often *cap P* : a close relationship between two persons in which sexual desire has been suppressed or sublimated

pla-toon \plə-tūn\ *n* [*F peloton* small detachment, lit., ball, fr. *pelote* little ball] 1 : a subdivision of a company-size military unit usu. consisting of two or more squads or sections 2 : a group of football players trained either for offense or for defense and sent into the game as a body

platoon sergeant *n* : a noncommissioned officer in the army ranking below a first sergeant

plat-ter \ˈplāt-ər\ *n* 1 : a large serving plate 2 : a phonograph record

platy \ˈplāt-ē\ *n*, *pl* **platy** or **plat-ys** or **plat-ies** : any of various small stocky often brilliantly colored fish that are popular for tropical aquariums

platy-pus \ˈplāt-i-pəs\ *n*, *pl* **platy-pus-es** also **platy-pi** \-pī\ [*NL*, fr. *Gk platypous* flat-footed, fr. *platys* broad, flat + *pous* foot] : a small aquatic egg-laying marsupial mammal of Australia with webbed feet and a fleshy bill like a duck's

plau-dit \ˈplōd-ət\ *n* : an act of applause

plau-si-ble \ˈplō-zə-bəl\ *adj* [*L plausibilis* worthy of applause, fr. *plausus*, pp. of *plaudere*] : seemingly worthy of belief : **PERSUASIVE** — **plau-si-bil-i-ty** \plō-zə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n* — **plau-si-bly** \ˈplō-zə-blē\ *adv*

ˈplay \ˈplā\ *n* 1 : brisk handling of something (as a weapon) 2 : the course of a game; also : a particular act or maneuver in a game 3 : recreational activity; *esp* : the spontaneous activity of children 4 : JEST (said in ~) 5 : the act or an instance of punning 6 : **GAMBLING** 7 : OPERATION (bring extra force into ~) 8 : a brisk or light movement 9 : free motion (as of part of a machine) 10 : scope for action 11 : **PUBLICITY** 12 : an effort to arouse liking (made a ~ for her) 13 : a stage representation of a drama; also : a dramatic composition — **play-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **play-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **play-ful-ness** *n* — **in play** : in condition or position to be played

ˈplay *vb* 1 : to engage in recreation : **FROLIC** 2 : to handle or behave lightly or absentmindedly 3 : to make a pun (~ on words) 4 : to take advantage (~ on fears) 5 : to move or operate in a brisk or irregular manner (a flashlight ~ed over the wall) 6 : to perform music (~ on a violin); also : to perform (music) on an instrument (~ a waltz) 7 : to perform music upon (~ the piano); also : to sound in performance (the organ is ~ing) 8 : to cause to emit sounds (~ a radio) 9 : to act in a dramatic medium; also : to act in the character of (~ the hero) 10 : **GAMBLE** 11 : to behave in a specified way (~ safe); also : **COOPERATE** (~ along with him) 12 : to deal with; also : **EMPHASIZE** (~ up her good qualities) 13 : to perform for amusement (~ a trick) 14 : **WREAK** 15 : to contend with in a game; also : to fill (a certain position) on a team 16 : to make wagers on (~ the races) 17 : **WIELD**, **PLY** 18 : to keep in action — **play-er** *n*

play-act-ing \ˈplā,-ak-tiŋ\ *n* 1 : performance in theatrical productions 2 : insincere or artificial behavior

play-back \ˈplā,-bak\ *n* : an act of reproducing a sound recording often immediately after recording — **play back** \-(ə)plā-ˈbak\ *vb*

play-bill \-bil\ *n* : a poster advertising the performance of a play

play-book \-,bük\ *n* : a notebook containing diagramed football plays

play-boy \-,bōi\ *n* : a man whose chief interest is the pursuit of pleasure

play-go-er \-,gō-(ə)r\ *n* : a person who frequently attends plays

play-ground \-,graund\ *n* : an area used for games and recreation *esp*. by children

play-house \-,haʊs\ *n* 1 : **THEATER** 2 : a small house for children to play in

playing card *n* : one of a set of 24 to 78 cards marked to show its rank and suit and used to play a game of cards

play-let \ˈplā-lət\ *n* : a short play

play-mate \-,māt\ *n* : a companion in play

play-off \-,ɒf\ *n* : a contest or series of contests to break a tie or determine a championship

play-pen \-,pen\ *n* : a portable enclosure in which a young child may play

play-suit \-,süt\ *n* : a sports and play outfit for women and children

play-thing \-,thiŋ\ *n* : **TOY**

play-wright \-,rit\ *n* : a writer of plays

pla-za \ˈplaz-ə, ˈplāz-\ *n* [*Sp*, fr. *L platea* broad street] 1 : a public square in a city or town 2 : a shopping center **plea** \ˈplē\ *n* 1 : a defendant's answer in law to charges made against him 2 : something alleged as an excuse : **PRETEXT** 3 : **ENTREATY**, **APPEAL**

plead \ˈplēd\ *vb* **plead-ed** \plēd-əd\ or **pled** \ˈpled\; **plead-ing** 1 : to argue before a court or authority (~ a case) 2 : to answer to a charge or indictment (~ guilty) 3 : to argue for or against something (~ for acquittal) 4 : to appeal earnestly (~s for help) 5 : to offer as a plea (as in defense) (~ed illness) — **plead-er** *n*

pleas-ant \ˈplez-ənt\ *adj* 1 : giving pleasure : **AGREEABLE** (a ~ experience) 2 : marked by pleasing behavior or appearance (a ~ person) — **pleas-ant-ly** *adv* — **pleas-ant-ness** *n*

pleas-ant-ry \-n-trē\ *n*, *pl* **-ries** : a pleasant and casual act or speech

ˈplease \ˈplēz\ *vb* **pleased**; **pleas-ing** 1 : to give pleasure or satisfaction to 2 : **LIKE** (do as you ~) 3 : to be the will or pleasure of (may it ~ his Majesty)

ˈplease *adv* — used as a function word to express politeness or emphasis in a request (~ come in)

pleas-ing \ˈplē-zɪŋ\ *adj* : giving pleasure — **pleas-ing-ly** *adv*

plea-sur-able \ˈplezh-(ə)rə-bəl\ *adj* : **PLEASANT**, **GRATIFYING** — **plea-sur-ably** \-blē\ *adv*

plea-sure \ˈplezh-ər\ *n* 1 : **DESIRE**, **INCLINATION** (await your ~) 2 : a state of gratification : **ENJOYMENT** 3 : a source of delight or joy

ˈpleat \ˈplēt\ *vb* 1 : **FOLD**; *esp* : to arrange in pleats 2 : **BRAID**

ˈpleat *n* : a fold (as in cloth) made by doubling material over on itself : **PLAIT**

plebe \ˈplēb\ *n* : a freshman at a military or naval academy

ˈple-be-ian \pli-ˈbē-ən\ *n* 1 : a member of the Roman plebs 2 : one of the common people

ˈplebeian *adj* 1 : of or relating to plebeians 2 : **COMMON**, **VULGAR**

pleb-i-scite \ˈpleb-ə,-sit,-sət\ *n* : a vote of the people (as of a country) on a proposal submitted to them

plebs \ˈplebz\ *n*, *pl* **ple-bes** \ˈplē-bēz\ 1 : the common people of ancient Rome 2 : the general populace

plec-trum \ˈplek-trəm\ *n*, *pl* **plec-tra** \-trə\ or **plec-trums** [*L*] : **PICK** 3

ˈpledge \ˈplej\ *n* 1 : something given as security for the performance of an act 2 : the state of being held as a security or guaranty 3 : **TOAST** 3 4 : **PROMISE**, **VOW**

ˈpledge *vb* **pledged**; **pledg-ing** 1 : to deposit as a pledge 2 : **TOAST** 3 : to bind by a pledge : **PLIGHT** 4 : **PROMISE**

ˈPleis-to-cene \pli-stə,-sēn\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the earlier epoch of the Quaternary — **Pleistocene** *n*

ˈple-na-ry \ˈplē-nə-rē, ˈplen-ə\ *adj* 1 : **FULL** (~ power) 2 : including all entitled to attend (~ session)

ˈpleni-po-ten-tia-ry \plen-ə-pə-ˈtēnch-(ə)-rē, -ˈten-chē-

er-ē *n*, *pl -ries* : a diplomatic agent having full authority — **plenipotentiary** *adj*
plen-i-tude \ˈplɛn-ə-,t(y)ūd *n* 1 : COMPLETENESS 2 : ABUNDANCE
plen-te-ous \ˈplɛnt-ē-əs *adj* 1 : FRUITFUL 2 : existing in plenty
plen-ti-ful \ˈplɛnt-i-fəl *adj* 1 : containing or yielding plenty 2 : ABUNDANT — **plen-ti-ful-ly** \-ē *adv*
plen-ty \ˈplɛnt-ē *n* : a more than adequate number or amount
ple-num \ˈplɛn-əm, ˈplɛn-əm *n*, *pl -nums* or *-na* \-ə *n* : a general assembly of all members esp. of a legislative body
pleth-o-ra \ˈplɛth-ə-rə *n* : an excessive quantity or fullness; *also* : PROFUSION
pleu-ri-sy \ˈplür-ə-sē *n* : inflammation of the membrane that lines the chest and covers the lungs
plex-us \ˈplek-səs *n* : an interlacing network esp. of blood vessels or nerves
pli-able \ˈpli-ə-bəl *adj* 1 : FLEXIBLE 2 : yielding easily to others syn plastic, pliant, ductile, malleable, adaptable — **pli-abil-i-ty** \ˈpli-əˈbil-ə-tē *n*
pli-ant \ˈpli-ənt *adj* 1 : FLEXIBLE 2 : easily influenced : PLIABLE — **pli-an-cy** \-ən-sē *n*
pliers \ˈpli-(ə)rɪz *n pl* : small pincers for bending wire or handling small objects
plight \ˈplɪt *vb* : to put or give in pledge : ENGAGE
plight *n* : CONDITION, STATE; *esp* : a bad state
plinth \ˈplɪnθ *n* : the lowest part of the base of an architectural column
Plio-cene \ˈpli-ə-,sēn *adj* : of, relating to, or being the latest epoch of the Tertiary — **Pliocene** *n*
plod \ˈplɒd *vb* **plod-ded**; **plod-ding** 1 : to walk heavily or slowly : TRUDGE 2 : to work laboriously and monotonously : DRUDGE — **plod-d-er** *n* — **plod-ding-ly** \-ɪŋ-lē *adv*
plop \ˈplɒp *vb* **plopped**; **plop-ping** 1 : to make or move with a sound like that of something dropping into water 2 : to set, drop, or throw heavily — **plop** *n*
plot \ˈplɒt *n* 1 : a small area of ground 2 : a ground plan (as of an area) 3 : the main story (as of a book or movie) 4 : a secret scheme : INTRIGUE
plot *vb* **plot-ted**; **plot-ting** 1 : to make a plot or plan of 2 : to mark on or as if on a chart 3 : to plan or contrive esp. secretly — **plot-ter** *n*
plow-er \ˈplɒv-ər, ˈplɒ-vər *n*, *pl plover* or *plovers* : any of various shorebirds related to the sandpipers but with shorter stouter bills
plow or **plough** \ˈplau *n* 1 : an implement used to cut, turn over, and partly break up soil 2 : a device operating like a plow; *esp* : SNOWPLOW
plow or **plough** *vb* 1 : to open, break up, or work with a plow 2 : to cleave or move through like a plow (a ship ~ing the waves) 3 : to proceed laboriously — **plow-able** *adj* — **plow-er** *n*
plow-boy \ˈplau-,bɔɪ *n* : a boy who guides a plow or leads the horse drawing it
plow-man \-mən, -man *n* 1 : a man who guides a plow 2 : a farm laborer
plow-share \-,sheər *n* : the part of a plow that cuts the earth
ploy \ˈplɔɪ *n* : a tactic intended to embarrass or frustrate an opponent
pluck \ˈplɛk *vb* 1 : to pull off or out : PICK; *also* : to pull something from 2 : to play (an instrument) by pulling the strings 3 : TUG, TWITCH
pluck *n* 1 : an act or instance of plucking 2 : SPIRIT, COURAGE
plucky \ˈplɛk-ē *adj* **pluck-i-er**; **-est** : COURAGEOUS, SPIRITED
plug \ˈplʌg *n* 1 : STOPPER; *also* : an obstructing mass 2 : a cake of tobacco 3 : a poor or worn-out horse 4 : a device on the end of a cord for making an electrical connection 5 : a piece of favorable publicity

plug *vb* **plugged**; **plug-ging** 1 : to stop, make tight, or secure by inserting a plug 2 : HIT, SHOOT 3 : to publicize insistently 4 : FLOD, DRUDGE
plum \ˈplʌm *n* [ME, fr. OE *plūme*, fr. L *prunum* plum] 1 : a smooth-skinned juicy fruit borne by trees related to the peach and cherry; *also* : a tree bearing plums 2 : a raisin when used in desserts (as puddings) 3 : something excellent; *esp* : something desirable given in return esp. for a political favor
plum-age \ˈplū-mij *n* : the feathers of a bird
plumb \ˈplʌm *n* : a weight on the end of a line (**plumb line**) used esp. by builders to show vertical direction
plumb *adv* 1 : VERTICALLY 2 : EXACTLY; *also* : IMMEDIATELY 3 : COMPLETELY
plumb *vb* : to sound, adjust, or test with a plumb (~ the depth of a well)
plumb *adj* 1 : VERTICAL 2 : THOROUGH, COMPLETE
plumb-er \ˈplʌm-ər *n* [ME, fr. MF *plombier*, fr. L *plumbarius*, deriv. of *plumbum* lead] : a worker who fits or repairs water and gas pipes and fixtures
plumb-ing \ˈplʌm-ɪŋ *n* : a system of pipes in a building for supplying and carrying off water
plume \ˈplūm *n* : FEATHER; *esp* : a large, conspicuous, or showy feather — **plumed** \ˈplūmd *adj* — **plumy** \ˈplū-mē *adj*
plume *vb* **plumed**; **plum-ing** 1 : to provide or deck with feathers 2 : to indulge (oneself) in pride
plum-met \ˈplʌm-ət *n* : PLUMB; *also* : PLUMB LINE
plummet *vb* : to drop or plunge straight down
plump \ˈplʌmp *vb* 1 : to drop or fall suddenly or heavily 2 : to favor something strongly (~s for the new method)
plump *n* : a sudden heavy fall or blow; *also* : the sound made by it
plump *adv* 1 : straight down; *also* : straight ahead 2 : UNQUALIFIEDLY
plump *adj* : having a full rounded usu. pleasing form : CHUBBY syn fleshy, stout, roly-poly, rotund — **plump-ness** *n*
plun-der \ˈplʌn-dər *vb* **plun-dered**; **plun-der-ing** \-d(ə)-rɪŋ *n* : to take the goods of by force or wrongfully : PILLAGE — **plun-der-er** *n*
plunder *n* : something taken by force or theft : LOOT
plunge \ˈplʌŋ *vb* **plunged**; **plung-ing** 1 : IMMERSE, SUBMERGE 2 : to enter or cause to enter a state or course of action suddenly or violently (~ into war) 3 : to cast oneself into or as if into water 4 : to gamble heavily and recklessly 5 : to descend suddenly
plunge *n* : a sudden dive, leap, or rush
plunger \ˈplʌn-jər *n* 1 : one that plunges 2 : a sliding piece driven by or against fluid pressure : PISTON 3 : a rubber cup on a handle pushed against an opening to free a waste outlet of an obstruction
plunk \ˈplʌŋk *vb* 1 : to make or cause to make a hollow metallic sound 2 : to drop heavily or suddenly — **plunk** *n*
plu-per-fect \ˈplū-ˈpər-fɪkt *adj* [modif. of LL *plusquamperfectus*, lit., more than perfect] : of, relating to, or constituting a verb tense that denotes an action or state as completed at or before a past time spoken of — **pluperfect** *n*
plu-ral \ˈplʌr-əl *adj* [ME, fr. MF & L; MF *plurel*, fr. L *pluralis*, fr. *plur-*, *plus* more] : of, relating to, or constituting a word form used to denote more than one — **plural** *n*
plu-ral-i-ty \plʌˈrəl-ət-ē *n*, *pl -ties* 1 : the state of being plural 2 : an excess of votes over those cast for an opposing candidate 3 : the greatest number of votes cast when not a majority

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\ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

plu-ral-ize \ˈplʊr-ə-,lɪz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to make plural or express in the plural form — **plu-ral-iza-tion** \ˈplʊr-ə-lə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*

plus \ˈplʌs\ *adj* [L, more] **1** : requiring addition **2** : having or being in addition to what is anticipated or specified (~ values)

plus *n*, **pl plus-es** \ˈplʌs-əz\ *also* **plus-ses** **1** : a sign + (plus sign) used in mathematics to require addition or designate a positive quantity **2** : an added quantity; *also* : a positive quantity **3** : ADVANTAGE

plus *prep* : increased by : with the addition of (3 ~ 4 equals 7)

plush \ˈplʌʃ\ *n* : a fabric with a pile longer and less dense than velvet pile — **plushy** *adj*

plush *adj* : notably luxurious — **plush-ly** *adv*

Plu-to \ˈplʊt-ə\ *n* : the planet farthest from the sun

plu-toc-ra-cy \ˈplʊ-ˈtāk-rə-sē\ *n*, **pl -cies** **1** : government by the wealthy **2** : a controlling class of the wealthy — **plu-to-crat** \ˈplʊt-ə-,krət\ *n* — **plu-to-crat-ic** \ˈplʊt-ə-ˈkrat-ik\ *adj*

plu-to-ni-um \ˈplʊ-ˈtō-nē-əm\ *n* : a radioactive chemical element formed by the decay of neptunium — see ELEMENT table

plu-vi-al \ˈplʊ-vē-əl\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to rain **2** : characterized by abundant rain

ply \ˈpli\ *vb* **plied**; **ply-ing** : to twist together (~ yarns)

ply *n*, **pl plies** : one of the folds, thicknesses, or strands of which something (as plywood or yarn) is made

ply *vb* **plied**; **ply-ing** **1** : to use, practice, or work diligently (*plies her needle*) (~ with a trade) **2** : to keep supplying something to (*plied them with liquor*) **3** : to go or travel regularly esp. by sea

Plym-outh Rock \ˈplɪm-əθ-\ *n* : any of an American breed of medium-sized single-combed domestic fowls

ply-wood \ˈpli-wʊd\ *n* : material made of thin sheets of wood glued and pressed together

pm *abbr* premium

Pm *symbol* promethium

PM *abbr* **1** paymaster **2** police magistrate **3** postmaster **4** often not *cap* post meridiem **5** postmortem **6** prime minister **7** provost marshal

pmk *abbr* postmark

pmt *abbr* payment

PN *abbr* promissory note

pneu-mat-ic \n(y)ü-ˈmat-ik\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or using air or wind **2** : moved by air pressure **3** : filled with compressed air — **pneu-mat-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

pneu-mo-co-ni-o-sis \n(y)ü-mō-,kō-nē-ˈō-səs\ *n* : a disease of the lungs caused by habitual inhalation of irritant mineral or metallic particles

pneu-mo-nia \n(y)ü-ˈmō-nyə\ *n* : an inflammatory disease of the lungs

Po *symbol* polonium

PO *abbr* **1** petty officer **2** post office

poach \ˈpöch\ *vb* [ME *pochen*, fr. MF *pocher*, fr. OF *pochier*, lit., to put into a bag, fr. *pocher* bag, pocket, of Gmc origin] : to cook (as an egg or fish) in simmering liquid

poach *vb* : to hunt or fish unlawfully — **poach-er** *n*

POC *abbr* port of call

pock \ˈpāk\ *n* : a small swelling on the skin (as in small-pox); *also* : its scar

pock-et \ˈpāk-ət\ *n* **1** : a small bag open at the top or side inserted in a garment **2** : supply of money : MEANS **3** : RECEPTACLE, CONTAINER **4** : a small isolated area or group **5** : a small body of ore — **pock-et-ful** *n*

pocket *vb* **1** : to put in or as if in a pocket **2** : STEAL

pocket *adj* **1** : small enough to fit in a pocket; *also* : SMALL, MINIATURE **2** : carried in or paid from one's own pocket

pock-et-book \-,bʊk\ *n* **1** : PURSE; *also* : HANDBAG **2** : financial resources

pocketbook *adj* : relating to money

pocket gopher *n* : GOPHER **2**

pock-et-knife \ˈpāk-ət-,nɪf\ *n* : a knife with a folding blade to be carried in the pocket

pocket veto *n* : an indirect veto of a legislative bill by an executive through retention of the bill unsigned until after adjournment of the legislature

pock-mark \ˈpāk-,märk\ *n* : a pit or scar caused by small-pox or acne — **pock-marked** \-,märkt\ *adj*

po-co \,pō-kō-,pō-\ *adv* [It, little, fr. L *paucus*] : SOMEWAT — used to qualify a direction in music (~ allegro)

po-co *a po-co* \,pō-kō-ä-ˈpō-kō-,pō-kō-ä-ˈpō-\ *adv* : little by little : by small degrees : GRADUALLY

pod \ˈpād\ *n* **1** : a dry fruit (as of a pea) that splits open when ripe **2** : an external streamlined compartment (as for a jet engine) on an airplane **3** : a detachable compartment (as for personnel, a power unit, or an instrument) on a spacecraft

POD *abbr* pay on delivery

po-di-a-try \pə-ˈdī-ə-trē-,pō-\ *n* : the care and treatment of the human foot in health and disease — **po-di-a-trist** \pə-ˈdī-ə-trəst-,pō-\ *n*

po-di-um \ˈpōd-ē-əm\ *n*, **pl podiums** or **po-dia** \-ē-ə\ **1** : a dais esp. for an orchestral conductor **2** : LECTERN

POE *abbr* **1** port of embarkation **2** port of entry

po-em \ˈpō-əm\ *n* : a composition in verse

po-esy \ˈpō-ə-zē\ *n* : POETRY

po-et \ˈpō-ət\ *n* [ME, fr. OF *poete*, fr. L *poeta*, fr. Gk *poiētēs* maker, poet, fr. *poiein* to make, create] : a writer of poetry; *also* : a creative artist of great sensitivity

po-et-as-ter \ˈpō-ət-,as-tər\ *n* : an inferior poet

po-et-ess \ˈpō-ət-əs\ *n* : a girl or woman who writes poetry

poetic justice *n* : an outcome in which vice is punished and virtue rewarded usu. in a manner peculiarly or ironically appropriate

po-et-ry \ˈpō-ə-trē\ *n* **1** : metrical writing **2** : POEMS — **po-et-ic** \pō-ˈet-ik\ or **po-et-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj*

po-grom \ˈpō-grəm-,pō-ˈgräm\ *n* [Yiddish, fr. Russ, lit., devastation] : an organized massacre of helpless people and esp. of Jews

poi \ˈpoi\ *n*, **pl poi** or **pois** : a Hawaiian food of taro root cooked, pounded, and kneaded to a paste and often allowed to ferment

poi-gnant \ˈpoi-nyənt\ *adj* **1** : painfully affecting the feelings (~ grief) **2** : deeply moving (~ scene) — **poi-gnan-cy** \-nyən-sē\ *n*

poi-lu \ˈpwäl-(y)ü\ *n* : a French soldier

poin-ci-na \ˈpoin-sē-ˈan-ə\ *n* : any of a genus of ornamental tropical leguminous trees or shrubs with bright orange or red flowers

poin-set-tia \ˈpoin-ˈset-ə-,ˈset-ē-ə\ *n* : a showy tropical American spurge that has scarlet bracts around its small greenish flowers

point \ˈpoint\ *n* **1** : an individual detail; *also* : the most important essential **2** : PURPOSE **3** : a geometric element that has position but no size **4** : a particular place : LOCALITY **5** : a particular stage or degree **6** : a sharp end : TIP **7** : a projecting piece of land **8** : a punctuation mark; *esp* : PERIOD **9** : DECIMAL POINT **10** : one of the divisions of the compass **11** : a unit of counting (as in a game score) — **point-less** *adj* — **beside the point** : IRRELEVANT — **in point** : to the point — **to the point** : RELEVANT, PERTINENT

point *vb* **1** : to furnish with a point : SHARPEN **2** : PUNCTUATE **3** : to separate (a decimal fraction) from an integer by a decimal point **4** : to indicate the position of esp. by extending a finger **5** : to direct attention to (~ out an error) **6** : AIM, DIRECT **7** : to lie extended, aimed, or turned in a particular direction : FACE, LOOK

point-blank \ˈpoint-ˈblānk\ *adj* **1** : so close to the target that a missile fired will travel in a straight line to the mark **2** : DIRECT, BLUNT — **point-blank** *adv*

point-ed \ˈpoint-əd\ *adj* **1** : having a point **2** : being to the

point : DIRECT 3 : aimed at a particular person or group; *also* : CONSPICUOUS, MARKED — **point-ed-ly** *adv*

point-er \ˈpɔɪnt-ər\ *n* 1 : one that points out : INDICATOR 2 : a large short-haired hunting dog 3 : HINT, TIP

point-til-lism \ˈpwaɪ-(n)-tē-(y)ɪz-əm, ˈpɔɪnt-ɪl-ɪz-əm\ *n* [F *pointillisme*, fr. *pointiller* to stipple] : the theory or practice in painting of applying small strokes or dots of color to a surface so that from a distance they blend together — **point-til-list** *also* **point-til-liste** \ˈpwaɪ-(n)-tē-(y)ɛst, ˈpɔɪnt-ɪl-ɛst\ *n or adj*

point of no return : a critical point (as in a course of action) at which turning back or reversal is not possible

point of view : a position from which something is considered or evaluated

poise \ˈpɔɪz\ *vb* **poised**; **pois-ing** : BALANCE

poise *n* 1 : BALANCE 2 : self-possessed calmness; *also* : a particular way of carrying oneself

poi-son \ˈpɔɪz-ən\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, drink, poisonous drink, poison, fr. L *potio*-, *potio* drink] : a substance that through its chemical action can injure or kill — **poi-son-ous** \-(ə)-nəs\ *adj*

poison *vb* **poi-soned**; **poi-son-ing** \ˈpɔɪz-(ə)-niŋ\ 1 : to injure or kill with poison 2 : to treat or taint with poison 3 : to affect destructively : CORRUPT (◊ her mind) — **poi-son-er** \ˈpɔɪz-(ə)-nər\ *n*

poison hemlock : a large branching poisonous herb with finely divided leaves and white flowers that is related to the carrot

poison ivy : a usu. climbing plant related to sumac that has leaves composed of three shiny leaflets and produces an irritating oil causing a usu. intensely itching skin rash; *also* : any of several related plants

poison oak : any of several plants closely related to poison ivy and with similar properties

poison sumac : a smooth shrubby American swamp plant with pinnate leaves, greenish flowers, greenish white berries, and irritating properties similar to the related poison ivy

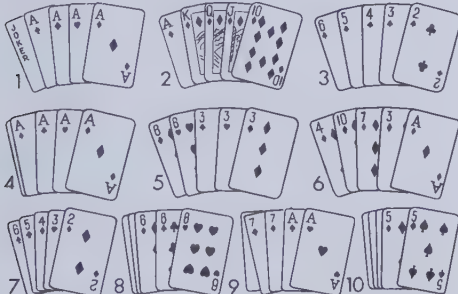
poke \ˈpɒk\ *n* : BAG, SACK

poke *vb* **poked**; **pok-ing** 1 : PROD; *also* : to stir up by prodding 2 : to make a prodding or jabbing movement esp. repeatedly 3 : HIT, PUNCH 4 : to thrust forward obtrusively 5 : RUMMAGE 6 : MEDDLE, PRY 7 : DAWDLE — **poke fun** at : RIDICULE, MOCK

poke *n* : a quick thrust; *also* : PUNCH

pok-er \ˈpɒk-ər\ *n* : a metal rod for stirring a fire

po-ker \ˈpɒk-ər\ *n* : any of several card games played with a deck of 52 cards in which each player bets on the superiority of his hand



²poker: hands in descending value: 1 five of a kind, 2 royal flush, 3 straight flush, 4 four of a kind, 5 full house, 6 flush, 7 straight, 8 three of a kind, 9 two pairs, 10 one pair

poke-weed \ˈpɒk-,wēd\ *n* : a coarse American perennial herb with clusters of white flowers and dark purple juicy berries

poky or pok-ey \ˈpɒ-kē\ *adj* **pok-ier**; -est 1 : small and cramped 2 : SHABBY, DULL 3 : annoyingly slow

pol \ˈpɔl\ *n* : POLITICIAN

po-lar \ˈpɒ-lər\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to a geographical pole 2 : of or relating to a pole (as of a magnet)

polar bear : a large creamy-white bear that inhabits arctic regions

Po-lar-is \ˈpɔ-lar-əs\ *n* : NORTH STAR

po-lar-ity \ˈpɒ-lar-ət-ē, pə-\ *n*, *pl* -ties : the condition of having poles and esp. magnetic or electrical poles

po-lar-iza-tion \ˈpɒ-lar-ə-zā-shən\ *n* 1 : the action of polarizing : the state of being polarized 2 : concentration about opposing extremes

po-lar-ize \ˈpɒ-lər-,rīz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing 1 : to cause (light waves) to vibrate in a definite way 2 : to give physical polarity to 3 : to break up into opposing groups

pol-der \ˈpɒl-dər, ˈpɔl-\ *n* [D] : a tract of low land reclaimed from the sea

po-le \ˈpɒl\ *n* : a long slender piece of wood or metal (telephone ~)

²**pole** *vb* **poled**; **pol-ing** : to impel or push with a pole ²**pole** *n* 1 : either end of an axis esp. of the earth 2 : either of the terminals of an electric battery 3 : one of two or more regions in a magnetized body at which the magnetism is concentrated

Pole \ˈpɒl\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Poland

pole-ax \ˈpɒl-aks\ *n* : a battle-ax with a short handle and a hook or point opposite the blade

pole-cat \ˈpɒl-,kæt\ *n*, *pl* **polecats** or **polecat** 1 : a European carnivorous mammal of which the ferret is considered a domesticated variety 2 : SKUNK

po-lem-ic \ˈpə-ˈlem-ik\ *n* : the art or practice of disputation — usu. used in pl. — **po-lem-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *also* **po-lem-i-c** \-ik\ *adj* — **po-lem-i-cist** \-sɪst\ *n*

pole-star \ˈpɒl-,stär\ *n* 1 : NORTH STAR 2 : a directing principle : GUIDE

pole vault : a field contest in which each contestant uses a pole to vault for height over a crossbar — **pole-vault** *vb* — **pole-vault-er** *n*

po-lice \ˈpɒ-lɪs\ *vb* **pol-iced**; **pol-ic-ing** 1 : to control, regulate, or keep in order esp. by use of police (◊ a highway) 2 : to make clean and put in order (◊ a camp)

²**police** *n*, *pl* **police** [MF, government, fr. LL *politia*, fr. Gk *politeia*, fr. *politeuein* to be a citizen, engage in political activity, fr. *politis* citizen, fr. *polis* city, state] 1 : the department of government that keeps public order and safety and enforces the laws; *also* : the members of this department 2 : a private organization resembling a police force; *also* : its members 3 : military personnel detailed to clean and put in order

po-lice-man \-mən\ *n* : a member of a police force

police state : a state characterized by repressive, arbitrary, totalitarian rule by means of secret police

po-lice-wom-an \ˈpɒ-lɪs-,wū-mən\ *n* : a woman who is a member of a police force

pol-i-cy \ˈpɔl-ə-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies : a definite course or method of action selected to guide and determine present and future decisions

²**policy** *n*, *pl* -cies : a writing whereby a contract of insurance is made

pol-i-cy-hold-er \ˈpɔl-ə-sē-,hōl-dər\ *n* : one granted an insurance policy

po-li-o \ˈpɒ-lē-,ō\ *n* : POLIOMYELITIS — **polio** *adj*

po-li-o-my-eli-tis \-,mī-ə-ˈlīt-əs\ *n* : an acute virus disease marked by inflammation of the nerve cells of the spinal cord

pol-ish \ˈpɔl-ish\ *vb* 1 : to make smooth and glossy usu.

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- by rubbing **2** : to refine or improve in manners, condition, or style
- polish** *n* **1** : a smooth glossy surface : LUSTER **2** : REFINEMENT, CULTURE **3** : the action or process of polishing
- Polish** *ˈpō-lish* *n* : the Slavic language of the Poles — *Polish* *adj*
- polit** *abbr* political; politician
- pol-lit-bu-ro** *ˈpāl-ət-,byūr-ō, ˈpō-lət-, pə-ˈlit-* *n* [Russ *politbyuro*] : the principal policy-making committee of a Communist party
- po-lite** *ˈpə-ˈlit* *adj* **po-lit-er**; **-est** **1** : REFINED, CULTIVATED (< society) **2** : marked by correct social conduct : COURTEOUS; *also* : CONSIDERATE, TACTFUL — **po-lite-ly** *adv* — **po-lite-ness** *n*
- po-li-tesse** *ˌpāl-i-ˈtes* *n* [F] : formal politeness
- pol-i-tic** *ˌpāl-ə-,tik* *adj* **1** : wise in promoting a policy (a ~ statesman) **2** : shrewdly tactful (a ~ move)
- po-lit-i-cal** *ˈpə-ˈlit-i-kəl* *adj* **1** : of or relating to government or politics **2** : involving or charged or concerned with acts against a government or a political system (< criminals) — **po-lit-i-cal-ly** *ˌk(ə-)lē* *adv*
- pol-i-ti-cian** *ˌpāl-ə-ˈtish-ən* *n* : a person actively engaged in government or politics
- pol-i-tick** *ˌpāl-ə-,tik* *vb* : to engage in political discussion or activity
- po-lit-i-co** *ˈpə-ˈlit-i-,kō* *n, pl -cos* *also -coes* : POLITICIAN
- pol-i-tics** *ˌpāl-ə-,tik-s* *n* *sing or pl* **1** : the art or science of government, of guiding or influencing governmental policy, or of winning and holding control over a government **2** : political affairs or business; *esp* : competition between groups or individuals for power and leadership **3** : political opinions
- pol-i-ty** *ˌpāl-ət-ē* *n, pl -ties* : a politically organized unit; *also* : the form or constitution of such a unit
- pol-ka** *ˈpōl-kə, ˈpō-kə* *n* [Czech, fr. Pol *Polka* Polish woman, fem. of *Polak* Pole] : a lively couple dance of Bohemian origin; *also* : music for this dance — **polka** *vb*
- pol-ka dot** *ˈpō-kə-,dāt* *n* : a dot in a pattern of regularly distributed dots — **polka-dot** *or polka-dot-ted* *ˌdāt-əd* *adj*
- poll** *ˈpōl* *n* **1** : HEAD **2** : the casting and recording of votes; *also* : the total vote cast **3** : the place where votes are cast — *usu.* used in pl. **4** : a questioning of persons to obtain information or opinions to be analyzed
- poll** *vb* **1** : to cut off or shorten a growth or part of : CLIP, SHEAR **2** : to receive and record the votes of **3** : to receive (as votes) in an election **4** : to question in a poll
- pol-lack** *or pol-lock* *ˌpāl-ək* *n, pl pollack or pollock* : an important Atlantic food fish that is related to the cods
- pol-len** *ˈpāl-ən* *n* [NL fr. L, fine flour] : a mass of male spores of a seed plant *usu.* appearing as a yellow dust
- pol-li-na-tion** *ˌpāl-ə-ˈnā-shən* *n* : the carrying of pollen to the female part of a plant to fertilize the seed — **pol-li-nate** *ˌpāl-ə-,nāt* *vb* — **pol-li-na-tor** *ˌtɔr* *n*
- poll-ster** *ˈpōl-stər* *n* : one that conducts a poll or compiles data obtained by a poll
- poll tax** *n* : a tax of a fixed amount per person levied on adults
- pol-lute** *ˈpə-ˈlüt* *vb* **pol-lut-ed**; **pol-lut-ing** : to make impure; *esp* : to contaminate with man-made waste — **pol-lut-ant** *ˌlüt-ənt* *n* — **pol-lut-er** *n* — **pol-lu-tion** *ˌlū-shən* *n*
- pol-ly-wog** *or pol-li-wog* *ˌpāl-ē-,wäg* *n* : TADPOLE
- po-lo** *ˈpō-lō* *n* : a game played by two teams on horseback using long-handled mallets to drive a wooden ball
- po-lo-ni-um** *ˈpə-ˈlō-nē-əm* *n* [NL, fr. ML *Polonia* Poland, birthplace of its discoverer, Mme. Curie] : a radioactive metallic chemical element — *see* ELEMENT table
- pol-ter-geist** *ˈpōl-tər-,gīst* *n* [G, fr. *poltern* to knock + *geist* spirit] : a noisy *usu.* mischievous ghost held to be responsible for unexplained noises
- pol-troon** *ˈpāl-ˈtrūn* *n* : COWARD
- poly-chlo-ri-nat-ed bi-phe-nyl** *ˌpāl-i-ˈklōr-ə-,nāt-əd-,bi-ˈfēn-əl, -fēn-ən* *n* : any of several industrial compounds that are poisonous environmental pollutants
- poly-clin-ic** *ˌpāl-i-ˈklin-ik* *n* : a clinic or hospital treating diseases of many sorts
- poly-es-ter** *ˌpāl-ē-,es-tər* *n* : a polymer composed of ester groups used *esp.* in making fibers or plastics
- poly-eth-yl-ene** *ˌpāl-ē-ˈeth-ə-,lēn* *n* : a lightweight plastic resistant to chemicals and moisture and used chiefly in packaging
- po-lyg-a-my** *ˈpə-ˈlig-ə-mē* *n* : the practice of having more than one wife or husband at one time — **po-lyg-a-mist** *ˌmæst* *n* — **po-lyg-a-mous** *ˌmæs* *adj*
- poly-glot** *ˌpāl-i-,glăt* *adj* **1** : speaking or writing several languages **2** : containing or made up of several languages — **polyglot** *n*
- poly-gon** *ˌpāl-i-,gän* *n* : a closed plane figure bounded by straight lines — **po-lyg-o-nal** *ˈpə-ˈlig-ən-əl* *adj*
- poly-graph** *ˌpāl-i-,graf* *n* : an instrument for recording variations of several bodily functions (as blood pressure) simultaneously — **po-lyg-ra-pher** *ˈpə-ˈlig-rə-fər, ˈpāl-i-,graf-ər* *n*
- poly-he-dron** *ˌpāl-i-ˈhē-drən* *n* : a solid formed by plane faces — **poly-he-dral** *ˌdrəl* *adj*
- poly-math** *ˌpāl-i-,math* *n* : a person of encyclopedic learning
- poly-mer** *ˌpāl-ə-mər* *n* : a chemical compound formed by union of small molecules of the same kind — **poly-mer-ic** *ˌpāl-ə-ˈmer-ik* *adj*
- pol-ym-er-iza-tion** *ˈpə-,lim-ə-rə-ˈzā-shən* *n* : a chemical reaction in which two or more small molecules combine to form larger molecules with repeating structural units — **pol-ym-er-ize** *ˈpə-ˈlim-ə-,rīz* *vb*
- Poly-ne-sian** *ˌpāl-ə-ˈnē-zhən* *n* **1** : a member of any of the native peoples of Polynesia **2** : a group of Austronesian languages spoken in Polynesia — **Polynesian** *adj*
- poly-no-mi-al** *ˌpāl-ə-ˈnō-mē-əl* *n* : an algebraic expression having two or more terms each of which consists of a constant multiplied by one or more variables raised to a nonnegative integral power — **polynomial** *adj*
- pol-yp** *ˈpāl-əp* *n* **1** : an invertebrate animal (as a coral) that is a coelenterate having a hollow cylindrical body closed at one end **2** : a projecting mass of swollen and hypertrophied or tumorous membrane (< rectal ~)
- po-lyph-o-ny** *ˈpə-ˈlif-ə-nē* *n* : music consisting of two or more melodically independent but harmonizing voice parts — **poly-phon-ic** *ˌpāl-i-ˈfän-ik* *adj*
- poly-sty-rene** *ˌpāl-i-ˈstīr-,ēn* *n* : a rigid transparent non-conducting thermoplastic used *esp.* in molded products and foams
- poly-syl-lab-ic** *ˌpāl-i-sə-ˈlab-ik* *adj* **1** : having more than three syllables **2** : characterized by polysyllabic words
- poly-syl-la-ble** *ˌpāl-i-,sil-ə-bəl* *n* : a polysyllabic word
- poly-tech-nic** *ˌpāl-i-ˈtek-nik* *adj* : of, relating to, or instructing in many technical arts or applied sciences
- poly-the-ism** *ˌpāl-i-thē-,iz-əm* *n* : belief in or worship of many gods — **poly-the-ist** *ˌpāl-i-thē-əst* *adj* *or n* — **poly-the-istic** *ˌpāl-i-thē-ˈis-tik* *adj*
- poly-un-sat-u-rat-ed** *ˌpāl-ē-,ən-ˈsach-ə-,rāt-əd* *adj, of an oil or fatty acid* : having many unsaturated chemical bonds between carbon atoms
- poly-vi-nyl** *ˌpāl-i-ˈvin-əl* *adj* : of, relating to, or being a polymerized vinyl compound, resin, or plastic — *often* used in combination
- po-made** *ˈpō-ˈmād, -ˈmäd* *n* : a perfumed ointment *esp.* for the hair or scalp
- pome-gran-ate** *ˈpām-(ə-), gran-ət* *n* [ME *poumgarnet*, fr. MF *pomme grenate*, lit., seedy apple, fr. *pomme* apple (fr. LL *pomum*, fr. L, fruit) + *grenate* seedy, fr. L *granatus*, fr. *granum* grain] : a tropical reddish fruit with many seeds and an edible crimson pulp; *also* : the tree that bears it

pom-mel \ˈpəm-əl, ˈpām-əl n 1 : the knob on the hilt of a sword 2 : the knoblike bulge at the front and top of a saddlebow
2 pom-mel \ˈpəm-əl vb -meled or -melled; -mel-ing or -mel-ling \-(ə-)liŋ\ : PUMMEL
pomp \ˈpɑmp\ n 1 : brilliant display : SPLENDOR 2 : OSTENTATION
pom-pa-dour \ˈpām-pə-,dōr\ n : a style of dressing the hair high over the forehead
pom-pa-no \ˈpām-pə-nō, ˈpəm-əl n, pl -no or -nos : a food fish of the southern Atlantic coast
pom-pom \ˈpām-,pām\ n : an ornamental ball or tuft used on a cap or costume
pom-pon \ˈpām-,pān\ n 1 : POM-POM 2 : a chrysanthemum or dahlia with small rounded flower heads
pomp-ous \ˈpām-pəs\ adj 1 : suggestive of pomp; esp : OSTENTATIOUS 2 : pretentiously dignified 3 : excessively elevated or ornate syn arrogant, magisterial, self-important — **pom-pos-i-ty** \pām-ˈpäs-ət-ē\ n — **pomp-ous-ly** adv
pon-cho \ˈpān-čō\ n, pl ponchos [AmerSp] 1 : a cloak like a blanket with a slit in the middle for the head 2 : a waterproof garment resembling a poncho
pond \ˈpænd\ n : a small body of water
pon-der \ˈpān-dər\ vb -pon-dered; -pon-der-ing \-d(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to weigh in the mind 2 : to consider carefully
pon-der-o-sa pine \ˈpān-də-,rō-sə-, -zə\ n : a tall timber tree of western No. America with long needles; also : its wood
pon-der-ous \ˈpān-d(ə-)rəs\ adj 1 : of very great weight (a ~ stone) 2 : UNWIELDY, CLUMSY (a ~ weapon) 3 : oppressively dull (a ~ speech) syn cumbrous, cumbersome, weighty
pone \ˈpōn\ n, *Southern & Midland* : an oval-shaped cornmeal cake; also : corn bread in the form of pones
pon-gee \ˈpān-ˈjē\ n : a thin soft silk, cotton, or rayon fabric
poniard \ˈpān-yərd\ n : DAGGER
pon-tiff \ˈpānt-əf\ n : BISHOP; esp : POPE — **pon-tif-i-cal** \pān-ˈtɪf-i-kəl\ adj
pon-tif-i-cals \pān-ˈtɪf-i-kəlz\ n pl : the insignia worn by a bishop when celebrating a pontifical mass
1 pon-tif-i-cate \pān-ˈtɪf-i-kət, -ə-,kāt\ n : the state, office, or term of office of a pontiff
2 pon-tif-i-cate \pān-ˈtɪf-ə-,kāt\ vb -cat-ed; -cat-ing : to deliver dogmatic opinions
pon-toon \ˈpān-ˈtūn\ n 1 : a flat-bottomed boat 2 : a boat or float used in building a floating temporary bridge 3 : a float of an airplane
po-ny \ˈpō-nē\ n, pl ponies : a small horse
po-ny-tail \-,tāl\ n : a style of arranging hair to resemble the tail of a pony
pooch \ˈpūch\ n : DOG
poo-dle \ˈpūd-əl\ n [G *pudel*, short for *pudelhund*, fr. *pudeln* to splash (fr. *pudel* puddle) + *hund* dog] : an active dog with a heavy curly coat
pooh-pooh \ˈpū-ˈpū\ also **pooh** \ˈpū\ vb 1 : to express contempt or impatience 2 : DERIDE, SCORN
1 pool \ˈpūl\ n 1 : a small deep body of usu. fresh water 2 : a small body of standing liquid 3 : SWIMMING POOL
2 pool n 1 : all the money bet on the result of a particular event 2 : any of several games of billiards played on a table having six pockets 3 : the amount contributed by the participants in a joint venture 4 : a combination between competing firms for mutual profit 5 : a readily available supply
3 pool vb : to contribute to a common fund or effort
1 poop \ˈpūp\ n : an enclosed superstructure at the stern of a ship
2 poop n, *slang* : INFORMATION
poop deck n : a partial deck above a ship's main afterdeck
poor \ˈpūr\ adj 1 : lacking material possessions (~ peo-

ple) 2 : less than adequate : MEAGER (~ crop) 3 : arousing pity (~ fellows) 4 : inferior in quality or value (~ sportsmanship) 5 : UNPRODUCTIVE, BARREN (~ soil) 6 : fairly unsatisfactory (~ prospects); also : UNFAVORABLE (~ opinion) syn bad, wrong, unsatisfactory, rotten — **poor-ly** adv
poor boy \ˈpō(r)-,bōi\ n : SUBMARINE 2
poor-house \ˈpūr-,haüs\ n : a publicly supported home for needy or dependent persons
poor-mouth \-,maʊth, -maʊth\ vb : to plead poverty as a defense or excuse
1 pop \ˈpāp\ vb **popped**; **pop-ping** 1 : to go, come, enter, or issue forth suddenly or quickly (~ into bed) 2 : to put or thrust suddenly (~ questions) 3 : to burst or cause to burst with or make a sharp sound 4 : to protrude from the sockets 5 : SHOOT 6 : to hit a pop-up
2 pop n 1 : a sharp explosive sound 2 : SHOT 3 : a flavored soft drink
3 pop n : FATHER
4 pop adj 1 : POPULAR (~ music) 2 : of or relating to pop music (~ singer) 3 : of or relating to the popular culture disseminated through the mass media (~ psychology) 4 : of, relating to, or imitating pop art (~ painter)
5 pop n : pop music, art, or culture
6 pop abbr population
pop art n : art in which commonplace objects (as comic strips or soup cans) are used as subject matter — **pop artist** n
pop-corn \ˈpāp-,kōrn\ n : an Indian corn whose kernels burst open into a white starchy mass when heated; also : the burst kernels
pope \ˈpōp\ n, *often cap* : the head of the Roman Catholic Church
pop-eyed \ˈpāp-ˈɪd\ adj : having eyes that bulge (as from disease)
pop fly n : a short high fly in baseball
pop-gun \ˈpāp-,gən\ n : a toy gun for shooting pellets with compressed air
pop-in-jay \ˈpāp-ən-,jā\ n [ME *papejay* parrot, fr. MF *papegai*, *papejai*, fr. Ar *babghā*] : a strutting supercilious person
pop-lar \ˈpāp-lər\ n : any of various slender quick-growing trees related to the willows
pop-lin \ˈpāp-lən\ n : a strong plain-woven fabric with crosswise ribs
pop-over \ˈpāp-ō-vər\ n : a biscuit made from a thin batter rich in egg and expanded by baking into a hollow shell
pop-per \ˈpāp-ər\ n : a utensil for popping corn
pop-py \ˈpāp-ē\ n, pl **poppies** : any of several herbs that have showy flowers including one that yields opium
pop-py-cock \ˈpāp-ē-,kāk\ n : empty talk : NONSENSE
pop-u-lace \ˈpāp-yə-ləs\ n 1 : the common people 2 : POPULATION
pop-u-lar \ˈpāp-yə-lər\ adj 1 : of or relating to the general public (~ government) 2 : easy to understand : PLAIN (~ style) 3 : INEXPENSIVE (~ rates) 4 : frequently encountered or widely accepted (~ notion) 5 : commonly liked or approved (~ teacher) — **pop-u-lar-i-ty** \ˈpāp-yə-ˈlar-ət-ē\ n — **pop-u-lar-ize** \ˈpāp-yə-lə-,rīz\ vb — **pop-u-lar-ly** \-lər-lē\ adv
pop-u-late \ˈpāp-yə-,lāt\ vb **-late-ed**; **-lat-ing** 1 : to have a place in : INHABIT 2 : PEOPLE
pop-u-la-tion \ˈpāp-yə-ˈlā-shən\ n 1 : the people or number of people in an area 2 : the individuals under consideration (as in statistical sampling)
population explosion n : a pyramiding of numbers of a

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- biological population; *esp* : the recent great increase in human numbers resulting from both increased survival and exponential population growth
- pop-u-list** \ˈpāp-yə-ləst\ *n* : a believer in or advocate of the rights, wisdom, or virtues of the common people — **pop-u-lism** \-,līz-əm\ *n*
- pop-u-lous** \ˈpāp-yə-ləs\ *adj* **1** : densely populated; *also* : having a large population **2** : CROWDED — **pop-u-lous-ness** *n*
- pop-up** \ˈpāp-,əp\ *n* : a short high fly in baseball
- POR** *abbr* pay on return
- por-ce-lain** \ˈpɔr-s(ə-)lən\ *n* : a fine-grained translucent ceramic ware
- porch** \ˈpɔrch\ *n* : a covered entrance usu. with a separate roof : VERANDA
- por-cine** \ˈpɔr-,sīn\ *adj* : of, relating to, or suggesting swine
- por-cu-pine** \ˈpɔr-kyə-,pīn\ *n* [ME *porkepin*, fr. MF *porc espin*, fr. It *porcospino*, fr. L *porcus* pig + *spina* spine, prickle] : a mammal having stiff sharp easily detachable spines mingled with its hair
- ˆpore** \ˈpɔr\ *vb* **pored**; **por-ing** **1** : to read studiously or attentively (ˆ over a book) **2** : PONDER, REFLECT
- ˆpore** *n* : a tiny hole or space (as in the skin or soil) — **pored** \ˈpɔrd\ *adj*
- pork** \ˈpɔrk\ *n* : the flesh of swine dressed for use as food
- pork barrel** *n* : a government project or appropriation yielding rich patronage benefits
- pork-er** \ˈpɔrk-kər\ *n* : HOG; *esp* : a young pig suitable for use as fresh pork
- por-nog-ra-phy** \ˈpɔr-ˈnāg-rə-fē\ *n* [Gk *pornographos* writing of harlots] : the depiction of erotic behavior designed primarily to cause sexual excitement — **por-nograph-ic** \,pɔr-nə-ˈgräf-ik\ *adj*
- po-rous** \ˈpɔr-əs\ *adj* **1** : full of pores **2** : permeable to fluids : ABSORPTIVE — **po-ros-i-ty** \pə-ˈrās-ət-ē\ *n*
- por-phy-ry** \ˈpɔr-f(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* -ries : a rock consisting of feldspar crystals embedded in a compact fine-grained base material — **por-phy-rit-ic** \,pɔr-fə-ˈrit-ik\ *adj*
- por-poise** \ˈpɔr-pəs\ *n* [ME *porpoys*, fr. MF *porpois*, fr. ML *porcopiscis*, fr. L *porcus* with + *piscis* fish] **1** : any of several small blunt-nouted whales **2** : any of several dolphins
- por-ridge** \ˈpɔr-ij\ *n* : a soft food made by boiling meal of grains or legumes in milk or water
- por-rin-ger** \-ən-jər\ *n* : a low one-handled metal bowl or cup
- ˆport** \ˈpɔrt\ *n* **1** : HARBOR **2** : a city with a harbor **3** : AIR-PORT
- ˆport** *n* **1** : an inlet or outlet (as in an engine) for a fluid **2** : PORTHOLE
- ˆport** *n* : BEARING, CARRIAGE
- ˆport** *vb* : to turn or put a helm to the left
- ˆport** *n* : the left side of a ship or airplane looking forward — **port** *adj*
- ˆport** *n* : a sweet fortified wine
- por-ta-ble** \ˈpɔrt-ə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being carried — **portable** *n*
- ˆpor-tage** \ˈpɔrt-ij, pɔr-ˈtāzh\ *n* [ME, fr. MF] : the carrying of boats and goods overland between navigable bodies of water; *also* : a route for such carrying
- ˆpor-tage** \ˈpɔrt-ij, pɔr-ˈtāzh\ *vb* **por-taged**; **por-tag-ing** : to carry gear over a portage
- por-tal** \ˈpɔrt-əl\ *n* : DOOR, ENTRANCE; *esp* : a grand or imposing one
- portal-to-portal** *adj* : of or relating to the time spent by a worker in traveling from the entrance to his employer's property to his actual working place (as in a mine) and in returning after the work shift
- port-cul-lis** \ˈpɔrt-ˈkəl-əs\ *n* : a grating at the gateway of a castle or fortress that can be let down to stop entrance
- porte co-chere** \,pɔrt-kə-ˈsher\ *n* [F *porte cochère*, lit., coach door] : a roofed structure extending from the entrance of a building over an adjacent driveway and sheltering those getting in or out of vehicles
- por-tend** \ˈpɔr-ˈtend\ *vb* **1** : to give a sign or warning of beforehand **2** : INDICATE, SIGNIFY *syn* augur, prognosticate, foretell, predict, forecast, prophesy
- por-tent** \ˈpɔr-,tent\ *n* **1** : something that foreshadows a coming event : OMEN **2** : MARVEL, PRODIGY
- por-ten-tous** \ˈpɔr-ˈtent-əs\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or constituting a portent **2** : PRODIGIOUS **3** : self-consciously weighty : POMPOUS
- ˆpor-ter** \ˈpɔrt-ər\ *n*, chiefly Brit : DOORKEEPER
- ˆporter** *n* **1** : one that carries burdens; *esp* : one employed (as at a terminal) to carry baggage **2** : an attendant in a railroad car **3** : a dark heavy ale
- por-ter-house** \ˈpɔrt-ər-,haʊs\ *n* : a choice beefsteak with a large tenderloin
- port-fo-lio** \ˈpɔrt-ˈfɔ-lē-,ō\ *n*, *pl* -li-os **1** : a portable case for papers or drawings **2** : the office and functions of a minister of state **3** : the securities held by an investor
- port-hole** \ˈpɔrt-,hɒl\ *n* : an opening in the side of a ship or aircraft
- por-ti-co** \ˈpɔrt-i-,kō\ *n*, *pl* -coes or -cos [It] : a row of columns supporting a roof around or at the entrance of a building
- por-tiere** \ˈpɔr-ˈtye(ə)r-, ˈti(ə)r; ˈpɔrt-ē-ər\ *n* : a curtain hanging across a doorway
- ˆpor-tion** \ˈpɔr-shən\ *n* **1** : one's part or share (a ~ of food) **2** : DOWRY **3** : an individual's lot **4** : a part of a whole (a ~ of the sky)
- ˆportion** *vb* **portioned**; **por-tion-ing** \-sh(ə-)nɪŋ\ **1** : to divide into portions **2** : to allot to as a portion
- port-land cement** \,pɔrt-lən(d)-\ *n* : a cement made by calcining and grinding a mixture of clay and limestone
- port-ly** \ˈpɔrt-lē\ *adj* **port-li-er**; -est : somewhat stout
- port-man-teau** \ˈpɔrt-ˈman-,tō\ *n*, *pl* -teaus or -teaux \-,tōz\ [MF *portemanteau*, fr. *porter* to carry + *man-teau* mantle, fr. L *mantellum*] : a large traveling bag
- port of call** : an intermediate port where ships customarily stop for supplies, repairs, or transshipment of cargo
- port of entry** **1** : a place where foreign goods may be cleared through a customhouse **2** : a place where an alien may enter a country
- por-trait** \ˈpɔr-trət-, ˈtrāt\ *n* : a picture (as a painting or photograph) of a person usu. showing the face
- por-trait-ist** \-əst\ *n* : a maker of portraits
- por-trai-ture** \ˈpɔr-trə-,chūr\ *n* : the practice or art of making portraits
- por-tray** \ˈpɔr-ˈtrā\ *vb* **1** : to make a picture of : DEPICT **2** : to describe in words **3** : to play the role of — **por-tray-al** *n*
- Por-tu-guese** \ˈpɔr-ˈchə-,gēz-, ˈgēs; ˈpɔr-ˈchə-ˈgēz-, ˈgēs\ *n*, *pl* Portuguese **1** : a native or inhabitant of Portugal **2** : the language of Portugal and Brazil — **Portuguese** *adj*
- Portuguese man-of-war** *n* : any of several large colonial invertebrate animals that are related to the jellyfishes and have a large sac resembling a bladder by means of which the colony floats at the surface of the sea
- por-tu-laca** \,pɔr-ˈchə-ˈlak-ə\ *n* : a tropical succulent herb cultivated for its showy flowers
- pos** *abbr* **1** position **2** positive
- ˆpose** \ˈpōz\ *vb* **posed**; **pos-ing** **1** : to assume or cause to assume a posture usu. for artistic purposes **2** : to set forth : PROPOSE (ˆ a question) **3** : to affect an attitude or character
- ˆpose** *n* **1** : a sustained posture; *esp* : one assumed by a model **2** : an attitude assumed for effect : PRETENSE
- ˆpos-er** \ˈpō-zər\ *n* : a puzzling question
- ˆposer** *n* : a person who poses
- po-seur** \ˈpō-zər\ *n* [F, lit., poser] : an affected or insincere person
- posh** \ˈpəʃh\ *adj* : FASHIONABLE

pos-it \ˈpās-ət\ *vb* : to assume the existence of : **POSTULATE**

po-si-tion \pə-ˈzish-ən\ *n* 1 : an arranging in order 2 : the stand taken on a question 3 : the point or area occupied by something 4 : the arrangement of parts (as of the body) in relation to one another : **POSTURE** 5 : **RANK**, **STATUS** 6 : **EMPLOYMENT**, **JOB** — **position** *vb*

pos-i-tive \ˈpāz-ət-iv\ *adj* 1 : expressed definitely (views) 2 : **CONFIDENT**, **CERTAIN** 3 : of, relating to, or constituting the degree of grammatical comparison that denotes no increase in quality, quantity, or relation 4 : not fictitious : **REAL** 5 : active and effective in function (leadership) 6 : having the light and shade as existing in the original subject (a ~ photograph) 7 : numerically greater than zero (a ~ number) 8 : being, relating to, or charged with electricity of which the proton is the elementary unit 9 : **AFFIRMATIVE** (a ~ response) — **pos-itive-ly** *adv* — **pos-i-tive-ness** *n*

positive *n* 1 : the positive degree or a positive form in a language 2 : a positive photograph

pos-i-tron \ˈpāz-ə-,trān\ *n* : a positively charged particle having the same mass and magnitude of charge as the electron

poss *abbr* possessive

pos-se \ˈpās-ə\ *n* [ML *posse comitatus*, lit., power or authority of the country] : a body of persons organized to assist a sheriff in an emergency

pos-sess \pə-ˈzēs\ *vb* 1 : to have as property : **OWN** 2 : to have as an attribute, knowledge, or skill 3 : to enter into and control firmly (ed by a devil) — **pos-ses-sor** \-ˈzēs-ər\ *n*

pos-ses-sion \-ˈzesh-ən\ *n* 1 : control or occupancy of property 2 : **OWNERSHIP** 3 : something owned : **PROPERTY** 4 : domination by something 5 : **SELF-CONTROL**

pos-ses-sive \pə-ˈzēs-iv\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or constituting a grammatical case denoting ownership 2 : showing the desire to possess (a ~ nature) — **possessive** *n* — **pos-ses-sive-ness** *n*

pos-si-ble \ˈpās-ə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : being within the limits of ability, capacity, or realization (a ~ task) 2 : being something that may or may not occur (dangers) 3 : able or fitted to become (a ~ site for a bridge) — **pos-si-bil-i-ty** \,pās-ə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n* — **pos-si-bly** \ˈpās-ə-blē\ *adv*

pos-sum \ˈpās-əm\ *n* : **OPOSSUM**

post \ˈpōst\ *n* 1 : an upright piece of timber or metal serving esp. as a support : **PILLAR** 2 : a pole or stake set up as a mark or indicator

post *vb* 1 : to affix to a usual place (as a wall) for public notices (no bills) 2 : to publish or announce by or as if by a public notice (grades) 3 : to forbid (property) to trespassers by putting up a notice 4 : **SCORE** 4

post *n* 1 *obs* : **COURIER** 2 chiefly *Brit* : **MAIL**; *also* : **POST OFFICE**

post *vb* 1 : to ride or travel with haste : **HURRY** 2 : **MAIL** (a letter) 3 : to enter in a ledger 4 : **INFORM** (kept him ~ed on new developments)

post *n* 1 : the place at which a soldier is stationed; *esp* : a sentry's beat or station 2 : a station or task to which a person is assigned 3 : the place at which a body of troops is stationed : **CAMP** 4 : **OFFICE**, **POSITION** 5 : a trading settlement or station

post *vb* 1 : to station in a given place 2 : to put up (as bond)

post-age \ˈpōs-tij\ *n* : the fee for postal service; *also* : stamps representing this fee

post-al \ˈpōs-tl\ *adj* : of or relating to the mails or the post office

postal card *n* : **POSTCARD**

postal service *n* : a government agency or department handling the transmission of mail

post-boy \ˈpōst-,bōi\ *n* : **POSTILION**

post-card \-,kārd\ *n* : a card on which a message may be written for mailing without an envelope

post chaise *n* : a 4-wheeled closed carriage for two to four persons

post-con-so-nan-tal \,pōst-,kän-sə-ˈnant-əl\ *adj* : immediately following a consonant

post-date \(')pōs(t)-ˈdāt\ *vb* : to date with a date later than that of execution

post-doc-tor-al \(')pōs(t)-ˈdāk-t(ə)-rəl\ *also* **post-doc-tor-ate** \-t(ə)-rət\ *adj* : of, relating to, or engaged in advanced academic or professional work beyond a doctor's degree

post-er \ˈpō-stər\ *n* : a bill or placard for posting in a public place

pos-te-ri-or \pō-ˈstir-ē-ər, pā-\ *adj* 1 : later in time 2 : situated behind

pos-te-ri-or \pā-ˈstir-ē-ər, pō-\ *n* : the hinder parts of the body : **BUTTOCKS**

pos-ter-i-ty \pā-ˈster-ət-ē\ *n* 1 : the descendants from one ancestor 2 : succeeding generations; *also* : future time

pos-tern \ˈpōs-tərn, ˈpās-\ *n* 1 : a back door or gate 2 : a private or side entrance

post exchange *n* : a store at a military post that sells to military personnel and authorized civilians

post-grad-u-ate \(')pōst-ˈgraj-ə-wət\ *adj* : of or relating to studies beyond the bachelor's degree — **postgraduate** *n*

post-haste \ˈpōst-ˈhāst\ *adv* : with all possible speed

post-hole \ˈpōst-,hōl\ *n* : a hole for a post and esp. a fence post

post-hu-mous \ˈpās-chə-məs\ *adj* 1 : born after the death of the father 2 : published after the death of the author

post-hyp-not-ic \,pōst-hip-ˈnät-ik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or characteristic of the period following a hypnotic trance

pos-til-ion or **pos-til-lion** \pō-ˈstil-yən, pə-\ *n* : a rider on the left-hand horse of a pair drawing a coach

Post-im-pres-sion-ism \,pōst-im-ˈpresh-ə-,niz-əm\ *n* : a late 19th century French theory or practice of art that stresses variously volume, picture structure, or expressionism

post-lude \ˈpōst-,lūd\ *n* : an organ solo played at the end of a church service

post-man \ˈpōst-mən, -ˌman\ *n* : **MAILMAN**

post-mark \-,mārk\ *n* : an official postal marking on a piece of mail; *esp* : the mark canceling the postage stamp — **postmark** *vb*

post-mas-ter \-,mas-tər\ *n* : one who has charge of a post office

postmaster general *n, pl* **postmasters general** : an official in charge of a national postal service

post me-ri-di-em \ˈpōst-mə-ˈrid-ē-əm\ *adj* [L] : being after noon

post-mis-tress \-,mis-trəs\ *n* : a woman in charge of a post office

post-mor-tem \(')pōst-ˈmōrt-əm\ *adj* [L *post mortem* after death] 1 : done, occurring, or collected after death 2 : relating to a postmortem examination

postmortem *n* : **AUTOPSY**

post-na-sal drip \ˈpōst-ˈnā-zəl-\ *n* : flow of mucous secretion from the posterior part of the nasal cavity onto the wall of the pharynx

post-na-tal \(')pōst-ˈnāt-əl\ *adj* : subsequent to birth; *also* : of or relating to a newborn child

post office *n* 1 : **POSTAL SERVICE** 2 : a local branch of a post office department

post-op-er-a-tive \(')pōst-ˈäp-(ə)-rät-iv, -äp-ə-,rät-\ *adj* : following a surgical operation (care)

post-paid \ˈpōst-ˈpād\ *adv* : with the postage paid by the sender and not chargeable to the receiver

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ä\ace \ä\cot, cart
 \au\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \ö\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\lout
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

post-par-tum \(')pōst-'pärt-əm\ *adj* [NL *post partum* after birth] : following parturition — **postpartum** *adv*

post-pone \pōs(t)-'pōn\ *vb* **post-poned**; **post-pon-ing** : to hold back to a later time — **post-pone-ment** *n*

post road *n* : a road over which mail is carried

post-script \(')pōs(t)-'skript\ *n* : a note added esp. to a completed letter

post time *n* : the designated time for the start of a horse race

pos-tu-lant \(')pās-chə-lənt\ *n* : a probationary candidate for membership in a religious house

pos-tu-late \(')pās-chə-'lāt\ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** : to assume as true

pos-tu-late \(')pās-chə-lət-, -lāt\ *n* : a proposition taken for granted as true and made the starting point in a chain of reasoning

pos-ture \(')pās-chər\ *n* **1** : the position or bearing of the body or one of its parts **2** : STATE, CONDITION **3** : ATTITUDE

posture *vb* **pos-tured**; **pos-tur-ing** : to strike a pose esp. for effect

post-war \(')pōst-'wər\ *adj* : of or relating to the period after a war

pos-sy \(')pō-zē\ *n*, *pl* **posies** **1** : a brief sentiment : MOTTO **2** : a bunch of flowers; *also* : FLOWER

pot \pāt\ *n* **1** : a rounded container used chiefly for domestic purposes **2** : the total of the bets at stake at one time **3** : RUIN (go to ~) **4** : MARIJUANA — **pot-ful** *n*

pot *vb* **pot-ted**; **pot-ting** **1** : to preserve in a pot **2** : SHOOT

po-ta-ble \(')pōt-ə-bəl\ *adj* : suitable for drinking — **po-ta-bil-i-ty** \(')pōt-ə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n*

po-tage \pō-'tāzh\ *n* : a thick soup

pot-ash \(')pāt-'āsh\ *n* [sing. of *pot ashes*] : potassium or any of its various compounds

po-tas-si-um \pə-'tas-ē-əm\ *n* : a silver-white metallic chemical element that occurs abundantly in nature esp. combined in minerals — see ELEMENT table

potassium bromide *n* : a crystalline salt used as a sedative and in photography

potassium carbonate *n* : a white salt used in making glass and soap

potassium nitrate *n* : a soluble salt used in making gunpowder, in preserving meat, and in medicine

po-ta-tion \pō-'tā-shən\ *n* : a usu. alcoholic drink; *also* : the act of drinking

po-ta-to \pə-'tāt-ō\ *n*, *pl* **-toes** : the edible starchy tuber of a plant related to the tomato; *also* : this plant

potato beetle *n* : COLORADO POTATO BEETLE

potato bug *n* : COLORADO POTATO BEETLE

pot-bel-ly \(')pāt-, bel-ē\ *n* : a protruding abdomen — **pot-bel-lied** \-ēd\ *adj*

pot-boil-er \-,bōi-lər\ *n* : a usu. inferior work of art or literature produced only to earn money

po-tent \(')pōt-'nt\ *adj* **1** : having authority or influence : POWERFUL **2** : chemically or medicinally effective **3** : able to copulate *syn* forceful, forcible, mighty, puissant — **po-ten-cy** \-'n-sē\ *n*

po-ten-tate \(')pōt-'n-, tāt\ *n* : one who wields controlling power : RULER

po-ten-tial \pə-'tēn-chəl\ *adj* : existing in possibility : capable of becoming actual (a ~ champion) *syn* dormant, latent, quiescent — **po-ten-tial-i-ty** \pə-,tēn-chē-'al-ət-ē\ *n* — **po-ten-tial-ly** \-'tēnch-(ə-)lē\ *adv*

potential *n* **1** : something that can develop or become actual **2** : the work required to move a unit positive charge from infinity to a point in question; *also* : POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE

potential difference *n* : the difference in potential between two points that represents the work involved in the transfer of a unit quantity of electricity from one point to the other

po-ten-ti-ate \pə-'tēn-chē-, āt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** : to make potent; *esp* : to augment the activity of (as a drug)

synergistically — **po-ten-ti-a-tion** \-,tēn-chē-'ā-shən\ *n*

pot-head \(')pāt-,hed\ *n* : an individual who smokes marijuana

poth-er \(')pāth-ər\ *n* : a noisy disturbance; *also* : FUSS

pot-herb \(')pāt-, (h)ərb\ *n* : an herb whose leaves or stems are boiled for greens or used to season food

pot-hole \(')pāt-,hōl\ *n* : a large pit or hole (as in a road surface)

pot-hook \-,hūk\ *n* : an S-shaped hook for hanging pots and kettles over an open fire

po-tion \(')pō-shən\ *n* : a mixture of liquids (as liquor or medicine)

pot-luck \(')pāt-'lək\ *n* : the regular meal available to a guest for whom no special preparations have been made

pot-pie \-'pī\ *n* : pastry-covered meat and vegetables cooked in a deep dish

pot-pour-ri \pō-pū-'rē\ *n* [F *pot pourri*, lit., rotten pot] : a miscellaneous collection : MEDLEY

pot-sherd \(')pāt-,shərd\ *n* : a pottery fragment

pot-shot \-,shāt\ *n* **1** : a shot taken from ambush or at a random or easy target **2** : a critical remark made in a random or sporadic manner

pot-tage \(')pāt-ij\ *n* : a thick soup of vegetables or vegetables and meat

pot-ter \(')pāt-ər\ *n* : one that makes pottery

potter *vb* : PUTTER

pot-tery \(')pāt-ə-rē\ *n*, *pl* **-ter-ies** **1** : a place where earthen pots and dishes are made **2** : the art of the potter **3** : dishes, pots, and vases made from clay

pouch \(')pauch\ *n* **1** : a small bag (as for tobacco) carried on the person **2** : a bag for storing or transporting goods (mail ~) (diplomatic ~) **3** : an anatomical sac; *esp* : one for carrying the young on the abdomen of a female marsupial (as a kangaroo)

pouch *vb* : to make puffy or protuberant

poult \(')pōlt\ *n* : a young fowl; *esp* : a young turkey

poul-ter-er \(')pōl-tər-ər\ *n* : one that deals in poultry

poul-tice \(')pōl-təs\ *n* : a soft usu. heated and medicated mass spread on cloth and applied to a sore or injury — **poultice** *vb*

poul-try \(')pōl-trē\ *n* : domesticated birds kept for eggs or meat — **poul-try-man** \-mən\ *n*

pounce \(')pauns\ *vb* **pounced**; **pounc-ing** : to spring or swoop upon and seize something

pound \paund\ *n*, *pl* **pounds** *also* **pound** **1** : a unit of avoirdupois, troy, and apothecaries' weight — see WEIGHT table **2** — see MONEY table

pound *vb* **1** : to crush to a powder or pulp by beating **2** : to strike or beat heavily or repeatedly **3** : DRILL **4** : to move or move along heavily

pound *n* : a public enclosure where stray animals are kept

pound-age \(')paun-dij\ *n* : POUNDS; *also* : weight in pounds

pound cake *n* : a rich cake made with a large amount of eggs and shortening in proportion to the flour used

pound-fool-ish \(')paund-'fū-lish\ *adj* : imprudent in dealing with large sums or large matters

pour \(')pōr\ *vb* **1** : to flow or cause to flow in a stream or flood **2** : to rain hard **3** : to supply freely and copiously

pour-boire \pūr-'bwār\ *n* [F, fr. *pour boire* for drinking] : TIP, GRATUITY

pout \(')paüt\ *vb* : to show displeasure by thrusting out the lips; *also* : to look sullen — **pout** *n*

pov-er-ty \(')päv-ərt-ē\ *n* [ME *poverté*, fr. OF *poverté*, fr. L *paupertas*, *paupertas*, fr. *pauper* poor] **1** : lack of money or material possessions : WANT **2** : poor quality (as of soil)

poverty line *n* : a level of personal or family income below which one is classified as poor according to government standards

pov-er-ty-stricken \(')päv-ərt-ē-, strik-ən\ *adj* : very poor : DESTITUTE

POW \,pē-(,)ō-'dəb-əl-(,)yü\ *abbr* prisoner of war

pow-der \ˈpaʊd-ər\ *n* [ME *poudre*, fr. OF, fr. L *pulver-*, *pulvis* dust] **1** : dry material made up of fine particles; *also* : a usu. medicinal or cosmetic preparation in this form **2** : a solid explosive (as gunpowder) — **pow-der-y** *adj*

pow-der *vb* **pow-dered**; **pow-der-ing** \ˈpaʊd-(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to sprinkle or cover with or as if with powder **2** : to reduce to powder

powder room *n* : a rest room for women

pow-er \ˈpaʊ(-ə)r\ *n* **1** : a position of ascendancy over others : **AUTHORITY** **2** : the ability to act or produce an effect **3** : one that has control or authority; *esp* : a sovereign state **4** : physical might; *also* : mental or moral vigor **5** : the number of times as indicated by an exponent a number is to be multiplied by itself **6** : force or energy used to do work; *also* : the time rate at which work is done or energy transferred **7** : the amount by which an optical lens magnifies — **pow-er-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **pow-er-ful-ly** \-lē\ *adv* — **pow-er-less** *adj*

power *vb* : to supply with power and *esp.* motive power

pow-er-boat \-ˈbōt\ *n* : MOTORBOAT

pow-er-house \ˈpaʊ(-ə)r-, haʊs\ *n* **1** : **POWER PLANT** **1** **2** : one having great drive, energy, or ability

power plant *n* **1** : a building in which electric power is generated **2** : an engine and related parts supplying the motive power of a self-propelled vehicle

pow-wow \ˈpaʊ-, waʊ\ *n* **1** : a No. American Indian ceremony (as for victory in war) **2** : a meeting for discussion : **CONFERENCE**

pox \ˈpɒks\ *n*, *pl* **pox** or **pox-es** : any of various diseases (as smallpox or syphilis) marked by a rash on the skin

pp *abbr* **1** pages **2** pianissimo

PP *abbr* **1** parcel post **2** past participle **3** postpaid **4** prepaid

ppd *abbr* **1** postpaid **2** prepaid

PPS *abbr* [L *post postscriptum*] an additional postscript

ppt *abbr* precipitate

PQ *abbr* Province of Quebec

pr *abbr* **1** pair **2** price

Pr *symbol* praseodymium

PR *abbr* **1** payroll **2** public relations **3** Puerto Rico

prac-ti-ca-ble \ˈprak-ti-kə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being put into practice, done, or accomplished — **prac-ti-ca-bil-i-ty** \ˌprak-ti-kə-ˈbil-ə-tē\ *n*

prac-ti-cal \ˈprak-ti-kəl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or shown in practice (≈ questions) **2** : **VIRTUAL** (≈ control) **3** : capable of being put to use (a ≈ knowledge of French) **4** : inclined to action as opposed to speculation (a ≈ person) **5** : qualified by practice (a good ≈ mechanic) — **prac-ti-cal-i-ty** \ˌprak-ti-ˈkal-ə-tē\ *n* — **prac-ti-cal-ly** \ˈprak-ti-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

practical joke *n* : a prank intended to trick or embarrass someone or cause him physical discomfort

practical nurse *n* : a nurse who cares for the sick professionally without having the training or experience required of a registered nurse

prac-tice or **prac-tise** \ˈprak-təs\ *vb* **prac-ticed** or **prac-tised**; **prac-tic-ing** or **prac-tis-ing** **1** : to perform or work at repeatedly so as to become proficient (≈ tennis strokes) **2** : **CARRY OUT**, **APPLY** (≈ what he preaches) **3** : to do or perform customarily (≈ politeness) **4** : to be professionally engaged in (≈ law)

practice *also* **practise** *n* **1** : actual performance or application **2** : customary action : **HABIT** **3** : systematic exercise for proficiency **4** : the exercise of a profession; *also* : a professional business

prac-ti-tio-ner \ˈprak-ˈtish-(ə-)nər\ *n* : one that practices a profession

prae-tor \ˈprēt-ər\ *n* : an ancient Roman magistrate ranking below a consul — **prae-to-ri-an** \ˈprē-ˈtōr-ē-ən-, -ˈtōr-\ *adj*

prag-mat-ic \ˈprag-ˈmat-ik\ *also* **prag-mat-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj*

1 : of or relating to practical affairs **2** : concerned with the practical consequences of actions or beliefs

prag-ma-tism \ˈprag-mə-, tiz-əm\ *n* : a practical approach to problems and affairs

prai-rie \ˈpre-ri-ə\ *n* : a broad tract of level or rolling grass-land

prairie dog *n* : an American burrowing rodent related to the marmots and living in colonies

prairie schooner *n* : a covered wagon used by pioneers in cross-country travel



prairie schooner

praise \ˈpraɪz\ *vb* **praised**; **prais-ing** **1** : to express approval of : **COMMEND** **2** : to glorify (a divinity or a saint) *esp.* in song — **praise** *n* — **praise-wor-thy** \-, wər-ˈthē\ *adj*

pra-line \ˈprā-, lēn, ˈprā-\ *n* [F] : a candy of nut kernels embedded in boiled brown sugar or maple sugar

pram \ˈprəm\ *n*, *chiefly Brit* : PERAMBULATOR

prance \ˈprans\ *vb* **pranced**; **pranc-ing** **1** : to spring from the hind legs (a prancing horse) **2** : **SWAGGER**; *also* : **CAPER** — **prance** *n* — **pranc-er** *n*

prank \ˈpraŋk\ *n* : a playful or mildly mischievous act : **TRICK** — **prank-ster** \-stər\ *n*

pra-seo-dym-i-um \ˌprā-zē-ō-ˈdim-ē-əm\ *n* : a white metallic chemical element — see **ELEMENT** table

prate \ˈprāt\ *vb* **prated**; **prat-ing** : to talk long and idly : chatter foolishly

prat-fall \ˈprat-, fōl\ *n* **1** : a fall on the buttocks **2** : a humiliating blunder

prat-tle \ˈprat-əl\ *vb* **prat-tled**; **prat-tling** \ˈprat-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : **PRATE**, **BABBLE**

prattle *n* : trifling or childish talk

prawn \ˈprɒn\ *n* : any of numerous edible shrimplike crustaceans; *also* : **SHRIMP** **1**

pray \ˈpraɪ\ *vb* **1** : **ENTREAT**, **IMPLORE** **2** : to ask earnestly for something **3** : to address a divinity *esp.* with supplication

prayer \ˈpraɪər\ *n* **1** : a supplication or expression addressed to God; *also* : a set order of words used in praying **2** : an earnest request or wish **3** : the act or practice of praying to God **4** : a religious service consisting chiefly of prayers — often used in pl. **5** : something prayed for **6** : a slight chance

prayer book *n* : a book containing prayers and often directions for worship

prayer-ful \ˈpraɪər-fəl\ *adj* **1** : **DEVOUT** **2** : **EARNEST** — **prayer-ful-ly** \-lē\ *adv*

praying mantis *n* : **MANTIS**

preach \ˈprečh\ *vb* **1** : to deliver a sermon **2** : to set forth in a sermon **3** : to advocate earnestly — **preach-er** *n* — **preach-ment** *n*

pre-ad-o-les-cence \ˈprē-, ad-ə-ˈl-es-ns\ *n* : the period of human development just preceding adolescence — **pre-ad-o-les-cent** \-nt\ *adj* or *n*

pre-am-ble \ˈprē-, am-bəl\ *n* [ME, fr. MF *preambule*, fr. ML *preambulum*, fr. LL, neut. of *praeambulus* walking

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
\əʊˈout \chˈchin \eɪˈbet \eɪˈeasy \əˈgo \iˈhit \iˈvice \iˈjob
\ŋˈsing \oˈgo \oˈlaw \oɪˈboy \tʰˈthin \tʰˈthe \uˈloot
\uˈfoot \yˈet \zhˈvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

in front of, fr. *L prae* in front of + *ambulare* to walk : an introductory part (the ~ to a constitution)
pre-am-pli-fi-er \(')prē-ˈam-plə-ˈfī(-ə)r\ *n* : an amplifier that increases extremely weak signals before they are fed to additional amplifier circuits
pre-ar-range \,prē-ə-ˈrāŋ\ *vb* : to arrange beforehand — **pre-ar-range-ment** *n*
pre-as-signed \,prē-ə-ˈsɪnd\ *adj* : assigned beforehand
prec *abbr* preceding
Pre-cam-bri-an \ˈprē-ˈkəm-brē-ən, -ˈkām-\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the period of geologic history preceding the Paleozoic era — **Precambrian** *n*
¹**pre-can-cel** \(')prē-ˈkən-səl\ *vb* : to cancel (a postage stamp) in advance of use — **pre-can-cel-la-tion** \,prē-ˈkən-sə-ˈlā-shən\ *n*
²**precancel** *n* : a precanceled postage stamp
pre-can-cer-ous \(')prē-ˈkəns-(ə-)rəs\ *adj* : likely to become cancerous
pre-car-i-ous \ˈpri-ˈkar-ē-əs\ *adj* : dependent on uncertain conditions : dangerously insecure : UNSTABLE (a ~ foothold) (~ prosperity) *syn* delicate, sensitive, ticklish, touchy, tricky — **pre-car-i-ous-ly** *adv* — **pre-car-i-ous-ness** *n*
pre-cau-tion \ˈpri-ˈkō-shən\ *n* : a measure taken beforehand to prevent harm or secure good — **pre-cau-tion-ary** \-shə-,ner-ē\ *adj*
pre-cede \ˈpri-ˈsēd\ *vb* **pre-ced-ed**; **pre-ced-ing** : to be, go, or come ahead or in front of (as in rank, sequence, or time)
pre-ce-dence \ˈpres-əd-əns, pri-ˈsēd-əns\ *n* **1** : the act or fact of preceding **2** : consideration based on order of importance : PRIORITY
¹**pre-ce-dent** \ˈpri-ˈsēd-ənt, ˈpres-əd-ənt\ *adj* : prior in time, order, or significance
²**pre-c-e-dent** \ˈpres-əd-ənt\ *n* : something said or done that may serve to authorize or justify further words or acts of the same or a similar kind
pre-ced-ing \ˈpri-ˈsēd-ɪŋ\ *adj* : that precedes *syn* antecedent, foregoing, prior, former, anterior
pre-cen-tor \ˈpri-ˈsent-ər\ *n* : a leader of the singing of a choir or congregation
pre-cept \ˈprē-,sept\ *n* : a command or principle intended as a general rule of action or conduct
pre-cep-tor \ˈpri-ˈsep-tər, ˈprē-,sep-\ *n* : TUTOR
pre-ces-sion \ˈprē-ˈsesh-ən\ *n* : a slow gyration of the rotation axis of a spinning body (as the earth) — **pre-cess** \ˈprē-ˈses\ *vb*
pre-cinct \ˈprē-,sɪŋkt\ *n* **1** : an administrative subdivision (as of a city) : DISTRICT (police ~) (electoral ~) **2** : an enclosure bounded by the limits of a building or place — often used in pl. **3** *pl* : ENVIRONS
pre-ci-os-i-ty \,pres(h)-ē-ˈās-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties : fastidious refinement
pre-cious \ˈpresh-əs\ *adj* **1** : of great value (~ jewels) **2** : greatly cherished : DEAR (~ memories) **3** : AFFECTED (~ language)
prec-i-pice \ˈpres-ə-pəs\ *n* : a steep cliff
pre-cip-i-tan-cy \ˈpri-ˈsip-ət-ən-sē\ *n* : undue hastiness or suddenness
¹**pre-cip-i-tate** \ˈpri-ˈsip-ə-,tāt\ *vb* -tat-ed; -tat-ing **1** : to throw violently **2** : to throw down **3** : to cause to happen quickly or abruptly (~ a quarrel) **4** : to cause to separate from solution or suspension **5** : to fall as rain, snow, or hail *syn* speed, accelerate, quicken, hasten, hurry
²**pre-cip-i-tate** \ˈpri-ˈsip-ət-ət, -ə-,tāt\ *n* : the solid matter that separates from a solution or suspension
³**pre-cip-i-tate** \ˈpri-ˈsip-ət-ət\ *adj* **1** : showing extreme or unwise haste : RASH **2** : falling with steep descent; *also* : PRECIPITOUS — **pre-cip-i-tate-ly** *adv* — **pre-cip-i-tate-ness** *n*
pre-cip-i-ta-tion \ˈpri-ˈsip-ə-ˈtā-shən\ *n* **1** : rash haste **2** : the process of precipitating or forming a precipitate **3**

: water that falls to earth esp. as rain or snow; *also* : the quantity of this water
pre-cip-i-tous \ˈpri-ˈsip-ət-əs\ *adj* **1** : PRECIPITATE **2** : having the character of a precipice : very steep (a ~ slope); *also* : containing precipices (~ trails) — **pre-cip-i-tous-ly** *adv*
pré-cis \ˈprā-ˈsē\ *n*, *pl* **pré-cis** \-ˈsēz\ [F] : a concise summary of essential points
pre-cise \ˈpri-ˈsis\ *adj* **1** : exactly defined or stated : DEFINITE **2** : highly accurate : EXACT **3** : conforming strictly to a standard : SCRUPULOUS — **pre-cise-ly** *adv* — **pre-cise-ness** *n*
pre-ci-sion \ˈpri-ˈsɪzh-ən\ *n* : the quality or state of being precise
pre-clude \ˈpri-ˈklüd\ *vb* **pre-clud-ed**; **pre-clud-ing** : to make impossible : BAR, PREVENT
pre-co-cious \ˈpri-ˈkō-shəs\ *adj* [L *praecoc-*, *praecox* early ripening, precocious, fr. *prae-* ahead + *coquere* to cook] : early in development and esp. in mental development — **pre-co-cious-ly** *adv* — **pre-coc-i-ty** \ˈpri-ˈkäs-ət-ē\ *n*
pre-con-ceive \,prē-kən-ˈsēv\ *vb* : to form an opinion of beforehand — **pre-con-cep-tion** \-ˈsep-shən\ *n*
pre-con-cert-ed \-ˈsɔrt-əd\ *adj* : arranged or agreed on in advance
pre-con-di-tion \-ˈdɪsh-ən\ *vb* : to put in proper or desired condition or frame of mind in advance
pre-cook \ˈprē-ˈkuk\ *vb* : to cook partially or entirely before final cooking or reheating
pre-cur-sor \ˈpri-ˈkər-sər\ *n* : one that precedes and indicates the approach of another : FORERUNNER
pred *abbr* predicate
pre-da-ceous or **pre-da-cious** \ˈpri-ˈdā-shəs\ *adj* : living by preying on others : PREDATORY
pre-date \ˈprē-ˈdāt\ *vb* : ANTEDATE
pre-da-tion \ˈpri-ˈdā-shən\ *n* **1** : the act of preying or plundering **2** : a mode of life in which food is primarily obtained by killing and consuming animals
pred-a-tor \ˈpred-ət-ər\ *n* : an animal that lives by killing and consuming other animals
pred-a-to-ry \ˈpred-ə-,tōr-ē\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to plunder (~ warfare) **2** : disposed to exploit others **3** : preying upon other animals
pre-de-cease \,prē-di-ˈsēs\ *vb* -ceased; -ceas-ing : to die before another person
pre-de-ces-sor \ˈpred-ə-,ses-ər, ˈprēd-\ *n* : one that has previously held a position to which another has succeeded
pre-des-ig-nate \(')prē-ˈdez-ig-,nāt\ *vb* : to designate beforehand
pre-des-ti-na-tion \,prē-,des-tə-ˈnā-shən\ *n* : the act of foreordaining to an earthly lot or eternal destiny by divine decree; *also* : the state of being so foreordained — **pre-des-ti-nate** \ˈprē-des-tə-,nāt\ *vb*
pre-des-tine \ˈprē-des-tən\ *vb* : to settle beforehand : FOREORDAIN
pre-de-ter-mine \,prē-di-ˈtər-mən\ *vb* : to determine beforehand
pred-i-ca-ble \ˈpred-i-kə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being predicated or affirmed
pred-i-ca-ment \ˈpri-ˈdik-ə-mənt\ *n* : a difficult or trying situation *syn* dilemma, pickle, quagmire, jam
¹**pred-i-cate** \ˈpred-i-kət\ *n* : the part of a sentence or clause that expresses what is said of the subject
²**pred-i-cate** \ˈpred-ə-,kāt\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing **1** : AFFIRM **2** : to assert to be a quality or attribute (~ intelligence of man) **3** : FOUND, BASE — **pred-i-ca-tion** \,pred-ə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*
pre-dict \ˈpri-ˈdikt\ *vb* : to declare in advance — **pre-dict-able** \-ˈdik-tə-bəl\ *adj* — **pre-dict-ably** \-blē\ *adv* — **pre-diction** \-ˈdik-shən\ *n*
pre-di-ges-tion \,prē-dī-ˈjes-chen, -də-\ *n* : artificial par-

- tial digestion of food esp. for use in cases of illness or impaired digestion — **pre-di-gest** \-'jɛst\ *vb*
- pre-di-lec-tion** \,prɛ-'lɛk-shən, ,prɛ-\ *n* : a favorable inclination
- pre-dis-pose** \,prɛ-'dɪs-pōz\ *vb* : to incline in advance : make susceptible — **pre-dis-po-si-tion** \,prɛ-'dɪs-pə-'zɪʃ-ən\ *n*
- pre-dom-i-nant** \pri-'dām-ə-nənt\ *adj* : greater in importance, strength, influence, or authority — **pre-dom-inance** \-nəns\ *n*
- pre-dom-i-nant-ly** \-nənt-lē\ *adv* : for the most part : MAINLY
- pre-dom-i-nate** \pri-'dām-ə-,nāt\ *vb* : to be superior esp. in power or numbers : PREVAIL
- pre-e-mie** \prɛ-'mē\ *n* : a baby born prematurely
- pre-em-i-nent** \prɛ-'em-ə-nənt\ *adj* : having highest rank : OUTSTANDING — **pre-em-i-nence** \-nəns\ *n* — **pre-em-i-nent-ly** *adv*
- pre-empt** \prɛ-'empt\ *vb* **1** : to settle upon (public land) with the right to purchase before others; *also* : to take by such right **2** : to seize upon before someone else can **3** : to take the place of **syn** usurp, confiscate, appropriate, expropriate — **pre-emp-tion** \-'emp-shən\ *n*
- pre-emp-tive** \prɛ-'emp-tiv\ *adj* : marked by the seizing of initiative : initiated by oneself (~ attack)
- preen** \prɛn\ *vb* **1** : to dress or smooth up : PRIMP **2** : to trim or dress with the beak **3** : to pride (oneself) for achievement
- pre-ex-ist** \,prɛ-'ig-'zɪst\ *vb* : to exist before — **pre-ex-istence** \-'zɪs-təns\ *n* — **pre-ex-is-tent** \-tənt\ *adj*
- pref** *abbr* **1** *prefix* **2** *reference* **3** *preferred* **4** *prefix*
- pre-fab** \prɛ-'fab, 'prɛ-,fab\ *n* : a prefabricated structure
- pre-fab-ri-cate** \prɛ-'fab-rə-,kāt\ *vb* : to manufacture the parts of (a structure) beforehand for later assembly — **pre-fab-ri-ca-tion** \,prɛ-,fab-ri-'kā-shən\ *n*
- 1** **pref-ace** \prɛ-'fæs\ *n* : introductory comments : FOREWORD — **pref-a-to-ry** \prɛ-'fə-,tōr-ē\ *adj*
- 2** **preface** *vb* **pref-aced**; **pref-ac-ing** : to introduce with a preface
- pre-fect** \prɛ-'fekt\ *n* **1** : a high official; *esp* : a chief officer or magistrate **2** : a student monitor — **pre-fecture** \-fɛk-ʃər\ *n*
- pre-fer** \pri-'fər\ *vb* **pre-ferred**; **pre-fer-ring** **1** *archaic* : PROMOTE **2** : to like better : choose above another **3** : to bring (as a charge) against a person — **pre-fer-a-ble** \prɛ-(ə-)rə-bəl\ *adj* — **pre-fer-a-bly** \-blē\ *adv*
- pre-fer-ence** \prɛ-(ə-)rəns\ *n* **1** : a special liking for one thing over another **2** : CHOICE, SELECTION — **pre-fer-en-tial** \,prɛ-'fər-ən-ʃəl\ *adj*
- pre-fer-ment** \pri-'fər-mənt\ *n* : PROMOTION, ADVANCEMENT
- pre-fig-ure** \prɛ-'fig-yər\ *vb* **1** : FORESHADOW **2** : to imagine beforehand
- 1** **pre-fix** \prɛ-'fɪks, prɛ-'fɪks\ *vb* : to place before (~ a title to a name)
- 2** **pre-fix** \prɛ-'fɪks\ *n* : an affix occurring at the beginning of a word
- pre-flight** \prɛ-'fli:t\ *adj* : preparing for or preliminary to flight
- pre-form** \prɛ-'fɔrm\ *vb* : to form or shape beforehand
- pre-na-ble** \prɛg-nə-bəl\ *adj* : vulnerable to capture (a ~ fort)
- preg-nant** \prɛg-nənt\ *adj* **1** : containing unborn young within the body **2** : rich in significance : MEANINGFUL — **preg-nan-cy** \-nən-sē\ *n*
- pre-heat** \prɛ-'hēt\ *vb* : to heat beforehand; *esp* : to heat (an oven) to a designated temperature before using
- pre-hen-sile** \prɛ-'hen-səl, -,sɪl\ *adj* : adapted for grasping esp. by wrapping around (a monkey with a ~ tail)
- pre-his-tor-ic** \,prɛ-(h)ɪs-'tɔr-ɪk\ or **pre-his-tor-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or existing in the period before written history began
- pre-ig-ni-tion** \,prɛ-'ig-'nɪʃ-ən\ *n* : ignition in an internal-combustion engine before the proper time
- pre-in-duc-tion** \,prɛ-'ɪn-'dʌk-shən\ *adj* : occurring prior to induction into military service
- pre-judge** \prɛ-'tʃə\ *vb* : to judge before full hearing or examination
- 1** **prej-u-dice** \prɛj-əd-əs\ *n* **1** : DAMAGE; *esp* : detriment to one's rights or claims **2** : an opinion for or against something without adequate basis — **prej-u-di-cial** \,prɛj-əd-'dɪʃ-əl\ *adj*
- 2** **prejudice** *vb* **-diced**; **-dic-ing** **1** : to damage by a judgment or action *esp.* at law **2** : to cause to have prejudice
- pre-late** \prɛ-'et\ *n* : an ecclesiastic (as a bishop) of high rank — **pre-la-cy** \-ə-sē\ *n*
- pre-launch** \prɛ-'lɒnʃ\ *adj* : preparing for or preliminary to launch
- pre-lim** \prɛ-'lɪm, pri-'lɪm\ *n* or *adj* : PRELIMINARY
- 1** **pre-lim-i-nary** \pri-'lɪm-ə-,ner-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-nar-ies** : something that precedes or introduces the main business or event
- 2** **preliminary** *adj* : preceding the main discourse or business
- pre-lude** \prɛ-(y)üd, 'prā-,lūd\ *n* **1** : an introductory performance or event **2** : a musical section or movement introducing the main theme; *also* : an organ solo played at the beginning of a church service
- prem** *abbr* premium
- pre-mar-i-tal** \(')prɛ-'mar-ət-əl\ *adj* : existing or occurring before marriage
- pre-ma-ture** \prɛ-mə-'t(y)ūr, -'chū(ə)r\ *adj* : happening, coming, born, or done before the usual or proper time **syn** untimely, early — **pre-ma-ture-ly** *adv*
- pre-med** \prɛ-'med\ *adj* : PREMEDICAL — **premed** *n*
- pre-med-i-cal** \(')prɛ-'med-i-kəl\ *adj* : preceding and preparing for the professional study of medicine
- pre-med-i-tate** \pri-'med-ə-,tāt\ *vb* : to consider and plan beforehand — **pre-med-i-ta-tion** \-med-ə-'tā-shən\ *n*
- pre-men-stru-al** \(')prɛ-'men-strə-(w)əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or occurring in the period just preceding menstruation
- 1** **pre-mier** \pri-'m(y)ər, 'prɛ-mē-ər\ *adj* [ME *primier*, fr. MF *premier* first, chief, fr. L *primarius* of the first rank] : first in rank or importance : CHIEF; *also* : first in time : EARLIEST
- 2** **premier** *n* : PRIME MINISTER — **pre-mier-ship** *n*
- 1** **pre-miere** \pri-'myər, -'mɪər\ *n* : a first performance
- 2** **premiere** or **pre-mier** *like* 'PREMIERE' *vb* **premiered**; **premier-ing** : to give or receive a first public performance
- pre-mise** \prɛ-'mɛs\ *n* **1** : a statement of fact or a supposition made or implied as a basis of argument **2** *pl* : a piece of land with the structures on it; *also* : the place of business of an enterprise
- pre-mi-um** \prɛ-'mē-əm\ *n* **1** : REWARD, PRIZE **2** : a sum over and above the stated value **3** : something paid over and above a fixed wage or price **4** : something given with a purchase **5** : the sum paid for a contract of insurance **6** : an unusually high value
- pre-mix** \prɛ-'mɪks\ *vb* : to mix before use
- 1** **pre-molar** \(')prɛ-'mō-lər\ *adj* : situated in front of or preceding the molar teeth
- 2** **premolar** *n* : either of two double-pointed premolar teeth behind the canine on each side of each jaw in man
- pre-mo-ni-tion** \,prɛ-mə-'nɪʃ-ən, ,prɛ-mə-\ *n* : previous notice : FOREWARNING; *also* : PRESENTIMENT — **pre-mon-i-to-ry** \pri-'mān-ə-,tōr-ē\ *adj*
- pre-na-tal** \prɛ-'nāt-əl\ *adj* : occurring, existing, or taking place before birth
- pre-oc-cu-pa-tion** \prɛ-,ək-yə-'pā-shən\ *n* : complete ab-

sorption of the mind or interests; *also* : something that causes such absorption

pre-oc-cu-pied \prē-ˈäk-yə-,pid\ *adj* 1 : last in thought; *also* : absorbed in some preoccupation 2 : already occupied syn abstracted, absent, absentminded

pre-oc-cu-py \-,pi\ *vb* 1 : to occupy the attention of beforehand 2 : to take possession of before another

pre-op-er-a-tive \(')prē-ˈäp-(ə-)rət-iv, -ˈäp-ə-,rät-\ *adj* : occurring before and usu. soon before a surgical operation

pre-or-dain \,prē-ör-ˈdän\ *vb* : FOREORDAIN

pre-owned \ˈprē-ˈönd\ *adj* : SECONDHAND

prep *abbr* 1 preparatory 2 preposition

pre-pack-age \(')prē-ˈpak-ij\ *vb* : to package (as food) before offering for sale to the customer

preparatory school *n* 1 : a usu. private school preparing students primarily for college 2 *Brit* : a private elementary school preparing students primarily for public schools

pre-pare \pri-ˈpaər\ *vb* **pre-pared**; **pre-par-ing** 1 : to make or get ready (∼ dinner) (∼ a boy for college) 2 : to get ready beforehand : PROVIDE 3 : to put together : COMPOUND (∼ a vaccine) — **pre-pa-ra-tion** \,prep-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* — **pre-par-a-to-ry** \pri-ˈpar-ə-,tör-ē\ *adj*

pre-pared-ness \pri-ˈpar-əd-nəs\ *n* : a state of adequate preparation

pre-pay \ˈprē-ˈpā\ *vb* **-paid** \-ˈpād\; **-pay-ing** : to pay or pay the charge on in advance

pre-pon-der-ant \pri-ˈpān-də-(ə-)rənt\ *adj* : having greater weight, force, influence, or frequency — **pre-pon-der-ance** \-d(ə-)trəns\ *n* — **pre-pon-der-ant-ly** *adv*

pre-pon-der-ate \pri-ˈpān-də-,rāt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** [*L. praeponderare*, fr. *prae-* ahead + *ponder-*, *pondus* weight] : to exceed in weight, force, influence, or frequency : PREDOMINATE

prep-o-si-tion \,prep-ə-ˈzish-ən\ *n* : a word that combines with a noun or pronoun to form a phrase — **prep-o-si-tion-al** \-ˈzish-(ə-)nəl\ *adj*

pre-pos-sess \,prē-pə-ˈzes\ *vb* 1 : to influence beforehand for or against someone or something 2 : to induce to a favorable opinion beforehand

pre-pos-sess-ing *adj* : tending to create a favorable impression : ATTRACTIVE (a ∼ manner)

pre-pos-ses-sion \-ˈzesh-ən\ *n* 1 : PREJUDICE 2 : an exclusive concern with one idea or object

pre-pos-ter-ous \pri-ˈpäs-t(ə-)rəs\ *adj* : contrary to nature or reason : ABSURD

preppy or **prep-pie** \ˈprep-ē\ *n, pl* **preppies** 1 : a student at or a graduate of a preparatory school 2 : a person deemed to dress or behave like a preppy

pre-puce \ˈprē-,pyūs\ *n* : FORESKIN

pre-re-cord \,prē-ri-ˈkōrd\ *vb* : to record for later broadcast

pre-req-ui-site \prē-ˈrek-wə-zət\ *n* : something required beforehand or for the end in view — **prerequisite** *adj*

pre-rog-a-tive \pri-ˈräg-ət-iv\ *n* : an exclusive or special right, power, or privilege

pres *abbr* 1 present 2 president

pres-age \ˈpres-ij\ *n* 1 : something that foreshadows a future event : OMEN 2 : FOREBODING

pre-sage \ˈpres-ij, pri-ˈsāj\ *vb* **pre-saged**; **pre-sag-ing** 1 : to give an omen or warning of : FORESHADOW 2 : FORETELL, PREDICT

pres-by-opia \,prez-bē-ˈö-pē-ə\ *n* : a visual condition in which loss of elasticity of the lens of the eye causes defective accommodation and inability to focus sharply for near vision — **pres-by-opic** \-ˈö-pik, -ˈäp-ik\ *adj* or *n*

pres-by-ter \ˈprez-bət-ər\ *n* 1 : PRIEST, MINISTER 2 : an elder in a Presbyterian church

Pres-by-te-ri-an \,prez-bə-ˈtir-ē-ən\ *adj* 1 *often not cap* : characterized by a graded system of representative ecclesiastical bodies (as presbyteries) exercising legislative and judicial powers 2 : of or relating to a group of

Protestant Christian bodies that are presbyterian in government

Presbyterian *n* : a member of a Presbyterian church — **Pres-by-te-ri-an-ism** \-,iz-əm\ *n*

pres-by-tery \ˈprez-bə-,ter-ē\ *n, pl* **-ter-ies** 1 : the part of a church reserved for the officiating clergy 2 : a ruling body in Presbyterian churches consisting of the ministers and representative elders of a district

pre-school \ˈprē-ˈskül\ *adj* : of, relating to, or constituting the period in a child's life from infancy to the age of five or six — **pre-school-er** \-ˈskül-lər\ *n*

pre-science \ˈpresh-əns, ˈprësh-\ *n* : foreknowledge of events; *also* : FORESIGHT — **pre-scient** \-(ē-)ənt\ *adj*

pre-scribe \ˈpri-ˈskrib\ *vb* **pre-scribed**; **pre-scrib-ing** 1 : to lay down as a guide or rule of action 2 : to direct the use of something as a remedy

pre-scrip-tion \pri-ˈskrip-shən\ *n* 1 : the action of prescribing rules or directions 2 : a written direction for the preparation and use of a medicine; *also* : a medicine prescribed

pres-ence \ˈprez-əns\ *n* 1 : the fact or condition of being present 2 : the space immediately around a person 3 : one that is present 4 : the bearing of a person; *esp* : stately bearing

pres-ent \ˈprez-ənt\ *n* : something presented : GIFT

pre-sent \ˈpri-ˈzent\ *vb* 1 : to bring into the presence or acquaintance of : INTRODUCE 2 : to bring before the public (∼ a play) 3 : to make a gift to 4 : to give formally 5 : to lay (as a charge) before a court for inquiry 6 : to aim or direct (as a weapon) so as to face in a particular direction — **pre-sent-able** *adj* — **pre-sen-ta-tion** \,pre-ˈzen-ˈtā-shən, ˈprez-ˈn-\ *n* — **pre-sent-ment** \ˈpri-ˈzent-mənt\ *n*

pres-ent \ˈprez-ənt\ *adj* 1 : now existing or in progress (∼ conditions) 2 : being in view or at hand (∼ at the meeting) 3 : under consideration (the ∼ problem) 4 : of, relating to, or constituting a verb tense that expresses present time or the time of speaking

pres-ent \ˈprez-ənt\ *n* 1 *pl* : the present legal document 2 : the present tense; *also* : a verb form in it 3 : the present time

pres-ent-day \ˈprez-ənt-ˈdā\ *adj* : now existing or occurring : CURRENT

pres-en-ti-ment \ˈpri-ˈzent-ə-mənt\ *n* : a feeling that something is about to happen : PREMONITION

pres-ent-ly \ˈprez-ənt-lē\ *adv* 1 : SOON 2 : NOW

present participle *n* : a participle that typically expresses present action and that in English is formed with the suffix *-ing* and is used in the formation of the progressive tenses

pre-serve \ˈpri-ˈzərv\ *vb* **pre-served**; **pre-serv-ing** 1 : to keep safe : GUARD, PROTECT 2 : to keep from decaying; *esp* : to process food (as by canning or pickling) to prevent spoilage 3 : MAINTAIN (∼ silence) — **pres-er-va-tion** \,prez-ər-ˈvā-shən\ *n* — **pres-er-va-tive** \ˈpri-ˈzər-vət-iv\ *adj* or *n* — **pre-serv-er** \-ˈzər-vər\ *n*

preserve *n* 1 : preserved fruit — often used in *pl.* 2 : an area for the protection of natural resources (as animals) **pre-set** \ˈpri-ˈset\ *vb* **-set**; **-set-ting** : to set beforehand **pre-shrunk** \ˈprē-ˈshrŋk\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being a fabric subjected to a shrinking process during manufacture usu. to reduce later shrinking

pre-side \ˈpri-ˈzid\ *vb* **pre-sid-ed**; **pre-sid-ing** [*L. praesidere* to guard, preside over, lit., to sit in front of, sit at the head of, fr. *prae* in front of + *sedere* to sit] 1 : to occupy the place of authority; *esp* : to act as chairman 2 : to exercise guidance or control

pres-i-dent \ˈprez-əd-ənt\ *n* 1 : one chosen to preside (∼ of the assembly) 2 : the chief officer of an organization (as a corporation or society) 3 : an elected official serving as both chief of state and chief political executive; *also* : a chief of state often with only minimal political

powers — **pres-i-den-cy** \ə-n-sē\ *n* — **pres-i-den-tial** \,prez-ə-'den-chəl\ *adj*
pre-si-dio \pri-'sēd-ē-,ō-,ō-'sid-\ *n*, *pl* **-di-os** [Sp] : a garri-
 soned place; *esp* : a military post or fortified settlement
 in areas currently or orig. under Spanish control
pre-sid-ium \pri-'sid-ē-əm\ *n*, *pl* **-ia** \-ē-ə\ or **-iums** [Russ
prezidium, fr. L *praesidium* garrison] : a permanent
 executive committee selected in Communist countries
 to act for a larger body
¹**pre-soak** \(')prē-'sōk\ *vb* : to soak beforehand
²**pre-soak** \(')prē-'sōk\ *n* 1 : an instance of presoaking 2 : a
 preparation used in presoaking clothes
¹**press** \(')pres\ *n* 1 : a crowded condition : **THRONG** 2 : a
 machine for exerting pressure; *esp* : **PRINTING PRESS** 3
 : **CLOSET**, **CUPBOARD** 4 : **PRESSURE** 5 : the properly
 creased condition of a freshly pressed garment 6 : the
 act or the process of printing 7 : a printing or publishing
 establishment 8 : the media (as newspapers and maga-
 zines) of public news and comment; *also* : persons (as
 reporters) employed in these media 9 : comment in
 newspapers and periodicals 10 : a pressure device (as
 for keeping a tennis racket from warping)
²**press** *vb* 1 : to bear down upon : push steadily against 2
 : **ASSAIL**, **COMPEL** 3 : to squeeze out the juice or contents
 of (∼ grapes) 4 : to squeeze to a desired density, shape,
 or smoothness; *esp* : **IRON** 5 : to try hard to persuade
 : **URGE** 6 : to follow through : **PROSECUTE** 7 : **CROWD** 8
 : to force one's way 9 : to require haste or speed in
 action 10 : to make (a phonograph record) from a mat-
 rix — **press-er** *n*
press agent *n* : an agent employed to maintain good pub-
 lic relations through publicity
press-ing \(')pres-ɪŋ\ *adj* : **URGENT**
press-man \(')pres-mən, -man\ *n* : the operator of a press
 and *esp.* a printing press
press-room \(')pres-rūm, -rūm\ *n* : a room in a printing
 plant containing the printing presses; *also* : a room for
 the use of reporters
¹**pres-sure** \(')presh-ər\ *n* 1 : the burden of physical or men-
 tal distress : **OPPRESSION** 2 : the action of pressing; *esp* :
 the application of force to something by something
 else in direct contact with it 3 : the condition of being
 pressed or of exerting force over a surface 4 : the stress
 or urgency of matters demanding attention *syn* stress,
 strain, tension
²**pressure** *vb* **pres-sured**; **pres-sur-ing** \(-ə-)rɪŋ\ : to apply
 pressure to
pressure group *n* : a group that seeks to influence govern-
 mental policy but not to elect candidates to office
pressure suit *n* : an inflatable suit for high-altitude or
 space flight to protect the body from low pressure
pres-sur-ize \(')presh-ə-,rɪz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** 1 : to maintain
 normal atmospheric pressure within (an airplane cabin)
 during high-altitude flight 2 : to apply pressure to 3 : to
 design to withstand pressure — **pres-sur-iza-tion**
 \,presh-(ə-)rə-'zā-shən\ *n*
pres-ti-dig-i-ta-tion \,pres-tə-,dij-ə-'tā-shən\ *n* : **SLEIGHT**
OF HAND
pres-tige \pres-'tēzh, -'tēj\ *n* [F, fr. MF, conjuror's trick,
 illusion, fr. LL *praestigium*, fr. L *praestigiae*, pl., con-
 juror's tricks, irreg. fr. *praestringere* to tie up, blind-
 fold, fr. *prae-* in front of + *stringere* to bind tight]
 : standing or estimation in the eyes of people : **REPUTA-**
TION *syn* influence, authority, weight — **pres-ti-gious**
 \-'tj-əs, -'tēj-\ *adj*
pres-to \(')pres-tō\ *adv* or *adj* [It] : suddenly as if by magic
 : **IMMEDIATELY**
pre-stress \(')prē-'stres\ *vb* : to introduce internal
 stresses into (as a structural beam) to counteract later
 load stresses
pre-sume \pri-'zūm\ *vb* **pre-sumed**; **pre-sum-ing** 1 : to take
 upon oneself without leave or warrant : **DARE** 2 : to take
 for granted : **ASSUME** 3 : to act or behave with undue

boldness — **pre-sum-able** \-'zū-mə-bəl\ *adj* — **pre-sum-**
ably \-blē\ *adv*
pre-sump-tion \pri-'zəmp-shən\ *n* 1 : presumptuous atti-
 tude or conduct : **AUDACITY** 2 : an attitude or belief
 dictated by probability; *also* : the grounds lending prob-
 ability to a belief — **pre-sump-tive** \-tɪv\ *adj*
pre-sump-tu-ous \pri-'zəmp-chə-(wə)s\ *adj* : overstep-
 ping due bounds : taking liberties : **OVERBOLD**
pre-sup-pose \,prē-sə-'pōz\ *vb* 1 : to suppose beforehand
 2 : to require beforehand as a necessary condition *syn*
 presume, assume — **pre-sup-po-si-tion** \,prē-,səp-ə-
 'zish-ən\ *n*
pre-teen \prē-'tēn\ *n* : a boy or girl not yet 13 years old
 — **preteen** *adj*
pre-tend \pri-'tend\ *vb* 1 : **PROFESS** (doesn't ∼ to be scien-
 tific) 2 : **FEIGN** (∼ to be angry) 3 : to lay claim (∼ to a
 throne) — **pre-tend-er** *n*
pre-tense or **pre-tence** \prē-,tens, pri-'tens\ *n* 1 : **CLAIM**;
esp : one not supported by fact 2 : mere display : **SHOW**
 3 : an attempt to attain a certain condition (made a ∼ at
 discipline) 4 : false show : **PRETEXT** — **pre-ten-sion** \pri-
 'ten-chən\ *n*
pre-ten-tious \pri-'ten-chəs\ *adj* 1 : making or possessing
 claims (as to excellence) : **OSTENTATIOUS** (a ∼ literary
 style) 2 : making demands on one's ability or means
 : **AMBITIOUS** (too ∼ an undertaking) — **pre-ten-tious-ly**
adv — **pre-ten-tious-ness** *n*
pret-er-it or **pret-er-ite** \prēt-ər-rə\ *adj* : **PAST** 3 — **preterit**
n
pre-ter-nat-u-ral \,prēt-ər-'nach-(ə)-rəl\ *adj* 1 : exceeding
 what is natural 2 : inexplicable by ordinary means —
pre-ter-nat-u-ral-ly \-ē\ *adv*
pre-text \prē-,tekst\ *n* : a purpose stated or assumed to
 cloak the real intention or state of affairs
pret-ti-fy \(')prit-i-,fɪ, 'pɜrt-\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to make
 pretty — **pret-ti-fi-ca-tion** \,prit-i-fə-'kā-shən, 'pɜrt-\ *n*
¹**pret-ty** \(')prit-ē, 'pɜrt\ *adj* **pret-ti-er**; **-est** [ME *praty*, *prety*,
 fr. OE *prættig* tricky, fr. *prætt* trick] 1 : pleasing by
 delicacy or grace : superficially appealing rather than
 strikingly beautiful (∼ flowers) 2 : **FINE**, **GOOD** (a ∼
 profit) — often used ironically (a ∼ state of affairs) *syn*
 comely, fair, beautiful, attractive, lovely — **pret-ti-ly**
 \(')prit-ē\ *adv* — **pret-ti-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*
²**pret-ty** \,pɜrt-ē, pɜrt-, 'prit-\ *adv* : in some degree : **MOD-**
ERATELY
³**pret-ty** \(')prit-ē, 'pɜrt-ē\ *vb* **pret-tied**; **pret-ty-ing** : to make
 pretty
pret-zel \(')pret-səl\ *n* [G *brezel*, deriv. of L *brachiat*
 having branches like arms, fr. *brachium* arm] : a usu.
 brittle, glazed, salted, and usu. twisted cracker
prev *abbr* previous; previously
pre-vail \pri-'vāl\ *vb* 1 : to win mastery : **TRIUMPH** 2 : to
 be or become effective : **SUCCEED** 3 : to urge success-
 fully (∼ed upon her to sing) 4 : to be frequent : **PREDOMI-**
NATE — **pre-vail-ing-ly** \-ɪŋ-lē\ *adv*
prev-a-lent \prev-ə-lənt\ *adj* : generally or widely exist-
 ent : **WIDESPREAD** — **prev-a-lence** \-ləns\ *n*
pre-var-i-cate \pri-'var-ə-,kāt\ *vb* **-cat-ed**; **-cat-ing** : to de-
 viate from the truth : **EQUIVOCATE** — **pre-var-i-ca-tion**
 \-,var-ə-'kā-shən\ *n* — **pre-var-i-ca-tor** \-'var-ə-,kāt-ər\ *n*
pre-vent \pri-'vent\ *vb* 1 : to keep from happening or
 existing (steps to ∼ war) 2 : to hold back : **HINDER**, **STOP**
 (∼ us from going) — **pre-vent-able** *also* **pre-vent-ible**
 \-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **pre-ven-tion** \-'ven-chən\ *n* — **pre-ven-tive**
 \-'vent-iv\ or **pre-ven-ta-tive** \-'vent-ət-iv\ *adj* or *n*
pre-ver-bal \(')prē-'vər-bəl\ *adj* : having not yet acquired
 the faculty of speech

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chicken \eb\bet \e\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

- pre-view** \ˈprē-,vyū\ *vb* : to see or discuss beforehand; *esp* : to view or show in advance of public presentation
- preview** *n* 1 : an advance showing or viewing 2 *also* **pre-vue** \-,vyū\ : a showing of snatches from a motion picture advertised for future appearance 3 : FORETASTE
- pre-vi-ous** \ˈprē-vē-əs\ *adj* : going before : EARLIER, FORMER *syn* foregoing, prior, preceding, former, antecedent — **pre-vi-ous-ly** *adv*
- pre-vi-sion** \prē-ˈvizh-ən\ *n* 1 : FORESIGHT, PRESCIENCE 2 : FORECAST, PREDICTION
- pre-war** \ˈprē-ˈwɔr\ *adj* : occurring or existing before a war
- prey** \ˈprā\ *n, pl* **preys** 1 : an animal taken for food by another; *also* : VICTIM 2 : the act or habit of preying
- prey** *vb* 1 : to raid for booty 2 : to seize and devour something as prey 3 : to have a harmful or wearing effect
- prf** *abbr* proof
- price** \ˈprɪs\ *n* 1 *archaic* : VALUE 2 : the amount of money paid or asked for the sale of a specified thing; *also* : the cost at which something is obtained
- price** *vb* **priced**; **pric-ing** 1 : to set a price on 2 : to ask the price of 3 : to drive by raising prices (*priced* themselves out of the market)
- price-fix-ing** \ˈprɪs-,fɪk-sɪŋ\ *n* : the setting of prices artificially (as by producers or government)
- price-less** \ˈprɪs-ləs\ *adj* : having a value beyond any price : INVALUABLE *syn* precious, costly, expensive
- price support** *n* : artificial maintenance of prices of a commodity at a level usu. fixed through government action
- price war** *n* : a period of commercial competition in which prices are repeatedly cut by the competitors
- pric-ey** *also* **pricy** \ˈprɪ-sē\ *adj* **pric-i-er**; -**est** : EXPENSIVE
- prick** \ˈprɪk\ *n* 1 : a mark or small wound made by a pointed instrument 2 : something sharp or pointed 3 : an instance of pricking; *also* : a sensation of being pricked
- prick** *vb* 1 : to pierce slightly with a sharp point; *also* : to have or cause a pricking sensation 2 : to affect with anguish or remorse (∼*s* his conscience) 3 : to outline with punctures (∼*out* a pattern) 4 : to cause to stand erect (the dog ∼*ed* up his ears) *syn* punch, puncture, perforate, bore, drill
- prick-er** \ˈprɪk-ər\ *n* : BRIAR, THORN
- prick-le** \ˈprɪk-əl\ *n* 1 : a small sharp point (as on a plant) 2 : a slight stinging pain — **prick-ly** \ˈprɪk-lē\ *adj*
- prickle** *vb* **prick-led**; **prick-ling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ 1 : to prick lightly 2 : TINGLE
- prickly heat** *n* : a red cutaneous eruption with intense itching and tingling caused by inflammation around the ducts of the sweat glands
- prickly pear** *n* : any of a genus of cacti with usu. yellow flowers and prickly flat or rounded joints; *also* : the pulpy pear-shaped edible fruit of a prickly pear
- pride** \ˈpraɪd\ *n* 1 : CONCEIT 2 : justifiable self-respect 3 : elation over an act or possession 4 : haughty behavior : DISDAIN 5 : ostentatious display — **pride-ful** *adj*
- pride** *vb* **prid-ed**; **prid-ing** : to indulge in pride
- priest** \ˈpreɪst\ *n* [ME *preist*, fr. OE *prēost*, fr. LL *presbyter*, fr. Gk *presbyteros* elder, priest, fr. compar. of *presbys* old] : a person having authority to perform the sacred rites of a religion; *esp* : an Anglican, Eastern, or Roman Catholic clergyman ranking below a bishop and above a deacon — **priest-hood** *n* — **priest-li-ness** \-lē-nəs\ *n* — **priest-ly** *adj*
- priest-ess** \ˈprē-stəs\ *n* : a woman authorized to perform the sacred rites of a religion
- prig** \ˈprɪg\ *n* : one who irritates by rigid or pointed observance of proprieties — **prig-gish** \ˈprɪg-ɪʃ\ *adj* — **prig-gish-ly** *adv*
- prim** \ˈprɪm\ *adj* **prim-mer**; **prim-mest** : stiffly formal and precise — **prim-ly** *adv* — **prim-ness** *n*
- prim** *abbr* 1 primary 2 primitive
- pri-ma-cy** \ˈprɪ-mə-sē\ *n* 1 : the state of being first (as in rank) 2 : the office, rank, or character of an ecclesiastical primate
- pri-ma don-na** \ˈprɪ-mə-ˈdän-ə\ *n, pl* **prima donnas** [It, lit., first lady] 1 : a principal female singer (as in an opera company) 2 : an extremely sensitive, vain, or undisciplined person
- pri-ma fa-cie** \ˈprɪ-mə-ˈfā-shə, -s(h)ē\ *adj or adv* [L, at first view] 1 : based on immediate impression : APPARENT 2 : SELF-EVIDENT
- pri-mal** \ˈprɪ-məl\ *adj* 1 : ORIGINAL, PRIMITIVE 2 : first in importance
- pri-mar-ily** \ˈprɪ-mer-ə-lē\ *adv* 1 : FUNDAMENTALLY 2 : ORIGINALLY
- pri-ma-ry** \ˈprɪ-,mer-ē, ˈprɪm-(ə-)rē\ *adj* 1 : first in order of time or development; *also* : PREPARATORY 2 : of first rank or importance; *also* : FUNDAMENTAL 3 : not derived from or dependent on something else (∼*sources*)
- primary** *n, pl* -**ries** : a preliminary election in which voters nominate or express a preference among candidates usu. of their own party
- primary school** *n* 1 : a school usu. including grades 1-3 and sometimes kindergarten 2 : ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- pri-mate** \ˈprɪ-māt *or esp* for 1 -mæt\ *n* 1 *often cap* : the highest-ranking bishop of a province or nation 2 : any of an order of mammals that includes man, the apes, and monkeys
- prime** \ˈpraɪm\ *n* 1 : the earliest stage of something; *esp* : SPRINGTIME 2 : the most active, thriving, or successful stage or period (as of one's life) 3 : the best individual; *also* : the best part of something 4 : any integer that is not 0, +1, or -1 and is divisible by no integer except +1, -1, and plus or minus itself; *esp* : any such integer that is positive
- prime** *adj* 1 : standing first (as in time, rank, significance, or quality) (∼*requisite*) 2 : not capable of being divided without a remainder by any number except itself or 1 (a ∼*number*)
- prime** *vb* **primed**; **prim-ing** 1 : FILL, LOAD 2 : to lay a preparatory coating upon (as in painting) 3 : to put in working condition 4 : to instruct beforehand : COACH
- prime meridian** *n* : the meridian of 0° longitude from which other longitudes are reckoned east and west
- prime minister** *n* 1 : the chief minister of a ruler or state 2 : the chief executive of a parliamentary government
- prim-er** \ˈprɪm-ər\ *n* 1 : a small book for teaching children to read 2 : a small introductory book on a subject
- prim-er** \ˈprɪ-mər\ *n* 1 : one that primes 2 : a device for igniting an explosive 3 : material for priming a surface
- prime rate** *n* : an interest rate announced by a bank to be the lowest available to its most credit-worthy customers
- prime time** *n* : the evening period generally from 7 to 11 p.m. during which television has its largest number of viewers
- pri-me-val** \ˈprɪ-ˈmē-vəl\ *adj* : of or relating to the earliest ages : PRIMITIVE
- prim-i-tive** \ˈprɪ-mət-iv\ *adj* 1 : ORIGINAL, PRIMEVAL 2 : of, relating to, or characteristic of an early stage of development or a relatively simple people or culture 3 : ELEMENTAL, NATURAL 4 : SELF-TAUGHT; *also* : produced by a self-taught artist — **prim-i-tive-ly** *adv* — **prim-i-tive-ness** *n* — **prim-i-tiv-i-ty** \ˈprɪ-mət-iv-ət-ē\ *n*
- primitive** *n* 1 : a primitive artist 2 : a member of a primitive people
- prim-i-tiv-ism** \ˈprɪ-mət-iv-,iz-əm\ *n* : the style of art of primitive peoples or primitive artists
- pri-mo-gen-i-tor** \ˈprɪ-mō-ˈjen-ət-ər\ *n* : ANCESTOR, FORE-FATHER
- pri-mo-gen-i-ture** \-ˈjen-ə-,chūr\ *n* 1 : the state of being the firstborn of a family 2 : an exclusive right of inheritance belonging to the eldest son

pri-mor-di-al \prī-ˈmórd-ē-əl\ *adj* : first created or developed : existing in its original state : PRIMEVAL
primp ˈprɪmp\ *vb* : to dress in a careful or finicky manner
prim-rose ˈprɪm-rōz\ *n* : any of a genus of herbs with large leaves arranged at the base of the stem and clusters of showy flowers on leafless stalks
prin *abbr* 1 principal 2 principle
prince ˈprɪns\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. L *princeps*, lit., one who takes the first part, fr. *primus* first + *capere* to take] 1 : MONARCH, KING 2 : a male member of a royal family; *esp* : a son of the monarch 3 : a person of high standing (as in a class) (a ~ of poets) — **prince-dom** ˈdəm\ *n* — **prince-ly** *adj*
prince-ling ˈlɪŋ\ *n* : a petty prince
prin-cess ˈprɪn-səs, -ses\ *n* 1 : a female member of a royal family 2 : the consort of a prince
prin-ci-pal ˈprɪn-sə-pəl\ *adj* : most important — **prin-ci-pal-ly** ˈli\ *adv*
principal *n* 1 : a leading person (as in a play) 2 : the chief officer of an educational institution 3 : the person from whom an agent's authority derives 4 : a capital sum placed at interest or used as a fund
prin-ci-pal-i-ty ˌprɪn-sə-pal-ət-ē\ *n, pl -ties* : the position, territory, or jurisdiction of a prince
principal parts *n pl* : the inflected forms of a verb
prin-ci-ple ˈprɪn-sə-pəl\ *n* 1 : a general or fundamental law, doctrine, or assumption 2 : a rule or code of conduct; *also* : devotion to such a code 3 : the laws or facts of nature underlying the working of an artificial device 4 : a primary source : ORIGIN; *also* : an underlying faculty or endowment 5 : the active part (as of a drug)
prin-ci-pled ˈsə-pəld\ *adj* : exhibiting, based on, or characterized by principle (high-principled)
prink ˈprɪŋk\ *vb* : PRIMP
print ˈprɪnt\ *n* 1 : a mark made by pressure 2 : something stamped with an impression 3 : printed state or form 4 : printed matter 5 : a copy made by printing 6 : cloth with a pattern applied by printing
print *vb* 1 : to stamp (as a mark) in or on something 2 : to produce impressions of (as from type) 3 : to write in letters like those of printer's type 4 : to make (a positive picture) from a photographic negative — **print-er** *n*
print-able ˈprɪnt-ə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : capable of being printed or of being printed from 2 : worthy or fit to be published
print-ing ˈprɪnt-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : reproduction in printed form 2 : the art, practice, or business of a printer 3 : IMPRESSION 5
printing press *n* : a machine that produces printed copies
print-out ˈprɪnt-ˈaʊt\ *n* : a printed record produced by a computer — **print out** ˈ(ə)prɪnt-ˈaʊt\ *vb*
pri-or ˈprɪ-(ə)r\ *n* : the superior of a religious house
pri-or *adj* 1 : earlier in time or order 2 : taking precedence logically or in importance — **pri-or-i-ty** ˈprɪ-ˈɔr-ət-ē\ *n*
pri-or-ess ˈprɪ-ə-rəs\ *n* : a nun corresponding in rank to a prior
pri-or-i-tize ˈprɪ-ˈɔr-ə-, tɪz, ˈprɪ-ə-rə-, tɪz\ *vb -tized; -tiz-ing* : to list or rate in order of priority
prior *to prep* : in advance of : BEFORE
pri-o-ry ˈprɪ-(ə-)rē\ *n, pl -ries* : a religious house under a prior or prioress
prism ˈprɪz-əm\ *n* [LL *prisma*, fr. Gk, lit., anything sawed, fr. *prlein* to saw] 1 : a solid whose sides are parallelograms and whose ends are parallel and alike in shape and size 2 : a usu. 3-sided transparent object that breaks up light into rainbow colors — **pris-mat-ic** ˈprɪz-ˈmat-ɪk\ *adj*
pris-on ˈprɪz-ən\ *n* : a place or state of confinement *esp.* for criminals
pris-on-er ˈprɪz-(ə-)nər\ *n* : a person deprived of his liberty; *esp* : one on trial or in prison

pris-sy ˈprɪs-ē\ *adj* **pris-si-er; -est** : being overly prim and precise : PRIGGISH — **pris-si-ness** ˈprɪs-ē-nəs\ *n*
pris-tine ˈprɪs-,tēn\ *adj* 1 : PRIMITIVE 2 : having the purity of its original state : UNSPOILED
prith-ee ˈprɪθ-ē\ *interj, archaic* — used to express a wish or request
pri-va-cy ˈprɪ-və-sē\ *n, pl -cies* 1 : the quality or state of being apart from others 2 : SECRECY
pri-vate ˈprɪ-vət\ *adj* 1 : belonging to or intended for a particular individual or group (~ property) 2 : restricted to the individual : PERSONAL (~ opinion) 3 : carried on by the individual independently (~ study) 4 : not holding public office (a ~ citizen) 5 : withdrawn from company or observation (a ~ place) 6 : not known publicly (~ dealings) — **pri-vate-ly** *adv*
private *n* : an enlisted man of the lowest rank in the marine corps or of one of the two lowest ranks in the army — **in private** : not openly or in public
pri-va-teer ˌprɪ-və-tiər\ *n* : an armed private ship licensed to attack enemy shipping; *also* : a sailor on such a ship
private first class *n* : an enlisted man ranking next below a corporal in the army and next below a lance corporal in the marine corps
pri-va-tion ˈprɪ-vā-shən\ *n* 1 : DEPRIVATION 2 : the state of being deprived; *esp* : lack of what is needed for existence
priv-et ˈprɪv-ət\ *n* : a nearly evergreen shrub related to the olive and widely used for hedges
priv-i-lege ˈprɪv-(ə)-liʒ\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. L *privilegium* law for or against a private person, fr. *privus* private + *leg-, lex* law] : a right or immunity granted as an advantage or favor *esp.* to some and not others
privilege *vb -leged; -leg-ing* : to grant a privilege to
priv-i-leged ˈliʒd\ *adj* 1 : having or enjoying one or more privileges (~ classes) 2 : not subject to disclosure in a court of law (a ~ communication)
privy ˈprɪv-ē\ *adj* 1 : PERSONAL, PRIVATE 2 : SECRET 3 : admitted as one sharing in a secret (~ to the conspiracy) — **priv-i-ly** ˈprɪv-ə-lē\ *adv*
privy *n, pl privies* : TOILET; *esp* : OUTHOUSE
prize ˈprɪz\ *n* 1 : something offered or striven for in competition or in contests of chance 2 : something exceptionally desirable
prize *adj* 1 : awarded or worthy of a prize (a ~ essay); *also* : awarded as a prize (a ~ medal) 2 : OUTSTANDING
prize *vb -prized; prize-ing* : to value highly : ESTEEM syn treasure, cherish, appreciate
prize *n* : property (as a ship) lawfully captured in time of war
prize ˈprɪz\ *vb -prized; prize-ing* : PRY
prize-fight ˈprɪz-,fɪt\ *n* : a professional boxing match — **prize-fight-er** *n* — **prize-fight-ing** ˈɪŋ\ *n*
prize-win-ner ˈprɪz-,win-ər\ *n* : a winner of a prize — **prize-win-ning** ˌ-,win-ɪŋ\ *adj*
pro ˈprɒ\ *n, pl pros* : a favorable argument, person, or position
pro *adv* : in favor : FOR
pro *n or adj* : PROFESSIONAL
PRO *abbr* public relations officer
prob *abbr* 1 probable; probably 2 problem
prob-a-ble ˈprəb-ə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : apparently or presumably true (a ~ hypothesis) 2 : likely to be or become true or real (a ~ result) — **prob-a-bil-i-ty** ˌprəb-əˈbɪl-ət-ē\ *n* — **prob-a-bly** ˈprəb-ə-blē, ˈprəb-lē\ *adv*
pro-bate ˈprɒ-,bāt\ *n* : the judicial determination of the validity of a will

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ə\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \aʊ\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \ə\go \ɪ\hit \ɪ\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \d\go \d\law \d\boy \th\thin \th\the \ʊ\loot
 \ʊ\foot \y\yet \z\h\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

2pro-bate *vb* **pro-bat-ed**; **pro-bat-ing** : to establish (a will) by probate as genuine and valid

pro-ba-tion \prō-'bā-shən\ *n* **1** : subjection of an individual to a period of testing and trial to ascertain fitness (as for a job) **2** : the action of giving a convicted offender freedom during good behavior under the supervision of a probation officer — **pro-ba-tion-ary** \-shə-,ner-ē\ *adj*

pro-ba-tion-er \-sh(ə)-nər\ *n* **1** : one (as a newly admitted student nurse) whose fitness is being tested during a trial period **2** : a convicted offender on probation

pro-ba-tive \prō-bāt-iv\ *adj* **1** : serving to test or try **2** : serving to prove

1probe \prōb\ *n* **1** : a slender instrument for examining a cavity (as a wound) **2** : an information-gathering device sent into outer space **3** : a penetrating investigation *syn* inquiry, inquest, research, inquisition

2probe *vb* **probed**; **prob-ing** **1** : to examine with a probe **2** : to investigate thoroughly

pro-bi-ty \prō-bāt-ē\ *n* : UPRIGHTNESS, HONESTY

prob-lem \prāb-ləm\ *n* **1** : a question raised for consideration or solution **2** : an intricate unsettled question **3** : a source of perplexity or vexation — **problem** *adj*

prob-lem-at-ic \prāb-lə-'mat-ik\ or **prob-lem-at-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* **1** : difficult to solve or decide : PUZZLING **2** : DUBIOUS, QUESTIONABLE

pro-bos-cis \prə-'bās-səs-, -kəs\ *n*, *pl* **-bos-cis-es** also **-bos-cides** \-'bās-ə-, -dēz\ [L, fr. Gk *proboskis*, fr. *pro-* before + *boskein* to feed] : a long flexible snout (as the trunk of an elephant)

proc *abbr* proceedings

pro-cai-ne \prō-'kān\ *n* : a compound used esp. as a local anesthetic

pro-ca-the-dral \prō-kə-'thē-drəl\ *n* : a parish church used as a cathedral

pro-ce-dure \prə-'sē-jər\ *n* **1** : a particular way of doing something (democratic ~) **2** : a series of steps followed in a regular order (surgical ~) — **pro-ce-dur-al** \-'sēj-(ə)rəl\ *adj*

pro-ceed \prō-'sēd\ *vb* **1** : to come forth : ISSUE **2** : to go on in an orderly way; *also* : CONTINUE **3** : to begin and carry on an action **4** : to take legal action **5** : to go forward : ADVANCE

pro-ceed-ing \-iŋ\ *n* **1** : PROCEDURE **2** *pl* : DOINGS **3** *pl* : legal action **4** : TRANSACTION **5** *pl* : an official record of things said or done

pro-ceeds \prō-'sēdz\ *n* *pl* : the total amount or the profit arising from a business deal : RETURN

1pro-cess \präs-'es-, 'prös-\ *n*, *pl* **pro-cess-es** \-'es-əz-, -ə-səz-, -ə-, -sēz\ **1** : PROGRESS, ADVANCE **2** : something going on : PROCEEDING **3** : a natural phenomenon marked by gradual changes that lead toward a particular result (the ~ of growth) **4** : a series of actions or operations directed toward a particular result (a manufacturing ~) **5** : legal action **6** : a mandate issued by a court; *esp* : SUMMONS **7** : a projecting part of an organism or organic structure

2process *vb* : to subject to a special process

pro-ces-sion \prə-'sesh-ən\ *n* : a group of individuals moving along in an orderly often ceremonial way : PARADE

pro-ces-sion-al \-'sesh-(ə)-nəl\ *n* **1** : music for a procession **2** : a ceremonial procession

pro-ces-sor \präs-'es-ər-, 'prös-\ *n* **1** : one that processes **2** : the part of a computer that operates on data

pro-claim \prō-'klām\ *vb* : to make known publicly : DECLARE — **pro-cla-ma-tion** \prāk-lə-'mā-shən\ *n*

pro-cliv-i-ty \prō-'kliv-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** : an inherent inclination *esp.* toward something objectionable

pro-con-sul \prō-'kän-səl\ *n* **1** : a governor or military commander of an ancient Roman province **2** : an administrator in a modern colony, dependency, or occupied area *usu.* with wide powers — **pro-con-su-lar**

\-sə-lər\ *adj* — **pro-con-su-late** \-sə-lət\ *n* — **pro-con-sul-ship** *n*

pro-cras-ti-nate \prə-'kras-tə-, nāt\ *vb* **-nat-ed**; **-nat-ing** [L *procrastinare*, fr. *pro-* forward + *crastinus* of tomorrow, fr. *cras* tomorrow] : to put off *usu.* habitually the doing of something that should be done *syn* dawdle, delay, loiter, linger — **pro-cras-ti-na-tion** \-,kras-tə-'nā-shən\ *n* — **pro-cras-ti-na-tor** \-,kras-tə-, nāt-ər\ *n*

pro-cre-ate \prō-kre-'āt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** : to beget or bring forth offspring *syn* reproduce, breed, generate, propagate — **pro-cre-ation** \prō-kre-'ā-shən\ *n* — **pro-cre-ative** \prō-kre-'āt-iv\ *adj* — **pro-cre-ator** \-,āt-ər\ *n*

pro-crus-te-an \prə-'krəs-tē-ən\ *adj*, *often cap* [deriv. of *Procrustes*, villain of Greek mythology who made victims fit his bed by stretching them or cutting off their legs] : marked by arbitrary often ruthless disregard of individual differences or special circumstances

pro-ctor \prāk-tər\ *n* : one appointed to supervise students (as at an examination) — **proctor** *vb* — **proc-to-ri-al** \prāk-'tōr-ē-əl\ *adj*

pro-cu-rator \prāk-yə-,rāt-ər\ *n* : ADMINISTRATOR; *esp* : an official of ancient Rome administering a province

pro-cure \prə-'kyū(ə)r\ *vb* **pro-cured**; **pro-cur-ing** **1** : to get possession of : OBTAIN **2** : to make women available for promiscuous sexual intercourse **3** : to cause to happen or be done : ACHIEVE *syn* secure, acquire, gain, win, earn — **pro-cur-able** \-'kyūr-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **pro-cure-ment** \-'kyū(ə)r-mənt\ *n* — **pro-cur-er** *n*

1prod \prād\ *vb* **prod-ded**; **prod-ding** **1** : to thrust a pointed instrument into : GOAD **2** : INCITE, STIR — **prod** *n*

2prod *abbr* product; production

prod-i-gal \präd-'i-gəl\ *adj* **1** : recklessly extravagant; *also* : LUXURIANT **2** : WASTEFUL, LAVISH *syn* profuse, lavish, lush, opulent — **prodigal** *n* — **prod-i-gal-i-ty** \präd-ə-'gal-ət-ē\ *n*

pro-di-gious \prə-'dij-əs\ *adj* **1** : exciting wonder **2** : extraordinary in size or degree : ENORMOUS *syn* monstrous, tremendous, stupendous, monumental — **pro-di-gious-ly** *adv*

prod-i-gy \präd-ə-'jē\ *n*, *pl* **-gies** **1** : something extraordinary : WONDER **2** : a highly talented child

1pro-duce \prə-'d(y)ūs\ *vb* **pro-duced**; **pro-duc-ing** **1** : to present to view : EXHIBIT **2** : to give birth or rise to : YIELD **3** : EXTEND, PROLONG **4** : to give being or form to : BRING ABOUT, MAKE; *esp* : MANUFACTURE **5** : to cause to accrue (~ a profit) — **pro-duc-er** *n*

2pro-duce \präd-(y)ūs-, 'pröd- also -(y)ūs\ *n* : PRODUCT **2**; *also* : agricultural products and *esp.* fresh fruits and vegetables

prod-uct \präd-(y)əkt\ *n* **1** : the number resulting from multiplication **2** : something produced (as by labor, thought, or growth)

pro-duc-tion \prə-'dæk-shən\ *n* **1** : something produced : PRODUCT **2** : the act or process of producing — **pro-duc-tive** \-'dæk-tiv\ *adj* — **pro-duc-tive-ness** *n* — **pro-duc-tiv-i-ty** \-(y)prō-'dæk-tiv-ət-ē-, 'präd-(y)əkt-\ *n*

pro-em \prō-'em\ *n* **1** : preliminary comment : PREFACE **2** : PRELUDE

prof *abbr* **1** professional **2** professor

1pro-fane \prō-'fān\ *vb* **pro-faned**; **pro-fan-ing** **1** : to treat (something sacred) with irreverence or contempt : DESECRATE **2** : to debase by an unworthy use — **prof-a-na-tion** \präf-ə-'nā-shən\ *n*

2profane *adj* [ME *profhane*, fr. MF, fr. L *profanus*, fr. *pro-* before + *fanum* temple] **1** : not concerned with religion : SECULAR **2** : not holy because unconsecrated, impure, or defiled **3** : serving to debase what is holy : IRREVERENT (~ language) — **pro-fane-ly** *adv* — **pro-fane-ness** \-'fān-nəs\ *n*

pro-fan-i-ty \prō-'fan-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : the quality or state of being profane **2** : the use of profane language **3** : profane language

pro-fess \prə-'fes\ *vb* **1** : to declare or admit openly : AF-

FIRM 2 : to declare in words only : **PRETEND 3** : to confess one's faith in **4** : to practice or claim to be versed in (a calling or occupation) — **pro-fess-ed-ly** \-əd-lē\ *adv*

pro-fes-sion \prə-'fesh-ən\ *n* **1** : an open declaration or avowal of a belief or opinion **2** : a calling requiring specialized knowledge and often long academic preparation **3** : the whole body of persons engaged in a calling

1**pro-fes-sion-al** (prə-'fesh-(ə)-nəl) *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or characteristic of a profession **2** : engaged in one of the learned professions **3** : participating for gain in an activity often engaged in by amateurs — **pro-fes-sion-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

2**professional** *n* : one that engages in an activity professionally

pro-fes-sion-al-ism \-,iz-əm\ *n* **1** : the conduct, aims, or qualities that characterize or mark a profession or a professional person **2** : the following of a profession (as athletics) for gain or livelihood

pro-fes-sion-al-ize \-,īz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to give a professional nature to

pro-fes-sor \prə-'fes-ər\ *n* : a teacher at a university or college; *esp* : a faculty member of the highest academic rank — **pro-fes-so-ri-al** \,prə-fə-'sör-ē-əl, ,präf-ə\ *adj* — **pro-fes-sor-ship** *n*

prof-fer \'präf-ər\ *vb* **prof-fered**; **prof-fer-ing** \-(ə)-rɪŋ\ : to present for acceptance : **OFFER** — **proffer** *n*

pro-fi-cient \prə-'fish-ənt\ *adj* : well advanced in an art, occupation, or branch of knowledge **syn** adept, skillful, expert, masterful, masterly — **pro-fi-cien-cy** \-ən-sē\ *n* — **proficient** *n* — **pro-fi-cient-ly** *adv*

1**pro-file** \'prō-,fil\ *n* [It *profilo*, fr. *profilare* to draw in outline, fr. *pro-* forward (fr. *L*) + *filare* to spin, fr. *L.L.*, fr. *L. filum* thread] **1** : a representation of something in outline; *esp* : a human head seen in side view **2** : a concise biographical sketch **3** : degree or level of public exposure (keep a low ~) **syn** contour, silhouette, outline

2**profile** *vb* **pro-filed**; **pro-fil-ing** : to write or draw a profile of

1**prof-it** \'präf-ət\ *n* **1** : a valuable return : **GAIN 2** : the excess of the selling price of goods over their cost — **prof-it-less** *adj*

2**profit** *vb* **1** : to be of use : **BENEFIT 2** : to derive benefit : **GAIN** — **prof-it-able** \'präf-ət-ə-bəl, 'präf-tə-bəl\ *adj* — **prof-it-ably** \-blē\ *adv*

prof-i-teer \,präf-ə-'ti-ər\ *n* : one who makes what is considered an unreasonable profit — **profiteer** *vb*

prof-li-gate \'präf-li-gət, -lə-,gät\ *adj* **1** : completely given up to dissipation and licentiousness **2** : wildly extravagant — **prof-li-ga-cy** \-gə-sē\ *n* — **profligate** *n* — **prof-li-gate-ly** *adv*

pro-for-ma \prə-'fōr-mə\ *adj* : done or existing as a matter of form

pro-found \prə-'faund\ *adj* **1** : marked by intellectual depth or insight (a ~ thought) **2** : coming from or reaching to a depth (a ~ sigh) **3** : deeply felt : **INTENSE** (~ sympathy) — **pro-found-ly** *adv* — **pro-fun-di-ty** \-fənd-ət-ē\ *n*

pro-fuse \prə-'fyūs\ *adj* : pouring forth liberally : **ABUNDANT** **syn** lavish, prodigal, luxuriant, exuberant — **pro-fuse-ly** *adv* — **pro-fu-sion** \-'fyü-zhən\ *n*

pro-gen-i-tor \prə-'jen-ət-ər\ *n* **1** : a direct ancestor : **FOREFATHER 2** : **ORIGINATOR**, **PRECURSOR**

prog-e-ny \'prāj-ə-nē\ *n*, *pl* -nies : **OFFSPRING**, **CHILDREN**, **DESCENDANTS**

prog-na-thous \'präg-nə-thəs\ *adj* : having the jaws projecting beyond the upper part of the face

prog-no-sis \'präg-'nō-səs\ *n*, *pl* -no-ses \-,sēz\ : a forecast *esp.* of the course of a disease

prog-nos-tic \'präg-'näs-tik\ *n* **1** : **PORTENT 2** : **PROPHECY** — **prognostic** *adj*

prog-nos-ti-cate \'präg-'näs-tə-,kät\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing : to foretell from signs or symptoms — **prog-nos-ti-ca-tion**

\-,näs-tə-'kā-shən\ *n* — **prog-nos-ti-ca-tor** \-'näs-tə-,kät-ər\ *n*

1**pro-gram** \'prō-,gram, -grəm\ *n* **1** : a brief outline of the order to be pursued or the subjects included (as in a public entertainment); *also* : **PERFORMANCE 2** : a plan of procedure **3** : coded instructions for a computer — **pro-gram-mat-ic** \,prō-grə-'mat-ik\ *adj*

2**program** *also* **programme** *vb* -grammed or -gramed; -gram-ming or -gram-ing **1** : to enter in a program **2** : to provide (as a computer) with a program — **pro-gram-ma-bil-i-ty** \(\,prō-,gram-ə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **pro-gram-ma-ble** \'prō-,gram-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **pro-gram-mer** or **pro-gram-er** \'prō-,gram-ər, -grə-mər\ *n*

programmed instruction *n* : instruction through information given in small steps with each requiring a correct response by the learner before going on to the next step

pro-gram-ming or **pro-gram-ing** \-,gram-ɪŋ, -grə-mɪŋ\ *n* **1** : the process of instructing or learning by means of an instruction program **2** : the process of preparing an instruction program

1**prog-ress** \'præg-rəs, -,res\ *n* **1** : a forward movement : **ADVANCE 2** : a gradual betterment

2**pro-gress** \prə-'gres\ *vb* **1** : to move forward : **PROCEED 2** : to develop to a more advanced stage : **IMPROVE**

pro-gres-sion \prə-'gresh-ən\ *n* **1** : an act of progressing : **ADVANCE 2** : a continuous and connected series

1**pro-gres-sive** \prə-'gres-iv\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or characterized by progress (a ~ city) **2** : advancing by stages (a ~ disease) **3** *often cap* : of or relating to political Progressives **4** : of, relating to, or constituting a verb form that expresses action in progress at the time of speaking or a time spoken of — **pro-gres-sive-ly** *adv*

2**progressive** *n* **1** : one that is progressive **2** : a person believing in moderate political change and social improvement by government action; *esp*, *cap* : a member of a Progressive Party (as in the presidential campaigns of 1912, 1924, and 1948) in the U.S.

pro-hib-it \prə-'hib-ət\ *vb* **1** : to forbid by authority **2** : to prevent from doing something

pro-hi-bi-tion \,prə-ə-'bish-ən\ *n* **1** : the act of prohibiting **2** : the forbidding by law of the sale or manufacture of alcoholic beverages — **pro-hi-bi-tion-ist** \-'bish-(ə)-nəst\ *n* — **pro-hib-i-tive** \prə-'hib-ət-iv\ *adj* — **pro-hib-i-tive-ly** *adv* — **pro-hib-i-to-ry** \-'hib-ət-,tōr-ē\ *adj*

1**proj-ect** \'prāj-,ekt, -ikt\ *n* **1** : a specific plan or design : **SCHEME 2** : a planned undertaking (a research ~)

2**project** \prə-'jekt\ *vb* **1** : to devise in the mind : **DESIGN 2** : to throw forward **3** : **PROTRUDE 4** : to cause (light or shadow) to fall into space or (an image) to fall on a surface (~ a beam of light) **5** : to attribute (a thought, feeling, or personal characteristic) to a person, group, or object — **pro-jec-tion** \-'jek-shən\ *n*

pro-jec-tile \prə-'jek-tl\ *n* **1** : a body hurled or projected by external force; *esp* : a missile for a firearm **2** : a self-propelling weapon

pro-jec-tion-ist \prə-'jek-sh(ə)-nəst\ *n* : one that operates a motion-picture projector or television equipment

pro-jec-tor \-'jek-tər\ *n* : one that projects; *esp* : a device for projecting pictures on a screen

pro-le-gom-e-non \,prō-li-'gām-ə-,nən, -nən\ *n*, *pl* -e-na \-nə\ : prefatory remarks

pro-le-tar-i-an \,prō-lə-'ter-ē-ən\ *n* : a member of the proletariat — **proletarian** *adj*

pro-le-tar-i-at \-ē-ət\ *n* : the laboring class; *esp* : industrial workers who sell their labor to live

pro-lif-er-ate \prə-'lif-ə-,rāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to grow or increase by rapid production of new units (as cells or offspring) — **pro-lif-er-a-tion** \-,lif-ə-'rā-shən\ *n*

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \au\out \ch\chin \e\et \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ɔ\go \ɔ\law \ɔ\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

pro-lif-ic \prə-'lif-ik\ *adj* **1** : producing young or fruit abundantly **2** : marked by abundant inventiveness or productivity (a ~ writer) — **pro-lif-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

pro-lix \prō-'liks, 'prō-'liks\ *adj* : VERBOSE **syn** wordy, diffuse, redundant — **pro-lix-i-ty** \prō-'lik-sət-ē\ *n*

pro-logue *also* **pro-log** \prō-'lɒg, -'lāg\ *n* : PREFACE (~ of a play)

pro-long \prə-'lɒŋ\ *vb* **1** : to lengthen in time : CONTINUE (~ a meeting) **2** : to lengthen in extent or range **syn** protract, extend, elongate, stretch — **pro-lon-ga-tion** \,prō-'lɒŋ-'gā-shən\ *n*

prom \prəm\ *n* : a formal dance given by a high school or college class

prom-e-nade \,prəm-ə-'nād, -'nād\ *n* [F, fr. *promener* to take for a walk, fr. L *prominare* to drive forward] **1** : a leisurely walk for pleasure or display **2** : a place for strolling **3** : an opening grand march at a formal ball

promenade *vb* **-nad-ed; -nad-ing** **1** : to take a promenade **2** : to walk about in or on

pro-me-thi-um \prə-'mē-thē-əm\ *n* : a metallic chemical element obtained from uranium or neodymium — see ELEMENT table

prom-i-nence \prəm(-ə)-nəns\ *n* **1** : something prominent **2** : the quality, state, or fact of being prominent or conspicuous **3** : a mass of cloudlike gas that arises from the sun's chromosphere

prom-i-nent \-nənt\ *adj* **1** : jutting out : PROJECTING **2** : readily noticeable : CONSPICUOUS **3** : DISTINGUISHED, EMINENT **syn** remarkable, outstanding, striking, salient — **prom-i-nent-ly** *adv*

pro-mis-cu-ous \prə-'mis-kyə-wəs\ *adj* **1** : consisting of various sorts and kinds : MIXED **2** : not restricted to one class or person; *esp* : not restricted to one sexual partner **syn** miscellaneous, assorted, heterogeneous, motley, varied — **prom-is-cu-i-ty** \,prəm-is-'kyū-ət-ē, ,prō-'mis-\ *n* — **pro-mis-cu-ous-ly** *adv* — **pro-mis-cu-ous-ness** *n*

prom-ise \prəm-əs\ *n* **1** : a pledge to do or not to do something specified **2** : ground for expectation of success or improvement **3** : something promised

promise *vb* **prom-ised; prom-is-ing** **1** : to engage to do, bring about, or provide (~ help) **2** : to suggest beforehand (dark clouds ~ rain) **3** : to give ground for expectation (the book ~s to be good)

prom-is-ing \prəm-ə-'sɪŋ\ *adj* : likely to succeed or yield good results — **prom-is-ing-ly** *adv*

prom-is-o-ry \prəm-ə-,sōr-ē\ *adj* : containing a promise

prom-on-to-ry \prəm-ən-'tōr-ē\ *n, pl -ries* : a point of land jutting into the sea : HEADLAND

pro-mote \prə-'mōt\ *vb* **pro-mot-ed; pro-mot-ing** **1** : to advance in station, rank, or honor **2** : to contribute to the growth or prosperity of : FURTHER **3** : LAUNCH — **pro-mo-tion** \-'mō-shən\ *n* — **pro-mo-tion-al** \-'mōsh(-ə)-nəl\ *adj*

pro-mot-er \-'mōt-ər\ *n* : one that promotes; *esp* : one that assumes the financial responsibilities of a sports event

prompt \præmpt\ *vb* **1** : INCITE **2** : to assist (one acting or reciting) by suggesting the next words **3** : INSPIRE, URGE — **prompt-er** *n*

prompt *adj* **1** : being ready and quick to act; *also* : PUNCTUAL **2** : performed readily or immediately (~ service) — **prompt-ly** *adv* — **prompt-ness** *n*

prompt-book \-,bʊk\ *n* : a copy of a play with directions for performance used by a theater prompter

prompt-i-tude \præmpt-tə-,t(y)ūd\ *n* : the quality or habit of being prompt : PROMPTNESS

pro-mul-gate \prəm-əl-'gāt; prō-'mæl-\ *vb* **-gat-ed; -gat-ing** : to make known or put into force by open declaration — **prom-ul-ga-tion** \,prəm-əl-'gā-shən, ,prō-(ə)-mæl-\ *n*

pron *abbr* **1** pronoun **2** pronounced **3** pronunciation

prone \prɒn\ *adj* **1** : having a tendency or inclination

: DISPOSED **2** : lying face downward; *also* : lying flat or prostrate **syn** subject, exposed, open, liable, susceptible — **prone-ness** \prɒn-nəs\ *n*

prong \prɒŋ\ *n* : one of the sharp points of a fork : TINE; *also* : a slender projecting part (as of an antler)

prong-horn \prɒŋ-'hɔrn\ *n, pl pronghorn* **also** **prong-horns** : a ruminant mammal of treeless parts of western No. America that resembles an antelope



pronghorn

pro-noun \prō-,naʊn\ *n* : a word used as a substitute for a noun

pro-nounce \prə-'naʊns\ *vb* **pro-nounced; pro-nounc-ing** **1** : to utter officially or as an opinion (~ sentence) **2** : to employ the organs of speech in order to produce (~ a word); *esp* : to say or speak correctly (she can't ~ his name) — **pro-nounce-able** *adj* — **pro-nun-ci-a-tion** \-,nən-sē-'ā-shən\ *n*

pro-nounced \-'naʊnst\ *adj* : strongly marked : DECIDED

pro-nounce-ment \prə-'naʊns-mənt\ *n* : a formal declaration of opinion; *also* : ANNOUNCEMENT

pron-to \prən-'tō\ *adv* [Sp, fr. L *promptus* prompt] : QUICKLY

pro-nu-clear \prō-'n(y)ü-klē-ər\ *adj* : supporting the use of nuclear-powered electric generating stations

pro-nun-ci-a-men-to \prō-,nən-sē-ə-'ment-ō\ *n, pl -tos or -toes* : PROCLAMATION, MANIFESTO

proof \pru:f\ *n* **1** : the evidence that compels acceptance by the mind of a truth or fact **2** : a process or operation that establishes validity or truth : TEST **3** : a trial impression (as from type) **4** : a trial print from a photographic negative **5** : alcoholic content (as of a beverage) indicated by a number that is twice the percent by volume of alcohol present (whiskey of 90 ~ is 45% alcohol)

proof *adj* **1** : successful in resisting or repelling (~ against tampering) **2** : of standard strength or quality or alcoholic content

proof-read \-,rēd\ *vb* : to read and mark corrections in (as a printer's proof) — **proof-read-er** *n*

prop \prəp\ *n* : something that props

prop *vb* **propped; prop-ping** **1** : to support by placing something under or against (~ up a wall) **2** : SUSTAIN, STRENGTHEN

prop *n* : PROPERTY **4**

prop *n* : PROPELLER

prop *abbr* **1** property **2** proposition **3** proprietor

pro-pa-gan-da \,prəp-ə-'gan-də, ,prō-pə-\ *n* [NL, fr. *Congregatio de propaganda fide* Congregation for propagating the faith, organization established by Pope Gregory XV] : the spreading of ideas or information to further or damage a cause; *also* : ideas or allegations spread for such a purpose — **pro-pa-gan-dist** \-dəst\ *n*

pro-pa-gan-dize \-,diz\ *vb* **-dized; -diz-ing** : to subject to or carry on propaganda

prop-a-gate \prəp-ə-,gāt\ *vb* **-gat-ed; -gat-ing** **1** : to reproduce or cause to reproduce biologically : MULTIPLY **2** : to cause to spread — **prop-a-ga-tion** \,prəp-ə-'gā-shən\ *n*

pro-pa-ne \ˈprō,-pān\ *n* : a heavy flammable gas found in petroleum and natural gas and used as a fuel

pro-pel \prə-ˈpel\ *vb* **pro-pelled**; **pro-pel-ling** 1 : to drive forward or onward 2 : to urge on : **MOTIVATE** *syn* push, shove, thrust, drive

pro-pel-lant *also* **pro-pel-lent** \-ˈpel-ənt\ *n* : something (as an explosive or fuel) that propels — **propellant** or **propellent** *adj*

pro-pel-ler \prə-ˈpel-ər\ *n* : a device consisting of a hub fitted with blades that is used to propel a vehicle (as a motorboat or an airplane)

pro-pen-si-ty \prə-ˈpen-sət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**ties** : an often intense natural inclination or preference

prop-er \ˈprəp-ər\ *adj* 1 : referring to one individual only (∼ *noun*) 2 : belonging characteristically to a species or individual : **PECULIAR** 3 : very satisfactory : **EXCELLENT** 4 : strictly limited to a specified thing (the city ∼) 5 : **CORRECT** (the ∼ way to proceed) 6 : strictly decorous : **GENTEEL** 7 : marked by suitability or rightness (∼ punishment) *syn* meet, appropriate, fitting, seemly — **prop-er-ly** *adv*

proper *n* : the parts of the Mass that vary according to the liturgical calendar

prop-er-tied \ˈprəp-ərt-ēd\ *adj* : owning property and esp. much property

prop-er-ty \ˈprəp-ərt-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**ties** 1 : a quality peculiar to an individual or thing 2 : something owned; *esp* : a piece of real estate 3 : **OWNERSHIP** 4 : an article or object used in a play other than painted scenery and actor's costumes

prop-h-e-cy *also* **prop-h-e-sy** \ˈpräf-ə-sē\ *n*, *pl* -**cies** *also* -**sies** 1 : an inspired utterance of a prophet 2 : **PREDICTION**

prop-h-e-sy \-,sē\ *vb* -**sied**; -**sy-ing** 1 : to speak or utter by divine inspiration 2 : **PREDICT** — **prop-h-e-si-er** \-,sī(-ə)r\ *n*

prop-h-et \ˈpräf-ət\ *n* [ME *prophete*, fr. OF, fr. L *propheta*, fr. Gk *prophētēs*, fr. *pro* for + *phanai* to speak] 1 : one who utters divinely inspired revelations 2 : one who foretells future events

prop-h-et-ess \ˈpräf-ət-əs\ *n* : a woman who is a prophet

pro-ph-et-ic \prə-ˈfet-ik\ or **pro-ph-et-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or characteristic of a prophet or prophecy — **pro-ph-et-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(-ə)-lē\ *adv*

pro-phy-lac-tic \,prō-fə-ˈlak-tik, ˈpräf-ə\ *adj* 1 : preventing or guarding from disease 2 : **PREVENTIVE**

pro-phylactic *n* : something (as a drug or device) that protects from disease

pro-phy-lax-is \-ˈlak-səs\ *n*, *pl* -**lax-es** \-ˈlak-,sēz\ : measures designed to preserve health and prevent the spread of disease

pro-pin-qui-ty \prə-ˈpiŋ-kwət-ē\ *n* 1 : **KINSHIP** 2 : nearness in place or time : **PROXIMITY**

pro-pi-ti-ate \prō-ˈpish-ē-,āt\ *vb* -**at-ed**; -**at-ing** : to gain or regain the favor of : **APPEASE** — **pro-pi-ti-a-tion** \-,pis(h)-ē-ā-shən\ *n* — **pro-pi-ti-a-to-ry** \-ˈpish(-ē)-ə-,tōr-ē\ *adj*

pro-pi-tious \prə-ˈpish-əs\ *adj* 1 : favorably disposed (∼ deities) 2 : being of good omen (∼ circumstances)

prop-man \ˈprəp-,man\ *n* : one who is in charge of theater or motion-picture stage properties

pro-po-nent \prə-ˈpō-nənt\ *n* : one who argues in favor of something

pro-por-tion \prə-ˈpōr-shən\ *n* 1 : the relation of one part to another or to the whole with respect to magnitude, quantity, or degree : **RATIO** 2 : **BALANCE**, **SYMMETRY** 3 : **SHARE**, **QUOTA** 4 : **SIZE**, **DEGREE** — **in proportion** : **PROPORTIONAL**

2proportion *vb* -**tioned**; -**tion-ing** \-sh(ə)-niŋ\ 1 : to adjust (a part or thing) in size relative to other parts or things 2 : to make the parts of harmonious

pro-por-tion-al \prə-ˈpōr-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj* : corresponding in size, degree, or intensity; *also* : having the same or a constant ratio — **pro-por-tion-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

pro-por-tion-ate \prə-ˈpōr-sh(ə)-nət\ *adj* : **PROPORTIONAL** — **pro-por-tion-ate-ly** *adv*

pro-pose \prə-ˈpōz\ *vb* **pro-posed**; **pro-pos-ing** 1 : **PLAN**, **INTEND** (∼s to buy a house) 2 : to make an offer of marriage 3 : to offer for consideration : **SUGGEST** (∼ a policy) — **pro-pos-al** \-ˈpō-zəl\ *n* — **pro-poser** *n*

1prop-o-si-tion \ˈprəp-ə-ˈzish-ən\ *n* 1 : something proposed for consideration : **PROPOSAL**; *esp* : a request for sexual intercourse 2 : a statement of something to be discussed, proved, or explained 3 : **SITUATION**, **AFFAIR** (a tough ∼) — **prop-o-si-tion-al** \-ˈzish(-ə)-nəl\ *adj*

2proposition *vb* -**tioned**; -**tion-ing** \-ˈzish(-ə)-niŋ\ : to make a proposal to; *esp* : to suggest sexual intercourse to **pro-pound** \prə-ˈpaund\ *vb* : to set forth for consideration (∼ a doctrine)

pro-pri-e-tary \prə-ˈpri-ə-,ter-ē\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or characteristic of a proprietor (∼ control) 2 : made and sold by one with the sole right to do so (∼ medicines)

pro-pri-er \prə-ˈpri-ət-ər\ *n* : **OWNER** — **pro-pri-er-ship** *n*

pro-pri-ess \-ˈpri-ə-trəs\ *n* : a woman who is a proprietor

pro-pri-ety \prə-ˈpri-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**eties** 1 : the standard of what is socially acceptable in conduct or speech 2 *pl* : the customs of polite society

pro-pul-sion \prə-ˈpul-shən\ *n* 1 : the action or process of propelling 2 : something that propels — **pro-pul-sive** \-siv\ *adj*

pro-ra-ta \prō-ˈrāt-ə, -ˈrāt-\ *adv* : in proportion to the share of each : **PROPORTIONATELY**

pro-rate \ˈprō-ˈrāt\ *vb* **pro-rat-ed**; **pro-rat-ing** : to divide, distribute, or assess proportionately

pro-rogue \prə-ˈrōg\ *vb* **pro-rogued**; **pro-rogu-ing** : to suspend or end a session of (a legislative body) *syn* adjourn, dissolve, recess — **pro-ro-ga-tion** \,prōr-ə-ˈgā-shən\ *n*

pros *pl* of **PRO**

pro-sa-ic \prō-ˈzā-ik\ *adj* : lacking imagination or excitement : **DULL**

pro-sce-ni-um \prō-ˈsē-nē-əm\ *n* 1 : the part of a stage in front of the curtain 2 : the wall containing the arch that frames the stage

pro-scribe \prō-ˈskrib\ *vb* **pro-scribed**; **pro-scrib-ing** 1 : **OUTLAW** 2 : to condemn or forbid as harmful — **pro-scrip-tion** \-ˈskrip-shən\ *n*

prose \ˈpröz\ *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. L *prosa*, fr. fem. of *prorsus*, *prosus*, straightforward, being in prose, fr. *proversus*, pp. of *provertere* to turn forward] : the ordinary language people use in speaking or writing

pro-s-e-cute \ˈpräs-i-,kyüt\ *vb* -**cut-ed**; -**cut-ing** 1 : to follow to the end (∼ an investigation) 2 : to seek legal punishment of (∼ a forger) — **pro-s-e-cu-tion** \,präs-i-ˈkyü-shən\ *n* — **pro-s-e-cu-tor** \ˈpräs-i-,kyüt-ər\ *n*

1pro-s-e-lyte \ˈpräs-ə-,lit\ *n* : a new convert to a religion, belief, or party — **pro-s-e-lyt-ism** \-,lit-,iz-əm\ *n*

2proselyte *vb* -**lyt-ed**; -**lyt-ing** : **PROSELYTIZE**

pro-s-e-ly-tize \ˈpräs(-ə)-lā-,tiz\ *vb* -**tized**; -**tiz-ing** 1 : to induce someone to convert to one's faith 2 : to recruit someone to join one's party, institution, or cause

pro-s-o-dy \ˈpräs-əd-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**dies** : the study of versification and esp. of metrical structure

1pro-spect \ˈpräs-,pekt\ *n* 1 : an extensive view; *also* : **OUTLOOK** 2 : the act of looking forward 3 : a mental vision of something to come 4 : something that is awaited or expected : **POSSIBILITY** 5 : a potential buyer or customer; *also* : a likely candidate — **pro-spec-tive** \prə-ˈspek-tiv, ˈpräs-,pek-\ *adj* — **pro-spec-tive-ly** *adv*

2prospect \ˈpräs-,pekt\ *vb* : to explore esp. for mineral deposits — **pro-spec-tor** \-,pek-tər, -ˈpek-\ *n*

\əˈbʌt \əˈkɪtən \ərˈfʊrðər \əˈlʌʃ \əˈæʃ \əˈkɒt, kɑːt
 \əʊˈaʊt \tʃˈʃɪn \eɪˈbet \eɪˈeɪzi \gəˈɡo \iˈhɪt \iˈviːʃ \jɒb
 \ŋˈsɪŋ \oˈɡo \oˈlɔː \oɪˈbɔɪ \tʰɪn \tʰiː \tʰiː \uˈlʊt
 \ʊˈfʊt \vɪˈet \zʰiːʒən \see also Pronunciation Symbols page

pro-spec-tus \prə-'spek-təs\ *n* : a preliminary statement that describes an enterprise and is distributed to prospective buyers or participants

pros-per \ˈprās-pər\ *vb* **pros-pered**; **pros-per-ing** \-p(ə-)rɪŋ\ : SUCCEED; *esp* : to achieve economic success

pros-per-ity \ˈprās-'per-ə-tē\ *n* : thriving condition : SUCCESS; *esp* : economic well-being

pros-per-ous \ˈprās-p(ə-)rəs\ *adj* **1** : FAVORABLE (∼ winds) **2** : marked by success or economic well-being (a ∼ business)

pros-tate \ˈprās-,tāt\ *also* **pros-tat-ic** \prə-'stat-ik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the prostate gland — **prostate** *n*

prostate gland *n* : a glandular body about the base of the male urethra that produces a secretion which is a major part of the fluid ejaculated during an orgasm

pros-ta-ti-tis \ˈprās-tə-'tīt-əs\ *n* : inflammation of the prostate gland

pros-the-sis \ˈprās-'thē-səs, 'prās-thə-\ *n*, *pl* -the-ses-\-sēz\ : an artificial replacement for a missing body part — **prosthetic** \ˈprās-'thet-ik\ *adj*

prosthetics \-'thet-iks\ *n* *pl* : the surgical and dental specialties concerned with the artificial replacement of missing parts

pros-ti-tute \ˈprās-tə-,t(y)üt\ *vb* -tut-ed; -tut-ing **1** : to offer indiscriminately for sexual intercourse *esp.* for money **2** : to devote to corrupt or unworthy purposes — **pros-ti-tu-tion** \ˈprās-tə-'t(y)ü-shən\ *n*

prostitute *n* : one who engages in promiscuous sexual intercourse for pay

pros-trate \ˈprās-,trät\ *adj* **1** : stretched out with face on the ground in adoration or submission **2** : lying flat **3** : completely overcome (∼ with a cold)

pros-trate \ˈprās-,trät\ *vb* **pros-trat-ed**; **pros-trat-ing** **1** : to throw or put into a prostrate position **2** : to reduce to a weak or powerless condition — **pros-tra-tion** \ˈprās-'trā-shən\ *n*

prosy \ˈprō-zē\ *adj* **prosi-er**; -est **1** : PROSAIC **2** : TEDIOUS

Prot *abbr* Protestant

prot-ac-tin-i-um \ˈprōt-,ak-'tīn-ē-əm\ *n* : a metallic radioactive element of relatively short life — see ELEMENT table

pro-tag-o-nist \prō-'tag-ə-nəst\ *n* **1** : the principal character in a drama or story **2** : a spokesman for a cause : CHAMPION

pro-te-an \ˈprōt-ē-ən\ *adj* : able to assume different shapes or roles

pro-tect \prə-'tekt\ *vb* : to shield from injury : GUARD

pro-tec-tion \prə-'tek-shən\ *n* **1** : the act of protecting : the state of being protected **2** : one that protects (wear a helmet as a ∼) **3** : the supervision or support of one that is smaller and weaker **4** : the freeing of producers from foreign competition in their home market by high duties on foreign competitive goods — **pro-tec-tive** \-'tek-tiv\ *adj*

pro-tec-tion-ist \-sh(ə-)nəst\ *n* : an advocate of government economic protection for domestic producers through restrictions on foreign competitors — **pro-tec-tion-ism** \-shə-,niz-əm\ *n*

pro-tec-tor \prə-'tek-tər\ *n* **1** : one that protects : GUARDIAN **2** : a device used to prevent injury : GUARD **3** : REGENT **1**

pro-tec-tor-ate \-(ə-)rət\ *n* **1** : government by a protector **2** : the relationship of superior authority assumed by one state over a dependent one; *also* : the dependent political unit in such a relationship

pro-té-gé \ˈprōt-ə-,zhā\ *n* [F] : one who is protected, trained, or guided by an influential person

pro-tein \ˈprō-,tēn, 'prōt-ē-ən\ *n* [F *protéine*, fr. LGk *prōteios* primary, fr. Gk *prōtos* first] : any of numerous complex nitrogen-containing substances that consist of chains of amino acids, are present in all living matter, and are an essential part of the human diet

pro tem \prō-'tem\ *adv* : PRO TEMPORE

pro tem-po-re \prō-'tem-pə-rē\ *adv* [L] : for the time being

Pro-tero-zo-ic \ˈprät-ə-rə-'zō-ik, 'prōt-\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the era of geologic history between the Archeozoic and the Paleozoic and extending from about 1.4 billion years ago to about 620 million years ago — **Proterozoic** *n*

pro-test \ˈprō-'test\ *n* **1** : the act of protesting; *esp* : an organized public demonstration of disapproval **2** : a complaint or objection against an idea, an act, or a course of action

pro-test \ˈprō-'test\ *vb* **1** : to assert positively : make solemn declaration of (∼s his innocence) **2** : to object strongly : make a protest against (∼ a ruling) — **pro-testa-tion** \ˈprät-əs-'tā-shən\ *n* — **pro-test-er** or **pro-tes-tor** \-ər\ *n*

Pro-test-ant \ˈprät-əs-tənt, 3 *also* prə-'tes-\ *n* **1** : a member or adherent of one of the Christian churches deriving from the Reformation **2** : a Christian not of a Catholic or Orthodox church **3 not cap** : one who makes a protest — **Pro-test-ant-ism** \ˈprät-əs-tənt-,iz-əm\ *n*

pro-tha-la-mi-on \ˈprō-thə-'lā-mē-ən\ or **pro-tha-la-mi-um** \-mē-əm\ *n*, *pl* -mia \-mē-ə\ : a song in celebration of a marriage

pro-to-col \ˈprōt-ə-,kōl\ *n* [MF *prothocole*, fr. ML *protocollum*, fr. LGk *prōtokollon* first sheet of a papyrus roll bearing data of manufacture, fr. Gk *prōtos* first + *kollan* to glue together, fr. *kolla* glue] **1** : an original draft or record **2** : a preliminary memorandum of diplomatic negotiation **3** : a code of diplomatic or military etiquette

pro-ton \ˈprō-,tān\ *n* [Gk *prōton*, neut. of *prōtos* first] : a positively charged atomic particle present in all atomic nuclei

pro-to-plasm \ˈprōt-ə-,plaz-əm\ *n* : the complex colloidal largely protein substance of living plant and animal cells that is regarded as the only form of matter in which the vital phenomena are manifested — **pro-to-plas-mic** \ˈprōt-ə-'plaz-mik\ *adj*

pro-to-type \ˈprōt-ə-,tīp\ *n* : an original model : ARCHETYPE

pro-to-zo-an \ˈprōt-ə-'zō-ən\ *n* : any of a phylum or subkingdom of lower invertebrate animals that are not divided into cells or are considered as made up of a single cell

pro-tract \prō-'trakt\ *vb* : to prolong in time or space *syn* extend, lengthen, elongate, stretch

pro-trac-tor \-'trak-tər\ *n* : an instrument for drawing and measuring angles

pro-trude \ˈprō-'trud\ *vb* **pro-trud-ed**; **pro-trud-ing** : to stick out or cause to stick out : jut out — **pro-tru-sion** \-'trū-zhən\ *n*

pro-tu-ber-ance \prō-'t(y)ü-b(ə-)rəns\ *n* : something that protrudes

pro-tu-ber-ant \-b(ə-)rənt\ *adj* : extending beyond the surrounding surface in a bulge

proud \ˈpraüd\ *adj* **1** : having or showing excessive self-esteem : HAUGHTY **2** : highly pleased : EXULTANT **3** : having proper self-respect (too ∼ to beg) **4** : GLORIOUS (a ∼ occasion) **5** : SPIRITED (a ∼ steed) *syn* arrogant, insolent, overbearing, disdainful — **proud-ly** *adv*

prov *abbr* **1** province; provincial **2** provisional

Prov *abbr* Proverbs

prove \ˈpruv\ *vb* **proved**; **proved** or **prov-en** \ˈprü-vən\; **pro-ving** \ˈprü-vɪŋ\ **1** : to test by experiment or by a standard **2** : to establish the truth of by argument or evidence **3** : to show to be correct, valid, or genuine **4** : to turn out *esp.* after trial or test (the car *proved* to be a good choice) — **prov-able** \ˈprü-və-bəl\ *adj*

prov-e-nance \ˈpräv-ə-nəns\ *n* : ORIGIN, SOURCE

Pro-ven-çal \ˈprō-,vən-'säl, 'präv-ən-\ *n* **1** : a native or inhabitant of Provence **2** : a Romance language spoken in southeastern France — **Provençal** *adj*

prov-en-der \ˈpräv-ən-dər\ *n* **1** : dry food for domestic animals : FEED **2** : FOOD, VICTUALS

pro-ve-nience \prə-ˈvē-nyəns\ *n* : ORIGIN, SOURCE
prov-erb \ˈprāv-ərb\ *n* : a pithy popular saying : ADAGE
pro-ver-bi-al \prə-ˈver-bē-əl\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or resembling a proverb 2 : commonly spoken of
Proverbs *n* — see BIBLE table
pro-vid-e \prə-ˈvīd\ *vb* **pro-vid-ed**; **pro-vid-ing** [ME *providēn*, fr. L *providēre*, lit., to see ahead, fr. *pro-* forward + *vidēre* to see] 1 : to take measures beforehand (~ against inflation) 2 : to make a proviso or stipulation 3 : to supply what is needed (~ for a family) 4 : EQUIP 5 : to supply for use : YIELD — **pro-vid-er** *n*
pro-vid-ed \prə-ˈvīd-əd\ *conj* : on condition that : IF
prov-i-dence \ˈprāv-əd-əns\ *n* 1 *often cap* : divine guidance or care 2 *cap* : GOD 1 3 : the quality or state of being provident
prov-i-dent \-əd-ənt\ *adj* 1 : making provision for the future : PRUDENT 2 : FRUGAL — **prov-i-dent-ly** *adv*
prov-i-den-tial \ˈprāv-ə-ˈden-chəl\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or determined by Providence 2 : OPPORTUNE, LUCKY
prov-ince \ˈprāv-əns\ *n* 1 : an administrative district or division of a country 2 *pl* : all of a country except the metropolis 3 : proper business or scope : SPHERE
pro-vin-cial \prə-ˈvīn-chəl\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to a province 2 : confined to a region : NARROW (~ ideas) — **pro-vin-cial-ism** \-ˌiz-əm\ *n*
proving ground *n* : a place for scientific experimentation or testing
pro-vi-sion \prə-ˈvīz-ən\ *n* 1 : the act or process of providing; *also* : a measure taken beforehand 2 : a stock of needed supplies; *esp* : a stock of food — *usu.* used in *pl.* 3 : PROVISIO
provision *vb* **-sioned**; **-sion-ing** \-ˈvīz-(ə-)niŋ\ : to supply with provisions
pro-vi-sion-al \-ˈvīz-(ə-)nəl\ *adj* : provided for a temporary need : CONDITIONAL
pro-vi-so \prə-ˈvī-zō\ *n*, *pl* **-sos** or **-soes** [ME, fr. ML *provisio* *quod* provided that] : an article or clause that introduces a condition : STIPULATION
prov-o-ca-tion \ˈprāv-ə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of provoking 2 : something that provokes
pro-voke \prə-ˈvōk\ *vb* **pro-voked**; **pro-vok-ing** 1 : to incite to anger : INCENSE 2 : to call forth : EVOKE (a sally that *provoked* laughter) 3 : to stir up on purpose (~ an argument) *syn* irritate, exasperate, aggravate, inflame, rile, pique — **pro-voc-a-tive** \prə-ˈvāk-ət-iv\ *adj*
pro-vo-lo-ne \ˈprō-və-ˈlō-nē\ *n* : a hard smooth often smoked Italian cheese that is made from heated and kneaded curd
pro-vost \ˈprō-,vōst, ˈprāv-əst\ *n* : a high official : DIGNITARY; *esp* : a high-ranking university administrative officer
provost marshal \ˈprō-,vō-ˈmār-shəl\ *n* : an officer who supervises the military police of a command
pro-w \ˈprau\ *n* : the bow of a ship
pro-w-ess \ˈprau-əs\ *n* 1 : military valor and skill 2 : extraordinary ability
prowl \ˈprau\ *vb* : to roam about stealthily — **prowl** *n* — **prowl-er** *n*
prowl car *n* : SQUAD CAR
prox-i-mal \ˈprāk-sə-məl\ *adj* 1 : next to or nearest the point of attachment or origin; *rel* : located toward the center of the body 2 : of, relating to, or being the mesial and distal surfaces of a tooth
prox-i-mate \ˈprāk-sə-mət\ *adj* 1 : very near 2 : DIRECT (~ cause)
prox-im-ity \ˈprāk-sim-ət-ē\ *n* : NEARNESS
prox-i-mo \ˈprāk-sə-,mō\ *adj* [L *proximo mense* in the next month] : of or occurring in the next month after the present
proxy \ˈprāk-sē\ *n*, *pl* **prox-ies** : the authority or power to act for another; *also* : a document giving such authorization — **proxy** *adj*
prude \ˈprüd\ *n* : one who shows or affects extreme mod-

esty — **prud-ery** \ˈprüd-ə-rē\ *n* — **prud-ish** \ˈprüd-ish\ *adj*
pru-dent \ˈprüd-nt\ *adj* 1 : shrewd in the management of practical affairs 2 : CAUTIOUS, DISCREET 3 : PROVIDENT, FRUGAL *syn* judicious, foresighted, sensible, sane — **pru-dence** \-ns\ *n* — **pru-den-tial** \ˈprü-ˈden-chəl\ *adj* — **pru-dent-ly** \ˈprüd-nt-lē\ *adv*
prune \ˈprün\ *n* : a dried plum
prune *vb* **pruned**; **prun-ing** : to cut off unwanted parts (as of a tree)
pru-ri-ent \ˈprür-ē-ənt\ *adj* : LASCIVIOUS; *also* : exciting to lasciviousness — **pru-ri-ence** \-ē-əns\ *n*
pry \ˈprɪ\ *vb* **pried**; **pry-ing** : to look closely or inquisitively; *esp* : SNOOP
pry *vb* **pried**; **pry-ing** 1 : to raise, move, or pull apart with a pry or lever 2 : to detach or open with difficulty
pry *n* : a tool for prying
Ps or **Psa** *abbr* Psalms
PS *abbr* 1 [L *postscriptum*] postscript 2 public school psalm \ˈsām, ˈsäl-m\ *n*, *often cap* [ME, fr. OE *psealm*, fr. LL *psalmus*, fr. Gk *psalmos*, lit., twanging of a harp, fr. *psallein* to pluck, play a stringed instrument] : a sacred song or poem; *esp* : one of the hymns collected in the Book of Psalms — **psalm-ist** *n*
psalm-o-dy \ˈsäm-əd-ē, ˈsäl-məd-ē\ *n* 1 : the singing of psalms in worship 2 : a collection of psalms
Psalms *n* — see BIBLE table
Psal-ter \ˈsöl-tər\ *n* : the Book of Psalms; *also* : a collection of the Psalms arranged for devotional use
pseud *abbr* pseudonym; pseudonymous
pseu-do \ˈsüd-ō\ *adj* : SPURIOUS, SHAM
pseud-onym \ˈsüd-ˈn-,im\ *n* : a fictitious name — **pseud-on-y-mous** \sü-ˈdän-ə-məs\ *adj*
PSG *abbr* platoon sergeant
psi *abbr* pounds per square inch
psi *particle* \ˈsi-, ˈpsɪ\ *n* [*psi* (Greek letter)] : J PARTICLE
psori-a-sis \sə-ˈrɪ-ə-səs\ *n* : a chronic skin disease characterized by red patches covered with white scales
PST *abbr* Pacific standard time
psych *also* **psyche** \ˈsɪk\ *vb* **psyched**; **psych-ing** 1 : OUT-UESS; *also* : to analyze beforehand 2 : INTIMIDATE; *also* : to prepare oneself psychologically (get *psyched* up for the game)
psych *abbr* psychology
psy-che \ˈsi-kē\ *n* : SOUL, SELF; *also* : MIND
psy-che-del-ic \ˈsi-kə-ˈdel-ik\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or causing abnormal psychic effects (~ drugs) 2 : relating to the taking of psychedelic drugs (~ experience) 3 : imitating, suggestive of, or reproducing the effects of psychedelic drugs (~ art) (~ colors) — **psychedelic** *n* — **psy-che-del-ic-al-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*
psy-chi-a-try \sə-ˈki-ə-trē, sɪ-ə\ *n* : a branch of medicine dealing with mental disorders — **psy-chi-at-ric** \ˈsi-kə-ˈa-trɪk\ *adj* — **psy-chi-a-trist** \sə-ˈki-ə-trəst, sɪ-ə\ *n*
psychic \ˈsi-kɪk\ *also* **psy-chi-cal** \-ki-kəl\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to the psyche 2 : lying outside the sphere of physical science 3 : sensitive to nonphysical or supernatural forces — **psy-chi-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*
psychic *n* : a person apparently sensitive to nonphysical forces; *also* : MEDIUM 6
psychic energizer *n* : ANTIDEPRESSANT
psy-cho \ˈsi-kō\ *n*, *pl* **psychos** : a mentally disturbed person — **psycho** *adj*
psy-cho-ac-tive \ˈsi-kō-ˈak-tiv\ *adj* : affecting the mind or behavior
psy-cho-anal-y-sis \ˈsi-kō-ə-ˈnal-ə-səs\ *n* : a method of dealing with psychic disorders by having the patient talk freely about himself and *esp.* about dreams, prob-

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\ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \o\go \ō\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
\ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

lems, and early childhood memories and experiences — **psy-cho-an-a-lyst** \ˈaj-an-əl-əst\ *n* — **psy-cho-an-a-lytic** \ˈaj-an-əl-ə-tik\ *adj* — **psy-cho-an-a-lyze** \ˈaj-an-əl-īz\ *vb*

psy-cho-dra-ma \ˈsī-kə-ˈdrām-ə, -ˈdram-\ *n* : an extemporized dramatization designed esp. to afford catharsis for one or more of the participants from whose life history the plot is abstracted

psy-cho-gen-ic \ˈjən-ik\ *adj* : originating in the mind or in mental or emotional conflict

psychol *abbr* psychologist; psychology

psy-chol-o-gy \sī-ˈkāl-ə-jē\ *n*, *pl* -gies **1** : the science of mind and behavior **2** : the mental and behavioral characteristics of an individual or group — **psy-cho-log-i-cal** \ˈsī-kə-ˈlāj-i-kəl\ *adj* — **psy-cho-log-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv* — **psy-chol-o-gist** \sī-ˈkāl-ə-jəst\ *n*

psy-cho-path \ˈsī-kə-ˈpəθ\ *n* : a mentally ill or unstable person; *esp* : one who has a poorly balanced personality and does not feel guilty about not living up to normal moral and social responsibilities — **psy-cho-path-ic** \ˈsī-kə-ˈpəθ-ik\ *adj*

psy-cho-sex-u-al \ˈsī-kə-ˈsek-sh(ə-w)əl\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to the mental, emotional, and behavioral aspects of sexual development **2** : of or relating to the physiological psychology of sex

psy-cho-sis \ˈsī-kə-səs\ *n*, *pl* -cho-ses \-sēz\ : a serious mental illness (as schizophrenia) characterized by defective or lost contact with reality — **psy-cho-tic** \-ˈkāt-ik\ *adj* or *n*

psy-cho-so-mat-ic \ˈsī-kə-sə-ˈmat-ik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or caused by the interaction of mental and bodily phenomena (∼ ulcers)

psy-cho-ther-a-py \ˈsī-kə-ˈther-ə-pē\ *n* : treatment of mental or emotional disorder or of related bodily ills by psychological means — **psy-cho-ther-a-pist** \-pəst\ *n*

psy-cho-tro-pic \ˈsī-kə-ˈtrō-pik\ *adj* : acting on the mind (∼ drugs)

pt *abbr* **1** part **2** payment **3** pint **4** point **5** port

Pt *symbol* platinum

PT *abbr* **1** Pacific time **2** physical therapy **3** physical training

PTA *abbr* Parent-Teacher Association

ptar-mi-gan \ˈtār-mi-gən\ *n*, *pl* -gan or -gans : any of various grouses of northern regions with completely feathered feet

PT boat \(\)pē-ˈtē-\ *n* [patrol torpedo] : a fast motorboat usu. armed with torpedos, machine guns, and depth charges

pte *abbr*, *Brit* private

ptg *abbr* printing

PTO *abbr* **1** Parent-Teacher Organization **2** please turn over

pto-maine \ˈtō-mān\ *n* : any of various chemical substances formed by bacteria in decaying matter (as meat)

ptomaine poisoning *n* : food poisoning caused usu. by bacteria or their products

PTV *abbr* public television

Pu *symbol* plutonium

pub \ˈpəb\ *n*, *chiefly Brit* : PUBLIC HOUSE, TAVERN

pub *abbr* **1** public **2** publication **3** published; publisher; publishing

pu-ber-ty \ˈpyü-bərt-ē\ *n* : the condition of being or period of becoming first capable of reproducing sexually — **pu-ber-tal** \-bərt-əl\ *adj*

pu-bes \ˈpyü-bēz\ *n*, *pl* pubes **1** : the hair that appears upon the lower middle region of the abdomen at puberty **2** : the pubic region

pu-bes-cence \ˈpyü-ˈbes-ns\ *n* **1** : the quality or state of being pubescent **2** : a pubescent covering or surface

pu-bes-cent \-nt\ *adj* **1** : arriving at or having reached puberty **2** : covered with fine soft short hairs

pu-bic \ˈpyü-bik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or situated near the pubes or the pubis

pu-bis \ˈpyü-bəs\ *n*, *pl* **pu-bes** \-bēz\ : the ventral and

anterior of the three principal bones composing either half of the pelvis

publ *abbr* **1** publication **2** published; publisher

pub-lic \ˈpəb-lik\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or affecting the people as a whole (∼ opinion) **2** : CIVIC, GOVERNMENTAL (∼ expenditures) **3** : of, relating to, or serving the community (∼ officials) **4** : not private : SOCIAL (∼ morality) **5** : open to all (∼ library) **6** : exposed to general view (the story became ∼) **7** : well known : PROMINENT (∼ figures) — **pub-lic-ly** *adv*

public *n* **1** : the people as a whole : POPULACE **2** : a group of people having common interests (wrote for his ∼)

pub-li-can \ˈpəb-li-kən\ *n* **1** : a Jewish tax collector for the ancient Romans **2** *chiefly Brit* : the licensee of a public house

pub-li-ca-tion \ˈpəb-lə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* **1** : the act or process of publishing **2** : a published work

public house *n* **1** : INN **2** *chiefly Brit* : a licensed saloon or bar

pub-li-cist \ˈpəb-lə-səst\ *n* : one that publicizes; *esp* : PRESS AGENT

pub-lic-i-ty \(\)pə-ˈblis-ət-ē\ *n* **1** : information with news value issued to gain public attention or support **2** : public attention or acclaim

pub-li-cize \ˈpəb-lə-ˈsīz\ *vb* -cized; -ciz-ing : to give publicity to

public relations *n* *sing* or *pl* : the business of fostering public goodwill toward a person, firm, or institution; *also* : the degree of goodwill and understanding achieved

public school *n* **1** : an endowed secondary boarding school in Great Britain offering a classical curriculum and preparation for the universities or public service **2** : a free tax-supported school controlled by a local governmental authority

pub-lic-spir-it-ed \ˈpəb-lik-ˈspir-ət-əd\ *adj* : motivated by devotion to the general or national welfare

public television *n* : television that provides cultural, informational, and instructive programs without commercials

pub-lish \ˈpəb-lish\ *vb* **1** : to make generally known : announce publicly **2** : to produce or release literature, information, musical scores or sometimes recordings, or art for sale to the public — **pub-lish-er** *n*

puck \ˈpək\ *n* : a mischievous sprite — **puck-ish** *adj*

puck *n* : a disk used in ice hockey

puck-er \ˈpək-ər\ *vb* **puck-ered**; **puck-er-ing** \-(ə-)riŋ\ : to contract into folds or wrinkles

pucker *n* : FOLD, WRINKLE

pud-ding \ˈpud-ŋ\ *n* : a soft, spongy, or thick creamy dessert

pud-dle \ˈpəd-əl\ *n* : a very small pool of usu. dirty or muddy water

pu-den-dum \ˈpyü-ˈden-dəm\ *n*, *pl* -da \-də\ [NL, deriv. of L *pudēre* to be ashamed] : the human external genital organs esp. of a woman

pudgy \ˈpaj-ē\ *adj* **pudg-i-er**; -est : being short and plump : CHUBBY

pueb-lo \ˈpü-ˈeb-lō, ˈpweb-\ *n*, *pl* -los [Sp, village, lit., people, fr. L *populus*] **1** : an American Indian village of Arizona or New Mexico consisting of flat-roofed stone or adobe houses **2** *cap* : a member of an American Indian people of the southwestern U.S.

pu-er-ile \ˈpyü-ə-rəl\ *adj* : CHILDISH, SILLY — **pu-er-il-i-ty** \ˈpyü-ə-ril-ət-ē\ *n*

pu-er-per-al \ˈpyü-ˈər-p(ə-)rəl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or occurring during childbirth or the period immediately following (∼ infection)

puerperal fever *n* : an abnormal condition that results from infection of the placental site following childbirth or abortion

Puerto Rican \ˈpört-ə-ˈrē-kən, ˈpwert-\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Puerto Rico — **Puerto Rican** *adj*

puff \ˈpʌf\ *vb* **1** : to blow in short gusts **2** : PANT **3** : to emit small whiffs or clouds **4** : BLUSTER, BRAG **5** : INFLATE, SWELL **6** : to make proud or conceited **7** : to praise extravagantly

puff *n* **1** : a short discharge (as of air or smoke); *also* : a slight explosive sound accompanying it **2** : a light fluffy pastry **3** : a slight swelling **4** : a fluffy mass; *esp* : a small pad for applying cosmetic powder **5** : a laudatory notice or review — **puffy** *adj*

puff-ball \ˈpʌf-ɒl\ *n* : any of various globe-shaped and often edible fungi

puff-fin \ˈpʌf-ən\ *n* : any of several seabirds having a short neck and a red-tipped triangular bill

pug \ˈpʌg\ *n* **1** : any of a breed of small stocky short-haired dogs **2** : a close coil of hair

pug *n* : BOXER

pu-gi-lism \ˈpyū-jə-liz-əm\ *n* : BOXING — **pu-gi-list** \-ləst\ *n* — **pu-gi-listic** \ˈpyū-jə-lis-tik\ *adj*

pug-na-cious \ˈpʌg-nā-shəs\ *adj* : fond of fighting : COMBATIVE *syn* belligerent, quarrelsome, bellicose, contentious, truculent — **pug-nac-ity** \-ˈnās-ət-ē\ *n*

puis-sance \ˈpwis-əns, ˈpyū-ə-səns\ *n* : POWER, STRENGTH — **puis-sant** \-nt, -sənt\ *adj*

puke \ˈpyʊk\ *vb* **puked**; **puk-ing** : VOMIT — **puke** *n*

puk-ka \ˈpʌk-ə\ *adj* [Hindi *pakkā* : cooked, ripe, solid, fr. Skt *pakva*] : GENUINE, AUTHENTIC; *also* : FIRST-CLASS, COMPLETE

pul \ˈpʊl\ *n*, *pl* **puls** \ˈpʊlz\ or **pul** — see *afghani* at MONEY table

pu-la \ˈp(y)ū-lə\ *n*, *pl* **pula** — see MONEY table

pul-chri-tude \ˈpʌl-kra-t(y)ūd\ *n* : BEAUTY — **pul-chri-tu-dinous** \ˈpʌl-kra-t(y)ūd(-ə-nəs)\ *adj*

pule \ˈpyūl\ *vb* **puled**; **pul-ing** : WHINE, WHIMPER

pull \ˈpʊl\ *vb* **1** : PLUCK; *also* : EXTRACT (∼ a tooth) **2** : to exert force so as to draw (something) toward the force; *also* : MOVE (∼ out of a driveway) **3** : STRETCH, STRAIN (∼ a tendon) **4** : to draw apart : TEAR **5** : to make (as a proof) by printing **6** : REMOVE **7** : DRAW (∼ a gun) **8** : to carry out *esp.* with daring (∼ a robbery) **9** : to be guilty of : PERPETRATE **10** : ATTRACT **11** : to express strong sympathy — **pull-er** *n*

pull *n* **1** : the act or an instance of pulling **2** : the effort expended in moving **3** : ADVANTAGE; *esp* : special influence **4** : a device for pulling something or for operating by pulling **5** : a force that attracts or compels

pull-back \ˈpʊl-bak\ *n* : an orderly withdrawal of troops

pull-let \ˈpʊl-ət\ *n* : a young hen *esp.* of the domestic chicken when less than a year old

pull-ley \ˈpʊl-ē\ *n*, *pl* **pulleys** **1** : a wheel with a grooved rim that forms part of a tackle for hoisting or for changing the direction of a force **2** : a wheel used to transmit power by means of a band, belt, rope, or chain

Pull-man \ˈpʊl-mən\ *n* : a railroad passenger car with comfortable furnishings *esp.* for night travel

pull off *vb* : to accomplish successfully

pull-out \ˈpʊl-aʊt\ *n* : PULLBACK

pull-over \ˈpʊl-ō-vər\ *adj* : put on by being pulled over the head (∼ sweater) — **pull-over** \ˈpʊl-ō-vər\ *n*

pull-up \ˈpʊl-əp\ *n* : CHIN-UP

pull up \ˈpʊl-əp\ *vb* : to bring or come to a halt : STOP

pull-mo-nary \ˈpʊl-mō-nər-ē, ˈpʌl-ə\ *adj* : of, relating to, or carried on by the lungs (the ∼ circulation)

pul-mo-tor \-mōt-ər\ *n* : an apparatus for pumping oxygen or air into and out of the lungs

pulp \ˈpʌlp\ *n* **1** : the soft juicy or fleshy part of a fruit or vegetable **2** : a soft moist mass **3** : the soft sensitive tissue that fills the central cavity of a tooth **4** : a material (as from wood or rags) used in making paper **5** : a magazine using rough-surfaced paper and often dealing with sensational material — **pulpy** *adj*

pul-pit \ˈpʊl-pit\ *n* : a raised platform or high reading desk used in preaching or conducting a worship service

pulp-wood \ˈpʌlp-wʊd\ *n* : wood (as of aspen or pine) used in making pulp for paper

pul-sar \ˈpʌl-sār\ *n* : a celestial source of pulsating electromagnetic radiation (as radio waves)

pul-sate \ˈpʌl-sāt\ *vb* **pul-sat-ed**; **pul-sat-ing** : to expand and contract rhythmically : BEAT — **pul-sa-tion** \ˈpʌl-sā-shən\ *n*

pulse \ˈpʌls\ *n* **1** : the regular throbbing in the arteries caused by the contractions of the heart **2** : a brief change in electrical current or voltage — **pulse** *vb*

pul-ver-ize \ˈpʌl-və-rīz\ *vb* **-lized**; **-iz-ing** **1** : to reduce (as by crushing or grinding) or be reduced to very small particles **2** : DEMOLISH

pu-ma \ˈp(y)ū-mə\ *n*, *pl* **pumas** *also* **puma** : COUGAR

pum-ice \ˈpəm-əs\ *n* : a light porous volcanic glass used *esp.* for smoothing and polishing

pum-mel \ˈpəm-əl\ *vb* **-meled** *also* **-melled**; **-meling** *also* **-mel-ing** \(-ə-)liŋ\ *n* : POUND, BEAT

pump \ˈpʌmp\ *n* : a device for raising, transferring, or compressing fluids *esp.* by suction or pressure

pump *vb* **1** : to raise (as water) with a pump **2** : to draw water or air from by means of a pump; *also* : to fill by means of a pump (∼ up a tire) **3** : to force or propel in the manner of a pump — **pump-er** *n*

pump *n* : a low shoe that grips the foot chiefly at the toe and heel

pum-per-nick-el \ˈpəm-pər-nik-əl\ *n* : a dark coarse somewhat sour rye bread

pump-kin \ˈpəm(p)-kən, ˈpəŋ-kən\ *n* : the large usu. orange fruit of a vine of the gourd family that is widely used as food; *also* : this vine

pun \ˈpʌn\ *n* : the humorous use of a word in a way that suggests two interpretations — **pun** *vb*

punch \ˈpʌnʃ\ *vb* **1** : PROD, POKE; *also* : DRIVE, HERD (∼ cattle) **2** : to strike with the fist **3** : to emboss, perforate, or make with a punch — **punch-er** *n*

punch *n* **1** : a quick blow with or as if with the fist **2** : effective energy or forcefulness

punch *n* : a tool for piercing, stamping, cutting, or forming.

punch *n* [perh. fr. Hindi *pqc* five, fr. Skt *pañca*: fr. the number of ingredients] : a drink usu. composed of wine or alcoholic liquor and nonalcoholic beverages; *also* : a drink composed of nonalcoholic beverages (as fruit juices)

punch card *n* : a card with holes punched in particular positions to represent data

pun-cheon \ˈpən-chen\ *n* : a large cask

punch line *n* : the sentence or phrase in a joke that makes the point

punc-ti-l-i-o \ˈpʌŋk-til-ē-, ɒ\ *n*, *pl* **-i-os** **1** : a nice detail of conduct in a ceremony or in observance of a code **2** : careful observance of forms (as in social conduct)

punc-ti-l-i-ous \ˈpʌŋk-til-ē-əs\ *adj* : marked by precise accordance with codes or conventions *syn* meticulous, scrupulous, careful, punctual

punc-tu-al \ˈpʌŋk-chə(-wəl)\ *adj* : acting or habitually acting at an appointed time : PROMPT — **punc-tu-al-i-ty** \ˈpʌŋk-chə(-wəl-ət-ē)\ *n* — **punc-tu-al-ly** \ˈpʌŋk-chə(-wəl)-lē\ *adv*

punc-tu-ate \ˈpʌŋk-chə, wāt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** **1** : to mark or divide (written matter) with punctuation marks **2** : to break into at intervals **3** : EMPHASIZE

punc-tu-a-tion \ˈpʌŋk-chə(-wā)-shən\ *n* : the act, practice, or system of inserting standardized marks in written matter to clarify the meaning and separate structural units

ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \a\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \d\go \d\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \v\foot
 \ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

1punc-ture \ˈpʌŋk-cher\ *n* 1 : an act of puncturing 2 : a small hole made by puncturing
2puncture *vb* **punc-tured**; **punc-tur-ing** 1 : to make a hole in : PIERCE 2 : to make useless as if by a puncture
pun-dit \ˈpʌn-dət\ *n* 1 : a learned person : TEACHER 2 : AUTHORITY
pun-gent \ˈpʌn-jənt\ *adj* 1 : having a sharp incisive quality : CAUSTIC (a ~ editorial) 2 : causing a sharp or irritating sensation; *esp* : ACRID (~ smell of burning leaves) — **pun-gen-cy** \-jən-sē\ *n* — **pun-gent-ly** *adv*
pun-ish \ˈpʌn-ish\ *vb* 1 : to impose a penalty on for a fault or crime (~ an offender) 2 : to inflict a penalty for (~ treason with death) 3 : to inflict injury on : HURT *syn* chastise, castigate, chasten, discipline, correct — **pun-ish-able** *adj*
pun-ish-ment \-mənt\ *n* 1 : retributive suffering, pain, or loss : PENALTY 2 : rough treatment
pu-ni-tive \ˈpyū-nət-iv\ *adj* : inflicting, involving, or aiming at punishment
1punk \ˈpʌŋk\ *n* 1 : a young inexperienced person 2 : a petty hoodlum
2punk *adj* : very poor : INFERIOR
3punk *n* : dry crumbly wood useful for tinder; *also* : a substance made from fungi for use as tinder
pun-kin \ˈpʌŋ-kən\ *var* of PUMPKIN
pun-ster \ˈpʌn-stər\ *n* : one who is given to punning
1punt \ˈpʌnt\ *n* : a long narrow flat-bottomed boat with square ends
2punt *vb* : to propel (as a punt) with a pole
3punt *vb* : to kick a football or soccer ball dropped from the hands before it touches the ground
4punt *n* : the act or an instance of punting a ball
pu-ny \ˈpyū-nē\ *adj* **pu-ni-er**; **-est** [MF *puisné* younger, lit., born afterward, fr. *puis* afterward (fr. L *post*) + *né* born, fr. L *natus*] : slight in power, size, or importance : WEAK
pup \ˈpʌp\ *n* : a young dog; *also* : one of the young of some other animals
pu-pa \ˈpyū-pə\ *n*, *pl* **pu-pae** \-(j)pē\ or **pupas** [NL, fr. L *pupa* girl, doll] : a form of some insects (as a bee, moth, or beetle) that occurs between the larva and the adult and is usu. enclosed in a cocoon or case — **pu-pal** \-pəl\ *adj*
1pu-pil \ˈpyū-pəl\ *n* 1 : a child or young person in school or in the charge of a tutor 2 : DISCIPLE
2pupil *n* : the dark central opening of the iris of the eye
pup-pet \ˈpəp-ət\ *n* [ME *popet*, fr. MF, deriv. of L *pupa*] 1 : a small figure of a person or animal moved by hand or by strings or wires 2 : DOLL 3 : one whose acts are controlled by an outside force
pup-pet-er \ˈpəp-əˈtiər\ *n* : one who manipulates puppets
pup-py \ˈpəp-ē\ *n*, *pl* **puppies** : a young dog
pup-blind \ˈpər-,blind\ *adj* 1 : partly blind 2 : lacking in insight : OBTUSE
1pur-chase \ˈpər-ches\ *vb* **pur-chased**; **pur-chas-ing** : to obtain by paying money or its equivalent : BUY — **pur-chas-er** *n*
2purchase *n* 1 : an act or instance of purchasing 2 : something purchased 3 : a secure hold or grasp; *also* : advantageous leverage
pur-dah \ˈpərd-ə\ *n* : seclusion of women from public observation among Muslims and some Hindus *esp.* in India
pure \ˈpyūr\ *adj* **pur-er**; **pur-est** 1 : unmixed with any other matter : free from taint (~ gold) (~ water) 2 : SHEER, ABSOLUTE (~ nonsense) 3 : ABSTRACT, THEORETICAL (~ mathematics) 4 : free from what vitiates, weakens, or pollutes (speaks a ~ French) 5 : free from moral fault : INNOCENT 6 : CHASTE, CONTINENT — **pure-ly** *adv*
pure-blood-ed \-ˈbləd-əd\ or **pure-blood** *adj* : of unmixed ancestry : PUREBRED — **pure-blood** *n*

pure-bred \-ˈbred\ *adj* : bred from members of a recognized breed, strain, or kind without crossbreeding over many generations — **pure-bred** \-ˈbred\ *n*
1pu-ree \ˈpyū-rā-, ˈrē\ *n* [F, fr. MF, fr. fem. of *puré*, pp of *pur* to purify, strain, fr. L *purare* to purify] : a paste or thick liquid suspension usu. produced by rubbing cooked food through a sieve; *also* : a thick soup having vegetables so prepared as a base
2puree *vb* **pu-reed**; **pu-reeing** : to make a puree of
pur-ga-tion \ˈpər-ˈgā-shən\ *n* : the act or result of purging
1pur-ga-tive \ˈpər-gət-iv\ *adj* : purging or tending to purge; *also* : being a purgative
2purgative *n* : a strong laxative : CATHARTIC
pur-ga-to-ry \ˈpər-gə-,tōr-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ries** 1 : an intermediate state after death for expiatory purification 2 : a place or state of temporary punishment — **pur-ga-to-ri-al** \ˈpər-gə-ˈtōr-ē-əl\ *adj*
1purge \ˈpɜrj\ *vb* **purged**; **pur-ging** 1 : to cleanse or purify *esp.* from sin 2 : to have or cause strong and usu. repeated emptying of the bowels 3 : to rid (as a political party) by a purge
2purge *n* 1 : something that purges; *esp* : PURGATIVE 2 : an act or result of purging; *esp* : a ridding of persons regarded as treacherous or disloyal
pu-ri-fy \ˈpyūr-ə-,fī\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to make or become pure — **pu-ri-fi-ca-tion** \ˈpyūr-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* — **pu-rif-i-ca-to-ry** \ˈpyū-rif-i-kə-,tōr-ē\ *adj* — **pu-ri-fi-er** \-,fī(-ə)r\ *n*
Pu-rim \ˈpūr-(j)im\ *n* : a Jewish holiday celebrated in February or March in commemoration of the deliverance of the Jews from the massacre plotted by Haman
pu-rine \ˈpyūr-,ēn\ *n* 1 : a base that is the parent of compounds of the uric-acid group 2 : a derivative of purine; *esp* : a base (as adenine or guanine) that is a constituent of DNA or RNA
pur-ism \ˈpyūr-iz-əm\ *n* : rigid adherence to or insistence on purity or nicety *esp.* in use of words — **pur-ist** \-əst\ *n*
pu-ri-tan \ˈpyūr-ət-ən\ *n* 1 *cap* : a member of a 16th and 17th century Protestant group in England and New England opposing the ceremonies and government of the Church of England 2 : one who practices or preaches a stricter or professedly purer moral code than that which prevails — **pu-ri-tan-i-cal** \ˈpyūr-ət-tan-i-kəl\ *adj*
pu-ri-ty \ˈpyūr-ət-ē\ *n* : the quality or state of being pure
1purl \ˈpɜrl\ *vb* : to knit in purl stitch
2purl *n* : a stitch in knitting
3purl *n* : a gentle murmur or movement (as of purling water)
1purl *vb* 1 : EDDY, SWIRL 2 : to make a soft murmuring sound
pur-lieu \ˈpɜrl-(y)ü\ *n* 1 : an outlying district : SUBURB 2 *pl* : ENVIRONS
pur-loin \-(j)pər-ˈlōin, ˈpər-,lōin\ *vb* : to appropriate wrongfully : FILCH
1pur-ple \ˈpər-pəl\ *adj* **pur-pler** \-p(ə-)lər\; **pur-plest** \-p(ə-)ləst\ 1 : of the color purple 2 : highly rhetorical (a ~ passage) 3 : PROFANE (~ language) — **pur-plish** \ˈpər-p(ə-)lɪsh\ *adj*
2purple *n* 1 : a bluish red color 2 : a purple robe emblematic *esp.* of regal rank or authority
1pur-port \ˈpər-,pōrt\ *n* : meaning conveyed or implied; *also* : GIST
2pur-port \-(j)pər-ˈpōrt\ *vb* : to convey or profess outwardly as the meaning or intention : CLAIM — **pur-port-ed-ly** \-əd-lē\ *adv*
1pur-pose \ˈpər-pəs\ *n* 1 : an object or result aimed at : INTENTION 2 : RESOLUTION, DETERMINATION — **pur-pose-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **pur-pose-ful-ly** \-lē\ *adv* — **pur-pose-less** *adj* — **pur-pose-ly** *adv*
2purpose *vb* **pur-posed**; **pur-pos-ing** : to propose as an aim to oneself

purr \ˈpɜr\ *n* : a low murmur typical of a contented cat — **purr** *vb*

purse \ˈpɜrs\ *n* **1** : a receptacle (as a pouch) to carry money and often other small objects in **2** : RESOURCES **3** : a sum of money offered as a prize or present

purse *vb* **pursed**; **purs-ing** : PUCKER

purs-er \ˈpɜr-sər\ *n* : an official on a ship who keeps accounts and attends to the comfort of passengers

purs-lane \ˈpɜr-slən, -slān\ *n* : a fleshy-leaved weedy trailing plant with tiny yellow flowers that is sometimes used in salads

pur-su-ance \ˈpɜr-ˈsü-əns\ *n* : the act of carrying into effect

pur-su-ant to \-ˈsü-ənt- \ *prep* : in carrying out : ACCORDING to (*pursuant to your instructions*)

pur-sue \pɜr-ˈsü\ *vb* **pur-sued**; **pur-su-ing** **1** : to follow in order to overtake or overcome : CHASE **2** : to seek to accomplish (~s his aims) **3** : to proceed along (~ a course) **4** : to engage in (~ a vocation) — **pur-su-er** *n*

pur-suit \pɜr-ˈsüt\ *n* **1** : the act of pursuing **2** : OCCUPATION, BUSINESS

pu-ru-lent \ˈpyür-(y)ə-lənt\ *adj* : containing or accompanied by pus — **pu-ru-lence** \-ləns\ *n*

pur-vey \ˌ(pɜr-ˈvā\ *vb* **pur-veyed**; **pur-vey-ing** : to supply (as provisions) usu. as a business — **pur-vey-ance** \-əns\ *n* — **pur-vey-or** \-ər\ *n*

pur-view \ˈpɜr-ˌvyü\ *n* **1** : the range or limit esp. of authority, responsibility, or intention **2** : range of vision, understanding, or cognizance

pus \ˈpəs\ *n* : thick yellowish white fluid matter (as in a boil) formed at a place of inflammation and infection (as an abscess) and containing germs, blood cells, and tissue debris

push \ˈpʊʃ\ *vb* [ME *pusshen*, fr. OF *poulser* to beat, push, fr. L *pulsare*, fr. *pulsus*, pp. of *pellere* to drive, strike] **1** : to press against with force in order to drive or impel **2** : to thrust forward, downward, or outward **3** : to urge on : press forward **4** : to urge or press the advancement, adoption, or practice of; *esp* : to make aggressive efforts to sell **5** : to engage in the illicit sale of narcotics

push *n* **1** : a vigorous effort : DRIVE **2** : an act of pushing : SHOVE **3** : vigorous enterprise : ENERGY

push-button *adj* : using or dependent on complex and more or less automatic mechanisms (~ warfare)

push button *n* : a small button or knob that when pushed operates something esp. by closing an electric circuit

push-cart \ˈpʊʃ-,kärt\ *n* : a cart or barrow pushed by hand

push-er \-ər\ *n* : one that pushes; *esp* : one that pushes illegal drugs

push-over \-ɒ-vər\ *n* **1** : an opponent easy to defeat **2** : SUCKER **3** : something easily accomplished

push-up \-ʌp\ *n* : a conditioning exercise performed in a prone position by raising and lowering the body with the straightening and bending of the arms while keeping the back straight and supporting the body on the hands and toes

pushy \ˈpʊʃ-ē\ *adj* **push-i-er**; **-est** : aggressive often to an objectionable degree

pu-sil-lan-i-mous \ˌpyü-sə-ˈlan-ə-məs\ *adj* [LL *pusillanimitis*, fr. L *pusillus* very small (dim. of *pusus* small child) + *animus* spirit] : contemptibly timid : COWARDLY — **pu-sil-la-nim-i-ty** \ˌpyü-sə-lə-ˈnim-ət-ē\ *n*

pu-ss \ˈpʊs\ *n* : CAT

pu-ss *n* : FACE

pu-ssy \ˈpʊs-ē\ *n*, *pl* **pu-ss-ies** : CAT

pus-sy \ˈpəs-ē\ *adj* **pus-si-er**; **-est** : full of or resembling pus

pu-ssy-cat \ˈpʊs-ē-,kət\ *n* : CAT

pu-ssy-foot \ˈpʊs-ē-,fʊt\ *vb* **1** : to tread or move warily or stealthily **2** : to refrain from committing oneself

pu-ssy willow \ˌpʊs-ē-\ *n* : a willow having large silky catkins

pus-tule \ˈpəs-chül\ *n* : a pus-filled pimple

put \ˈpʊt\ *vb* **put**; **put-ting** **1** : to bring into a specified position : PLACE (~ the book on the table) **2** : SEND, THRUST **3** : to throw with an upward pushing motion (~ the shot) **4** : to bring into a specified state (~ the plan into effect) **5** : SUBJECT (~ traitors to death) **6** : IMPOSE **7** : to set before one for decision (~ the question) **8** : EXPRESS, STATE **9** : TRANSLATE, ADAPT **10** : APPLY, ASSIGN (~ them to work) **11** : to give as an estimate (~ the number at 20) **12** : ATTACH, ATTRIBUTE (~ a high value on it) **13** : to take a specified course (the ship ~ out to sea)

pu-ta-tive \ˈpyüt-ət-iv\ *adj* **1** : commonly accepted **2** : INFERRED

put-down \ˈpʊt-,daʊn\ *n* : a belittling remark : SQUELCH

put in *vb* **1** : to come in with : INTERPOSE (*put in a good word for me*) **2** : to spend time at some occupation or job (*put in eight hours at the office*)

put off *vb* : POSTPONE, DELAY

put-on \ˌpʊt-,ɒn, -ɪn\ *adj* : PRETENDED, ASSUMED

put-on \ˌpʊt-,ɒn, -ɪn\ *n* : a deliberate act of misleading someone; *also* : PARODY, SPOOF

put-out \ˌpʊt-,aʊt\ *n* : the retiring of a base runner or batter in baseball

put out \ˌpʊt-,aʊt\ *vb* **1** : EXTINGUISH **2** : ANNOY; *also* : INCONVENIENCE **3** : to cause to be out (as in baseball)

pu-tre-fy \ˈpyü-trə-,fī\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to make or become putrid : ROT — **pu-tre-fac-tion** \ˌpyü-trə-ˈfak-shən\ *n* — **pu-tre-fac-tive** \-tīv\ *adj*

pu-tres-cent \ˌpyü-ˈtres-ənt\ *adj* : becoming putrid : ROTTING — **pu-tres-cence** \-əns\ *n*

pu-trid \ˈpyü-trəd\ *adj* **1** : ROTTEN, DECAYED **2** : VILE, CORRUPT — **pu-trid-i-ty** \ˌpyü-ˈtrid-ət-ē\ *n*

putsch \ˈpʊʃ\ *n* [G] : a secretly plotted and suddenly executed attempt to overthrow a government

putt \ˈpʊt\ *n* : a golf stroke made on the green to cause the ball to roll into the hole — **putt** *vb*

put-tee \ˌpə-ˈtē, ˈpət-ē\ *n* [Hindi *paṭṭī* strip of cloth] **1** : a cloth strip wrapped around the lower leg **2** : a leather legging

put-ter \ˈpʊt-ər\ *n* : one that puts

putt-er \ˈpʊt-ər\ *n* **1** : a golf club used in putting **2** : one that putts

put-ter \ˈpʊt-ər\ *vb* **1** : to move or act aimlessly or idly **2** : TINKER

put-ty \ˈpʊt-ē\ *n*, *pl* **putties** [F *potée*, lit., potful, fr. OF, fr. *pot*, of Gmc origin] : a doughlike cement usu. of whitening and linseed oil used esp. to fasten glass in sashes — **putty** *vb*

puz-zle \ˈpəz-əl\ *vb* **puz-zled**; **puz-zling** \-(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : to bewilder mentally : CONFUSE, PERPLEX **2** : to solve with difficulty or ingenuity (~ out a mystery) **3** : to be in a quandary (~ over what to do) **4** : to attempt a solution of a puzzle (~ over a person's words) *syn* mystify, bewilder, nonplus, confound — **puz-zle-ment** *n* — **puz-zler** \-(ə-)lər\ *n*

puzzle *n* **1** : something that puzzles **2** : a question, problem, or contrivance designed for testing ingenuity

PVC *abbr* polyvinyl chloride

pvt *abbr* private

PW *abbr* prisoner of war

pwt *abbr* pennyweight

PX *abbr* post exchange

pya \ˈpē-ˈfā\ *n* — see *kyat* at MONEY table

pyg-my \ˈpig-mē\ *n*, *pl* **pygmies** [ME *pigmei*, fr. L *pygmaeus* of a pygmy, dwarfish, fr. Gk *pygmaios*, fr.

\əˌabʊt \əˌkittən \ərˌfurther \əˌash \əˌvace \əˌcot, cart
 \əʊˌout \chˌchin \eɪˌbet \eɪˌeasy \əˌgo \iˌhit \iˌvice \jˌjob
 \ŋˌsing \oˌgo \oˌlaw \oˌboy \thˌthin \thˌthe \uˌloot
 \uˌfoot \yˌyet \zʰˌvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

pygmē *fist*, measure of length] **1** *cap* : any of a small people of equatorial Africa **2** : DWARF — **pygmy** *adj*
py-jä-mas \pə-ˈjā-məz\ *chiefly Brit var of PAJAMAS*
py-lon \ˈpi-lən, -lən\ *n* **1** : a usu. massive gateway; *esp* : an Egyptian one flanked by flat-topped pyramids **2** : a tower that supports a long span of wire **3** : a post or tower marking a prescribed course of flight for an airplane
py-or-rhea \pi-ə-ˈrē-ə\ *n* : an inflammation with pus of the sockets of the teeth
pyr-a-mid \ˈpir-ə-mid\ *n* **1** : a massive structure with a square base and four triangular faces meeting at a point **2** : a geometrical solid having a polygon for its base and three or more triangles for its sides that meet at a point to form the top — **py-ra-mi-dal** \pə-ˈram-əd-l, -ˈpir-ə-ˈmid-\ *adj*
pyramid *vb* **1** : to build up in the form of a pyramid : heap up **2** : to increase rapidly on a broadening base
pyre \ˈpi(ə)r\ *n* : a combustible heap for burning a dead body as a funeral rite
py-re-thrum \pi-ˈrē-thrəm\ *n* : an insecticide consisting of the dried heads of any of several Old World chrysanthemums
py-ri-m-i-dine \pi-ˈrim-ə, -dēn\ *n* : any of a group of bases

including several (as cytosine, thymine, or uracil) that are constituents of DNA or RNA
py-rite \ˈpi-ˈrīt\ *n* : a mineral containing sulfur and iron that is brass-yellow in color
py-rol-y-sis \pi-ˈräl-ə-səs\ *n* : chemical change brought about by the action of heat
py-ro-ma-nia \pi-ˈrō-mā-nē-ə\ *n* : an irresistible impulse to start fires — **py-ro-ma-ni-ac** \-nē-, -ak\ *n*
py-ro-tech-nics \pi-ˈrə-ˈtek-niks\ *n pl* **1** : a display of fireworks **2** : a spectacular display (as of oratory) — **py-ro-tech-nic** \-nik\ *also* **py-ro-tech-ni-cal** \-ni-kəl\ *adj*
py-rox-ene \pi-ˈrāk-, -sēn\ *n* : any of various minerals that are silicates and usu. contain aluminum, calcium, sodium, magnesium, or iron
Pyr-rhic victory \ˈpir-ik-\ *n* [Pyrrhus, king of Epirus who sustained heavy losses in defeating the Romans] : a victory won at excessive cost
py-thon \ˈpi-, -thän, -thən\ *n* [L, monstrous serpent killed by the god Apollo, fr. Gk *Pythōn*] : a large snake (as a boa) that squeezes and suffocates its prey; *esp* : any of an Old World genus including the largest snakes living at the present time
pyx \ˈpiks\ *n* : a small case used to carry the Eucharist to the sick

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q \ˈkyū\ *n, pl q's or qs* \ˈkyüz\ *often cap* : the 17th letter of the English alphabet
q *abbr, often cap* **1** quart **2** quarto **3** queen **4** query **5** question
QC *abbr* Queen's Counsel
QED *abbr* [L *quod erat demonstrandum*] which was to be demonstrated
QEF *abbr* [L *quod erat faciendum*] which was to be done
QEI *abbr* [L *quod erat invenendum*] which was to be found out
qin-tar \ˈkin-ˈtär\ *n, pl qin-dar-ka* \ˈkin-ˈdär-kə\ *or qintar* — see *lek* at MONEY table
qi-vi-ut \ˈkē-vē-, -üt\ *n* [Esk] : the wool of the undercoat of the musk-ox
Qld *or Q'land* *abbr* Queensland
QM *abbr* quartermaster
QMC *abbr* quartermaster corps
QMG *abbr* quartermaster general
qq *v* *abbr* [L *quae vide*] which (*pl*) see
qr *abbr* quarter
qt \ˈkyū-ˈtē\ *n, often cap Q&T* : QUIET — usu. used in the phrase *on the qt*
qt *abbr* **1** quantity **2** quart
qto *abbr* quarto
qty *abbr* quantity
qu *or ques* *abbr* question
quack \ˈkwæk\ *vb* : to make the characteristic cry of a duck
quack *n* : the cry of a duck
quack *n* **1** : CHARLATAN **2** : a pretender to medical skill syn *faker*, *impostor*, *mountebank* — **quack** *adj* — **quack-ery** \-ə-rē\ *n* — **quack-ish** *adj*
quad \ˈkwäd\ *n* : QUADRANGLE
quad *n* : QUADRUPLT
quad *abbr* quadrant
quad-ran-gle \ˈkwäd-, -ran-gəl\ *n* **1** : a flat geometrical figure having four angles and four sides **2** : a 4-sided courtyard or enclosure — **quad-ran-gu-lar** \ˈkwä-ˈdræn-gyə-lər\ *adj*
quad-rant \ˈkwäd-rənt\ *n* **1** : an instrument for measuring angular elevation used esp. in astronomy and surveying

2 : one quarter of a circle : an arc of 90° **3** : any of the four quarters into which something is divided by two lines intersecting each other at right angles
quad-ra-phon-ic \ˈkwäd-rə-ˈfän-ik\ *adj* : of or relating to the transmission, recording, or reproduction of sound using four transmission channels
qua-drat-ic \kwä-ˈdrat-ik\ *adj* : having or being a term in which the variable (as *x*) is squared but containing no term in which the variable is raised to a higher power than a square (*a ~ equation*) — **quadratic** *n*
qua-dren-ni-al \kwä-ˈdren-ē-əl\ *adj* **1** : consisting of or lasting for four years **2** : occurring every four years
qua-dren-ni-um \-ē-əm\ *n, pl -ni-ums or -nia* \-ē-ə\ : a period of four years
quad-ri-lat-er-al \ˈkwäd-rə-ˈlat-(ə)-rəl\ *n* : a polygon of four sides
quadrilateral *adj* : having four sides
qua-drille \kwä-ˈdril, k(w)ə-ˈ\ *n* : a square dance made up of five or six figures in various rhythms
quad-ri-par-tite \ˈkwäd-rə-ˈpär-, -tit\ *adj* **1** : consisting of four parts **2** : shared by four parties or persons
quad-ri-phon-ics \-ˈfän-iks\ *n* : QUADRIPHONY
quad-ri-phony \ˈkwäd-rə-ˈfän-ē\ *n* : quadraphonic transmission, recording, or reproduction of sound
qua-driv-i-um \kwä-ˈdriv-ē-əm\ *n* : the four liberal arts of arithmetic, music, geometry, and astronomy in a medieval university
quad-ru-ped \ˈkwäd-rə-, -ped\ *n* : an animal having four feet — **qua-dru-pe-dal** \kwä-ˈdrü-pəd-l, -ˈkwäd-rə-ˈped-\ *adj*
qua-dru-ple \kwä-ˈdrüp-əl, -ˈdrəp-, -ˈkwäd-rəp-\ *vb* **qua-dru-pled**; **qua-dru-pling** \-(ə)-lɪŋ\ : to make or become four times as great or as many
quadruple *adj* : FOURFOLD
qua-dru-plet \kwä-ˈdrəp-lət, -ˈdrüp-, -ˈkwäd-rəp-\ *n* **1** : one of four offspring born at one birth **2** : a group of four of a kind
qua-dru-pli-cate \kwä-ˈdrü-pli-kət\ *adj* **1** : repeated four times **2** : FOURTH
qua-dru-pli-cate \-plə-, -kāt\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing **1** : QUAD-

DRUPLE 2 : to provide in quadruplicate — **qua-dru-pli-ca-tion** \-drü-plə-'kă-shən\ *n*

3 qua-dru-pli-cate \-'drü-pli-kət\ *n* 1 : four copies all alike (typed in ~) 2 : one of four like things

quaff \'kwäf, 'kwaf\ *vb* : to drink deeply or repeatedly — **quaff** *n*

quag-mire \'kwäg-,mī(ə)r, 'kwäg-\ *n* 1 : soft miry land that yields under the foot 2 : a difficult situation from which it is hard to escape

qua-hog \'kō-,hóg, 'kwō-, 'kwō-, -,häg\ *n* : a round thick-shelled American clam

quai \'kă\ *n* : QUAY

1 quail \'kwäl\ *n*, *pl* **quail or quails** [ME *quaille*, fr. MF, fr. ML *quaculla*, of imit. origin] : any of various short-winged stout-bodied game birds (as a bobwhite) related to the domestic chicken

2 quail *vb* [ME *quailen* to curdle, fr. MF *quailer*, fr. L *coagulare*, fr. *coagulum* curdling agent, fr. *cogere* to drive together] : to lose heart : COWER *syn* recoil, shrink, flinch, wince, blanch

quaint \'kwänt\ *adj* : unusual or different in character or appearance; *esp* : pleasantly old-fashioned or unfamiliar *syn* odd, queer, curious, strange — **quaint-ly** *adv* — **quaint-ness** *n*

1 quake \'kwäk\ *vb* **quaked**; **quak-ing** 1 : to shake usu. from shock or instability 2 : to tremble usu. from cold or fear

2 quake *n* : a shaking or trembling; *esp* : EARTHQUAKE

Quak-er \'kwä-kər\ *n* : FRIEND 5

quaking aspen *n* : an aspen of the U.S. and Canada that has small nearly circular leaves with flattened petioles and finely serrate margins

qual *abbr* quality

qual-i-fi-ca-tion \,kwäl-ə-fə-'kă-shən\ *n* 1 : LIMITATION, MODIFICATION 2 : a special skill that fits a person for some work or position

qual-i-fied \'kwäl-ə-,fid\ *adj* 1 : fitted for a given purpose 2 : limited in some way

qual-i-fi-er \'kwäl-ə-,fi-ər\ *n* 1 : one that satisfies requirements 2 : a word or word group that limits the meaning of another word or word group

qual-i-fy \'kwäl-ə-,fi\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** 1 : to reduce from a general to a particular form : MODIFY 2 : to make less harsh 3 : to limit the meaning of (as a noun) 4 : to fit by skill or training for some purpose 5 : to give or have a legal right to do something 6 : to demonstrate the necessary ability (as in a preliminary race) *syn* moderate, temper

qual-i-ta-tive \'kwäl-ə-,tät-iv\ *adj* : of, relating to, or involving quality — **qual-i-ta-tive-ly** *adv*

1 qual-i-ty \'kwäl-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** 1 : peculiar and essential character : NATURE 2 : degree of excellence 3 : high social status 4 : a distinguishing attribute

2 quality *adj* : being of high quality

qualm \'kwäm\ *n* 1 : a sudden attack (as of nausea) 2 : a sudden misgiving 3 : SCRUPLE

qualm-ish \-ish\ *adj* 1 : feeling qualms : NAUSEATED 2 : overly scrupulous : SQUEAMISH 3 : of, relating to, or producing qualms

quan-da-ry \'kwän-d(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* **-ries** : a state of perplexity or doubt

quan-ti-ta-tive \'kwän-tə-,tät-iv\ *adj* : of, relating to, or involving quantity — **quan-ti-ta-tive-ly** *adv*

quan-ti-ty \'kwän-tät-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** 1 : AMOUNT, NUMBER 2 : a considerable amount

quan-tize \'kwän-,tiz\ *vb* **quan-tized**; **quan-tiz-ing** : to subdivide (as energy) into small units

quan-tum \'kwänt-əm\ *n*, *pl* **quan-ta** \-ə\ [L, neut. of *quantus* how much] 1 : QUANTITY, AMOUNT 2 : an elemental unit of energy

quantum mechanics *n* *sing or pl* : a general mathematical theory dealing with the interactions of matter and radiation in terms of observable quantities only — **quantum mechanical** *adj* — **quantum mechanically** *adv*

quar-an-tine \'kwör-ən-,tēn\ *n* [It *quarantina*, lit., period of forty days, fr. MF *quarantaine*, fr. OF, fr. *quarante* forty, fr. L *quadrāginta*] 1 : a period during which a ship suspected of carrying contagious disease is forbidden contact with the shore 2 : a restraint on the movements of persons or goods to prevent the spread of pests or disease 3 : a place or period of quarantine — **quarantine** *vb*

quark \'kwörk, 'kwärk\ *n* : a hypothetical particle that carries a fractional charge and is held to be a constituent of heavier particles (as protons and neutrons)

1 quar-rel \'kwör(-ə)\ *n* 1 : a ground of dispute 2 : a verbal clash : CONFLICT — **quar-rel-some** \-səm\ *adj*

2 quarrel *vb* **-reled or -relled**; **-rel-ing or -rel-ling** 1 : to find fault 2 : to dispute angrily : WRANGLE

1 quar-ry \'kwör-ē\ *n*, *pl* **quarries** [ME *querre* entrails of game given to the hounds, fr. MF *cuiree*] 1 : game hunted with hawks 2 : PREY

2 quarry *n*, *pl* **quarries** [ME *quarey*, alter. of *quarrere*, fr. MF *quarriere*, fr. (assumed) OF *quarre* squared stone, fr. L *quadrum* square] : an open excavation usu. for obtaining building stone, slate, or limestone — **quarry** *vb*

1 quart \'kwört\ *n* — see WEIGHT table

2 quart *abbr* quarterly

1 quar-ter \'kwört-ər\ *n* 1 : one of four equal parts 2 : a fourth of a dollar; *also* : a coin of this value 3 : a district of a city 4 *pl* : LODGINGS (moved into new ~s) 5 : MERCY, CLEMENCY (gave no ~) 6 : a fourth part of the moon's period

2 quarter *vb* 1 : to divide into four equal parts 2 : to provide with shelter

1 quar-ter-back \-,bak\ *n* : a football player who calls the signals for his team

2 quarterback *vb* 1 : to direct the offensive play of a football team 2 : LEAD, BOSS

quar-ter-deck \-,dek\ *n* : the stern area of a ship's upper deck

quarter horse *n* : a compact muscular saddle horse characterized by great endurance and by high speed for short distances

1 quar-ter-ly \'kwört-ər-lē\ *adv* : at 3-month intervals

2 quarterly *adj* : occurring, issued, or payable at 3-month intervals

3 quarterly *n*, *pl* **-lies** : a periodical published four times a year

quar-ter-mas-ter \-,mas-tər\ *n* 1 : a petty officer who attends to a ship's helm, binnacle, and signals 2 : an army officer who provides clothing and subsistence for troops

quar-ter-staff \-,staf\ *n*, *pl* **-staves** \-,stavz, -,stävz\ : a long stout staff formerly used as a weapon

quar-tet *also* **quar-tette** \'kwör-tet\ *n* 1 : a musical composition for four instruments or voices 2 : a group of four and esp. of four musicians

quar-to \'kwört-ō\ *n*, *pl* **quartos** 1 : the size of a piece of paper cut four from a sheet 2 : a book printed on quarto pages

quartz \'kwörts\ *n* : a common often transparent crystalline mineral that is a form of silica

quartz heater *n* : a portable electric heater whose heating elements are sealed in quartz-glass tubes

quartz-ite \'kwört-,sit\ *n* : a compact granular rock composed of quartz and derived from sandstone

qua-sar \'kwä-,zär, -,sär\ *n* : any of various distant starlike celestial objects that are powerful emitters of electromagnetic radiation (as blue light and radio waves)

quash \'kwäsh, 'kwósh\ *vb* 1 : to set aside by judicial

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ə\farther \ə\wash \ə\ace \ä\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\vice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

action : VOID 2 : to suppress or extinguish summarily and completely : QUELL

qua-si \ˈkwā-,zī-,sī; ˈkwāz-ē, ˈkwās-ə\ *adj* : being in some sense or degree (a ~ corporation)

quasi- *comb form* [L, as if, as it were, approximately, fr. *quam* as + *si* if] : in some sense or degree (*quasi*-historical)

Qua-ter-na-ry ˈkwāt-ər-,ner-ē, kwā-ˈtər-nə-rē\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the geologic period from the end of the Tertiary to the present — **Quaternary** *n*

qua-train ˈkwā-,trān\ *n* : a unit of four lines of verse

qua-tre-foil ˈkat-ər-,fōil, ˈkat-rə-\ *n* : a conventionalized representation of a flower with four petals or of a leaf with four leaflets

qua-ver ˈkwā-vər\ *vb* **qua-vered**; **qua-ver-ing** ˈkwāv-(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : TREMBLE, SHAKE 2 : TRILL 3 : to speak in tremulous tones *syn* shudder, quake, twitter, quiver, shiver — **quaver** *n*

quay ˈkē, ˈk(w)ā\ *n* : WHARF

Que *abbr* Quebec

quean ˈkwēn\ *n* : PROSTITUTE

quea-sy ˈkwē-zē\ *adj* **quea-si-er**; **-est** : NAUSEATED — **quea-si-ly** \-zə-lē\ *adv* — **quea-si-ness** \-zē-nəs\ *n*

queen ˈkwēn\ *n* 1 : the wife or widow of a king 2 : a female monarch 3 : a woman notable for rank, power, or attractiveness 4 : the most privileged piece in the game of chess 5 : a playing card bearing the figure of a queen 6 : a fertile female of a social insect (as a bee or termite) — **queen-ly** *adj*

Queen Anne's lace ˈ-ˈanz-\ *n* : WILD CARROT

queen consort *n*, *pl* **queens consort** : the wife of a reigning king

queen mother *n* : a dowager queen who is mother of the reigning sovereign

queen-size *adj* : having dimensions of approximately 60 inches by 80 inches (~ bed); *also* : of a size that fits a queen-size bed

1 **queer** ˈkwɪər\ *adj* 1 : differing from the usual or normal : PECULIAR, STRANGE 2 : COUNTERFEIT *syn* weird, bizarre, eccentric, curious — **queer** *n* — **queer-ly** *adv* — **queerness** *n*

2 **queer** *vb* : to spoil the effect of : DISRUPT (~ed our plans)

quell ˈkwel\ *vb* : to put an end to by force : CRUSH (~ a riot)

quench ˈkwench\ *vb* 1 : PUT OUT, EXTINGUISH 2 : SUBDUCE 3 : SLAKE, SATISFY (~ed his thirst) 4 : to cool (as heated steel) suddenly by immersion *esp.* in water or oil — **quench-able** *adj* — **quench-less** *adj*

quer-u-lous ˈkwɛr-(y)ə-ləs\ *adj* 1 : constantly complaining 2 : FRETFUL, WHINING *syn* petulant, pettish, irritable, peevish, huffy — **quer-u-lous-ly** *adv* — **quer-u-lous-ness** *n*

que-ry ˈkwɪ(ə)r-ē, ˈkwe(ə)r-\ *n*, *pl* **queries** : QUESTION — **query** *vb*

quest ˈkwɛst\ *n* : SEARCH — **quest** *vb*

1 **question** ˈkwɛs-çən\ *n* 1 : an interrogative expression : QUERY 2 : a subject for discussion or debate; *also* : a proposition to be voted on in a meeting 3 : INQUIRY 4 : DISPUTE

2 **question** *vb* 1 : to ask questions 2 : DOUBT, DISPUTE 3 : to subject to analysis : EXAMINE *syn* ask, interrogate, quiz, query — **question-er** *n*

question-able ˈkwɛs-çə-nə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : not certain or exact : DOUBTFUL 2 : not believed to be true, sound, or moral *syn* dubious, problematical, moot, debatable

question mark *n* : a punctuation mark ? used *esp.* at the end of a sentence to indicate a direct question

question-naire ˈkwɛs-çə-ˈna(ə)r\ *n* : a set of questions for obtaining information

quet-zal ˈket-ˈsäl, -ˈsäl\ *n*, *pl* **quetzals** or **quet-zal-es** ˈ-ˈsäl-äs, -ˈsäl-\ 1 : a Central American bird with brilliant plumage 2 *pl* **quetzals** — *see* MONEY table

1 **queue** ˈkyü\ *n* [F, lit., tail, fr. L *cauda*, *coda*] 1 : a braid

of hair usu. worn hanging at the back of the head 2 : a line *esp.* of persons or vehicles

2 **queue** *vb* **queued**; **queu-ing** or **queue-ing** : to line up in a queue

quib-ble ˈkwɪb-əl\ *n* 1 : an evasion of or shifting from the point at issue 2 : a minor objection — **quibble** *vb*

1 **quick** ˈkwɪk\ *adj* 1 *archaic* : LIVING 2 : RAPID, SPEEDY (~ steps) 3 : prompt to understand, think, or perceive : ALERT 4 : easily aroused (a ~ temper) 5 : turning or bending sharply (a ~ turn in the road) *syn* fleet, fast, hasty, expeditious — **quick** *adv* — **quick-ly** *adv* — **quick-ness** *n*

2 **quick** *n* 1 : sensitive living flesh 2 : a vital part : HEART

quick bread *n* : a bread made with a leavening agent that permits immediate baking of the dough or batter mixture

quick-en ˈkwɪk-ən\ *vb* **quick-ened**; **quick-en-ing** \-(ə-)nɪŋ\ 1 : to come to life : REVIVE 2 : AROUSE, STIMULATE 3 : to increase in speed : HASTEN 4 : to show vitality (as by growing or moving) *syn* animate, enliven, liven, vivify

quick-freeze ˈkwɪk-ˈfrēz\ *vb* **-froze** \-ˈfrōz\; **-fro-zen** \-ˈfrōz-ən\; **-freez-ing** : to freeze (food) for preservation so rapidly that ice crystals formed are too small to rupture the cells

quick-ie ˈkwɪk-ē\ *n* : something hurriedly done or made

quick-lime ˈkwɪk-ˈlɪm\ *n* : the first solid product obtained by calcining limestone

quick-sand ˈ-ˈsænd\ *n* : a deep mass of loose sand mixed with water

quick-sil-ver ˈ-ˈsɪl-vər\ *n* : MERCURY

quick-step ˈ-,ˈstɛp\ *n* : a spirited march tune *esp.* accompanying a march in quick time

quick time *n* : a rate of marching in which 120 steps each 30 inches in length are taken in one minute

quick-wit-ted ˈkwɪk-ˈwɪt-əd\ *adj* : mentally alert *syn* clever, bright, smart, intelligent

quid ˈkwɪd\ *n* : a cut or wad of something chewable (a ~ of tobacco)

quid pro quo ˈkwɪd-,prō-ˈkwō\ *n* [NL, something for something] : something given or received for something else

qui-es-cent ˈkwɪ-ˈes-nt\ *adj* : being at rest : QUIET *syn* latent, dormant, potential — **qui-es-cence** \-əns\ *n*

1 **qui-et** ˈkwɪ-ət\ *n* : REPOSE

2 **quiet** *adj* 1 : marked by little motion or activity : CALM 2 : GENTLE, MILD (a man of ~ disposition) 3 : enjoyed in peace and relaxation (a ~ cup of tea) 4 : free from noise or uproar 5 : not showy : MODEST (~ clothes) 6 : SECLUDED (a ~ nook) — **quiet** *adv* — **qui-et-ly** *adv* — **qui-et-ness** *n*

3 **quiet** *vb* 1 : CALM, PACIFY 2 : to become quiet (~ down)

qui-etude ˈkwɪ-ət-,t(y)üd\ *n* : QUIETNESS, REPOSE

qui-et-us ˈkwɪ-ˈét-əs\ *n* [ME *quietus est*, fr. ML, he is quit, formula of discharge from obligation] 1 : final settlement (as of a debt) 2 : DEATH

quill ˈkwɪl\ *n* 1 : a large stiff feather; *also* : the hollow tubular part of a feather 2 : one of the hollow sharp spines of a hedgehog or porcupine 3 : a pen made from a feather

1 **quilt** ˈkwɪlt\ *n* : a padded bed coverlet

2 **quilt** *vb* 1 : to fill, pad, or line like a quilt 2 : to stitch or sew in layers with padding in between 3 : to make quilts

quince ˈkwɪns\ *n* : a hard yellow applelike fruit; *also* : a tree related to the roses that bears this fruit

qui-nine ˈkwɪ-,nɪn\ *n* : a bitter white drug obtained from cinchona bark and used *esp.* in treating malaria

quin-sy ˈkwɪn-zē\ *n* : a severe inflammation of the throat or adjacent parts with swelling and fever

quint ˈkwɪnt\ *n* : QUINTUPLET

quint-tal ˈkwɪnt-əl, ˈkant-\ *n* : HUNDREDWEIGHT

quint-tes-sence ˈkwɪn-ˈtes-ns\ *n* 1 : the purest essence of something 2 : the most typical example — **quint-es-sential** ˈkwɪnt-ə-ˈsen-çəl\ *adj*

quin-tet *also* **quin-tette** \kwin-'tɛt/ *n* 1 : a musical composition for five instruments or voices 2 : a group of five and esp. of five musicians; *also* : a basketball team
quin-tu-ple \kwin-'t(y)üp-əl, -'təp-; 'kwint-əp-/ *adj* 1 : having five units or members 2 : being five times as great or as many — **quintuple** *n*
quintuple *vb* **quin-tu-pled**; **quin-tu-pling** : to make or become five times as great or as many
quin-tu-plet \kwin-'təp-lət, -'t(y)üp-; 'kwint-əp-/ *n* 1 : a group of five of a kind 2 : one of five offspring born at one birth
quin-tu-pli-cate \kwin-'t(y)ü-pli-kət/ *adj* 1 : repeated five times 2 : FIFTH
quintuplicate *n* 1 : one of five like things 2 : five copies all alike (typed in ~)
quin-tu-pli-cate \-plə-'kāt/ *vb* **-cat-ed**; **-cat-ing** 1 : QUINTUPLE 2 : to provide in quintuplicate
quip \kwip/ *n* : a clever remark : GIBE
quip *vb* **quipped**; **quip-ping** 1 : to make quips : GIBE 2 : to jest or gibe at
quire \kwi(ə)/ *n* : a set of 24 or sometimes 25 sheets of paper of the same size and quality
quirk \kwɜrk/ *n* : a peculiarity of action or behavior — **quirky** *adj*
quirt \kwɔrt/ *n* : a riding whip with a short handle and a rawhide lash
quis-ling \kwiz-liŋ/ *n* [Vidkun Quisling †1945 Norw. politician who collaborated with the Nazis] : a traitor who collaborates with the invaders of his country
quit \kwit/ *vb* **quit** *also* **quit-ted**; **quit-ting** 1 : CONDUCT, BEHAVE (~ themselves well) 2 : to depart from : LEAVE, ABANDON *syn* acquit, comport, deport, demean — **quitter** *n*
quite \kwit/ *adv* 1 : COMPLETELY, WHOLLY 2 : to an extreme : POSITIVELY 3 : to a considerable extent : RATHER
quits \kwits/ *adj* : even or equal with another (call it ~)
quit-tance \kwit-'ns/ *n* : REQUITAL
quiver \kwiv-ər/ *n* : a case for carrying arrows
quiver *vb* **quivered**; **quiver-ing** \-(ə-)riŋ/ : to shake with a slight trembling motion *syn* shiver, shudder, quaver, quake, tremble
quiver *n* : the act or action of quivering : TREMOR
qui vive \kē-'væv/ *n* [F *qui-vive*, fr. *qui vive*? long live who?, challenge of a French sentry] : ALERT (on the *qui vive* for prowlers)
quix-ot-ic \kwik-'sät-ik/ *adj* [fr. *Don Quixote*, hero of the

novel *Don Quixote de la Mancha* by Cervantes] : foolishly impractical esp. in the pursuit of ideals
quiz \kwiz/ *n*, *pl* **quiz-zes** 1 : an eccentric person 2 : PRACTICAL JOKE 3 : a short oral or written test
quiz *vb* **quizzed**; **quiz-zing** 1 : MOCK 2 : to look at inquisitively 3 : to question closely : EXAMINE *syn* ask, interrogate, query
quiz-zi-cal \kwiz-i-kəl/ *adj* 1 : slightly eccentric 2 : marked by bantering or teasing 3 : INQUISITIVE, QUESTIONING
quoit \kwät, 'k(w)öit/ *n* 1 : a flattened ring of iron or circle of rope used in a throwing game 2 *pl* : a game in which quoits are thrown at an upright pin in an attempt to ring the pin
quon-dam \kwän-dəm, -'däm/ *adj* [L, at one time, formerly, fr. *quom*, *cum* when] : FORMER
quo-rum \kwör-əm/ *n* : the number of members required to be present for business to be legally transacted
quot *abbr* quotation
quo-ta \kwöt-ə/ *n* : a proportional part esp. when assigned : SHARE
quot-able \kwöt-ə-bəl/ *adj* : fit for or worth quoting
quo-ta-tion \kwöt-'tä-shən/ *n* 1 : the act or process of quoting 2 : the price currently bid or offered for something 3 : something that is quoted
quotation mark *n* : one of a pair of punctuation marks " " or " " used esp. to indicate the beginning and end of a quotation in which exact phraseology is directly cited
quote \kwöt/ *vb* **quot-ed**; **quot-ing** [ML *quotare* to mark the number of, number references, fr. *L* *quotus* of what number or quantity, fr. *quot* how many, (as) many as] 1 : to speak or write a passage from another usu. with acknowledgment; *also* : to repeat a passage in substantiation or illustration 2 : to state the market price of a commodity, stock, or bond 3 : to inform a hearer or reader that matter following is quoted — **quote** *n*
quoth \('kwöth/ *vb* *past* [ME, *past* of *quethen* to say, fr. OE *cwethan*] *archaic* : SAID — usu. used in the 1st and 3d persons with the subject following
quod-ti-dian \kwö-'tid-ē-ən/ *adj* 1 : DAILY 2 : COMMON-PLACE, ORDINARY
quod-tient \kwö-'shənt/ *n* : the number obtained by the division of one number by another
qursh *n*, *pl* **qursh** \kürsh/ — see *riyal* at MONEY table
qv *abbr* [L *quod vide*] which see
qy *abbr* query

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r \är/ *n*, *pl* **r's** or **rs** \ärz/ *often cap* : the 18th letter of the English alphabet
r *abbr*, *often cap* 1 *rabbi* 2 *radius* 3 *rare* 4 *Republican* 5 *rerun* 6 *resistance* 7 *right* 8 *river* 9 *roentgen* 10 *rook* 11 *run*
Ra *symbol* radium
RA *abbr* 1 *regular army* 2 *Royal Academy*
rab-bet \rab-ət/ *n* : a groove in the edge or face of a board esp. to receive another piece
rabbet *vb* : to cut a rabbet in; *also* : to join by means of a rabbet
rab-bi \rab-'i/ *n* [LL, fr. Gk *rhabbi*, fr. Heb *rabbī* my master, fr. *rabb* master + -ī my] 1 : MASTER, TEACHER — used by Jews as a term of address 2 : a Jew trained and ordained for professional religious leadership — **rab-bin-ic** \rə-'bin-ik/ or **rab-bin-i-cal** \-i-kəl/ *adj*
rab-bin-ate \rab-ə-nət, -'nät/ *n* 1 : the office of a *rabbi* 2 : the whole body of rabbis
rab-bit \rab-ət/ *n*, *pl* **rabbit** or **rabbits** : a long-eared

burrowing mammal related to the hare; *also* : its pelt
rabble \rab-əl/ *n* 1 : MOB 2 : the lowest class of people
rab-ble-rous-er \rab-əl-,raub-zər/ *n* : one that stirs up (as to hatred or violence) the masses of the people
ra-bid \rab-əd/ *adj* 1 : VIOLENT, FURIOUS 2 : being fanatical or extreme 3 : affected with rabies — **ra-bid-ly** *adv*
ra-bies \rä-bēz/ *n*, *pl* **rabies** [NL, fr. L, madness] : an acute deadly virus disease of the nervous system transmitted by the bite of an affected animal
rac-coon \ra-'kūn/ *n*, *pl* **raccoon** or **raccoons** : a gray No. American chiefly tree-dwelling mammal with a bushy ringed tail and nocturnal habits; *also* : its fur
race \räs/ *n* 1 : a strong current of running water; *also* : its channel 2 : an onward course (as of time or life) 3

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ä\cot, cart
 \au\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\vice \i\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\foot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

: a contest in speed 4 : a contest for a desired end (as election to office)

race *vb* **raced**; **rac-ing** 1 : to run in a race 2 : to run swiftly : RUSH 3 : to engage in a race with 4 : to drive at high speed — **rac-er** *n*

race *n* 1 : a family, tribe, people, or nation of the same stock; *also* : MANKIND 2 : a group of individuals within a biological species able to breed together — **ra-cial** \ˈrā-shəl/ *adj* — **ra-cial-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

race-course \ˈrās-,kōrs/ *n* : a course for racing

race-horse \-,hōrs/ *n* : a horse bred or kept for racing

ra-ceme \rā-ˈsēm/ *n* [L *racemus* bunch of grapes] : a flower cluster with flowers borne along a stem and blooming from the base toward the tip — **rac-e-mose** \ˈras-ə-,mōs/ *adj*

race-track \ˈrās-,trak/ *n* : a usu. oval course on which races are run

race-way \-,wā/ *n* 1 : a channel for a current of water 2 : RACECOURSE

ra-cial-ism \ˈrā-shə-,liz-əm/ *n* : RACISM — **ra-cial-ist** \-ləst/ *n* — **ra-cial-is-tic** \ˈrā-shə-ˈlis-tik/ *adj*

rac-ing form *n* : an information sheet giving data about racehorses for use by bettors

rac-ism \ˈrās-,iz-əm/ *n* : a belief that some races are by nature superior to others; *also* : discrimination based on such belief — **rac-ist** \-əst/ *n*

rack \ˈrak/ *n* 1 : an instrument of torture on which a body is stretched 2 : a framework on or in which something may be placed (as for display or storage) 3 : a bar with teeth on one side to mesh with a pinion or worm gear

rack *vb* 1 : to torture with or as if with a rack 2 : to stretch or strain by force 3 : TORMENT 4 : to place on or in a rack

rack-et *also* **rac-quet** \ˈrak-ət/ *n* [MF *raquette*, fr. Ar *rāḥah* palm of the hand] : a light bat made of netting stretched across an oval open frame and used for striking a ball

racket *n* 1 : confused noise : DIN 2 : a fraudulent or dishonest scheme or activity

racket *vb* : to make a racket

rack-e-teer \ˈrak-ə-ˈtiər/ *n* : a person who obtains money by an illegal enterprise usu. involving intimidation — **rack-e-teer-ing** *n*

rack up *vb* : SCORE

ra-con-teur \ˈrak-,tə-ˈtər/ *n* : one good at telling anecdotes

racy \ˈrā-sē/ *adj* **rac-i-er**; -**est** 1 : having the quality of something in its original or most characteristic form 2 : full of zest 3 : PUNGENT, SPICY 4 : RISQUÉ, SUGGESTIVE — **rac-i-ly** \ˈrā-sə-lē/ *adv* — **rac-i-ness** \-sē-nəs/ *n*

rad *abbr* 1 radial 2 radio 3 radius

ra-dar \ˈrā-,där/ *n* [radio detecting and ranging] : a device that emits radio waves for detecting and locating an object by the reflection of the radio waves and that may use this reflection to determine the object's direction and speed

ra-dar-scope \ˈrā-,där-,sköp/ *n* : a visual display for a radar receiver

ra-di-al \ˈrād-ē-əl/ *adj* : arranged or having parts arranged like rays coming from a common center (the ~ form of a starfish) — **ra-di-al-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

radial *n* : a pneumatic tire with cords laid perpendicular to the center line

radial engine *n* : an internal-combustion engine with cylinders arranged radially like the spokes of a wheel

ra-di-ant \ˈrād-ē-ənt/ *adj* 1 : SHINING, GLOWING 2 : beaming with happiness 3 : transmitted by radiation syn brilliant, bright, luminous, lustrous — **ra-di-ance** \-əns/ *n* — **ra-di-ant-ly** *adv*

radiant energy *n* : energy transmitted as electromagnetic waves

ra-di-ate \ˈrād-ē-,āt/ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** 1 : to send out rays : SHINE, GLOW 2 : to issue in rays (light ~s) (heat ~s) 3

: to spread around as from a center — **ra-di-a-tion** \ˈrād-ē-ˈā-shən/ *n*

radiation sickness *n* : sickness that results from exposure to radiation and is commonly marked by fatigue, nausea, vomiting, loss of teeth and hair, and in more severe cases by damage to blood-forming tissue

ra-di-a-tor \ˈrād-ē-,āt-ər/ *n* : any of various devices (as a set of pipes or tubes) for transferring heat from a fluid within to an area or object outside

rad-i-cal \ˈrād-i-kəl/ *adj* [ME, fr. LL *radicalis*, fr. L *radic-*, *radix* root] 1 : FUNDAMENTAL, EXTREME, THOROUGH-GOING 2 : of or relating to radicals in politics — **rad-i-cal-ism** \-,iz-əm/ *n* — **rad-i-cal-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

radical *n* 1 : a person who favors rapid and sweeping changes in laws and methods of government 2 : a group of atoms that is replaceable by a single atom or remains unchanged during reactions 3 : a mathematical expression indicating a root by means of a radical sign; *also* : RADICAL SIGN

rad-i-cal-ize \-kə-,līz/ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to make radical esp. in politics — **rad-i-cal-iza-tion** \ˈrād-i-kə-lə-ˈzā-shən/ *n*

radical sign *n* : the sign $\sqrt{\quad}$ placed over a mathematical expression to indicate that its root is to be taken

radii *pl* of RADIUS

ra-dio \ˈrād-ē-,ō/ *n*, *pl* **ra-di-os** 1 : transmission or reception of signals using electromagnetic waves without a connecting wire 2 : a radio receiving set 3 : the radio broadcasting industry — **radio** *adj*

radio *vb* : to communicate or send a message to by radio **ra-dio-ac-tiv-i-ty** \ˈrād-ē-ō-,ak-ˈtiv-ət-ē/ *n* : the property that some elements have of spontaneously emitting energetic particles by the disintegration of atomic nuclei — **ra-dio-ac-tive** \-ak-tiv/ *adj*

radio astronomy *n* : astronomy dealing with radio waves received from outside the earth's atmosphere

ra-dio-car-bon \ˈrād-ē-ō-ˈkär-bən/ *n* : CARBON 14

radio frequency *n* : an electromagnetic wave frequency intermediate between audio frequency and infrared frequency used esp. in radio and television transmission

ra-dio-gen-ic \ˈrād-ē-ō-ˈjen-ik/ *adj* : produced by radioactivity

ra-dio-gram \ˈrād-ē-ō-,gram/ *n* 1 : RADIOGRAPH 2 : a message transmitted by radiotelegraphy

ra-dio-graph \-,graf/ *n* : a photograph made by some form of radiation other than light; *esp* : an X-ray photograph — **radiograph** *vb* — **ra-dio-graph-ic** \ˈrād-ē-ō-ˈgraf-ik/ *adj* — **ra-dio-graph-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē/ *adv* — **ra-di-og-ra-phy** \ˈrād-ē-ˈäg-rə-fē/ *n*

ra-dio-iso-tope \ˈrād-ē-ō-ˈi-sə-,tōp/ *n* : a radioactive isotope

ra-di-ol-o-gy \ˈrād-ē-ˈäl-ə-jē/ *n* : the use of radiant energy (as X rays and radium radiations) in medicine — **ra-di-ol-o-gist** \-jəst/ *n*

ra-di-o-man \ˈrād-ē-ō-,man/ *n* : a radio operator or technician

ra-di-om-e-ter \ˈrād-ē-ˈām-ət-ər/ *n* : an instrument for measuring the intensity of radiant energy — **ra-di-om-e-try** \-ə-trē/ *n* — **ra-dio-met-ric** \ˈrād-ē-ō-ˈme-trik/ *adj*

ra-dio-phone \ˈrād-ē-ə-,fōn/ *n* : RADIOTELEPHONE

ra-dio-sonde \ˈrād-ē-ō-,sənd/ *n* : a small radio transmitter carried aloft (as by balloon) and used to transmit meteorological data

ra-dio-tele-graph \ˈrād-ē-ō-ˈtel-ə-,graf/ *n* : wireless telegraphy — **ra-dio-tele-graph-ic** \ˈtel-ə-ˈgraf-ik/ *adj* — **ra-dio-te-leg-ra-phy** \-tə-ˈleg-rə-fē/ *n*

ra-dio-tele-phone \ˈtel-ə-,fōn/ *n* : a telephone that uses radio waves wholly or partly instead of connecting wires — **ra-dio-te-le-phi-ny** \-tə-ˈlef-ə-nē-, -ˈtel-ə-,fō-nē/ *n*

radio telescope *n* : a radio receiver-antenna combination used for observation in radio astronomy

ra-dio-ther-a-py \ˈrād-ē-ō-ˈther-ə-pē\ *n*: the treatment of disease by means of X rays or radioactive substances — **ra-dio-ther-a-pist** \-pəst\ *n*

rad-ish \ˈrād-ish\ *n* [ME, alter. of OE *rædic*, fr. L *radix*, *radix* root, radish]: a pungent fleshy root usu. eaten raw; **also**: a plant related to the mustards that produces this root

ra-di-um \ˈrād-ē-əm\ *n*: a strongly radioactive metallic chemical element that is used in the treatment of cancer — **see** ELEMENT table

ra-di-us \ˈrād-ē-əs\ *n*, *pl* **ra-dii** \-ē-,ī\ **also** **ra-di-us-es** **1**: the one of the two bones of the human forearm that is on the thumb side; **2**: a straight line extending from the center of a circle or a sphere to the circumference or surface; **3**: a circular area defined by the length of its radius **syn** range, reach, scope, compass

RADM *abbr* rear admiral

ra-don \ˈrā-,dän\ *n*: a heavy radioactive gaseous chemical element — **see** ELEMENT table

RAF *abbr* Royal Air Force

raf-fia \ˈraf-ē-ə\ *n*: fiber used esp. for making baskets and hats and obtained from the stalks of the leaves of a Madagascar palm (raffia palm)

raff-ish \ˈraf-ish\ *adj*: jaunty or sporty esp. in a flashy or vulgar manner — **raff-ish-ly** *adv* — **raff-ish-ness** *n*

ˈraf-fle \ˈraf-əl\ *n*: a lottery in which the prize is won by one of a number of persons buying chances

ˈraffle *vb* **raf-fled**; **raf-ling** \ˈraf-(ə-)liŋ\ : to dispose of by a raffle

ˈraft \ˈraft\ *n* **1**: a number of logs or timbers fastened together to form a float; **2**: a flat structure for support or transportation on water

ˈraft *vb* **1**: to travel or transport by raft; **2**: to make into a raft

ˈraft *n*: a large amount or number

ˈraf-ter \ˈraf-tər\ *n*: a usu. sloping timber of a roof

ˈrag \ˈrag\ *n*: a waste piece of cloth

ˈrag *n*: a composition in ragtime

ra-ga \ˈrāg-ə\ *n* **1**: an ancient traditional melodic pattern or mode in Indian music; **2**: an improvisation based on a raga

rag-a-muf-fin \ˈrag-ə-,məf-ən\ *n* [*Ragamoffyn*, a demon in *Piers Plowman* (1393), attributed to William Langland]: a ragged dirty person

ˈrage \ˈrāj\ *n* **1**: violent and uncontrolled anger; **2**: VOGUE, FASHION

ˈrage *vb* **raged**; **rag-ing** **1**: to be furiously angry; **RAVE** **2**: to be in violent tumult (the storm *raged*); **3**: to continue out of control

rag-ged \ˈrag-əd\ *adj* **1**: TORN, TATTERED; **also**: wearing tattered clothes; **2**: done in an uneven way (a ~ performance) — **rag-ged-ly** *adv* — **rag-ged-ness** *n*

rag-lan \ˈrag-lən\ *n*: an overcoat with sleeves (raglan sleeves) sewn in with seams slanting from neck to underarm

ra-gout \ˈra-ˈgü\ *n* [F *ragoût*, fr. *ragoûter* to revive the taste, fr. *re-* + *a-* to (fr. L *ad-*) + *gout* taste, fr. L *gustus*]: a highly seasoned meat stew with vegetables

rag-pick-er \ˈrag-,pik-ər\ *n*: one who collects rags and refuse for a livelihood

rag-time \ˈrag-,tim\ *n*: rhythm in which there is more or less continuous syncopation in the melody

rag-weed \-,wēd\ *n*: any of several coarse weedy herbs with allergenic pollen

ˈraid \ˈrād\ *n*: a sudden usu. surprise attack or invasion; **FORAY**

ˈraid *vb* : to make a raid on — **raid-er** *n*

ˈrail \ˈrāl\ *n* [ME *raile*, fr. MF *reille* ruler, bar, fr. L *regula* ruler, fr. *regere* to keep straight, direct, rule] **1**: a bar extending from one support to another as a guard or barrier; **2**: a bar forming a track for wheeled vehicles; **3**: RAILROAD

ˈrail *vb* : to provide with a railing; **FENCE**

ˈrail *n*, *pl* **rail** or **rails**: any of a family of small wading birds related to the cranes and often hunted as game birds

ˈrail *vb* [ME *railen*, fr. MF *railler* to mock, fr. Old Provençal *ralhar* to babble, joke]: to complain angrily; **SCOLD**, **REVILE** — **rail-er** *n*

rail-ing \ˈrāl-ŋ\ *n*: a barrier of rails

ˈrail-lery \ˈrāl-lə-rē\ *n*, *pl* **-ler-ies**: good-natured ridicule; **BANTER**

ˈrail-road \ˈrāl-,rōd\ *n*: a permanent road with rails fixed to ties providing a track for cars; **also**: such a road and its assets constituting a property

ˈrailroad *vb* **1**: to send by rail; **2**: to work on a railroad; **3**: to put through (as a law) too hastily; **4**: to convict hastily or with insufficient or improper evidence — **rail-road-er** *n* — **rail-road-ing** *n*

ˈrail-way \-,wā\ *n* **1**: a line of track providing a runway for wheels; **2**: RAILROAD

ˈrai-ment \ˈrā-mənt\ *n*: CLOTHING

ˈrain \ˈrān\ *n* **1**: water falling in drops from the clouds; **2**: a shower of objects (a ~ of bullets) — **rainy** *adj*

ˈrain *vb* **1**: to fall as or like rain; **2**: to send down rain; **3**: to pour down

ˈrain-bow \-,bō\ *n*: an arc or circle of colors formed by the refraction and reflection of the sun's rays in rain, spray, or mist

rainbow trout *n*: a large stout-bodied trout of western No. America that usu. has red or pink stripes with black dots along its sides

ˈrain check *n* **1**: a ticket stub good for a later performance when the scheduled one is rained out; **2**: an assurance of a deferred extension of an offer

ˈrain-coat \ˈrān-,kōt\ *n*: a waterproof or water-repellent coat

ˈrain-drop \-,drāp\ *n*: a drop of rain

ˈrain-fall \-,fōl\ *n* **1**: a fall of rain; **2**: amount of precipitation (an annual ~ of 50 centimeters)

rain forest *n*: a tropical woodland that has an annual rainfall of at least 100 inches and that is marked by lofty broad-leaved evergreen trees forming a continuous canopy

ˈrain-mak-ing \ˈrān-,mā-kiŋ\ *n*: the action or process of producing or attempting to produce rain by artificial means — **rain-mak-er** \-kər\ *n*

ˈrain out *vb* : to interrupt or prevent by rain

ˈrain-storm \ˈrān-,stōrm\ *n*: a storm of or with rain

ˈrain-wa-ter \-,wōt-ər-,wāt-ə\ *n*: water fallen as rain

ˈraise \ˈrāz\ *vb* **raised**; **rais-ing** **1**: to cause or help to rise; **LIFT** (~ a window); **2**: AWAKEN, AROUSE (enough to ~ the dead); **3**: BUILD, ERECT (~ a monument); **4**: PROMOTE (was *raised* to captain); **5**: COLLECT (~ money); **6**: BREED, GROW (~ cattle) (~ corn); **also**: BRING UP (~ a family); **7**: PROVOKE (~ a laugh); **8**: to bring to notice (~ an objection); **9**: INCREASE (~ prices); **also**: to bet more than **10**: to make light and spongy (~ dough); **11**: END (~ a siege); **12**: to cause to form (~ a blister) **syn** lift, hoist, boost, elevate — **rais-er** *n*

ˈraise *n*: an increase in amount (as of a bid or bet); **also**: an increase in pay

ˈrai-sin \ˈrāz-ən\ *n* [ME, fr. MF, grape, fr. L *racemus* cluster of grapes or berries]: a grape dried for food

ˈrai-son d'être \ˈrā-,zōn-ˈdetr\ *n*: reason or justification for existence

ra-ja or **ra-jah** \ˈrāj-ə\ *n* [Hindi *rājā*, fr. Skt *rājan* king]: an Indian prince

ˈrake \ˈrāk\ *n*: a long-handled garden tool having a cross-bar with prongs

ˈrake *vb* **raked**; **rak-ing** **1**: to gather, loosen, or smooth

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot,carb
\ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
\u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

with or as if with a rake **2** : to sweep the length of (as a trench or ship) with gunfire

³rake *n* : inclination from either perpendicular or horizontal : SLANT, SLOPE

⁴rake *n* : a dissolute man : LIBERTINE

⁵rake-off \ˈrāk-ōf/ *n* : a percentage or cut taken

⁶rak-ish \ˈrā-kish/ *adj* : DISSOLUTE — **⁷rak-ish-ly** *adv* — **⁸rak-ish-ness** *n*

⁹rakish *adj* **1** : having a smart appearance indicative of speed (a ~ sloop) (~ masts) **2** : JAUNTY, SPORTY — **ⁱ⁰rak-ish-ly** *adv* — **ⁱ¹rak-ish-ness** *n*

ⁱ²ral-ly \ˈrāl-ē/ *vb* **ral-lyed**; **ral-ly-ing** **1** : to bring together for a common purpose; *also* : to bring back to order (a leader ~ing his forces) **2** : to arouse to activity or from depression or weakness : REVIVE, RECOVER **3** : to come together again to renew an effort *syn* stir, rouse, awaken, waken, kindle

ⁱ³rally *n*, *pl* **rallies** **1** : an act of rallying **2** : a mass meeting to arouse enthusiasm **3** : a competitive automobile event run over public roads

ⁱ⁴rally *vb* **ral-lyed**; **ral-ly-ing** : BANTER

ⁱ⁵ram \ˈrām/ *n* **1** : a male sheep **2** : BATTERING RAM

ⁱ⁶ram *vb* **rammed**; **ram-ming** **1** : to force or drive in or through **2** : CRAM, CROWD **3** : to strike against violently

ⁱ⁷ram-ble \ˈrām-bəl/ *vb* **ram-bled**; **ram-bling** \-b(ə)-liŋ/ *to go about aimlessly* : ROAM, WANDER

ⁱ⁸ramble *n* : a leisurely excursion; *esp* : an aimless walk **ram-bler** \ˈrām-blər/ *n* **1** : a person who rambles **2** : a hardy climbing rose with large clusters of small flowers

ram-bunc-tious \ˈrām-ˈbʊŋk-shəs/ *adj* : UNRULY

ra-mie \ˈrā-mē, ˈrām-ē/ *n* : a strong lustrous bast fiber from an Asian nettle

ram-i-fy \ˈrām-ə-ˈfī/ *vb* **-fied**, **-fy-ing** : to branch out — **ram-i-fi-ca-tion** \ˈrām-ə-ˈfē-ˈkā-shən/ *n*

ⁱ⁹ramp \ˈræmp/ *n* : a sloping passage or roadway connecting different levels

ⁱ¹ram-page \ˈrām-ˈpāj, (ˈ)ˈrām-ˈpāj/ *vb* **ram-paged**; **ram-pag-ing** : to rush about wildly

ⁱ²ram-page \ˈrām-ˈpāj/ *n* : a course of violent or riotous action or behavior — **ram-pa-geous** \ˈrām-ˈpā-jəs/ *adj*

ram-pan-cy \ˈrām-pən-sē/ *n* : the quality or state of being rampant

ram-pant \ˈrām-pənt/ *adj* : unchecked in growth or spread : RIFE (fear was ~ in the town) — **ram-pant-ly** *adv*

ram-part \ˈrām-ˈpärt/ *n* **1** : a broad embankment raised as a fortification **2** : a protective barrier **3** : a wall-like ridge

ⁱ³ram-rod \ˈrām-ˈräd/ *n* **1** : a rod used to ram a charge into a muzzle-loading gun **2** : a cleaning rod for small arms **3** : BOSS, OVERSEER

ⁱ⁴ramrod *vb* : to direct, supervise, and control

ram-shack-le \ˈrām-ˈshak-əl/ *adj* : RICKETY, TUMBLEDOWN **ran** *past of* RUN

ⁱ⁵ranch \ˈranch/ *n* [MexSp *rancho* small ranch, fr. Sp. camp, hut & Sp dial., small farm, fr. Old Spanish *ranchear* (*se*) to take up quarters, fr. MF (*se*) *ranger* to take up a position, fr. *ranger* to set in a row] **1** : an establishment for the raising and grazing of livestock (as cattle, sheep, or horses) **2** : a large farm devoted to a specialty

ⁱ⁶ranch *vb* : to live or work on a ranch — **ⁱ⁷ranch-er** *n* **ranch house** *n* : a one-story house typically with a low-pitched roof

ran-cho \ˈran-shō, ˈrān-/ *n*, *pl* **ranchos** : RANCH

ran-cid \ˈran-sed/ *adj* **1** : having a rank smell or taste **2** : ROTTEN, SPOILED — **ran-cid-i-ty** \ˈran-ˈsid-ət-ē/ *n*

ran-cor \ˈræŋ-kər/ *n* : deep hatred : intense ill will *syn* antagonism, animosity, antipathy, enmity, hostility — **ran-cor-ous** *adj*

rand \ˈrand, ˈränd, ˈrānt/ *n*, *pl* **rand** — see MONEY table **R & B** *abbr* rhythm and blues

R & D *abbr* research and development

ran-dom \ˈran-dəm/ *adj* : CHANCE, HAPHAZARD — **ran-dom-ly** *adv* — **ran-dom-ness** *n*

random-access *adj* : allowing access to stored data in any order the user desires

random-access memory \ˈran-dəm-ˈak-ses-/ *n* : a computer memory that provides the main internal storage available to the user for programs and data

ran-dom-ize \ˈran-də-ˈmīz/ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to distribute, treat, or perform in a random way — **ran-dom-iza-tion** \ˈran-də-mə-ˈzā-shən/ *n*

R and R *abbr* rest and recreation; rest and recuperation **rang** *past of* RING

ⁱrange \ˈrānj/ *n* **1** : a series of things in a row **2** : the act of ranging or roaming **3** : open land where animals (as livestock) may roam and graze **4** : a cooking stove **5** : a variation within limits **6** : the distance a weapon will shoot or is to be shot **7** : a place where shooting is practiced; *also* : a course over which missiles are tested **8** : the space or extent included, covered, or used : SCOPE *syn* reach, compass, radius, circle

ⁱ²range *vb* **ranged**; **rang-ing** **1** : to set in a row or in proper order **2** : to set in place among others of the same kind **3** : to roam over or through : EXPLORE **4** : to roam at large or freely **5** : to correspond in direction or line **6** : to vary within limits **7** : to find the range of an object by instrument (as radar)

rang-er \ˈrānj-ər/ *n* **1** : a warden who patrols forest lands **2** : a member of a body of troops who range over a region **3** : an expert in close-range fighting and raiding tactics

rangy \ˈrānj-ē/ *adj* **rang-i-er**; **-est** : being long-limbed and slender — **rang-i-ness** \ˈrānj-ē-nəs/ *n*

ra-ni or **ra-nee** \ˈrā-nē, ˈrān-,ē/ *n* : a raja's wife

ⁱrank \ˈræŋk/ *adj* **1** : strong and vigorous and usu. coarse in growth (~ weeds) **2** : unpleasantly strong-smelling — **rank-ly** *adv*, — **rank-ness** *n*

ⁱ²rank *n* **1** : ROW **2** : a line of soldiers ranged side by side **3** *pl* : the body of enlisted men (rose from the ~s) **4** : an orderly arrangement **5** : CLASS, DIVISION **6** : a grade of official standing (as in an army) **7** : position in a group **8** : superior position

ⁱ³rank *vb* **1** : to arrange in lines or in regular formation **2** : to arrange according to classes **3** : to take or have a relative position **4** : to rate above (as in official standing)

rank and file *n* **1** : the enlisted men of an armed force **2** : the general membership of a body as contrasted with its leaders

rank-ing \ˈræŋ-kiŋ/ *adj* **1** : having a high position : FOREMOST **2** : being next to the chairman in seniority

ran-kle \ˈræŋ-kəl/ *vb* **ran-kled**; **ran-king** \-k(ə)-liŋ/ [ME *ranclen* to fester, fr. MF *rancler*, fr. OF *draoncler*, *raoncler*, fr. *draoncle*, *raoncle* festering sore, fr. (assumed) VL *dracunculus*, fr. L, dim. of *draco* serpent] : to cause anger, irritation, or bitterness

ran-sack \ˈran-sak/ *vb* : to search thoroughly; *esp* : to search through and rob

ⁱran-som \ˈran-səm/ *n* [ME *ransoun*, fr. OF *rançon*, fr. L *redemption*, *redemptio* act of buying back, fr. *redimere* to buy back, redeem] **1** : something paid or demanded for the freedom of a captive **2** : the act of ransoming

ⁱ²ransom *vb* : to free from captivity or punishment by paying a price — **ran-som-er** *n*

rant \ˈrænt/ *vb* **1** : to talk loudly and wildly **2** : to scold violently — **rant-er** *n* — **rant-ing-ly** \-iŋ-lē/ *adv*

ⁱrap \ˈræp/ *n* **1** : a sharp blow **2** : a sharp rebuke **3** *slang* : responsibility for or consequences of an action

ⁱ²rap *vb* **rapped**; **rap-ping** **1** : to strike sharply : KNOCK **2** : to utter sharply **3** : to criticize sharply

ⁱ³rap *vb* **rapped**; **rap-ping** : to talk freely and frankly — **rap** *n*

ra-pa-cious \ˈrə-ˈpā-shəs/ *adj* **1** : excessively greedy or covetous **2** : living on prey **3** : RAVENOUS — **ra-pa-cious-**

ly *adv* — **ra-pa-cious-ness** *n* — **ra-pac-i-ty** \ˈpɑs-ət-ē\ *n*
rape \ˈrɑp\ *n* : a European herb related to the mustards that is grown as a forage crop and for its seeds (**rapeseed** \-,sēd\)
rape *vb* **raped**; **rap-ing** : to commit rape on : RAVISH — **rap-er** *n* — **rap-ist** \ˈrɑ-pəst\ *n*
rape *n* 1 : a carrying away by force 2 : sexual intercourse by a man with a woman without her consent and chiefly by force or deception; *also* : unlawful sexual intercourse of any kind by force or threat
rap-id \ˈrɑp-əd\ *adj* [L *rapidus* seizing, sweeping, rapid, fr. *rapere* to seize, sweep away] : very fast : **SWIFT** *syn* fleet, quick, speedy — **ra-pid-i-ty** \rə-ˈpɪd-ət-ē\ *n* — **rap-id-ly** \ˈrɑp-əd-lē\ *adv*
rapid *n* : a place in a stream where the current flows very fast usu. over obstructions — *usu.* used in pl.
rapid eye movement *n* : rapid conjugate movement of the eyes associated with REM sleep
rapid transit *n* : fast passenger transportation (as by subway) in urban areas
ra-pi-er \ˈrɑ-pē-ər\ *n* : a straight 2-edged sword with a narrow pointed blade



rapier

rap-ine \ˈrɑp-ən-, -ɪn\ *n* : PILLAGE, PLUNDER
rap-pen \ˈrɑp-ən\ *n*, *pl* **rappen** : the centime of Switzerland
rap-port \rə-ˈpɔr\ *n* : RELATION; *esp* : relation characterized by harmony
rap-proche-ment \,rɑp-,rɔʃ-ˈmɑ̃, rə-ˈprɔʃ-ˈmɑ̃\ *n* : the establishment of or a state of having cordial relations
rap-scal-lion \rɑp-ˈskɑl-yən\ *n* : RASCAL, SCAMP
rapt \ˈrɑpt\ *adj* 1 : carried away with emotion 2 : ABSORBED, ENGROSSED — **rapt-ly** \ˈrɑp(t)-lē\ *adv* — **rapt-ness** \ˈrɑp(t)-nəs\ *n*
rap-ture \ˈrɑp-cher\ *n* : spiritual or emotional ecstasy — **rap-tur-ous** \-chə-rəs\ *adj*
rapture of the deep : a confused mental state caused by nitrogen forced into a diver's bloodstream from atmospheric air under pressure
ra-ra avis \,rɑ-rə-ˈā-vəs\ *n* [L, rare bird] : a rare person or thing : RARITY
rare \ˈrɑ(r)-\ *adj* **rar-er**; **rar-est** 1 : not thick or dense : THIN (~ air) 2 : unusually fine : EXCELLENT, SPLENDID 3 : seldom met with — **rare-ly** *adv* — **rare-ness** *n* — **rari-ty** \ˈrɑ(r)-tē\ *n*
rare *adj* **rar-er**; **rar-est** : cooked so that the inside is still red (~ beef)
rare-bit \ˈrɑ(r)-bæt\ *n* : WELSH RABBIT
rar-e-fac-tion \,rɑ-rə-ˈfak-shən\ *n* 1 : the action or process of rarefying 2 : the state of being rarefied 3 : a state or region of minimum pressure in a substance (as air) being traveled through by a wave formed by compression (as sound)
rar-efy *also* **rar-i-fy** \ˈrɑ-rə-,fɪ\ *vb* -**efied**; -**efy-ing** : to make or become rare, thin, or less dense
rar-ing \ˈrɑ-rən-, -ɪŋ\ *adj* : full of enthusiasm or eagerness
ras-cal \ˈras-kəl\ *n* 1 : a mean or dishonest person 2 : a mischievous person — **ras-cal-i-ty** \ˈras-ˈkæl-ət-ē\ *n* — **ras-cal-ly** \ˈras-kə-lē\ *adj*
rash \ˈrɑʃ\ *adj* : having or showing little regard for consequences : too hasty in decision, action, or speech : RECKLESS *syn* daring, foolhardy, adventurous, venturesome — **rash-ly** *adv* — **rash-ness** *n*
rash *n* : an eruption on the body
rash-er \ˈrɑʃ-ər\ *n* : a thin slice of bacon or ham broiled

or fried; *also* : a portion consisting of several such slices
rasp \ˈrɑsp\ *vb* 1 : to rub with or as if with a rough file 2 : to grate harshly on (as one's nerves) 3 : to speak in a grating tone
rasp *n* : a coarse file with cutting points instead of ridges
rasp-ber-ry \ˈrɑz-,ber-ē-, -b(ə-)rē\ *n* 1 : an edible red or black berry produced by some brambles; *also* : such a bramble 2 : a sound of contempt made by protruding the tongue through the lips and expelling air forcibly
rat \ˈrɑt\ *n* 1 : any of numerous scaly-tailed rodents larger than the related mice 2 : a contemptible person; *esp* : one that betrays his associates
rat *vb* **rat-ted**; **rat-ting** 1 : to betray one's associates 2 : to hunt or catch rats
rat cheese *n* : CHEDDAR
rat-chet \ˈrɑtʃ-ət\ *n* : a device that consists of a bar or wheel having slanted teeth into which a pawl drops so as to allow motion in only one direction
ratchet wheel *n* : a toothed wheel held in position or turned by a pawl
rate \ˈrɑt\ *vb* **rat-ed**; **rat-ing** : to scold violently
rate *n* 1 : quantity, amount, or degree measured by some standard 2 : an amount (as of payment) measured by its relation to some other amount (as of time) 3 : a charge, payment, or price fixed according to a ratio, scale, or standard (tax ~) 4 : RANK, CLASS
rate *vb* **rat-ed**; **rat-ing** 1 : CONSIDER, REGARD 2 : ESTIMATE 3 : to settle the relative rank or class of 4 : to be classed : RANK 5 : to be of consequence 6 : to have a right to : DESERVE — **rat-er** *n*
rath-er \ˈrɑθ-ər-, ˈrɑθ-, ˈrəθ-\ *adv* [ME, fr. OE *hrathor*, compar. of *hrathe* quickly] 1 : more properly 2 : PREFERABLY 3 : more correctly speaking 4 : to the contrary : INSTEAD 5 : SOMEWHAT
raths-kel-ler \ˈrɑt-,skel-ər-, ˈrɑt(h)-\ *n* [obs. G (now *rat-skeller*), city-hall basement restaurant, fr. *rat* council + *keller* cellar] : a usu. basement tavern or restaurant
rat-i-fy \ˈrɑt-ə-,fɪ\ *vb* -**fied**; -**fy-ing** : to approve and accept formally — **rat-i-fi-ca-tion** \ˈrɑt-ə-fə-ˈkɑ-shən\ *n*
rat-ing \ˈrɑt-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : a classification according to grade : RANK 2 *Brit* : a naval enlisted man 3 : an estimate of the credit standing and business responsibility of a person or firm
ra-tio \ˈrɑ-sh(ē)-d\ *n*, *pl* **ra-tios** 1 : the quotient of two numbers or mathematical expressions 2 : the relation in number, quantity, or degree between things
ra-ti-o-ci-na-tion \,rɑt-ē-,dɔs-n-ˈā-shən-, ˈrɑʃ-, -ās-\ *n* : exact thinking : REASONING — **ra-ti-o-ci-nate** \ˈdɔs-n-,āt-, ˈās-\ *vb* — **ra-ti-o-ci-na-tive** \ˈdɔs-n-,āt-ɪv-, ˈās-\ *adj* — **ra-ti-o-ci-na-tor** \ˈdɔs-n-,āt-ər-, ˈās-\ *n*
ra-tion \ˈrɑʃ-ən-, ˈrā-shən\ *n* 1 : a food allowance for one day 2 : FOOD, PROVISIONS, DIET — *usu.* used in pl. 3 : SHARE, ALLOTMENT
ration *vb* **ra-tioned**; **ra-tion-ing** \ˈrɑʃ-(ə)-nɪŋ-, ˈrāʃ-\ 1 : to supply with or allot as rations 2 : to use or allot sparingly *syn* apportion, portion, prorate, parcel
ra-tio-nal \ˈrɑʃ-(ə)-nəl\ *adj* 1 : having reason or understanding; *also* : SANE 2 : of or relating to reason 3 : relating to, consisting of, or being one or more rational numbers — **ra-tio-nal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*
rational *n* : RATIONAL NUMBER
ra-ti-o-nale \,rɑʃ-ə-ˈnāl\ *n* 1 : an explanation of principles controlling belief or practice 2 : an underlying reason
ra-ti-o-nal-ism \ˈrɑʃ-(ə)-nə-,lɪz-əm\ *n* : the practice of guiding one's actions and opinions solely by what seems reasonable — **ra-ti-o-nal-ist** \-ləst\ *n* — **rationalist** or **ra-ti-o-nal-is-tic** \,rɑʃ-(ə)-nə-ˈlɪs-tɪk\ *adj*

\ə\abut \ˈkɪtən \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ad\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \e\go \i\hlt \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \d\go \d\law \d\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\foot
\u\foot \v\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

ra-tio-nal-i-ty \rash-ə-nal-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties : the quality or state of being rational

ra-tio-nal-ize \rash-(ə-)nə-līz\ *vb* -ized; -izing 1 : to make (something irrational) appear rational or reasonable 2 : to provide a natural explanation of (as a myth) 3 : to justify (as one's behavior or weaknesses) esp. to oneself 4 : to find plausible but untrue reasons for conduct — **ra-tio-nal-iza-tion** \rash-(ə-)nə-lə-zā-shən\ *n*

rational number *n* : an integer or the quotient of two integers

rat-line \rat-lən\ *n* : one of the small transverse ropes fastened to the shrouds of a ship and forming the steps of a rope ladder

rat race *n* : strenuous, tiresome, and usu. competitive activity or rush

rat-tan \ra-tan, rə-\ *n* : an Asian climbing palm with long stems

rat-ter \rat-ər\ *n* : a rat-catching dog or cat

rat-tle \rat-əl\ *vb* **rat-tled**; **rat-ting** \rat-(ə-)liŋ\ 1 : to make or cause to make a series of clattering sounds 2 : to move with a clattering sound 3 : to say or do in a brisk lively fashion (~ off the answers) 4 : CONFUSE, UPSET (~ a witness)

rattle *n* 1 : a series of clattering and knocking sounds 2 : a toy that produces a rattle when shaken 3 : a rattling organ at the end of a rattlesnake's tail made up of horny joints

rat-tler \rat-lər\ *n* : RATTLESNAKE

rat-tle-snake \rat-əl-, snāk\ *n* : any of various American venomous snakes with a rattle at the end of the tail

rat-tle-trap \rat-əl-, trap\ *n* : something rickety and full of rattles; esp : an old car

rat-ting \rat-liŋ\ *adj* 1 : LIVELY, BRISK 2 : FIRST-RATE, SPLENDID

rat-trap \rat-, trap\ *n* 1 : a trap for rats 2 : a dilapidated building

rat-ty \rat-ē\ *adj* **rat-ti-er**; -est 1 : infested with rats 2 : of, relating to, or suggestive of rats 3 : SHABBY

rau-cous \rō-kəs\ *adj* 1 : HARSH, HOARSE, STRIDENT 2 : boisterously disorderly — **rau-cous-ly** *adv* — **rau-cous-ness** *n*

raun-chy \rōn-chē, rān-\ *adj* **raun-chi-er**; -est 1 : SLOVENLY, DIRTY 2 : OBSCENE, SMUTTY — **raun-chi-ness** \-chē-nəs\ *n*

rau-wol-fia \rau-wūl-fē-ə, rō-\ *n* : a medicinal extract from the root of an Indian tree; also : this tree

rav-age \rav-ij\ *n* [F] : an act or result of ravaging : DEVASTATION

ravage *vb* **rav-aged**; **rav-ag-ing** : to lay waste : DEVASTATE — **rav-ag-er** *n*

rave \rav\ *vb* **raved**; **rav-ing** [ME *raven*] 1 : to talk wildly in or as if in delirium : STORM, RAGE 2 : to talk with extreme enthusiasm

rave *n* 1 : an act or instance of raving 2 : an extravagantly favorable criticism

rav-el \rav-əl\ *vb* -eled or -elled; -el-ing or -el-ling \-(ə-)liŋ\ 1 : UNRAVEL, UNTWIST 2 : TANGLE, CONFUSE

ravel *n* 1 : something tangled 2 : something raveled out; esp : a loose thread

ra-ven \rā-vən\ *n* : a large black bird related to the crow

raven *adj* : black and glossy like a raven's feathers

rav-en-ing \rav-(ə-)niŋ\ *adj* : GREEDY

rav-en-ous \rav-(ə-)nəs\ *adj* 1 : RAPACIOUS, VORACIOUS 2 : eager for food : very hungry — **rav-en-ous-ly** *adv* — **rav-en-ous-ness** *n*

ra-vine \rə-vēn\ *n* : a small narrow steep-sided valley larger than a gully and smaller than a canyon

rav-i-o-li \rav-ē-ō-lē\ *n* [It, fr. It dial., pl. of *raviolo*, lit., little turnip, dim. of *rava* turnip, fr. *L. rapa*] : small cases of dough with a savory filling (as of meat or cheese)

rav-ish \rav-ish\ *vb* 1 : to seize and take away by vio-

lence 2 : to overcome with emotion and esp. with joy or delight 3 : RAPE — **rav-ish-er** *n* — **rav-ish-ment** *n*

raw \rō\ *adj* **raw-er** \rō-(ə)r\; **raw-est** \rō-əst\ 1 : not cooked 2 : changed little from the original form : not processed (~ materials) 3 : having the skin abraded or irritated (a ~ sore) 4 : not trained or experienced (~ recruits) 5 : VULGAR, COARSE 6 : disagreeably cold and damp (a ~ day) 7 : UNFAIR (~ deal) — **raw-ness** *n*

raw *n* : a raw place or state; esp : NUDITY

raw-boned \rō-bōnd\ *adj* 1 : LEAN, GAUNT 2 : having a heavy frame that seems to have little flesh

raw-hide \rō-, hid\ *n* : the untanned skin of cattle; also : a whip made of this

ray \rā\ *n* : any of numerous large flat fishes that are related to the sharks and have the eyes on the upper surface and the hind end of the body slender and taillike

ray *n* [ME, fr. MF *rai*, fr. L *radius* rod, ray] 1 : one of the lines of light that appear to radiate from a bright object 2 : a thin beam of radiant energy (as light) 3 : light from a beam 4 : a thin line like a beam of light 5 : an animal or plant structure resembling a ray 6 : a tiny bit : PARTICLE (a ~ of hope)

ray-on \rā-, ān\ *n* : a yarn, thread, or fabric made from fibers produced chemically from cellulose

raze \rāz\ *vb* **razed**; **raz-ing** 1 : to destroy to the ground : DEMOLISH 2 : to scrape, cut, or shave off

raz-zor \rā-zər\ *n* : a sharp cutting instrument used to shave off hair

raz-zor-backed \rā-zər-'bakt\ or **raz-zor-back** \rā-zər-, 'bakt\ *adj* : having a sharp narrow back (~ horse)

razor clam *n* : any of numerous marine bivalve mollusks having a long narrow curved thin shell

razz \rāz\ *n* : RASPBERRY 2

razz *vb* : RIDICULE, TEASE

Rb *symbol* rubidium

RBC *abbr* red blood cells; red blood count

RBI \är-(i)bē-'ī, 'rib-ē\ *n*, *pl* **RBI**s or **RBI** [run batted in] : a run in baseball that is driven in by a batter

RC *abbr* 1 Red Cross 2 Roman Catholic

RCAF *abbr* Royal Canadian Air Force

RCMP *abbr* Royal Canadian Mounted Police

rct *abbr* recruit

rd *abbr* 1 road 2 rod 3 round

RD *abbr* rural delivery

RDA *abbr* recommended daily allowance; recommended dietary allowance

re \(')rā, (')rē\ *prep* : with regard to

Re *symbol* rhenium

re- \rē, 'rē, 'rē\ *prefix* 1 : again : anew 2 : back : backward

reabsorb

reaccommodate

reacquire

reactivate

reactivation

readapt

readdress

readjust

readjustment

readmission

readmit

readmittance

readopt

reaffirm

reaffirmation

realign

realignment

reallocate

reallocation

reanalysis

reanalyze

reanimate

reanimation

reannex

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reappear

reappearance

reapplication

reapply

reappoint

reappointment

reapportion

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rearrange

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rearrest

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rewash
reweave
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reweigh
reweld
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\ə'but \p'kitten \ər'further \ə'sh \ə'sace \ə'cot, cart
\aʊ'out \ch'chin \e'bet \e'easy \g'go \i'hit \i'ice \j'job
\ŋ'sing \d'go \d'law \d'boy \th'thin \th'the \u'lout
\u'foot \y'yet \zh'veision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- 1**reach \ˈrēch\ *vb* **1** : to stretch out **2** : to touch or attempt to touch or seize **3** : to extend to **4** : to arrive at **5** : to communicate with *syn* gain, realize, achieve, attain — **reach-able** *adj* — **reach-er** *n*
- 2**reach *n* **1** : an unbroken stretch or expanse; *esp* : a straight part of a river **2** : the act of reaching **3** : the distance or extent of reaching or of ability to reach **4** : power to comprehend
- re-act** \rē-ˈakt\ *vb* **1** : to exert a return or counteracting influence **2** : to respond to a stimulus **3** : to act in opposition to a force or influence **4** : to turn back or revert to a former condition **5** : to undergo chemical reaction
- re-ac-tant** \-tənt\ *n* : a chemically reacting substance
- re-ac-tion** \rē-ˈak-shən\ *n* **1** : a return or reciprocal action **2** : a counter tendency; *esp* : a tendency toward a former *esp.* outmoded political or social order or policy **3** : bodily, mental, or emotional response to a stimulus **4** : chemical change **5** : a process involving change in atomic nuclei
- 1**re-ac-tion-ary \rē-ˈak-shə-ˈner-ē\ *adj* : relating to, marked by, or favoring *esp.* political reaction
- 2**reactionary *n*, *pl* -ar-ies : a reactionary person
- re-ac-tive** \rē-ˈak-tiv\ *adj* : reacting or tending to react
- re-ac-tor** \rē-ˈak-tər\ *n* **1** : one that reacts **2** : a vessel for a chemical reaction **3** : a device for the controlled release of nuclear energy
- 1**read \rēd\ *vb* **read** \ˈrēd\; **read-ing** \ˈrēd-ɪŋ\ **1** : to understand language by interpreting written symbols for speech sounds **2** : to utter aloud written or printed words **3** : to learn by observing (~ nature's signs) **4** : to discover the meaning of (~ the clues) **5** : to attribute (a meaning) to something (~ guilt in his manner) **6** : INDICATE (thermometer ~s 10°) **7** : to study by a course of reading (~s law) **8** : to consist in phrasing or meaning (the two versions ~ differently) — **read-abil-ity** \ˈrēd-əˈbil-ə-tē\ *n* — **read-able** \ˈrēd-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **read-ably** \-blē\ *adv* — **read-er** *n*
- 2**read \ˈrēd\ *adj* : informed by reading (a widely ~ man)
- read-er-ship** \ˈrēd-ər-ˌʃɪp\ *n* : the mass or a particular group of readers
- read-ing** \ˈrēd-ɪŋ\ *n* **1** : something read or for reading **2** : a particular version **3** : a particular interpretation (as of a law) **4** : a particular performance (as of a musical work) **5** : an indication of a certain state of affairs; *also* : an indication of data made by an instrument (thermometer ~)
- read-only memory** \ˈrēd-ˈɒn-lē\ *n* : a usu. small computer memory that contains special-purpose information (as a program) which cannot be altered
- read-out** \ˈrēd-ˌaʊt\ *n* : the process of removing information from an automatic device (as a computer) and displaying it in an understandable form; *also* : the information removed from such a device
- read out** \ˈrēd-ˌaʊt\ *vb* : to expel from an organization
- 1**ready \ˈred-ē\ *adj* **read-ier**; **-est** **1** : prepared for use or action **2** : likely to do something indicated; *also* : willingly disposed : *INCLINED* **3** : spontaneously prompt **4** : notably dexterous, adroit, or skilled **5** : immediately available : *HANDY* — **read-i-ly** \ˈred-ə-lē\ *adv* — **read-i-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*
- 2**ready *vb* **read-ied**; **ready-ing** : to make ready : *PREPARE*
- 3**ready *n* : the state of being ready
- ready-made** \ˈred-ē-ˈmād\ *adj* : already made up for general sale : not specially made — **ready-made** *n*
- ready room** *n* : a room in which pilots are briefed and await orders
- re-agent** \rē-ˈā-jənt\ *n* : a substance that takes part in or brings about a particular chemical reaction
- 1**re-al \ˈrē-(ə)\ *adj* [*ME*, *real*, relating to things (in law), *fr.* *MF*, *fr.* *ML & LL*; *ML* *realis* relating to things (in law), *fr.* *LL*, *real*, *fr.* *L res* thing, fact] **1** : actually being or existent **2** : not artificial : *GENUINE* — **re-al-ness** *n* — **for real** **1** : in earnest **2** : *GENUINE*
- 2**real *adv* : *VERY*
- real estate** *n* : property in buildings and land
- real image** *n* : an image formed by rays of light coming to a focus
- re-al-ism** \ˈrē-ə-ˌliz-əm\ *n* **1** : the disposition to face facts and to deal with them practically **2** : true and faithful portrayal of nature and of people in art or literature — **re-al-ist** \-ləst\ *adj* or *n* — **re-al-is-tic** \ˈrē-ə-ˌlis-tik\ *adj* — **re-al-is-tic-al-ly** \-ti-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
- re-al-ity** \ˈrē-ˌal-ə-tē\ *n*, *pl* -ties **1** : the quality or state of being real **2** : something real **3** : the totality of real things and events
- re-al-ize** \ˈrē-ə-ˌlīz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** **1** : to make actual : *ACCOMPLISH* **2** : *OBTAIN, GAIN* (~ a profit) **3** : to convert into money (~ assets) **4** : to be aware of : *UNDERSTAND* — **re-al-iz-able** *adj* — **re-al-iza-tion** \ˈrē-ə-lə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*
- re-al-ly** \ˈrē-(ə)-lē, ˈril-ē\ *adv* : in truth : in fact : *ACTUALLY*
- realm** \ˈrelm\ *n* **1** : *KINGDOM* **2** : *SPHERE, DOMAIN*
- real number** *n* : any of the numbers (as -2 , 3 , $\frac{7}{8}$, $.25$, π) that are rational or irrational
- re-al-po-li-tik** \rē-ˈāl-,pō-li-,tēk\ *n* [*G*] : politics based on practical and material factors rather than on theoretical or ethical objectives
- real time** *n* : the actual time during which something takes place — **real-time** *adj*
- re-al-ty** \ˈrē-(ə)-lē\ *n* : *REAL ESTATE*
- 1**ream \ˈrēm\ *n* [*ME* *reme*, *fr.* *MF* *raime*, *fr.* *Ar* *rizmah*, *lit.*, bundle] : a quantity of paper that is variously 480, 500, or 516 sheets
- 2**ream *vb* **1** : to enlarge or shape with a reamer **2** : to clean or clear with a reamer
- ream-er** \ˈrē-mər\ *n* : a tool with cutting edges that is used to enlarge or shape a hole
- reap** \rēp\ *vb* **1** : to cut or clear with a scythe, sickle, or machine **2** : to gather by or as if by cutting : *HARVEST* (~ a reward) — **reap-er** *n*
- 1**rear \ˈrɪər\ *vb* **1** : to erect by building **2** : to set or raise upright **3** : to breed and raise for use or market (~ livestock) **4** : *BRING UP, FOSTER* **5** : to lift or rise up; *esp* : to rise on the hind legs
- 2**rear *n* **1** : the unit (as of an army) or area farthest from the enemy **2** : *BACK*; *also* : the position at the back of something
- 3**rear *adj* : being at the back
- rear admiral** *n* : a commissioned officer in the navy or coast guard ranking next below a vice admiral
- 1**rear-ward \ˈrɪər-wərd\ *adj* **1** : being at or toward the rear **2** : directed toward the rear
- 2**rear-ward *also* rear-wards \-wərdz\ *adv* : at or toward the rear
- 1**rea-son \ˈrēz-ən\ *n* [*ME* *resoun*, *fr.* *OF* *raison*, *fr.* *L* *ratio*-, *ratio* reason, computation] **1** : a statement offered in explanation or justification **2** : *GROUND, CAUSE* **3** : the power to think : *INTELLECT* **4** : a sane or sound mind **5** : due exercise of the faculty of logical thought
- 2**reason *vb* **rea-soned**; **rea-son-ing** \ˈrēz-(ə-)niŋ\ **1** : to talk with another to cause a change of mind **2** : to use the faculty of reason : *THINK* **3** : to discover or formulate by the use of reason — **rea-son-er** *n* — **rea-son-ing** *n*
- rea-son-able** \ˈrēz-(ə-)nə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : being within the bounds of reason : not extreme : *MODERATE, FAIR* **2** : *INEXPENSIVE* **3** : able to reason : *RATIONAL* — **rea-son-able-ness** *n* — **rea-son-ably** \-blē\ *adv*
- re-as-sure** \ˈrē-ə-ˈʃʊr\ *vb* **1** : to assure again **2** : to restore confidence to : free from fear — **re-as-sur-ance** \-ˈʃʊr-əns\ *n* — **re-as-sur-ing-ly** \-ˈʃʊr-ɪŋ-lē\ *adv*
- 1**re-bate \ˈrē-,bāt\ *vb* **re-bat-ed**; **re-bat-ing** : to make or give a rebate
- 2**re-bate *n* : a return of part of a payment *syn* deduction, abatement, discount
- 1**reb-el \ˈreb-əl\ *adj* [*ME*, *fr.* *OF* *rebell*, *fr.* *L* *rebellis*, *fr.*

re- + *bellum* war, fr. OL *duellum*] : of or relating to rebels
rebel *n* : one that rebels against authority
re-bel \ri-'bəl\ *vb* **re-belled**; **re-bel-ling** **1** : to resist the authority of one's government **2** : to act in or show disobedience **3** : to feel or exhibit anger or revulsion
re-bel-lion \ri-'bel-yən\ *n* : resistance to authority; *esp* : defiance against a government through uprising or revolt
re-bel-lious \-yəs\ *adj* **1** : given to or engaged in rebellion **2** : inclined to resist authority — **re-bel-liously** *adv* — **re-bel-lious-ness** *n*
re-birth \rē-'bərth\ *n* **1** : a new or 2d birth **2** : RENAISSANCE, REVIVAL
re-born \-'börn\ *adj* : born again; REGENERATED, REVIVED
re-bound \rē-'baund, ri-\ *vb* **1** : to spring back on or as if on striking another body **2** : to recover from a setback or frustration
re-bound \rē-,baund\ *n* **1** : the action of rebounding **2** : a rebounding ball **3** : immediate spontaneous reaction to setback or frustration
re-buff \ri-'bʌf\ *vb* : to reject or criticize sharply; **SNUB** — **rebuff** *n*
re-build \(')rē-'bild\ *vb* **-built** \-'bilt\; **-build-ing** **1** : REPAIR, RECONSTRUCT; *also* : REMODEL **2** : to build again
re-buke \ri-'byūk\ *vb* **re-buked**; **re-buk-ing** : to reprimand sharply; *REPROVE*
rebuke *n* : a sharp reprimand
re-bus \rē-'bəʃ\ *n* [L, by things, abl. pl. of *res* thing] : a representation of syllables or words by means of pictures; *also* : a riddle composed of such pictures
re-but \ri-'bat\ *vb* **re-but-ted**; **re-but-ting** : to refute *esp*. formally (as in debate) by evidence and arguments *syn* disprove, controvert, confute — **re-but-ter** *n*
re-but-tal \ri-'bat-'təl\ *n* : the act of rebutting
rec *abbr* **1** receipt **2** record; recording **3** recreation
re-cal-ci-trant \ri-'kal-sə-trənt\ *adj* [LL *recalcitrant-*, *recalcitrans*, prp. of *recalcitrare* to be stubbornly disobedient, fr. L, to kick back, fr. *re-* back, again + *calcitrare* to kick, fr. *calc-*, *calx* heel] **1** : stubbornly resisting authority **2** : resistant to handling or control *syn* refractory, headstrong, willful, unruly, ungovernable — **re-cal-ci-trance** \-trəns\ *n*
re-call \ri-'kɔl\ *vb* **1** : to call back **2** : REMEMBER, RECOLLECT **3** : REVOKE, ANNUL
re-call \ri-'kɔl, 'rē-,kɔl\ *n* **1** : a summons to return **2** : the procedure of removing an official by popular vote **3** : remembrance of things learned or experienced **4** : the act of revoking
re-cant \ri-'kant\ *vb* : to take back (something one has said) publicly : make an open confession of error — **re-can-ta-tion** \rē-,kan-'tā-shən\ *n*
re-cap \rē-,kap, ri-'kap\ *vb* **re-capped**; **re-cap-ping** : RECAPITULATE — **re-cap** \rē-,kap\ *n*
re-cap \rē-'kap\ *vb* **re-capped**; **re-cap-ping** : RETREAD — **re-cap** \rē-,kap\ *n*
re-ca-pit-u-late \rē-ka-'pich-ə-,lāt\ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** : to restate briefly; *SUMMARIZE* — **re-ca-pit-u-la-tion** \-,pich-ə-'lā-shən\ *n*
re-cap-ture \(')rē-'kap-chər\ *vb* **1** : to capture again **2** : to experience again (~ happy times)
re-cast \(')rē-'kast\ *vb* **1** : to cast again **2** : REVISE, REMODEL (~ a sentence)
recd *abbr* received
re-cede \ri-'sēd\ *vb* **re-ced-ed**; **re-ced-ing** **1** : to move back or away **2** : to slant backward **3** : DIMINISH, CONTRACT
re-ceipt \ri-'sēt\ *n* **1** : RECIPE **2** : the act of receiving **3** : something received — *usu.* used in pl. **4** : a written acknowledgment of something received
receipt *vb* **1** : to give a receipt for **2** : to mark as paid
re-ceive-able \ri-'sē-və-bəl\ *adj* **1** : capable of being received; *esp* : acceptable as legal (~ certificates) **2** : subject to call for payment (notes ~)

re-ceive \ri-'sēv\ *vb* **re-ceived**; **re-ceive-ing** **1** : to take in or accept (as something sent or paid) : come into possession of : GET **2** : CONTAIN, HOLD **3** : to permit to enter : GREET, WELCOME **4** : to be at home to visitors **5** : to accept as true or authoritative **6** : to be the subject of : UNDERGO, EXPERIENCE (~ a shock) **7** : to change incoming radio waves into sounds or pictures
re-ceiver \ri-'sē-vər\ *n* **1** : one that receives **2** : a person legally appointed to receive and have charge of property or money involved in a lawsuit **3** : a device for converting electromagnetic waves or signals into audio or visual form (telephone ~)
re-ceiver-ship \-,ship\ *n* **1** : the office or function of a receiver **2** : the condition of being in the hands of a receiver
re-cen-cy \rēs-'ən-sē\ *n* : RECENTNESS
re-cent \rēs-'nt\ *adj* **1** : of the present time or time just past (~ history) **2** : lately made or used : NEW, FRESH **3** *cap* : of, relating to, or being the present geologic epoch — **re-cent** *adv* — **re-cent-ness** *n*
re-cep-ta-cle \ri-'sep-ti-kəl\ *n* **1** : something used to receive and hold something else : CONTAINER **2** : the enlarged end of a flower stalk upon which the parts of the flower grow **3** : an electrical fitting containing the live parts of a circuit
re-cep-tion \ri-'sep-shən\ *n* **1** : the act of receiving **2** : a social gathering at which guests are formally welcomed
re-cep-tion-ist \-sh(ə)-nəst\ *n* : one employed to greet callers
re-cep-tive \ri-'sep-tiv\ *adj* : able or inclined to receive; *esp* : open and responsive to ideas, impressions, or suggestions — **re-cep-tive-ly** *adv* — **re-cep-tive-ness** *n* — **re-cep-tiv-i-ty** \rē-,sep-'tiv-ət-ē\ *n*
re-cep-tor \ri-'sep-tər\ *n* **1** : one that receives; *esp* : SENSE ORGAN **2** : a molecule in the outer cell membrane or in the cell interior that has an affinity for a specific chemical group, molecule, or virus
re-cess \rē-,ses, ri-'ses\ *n* **1** : a secret or secluded place **2** : an indentation in a line or surface (as an alcove in a room) **3** : a suspension of business or procedure for rest or relaxation
recess *vb* **1** : to put into a recess **2** : to make a recess in **3** : to interrupt for a recess **4** : to take a recess
re-ces-sion \ri-'sesh-ən\ *n* **1** : the act of receding : WITHDRAWAL **2** : a departing procession (as at the end of a church service) **3** : a period of reduced economic activity
re-ces-sion-al \(-ə-)nəl\ *n* **1** : a hymn or musical piece at the conclusion of a service or program **2** : RECESSION
re-ces-sive \ri-'ses-iv\ *adj* **1** : tending to go back : RECEDING **2** : producing or being a bodily characteristic that is masked or not expressed when a contrasting dominant gene or trait is present (~ genes)
recessive *n* **1** : a recessive characteristic or gene **2** : an individual that has one or more recessive characteristics
re-cher-ché \rə-,sher-'shā, -'she(ə)r-'shā\ *adj* [F] **1** : CHOICE, RARE **2** : excessively refined
re-cid-i-vism \ri-'sid-ə-,viz-əm\ *n* : a tendency to relapse into a previous condition; *esp* : relapse into criminal behavior — **re-cid-i-vist** \-vəst\ *n*
recip *abbr* reciprocal; reciprocity
rec-i-pe \res-ə-(i)pē\ *n* [L, take, imperative of *recipere* to receive, fr. *re-* back + *capere* to take] **1** : a set of instructions for making something (as a food dish) from various ingredients **2** : a method of procedure : FORMULA
re-cip-i-ent \ri-'sip-ē-ənt\ *n* : one that receives

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ə\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \au\out \ch\chin \et\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\vice \i\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

re-cip-ro-cal \ri-'sip-rə-kəl/ *adj* 1 : inversely related 2 : MUTUAL, SHARED 3 : so related to each other that one is equivalent to or completes the other **syn** correspondent, complementary — **re-cip-ro-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē/ *adv*

reciprocal *n* 1 : something in a reciprocal relationship to another 2 : one of a pair of numbers (as $\frac{2}{3}$, $\frac{3}{2}$) whose product is one

re-cip-ro-cate \-,kāt/ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing 1 : to move backward and forward alternately (a reciprocating piston) 2 : to give and take mutually 3 : to make a return for something done or given — **re-cip-ro-ca-tion** \-,sip-rə-'kā-shən/ *n*

rec-i-proc-i-ty \res-ə-'prās-ət-ē/ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : the quality or state of being reciprocal 2 : mutual exchange of privileges (as trade advantages between countries)

re-cit-al \ri-'sit-əl/ *n* 1 : an act or instance of reciting : ACCOUNT 2 : a public reading or recitation (a poetry ~) 3 : a concert given by a musician, dancer, or dance troupe 4 : a public exhibition of skill given by music or dance pupils — **re-cit-al-ist** \-əl-əst/ *n*

rec-i-ta-tion \res-ə-'tā-shən/ *n* 1 : RECITING, RECITAL 2 : delivery before an audience of something memorized 3 : a classroom exercise in which pupils answer questions on a lesson they have studied

re-cite \ri-'sit/ *vb* re-cit-ed; re-cit-ing 1 : to repeat verbatim (as something memorized) 2 : to recount in some detail : RELATE 3 : to reply to a teacher's questions on a lesson — **re-cit-er** *n*

reck-less \rek-ləs/ *adj* : lacking caution : RASH **syn** hasty, brash, hotheaded, thoughtless — **reck-less-ly** *adv* — **reck-less-ness** *n*

reck-on \rek-ən/ *vb* reck-oned; reck-on-ing \-(ə-)niŋ/ 1 : COUNT, CALCULATE, COMPUTE 2 : CONSIDER, REGARD 3 chiefly *dial* : THINK, SUPPOSE, GUESS

reck-on-ing \-iŋ/ *n* 1 : an act or instance of reckoning 2 : a settling of accounts (day of ~)

re-claim \ri-'klām/ *vb* 1 : to recall from wrong conduct : REFORM 2 : to put into a desired condition (as by labor or discipline) (~ marshy land) 3 : to obtain from a waste product or by-product 4 : to demand or obtain the return of **syn** save, redeem, rescue — **re-claim-able** *adj* — **rec-la-ma-tion** \rek-lə-'mā-shən/ *n*

re-cline \ri-'klin/ *vb* re-clined; re-clin-ing 1 : to lean or incline backward 2 : to lie down : REST

re-clin-er \ri-'klī-nər/ *n* : a chair with an adjustable back and footrest

rec-luse \rek-,lūs, ri-'klūs/ *n* : a person who lives in seclusion or leads a solitary life : HERMIT

rec-og-ni-tion \rek-əg-'nish-ən/ *n* 1 : the act of recognizing : the state of being recognized : ACKNOWLEDGMENT 2 : special notice or attention

rec-og-ni-zance \ri-'kā(g)-nə-zəns/ *n* : a promise recorded before a court or magistrate to do something (as to appear in court or to keep the peace) usu. under penalty of a money forfeiture

rec-og-nize \rek-əg-,nīz/ *vb* -nized; -niz-ing 1 : to acknowledge (as a speaker in a meeting) as one entitled to be heard at the time 2 : to acknowledge the existence or the independence of (a country or government) 3 : to take notice of 4 : to acknowledge with appreciation 5 : to acknowledge acquaintance with 6 : to identify as previously known 7 : to perceive clearly : REALIZE — **rec-og-niz-able** \rek-əg-,nī-zə-bəl/ *adj* — **rec-og-niz-ably** \-blē/ *adv*

re-coil \ri-'kōil/ *vb* 1 : to draw back : RETREAT 2 : to spring back to or as if to a starting point **syn** shrink, flinch, wince, quail, blanch

re-coil \rē-,kōil, ri-'kōil/ *n* : the action of recoiling (as by a gun or spring)

re-coil-less \-,kōil-ləs, -'kōil-/ *adj* : venting expanding propellant gas before recoil is produced (~ gun)

rec-ol-lect \rek-ə-'lekt/ *vb* : to recall to mind : REMEMBER **syn** recall, remind, reminisce, bethink

rec-ol-lec-tion \rek-ə-'lek-shən/ *n* 1 : the act or power of recollecting 2 : something recollected

re-com-bi-nant DNA \(')rē-'kām-bə-nənt-/ *n* : DNA prepared in the laboratory by breaking up and splicing together DNA from several different species of organisms

rec-om-mend \rek-ə-'mend/ *vb* 1 : to present as deserving of acceptance or trial 2 : to give in charge : COMMIT 3 : to cause to receive favorable attention 4 : ADVISE, COUNSEL — **rec-om-mend-able** \-men-də-bəl/ *adj*

rec-om-men-da-tion \rek-ə-mən-'dā-shən/ *n* 1 : the act of recommending 2 : a thing or a course of action recommended 3 : something that recommends

rec-om-pense \rek-əm-,pens/ *vb* -pensed; -pens-ing 1 : to give compensation to : pay for 2 : to return in kind : REQUITE **syn** reimburse, indemnify, repay, compensate

recompense *n* : COMPENSATION

rec-on-cile \rek-ən-,sil/ *vb* -ciled; -cil-ing 1 : to cause to be friendly or harmonious again 2 : ADJUST, SETTLE (~ differences) 3 : to bring to submission or acceptance **syn** conform, accommodate, harmonize, coordinate — **rec-on-cil-able** *adj* — **rec-on-cile-ment** *n* — **rec-on-cil-er** *n* — **rec-on-cil-i-a-tion** \rek-ən-,sil-ē-'ā-shən/ *n*

rec-on-dite \rek-ən-,dit/ *adj* 1 : hard to understand : PROFOUND, ABSTRUSE 2 : little known : OBSCURE

re-con-nais-sance \ri-'kän-ə-zəns, -səns/ *n* [F, lit., recognition] : a preliminary survey of an area; *esp* : an exploratory military survey of enemy territory

re-con-noi-ter or **re-con-noi-tre** \ri-'kə-'nōit-ər, rek-ə-/ *vb* -noit-ered or -noit-ered; -noit-er-ing or -noit-er-ing 1 : to make a reconnaissance of : engage in reconnaissance

re-con-sid-er \ri-'kən-'sid-ər/ *vb* : to consider again with a view to changing or reversing; *esp* : to take up again in a meeting — **re-con-sid-er-a-tion** \-,sid-ə-'rā-shən/ *n*

re-con-sti-tute \ri-'kän-stə-'t(y)ūt/ *vb* : to restore to a former condition by adding water (~ powdered milk)

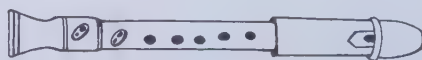
re-con-struct \ri-'kən-'strəkt/ *vb* : to construct again : REBUILD

re-con-struc-tion \ri-'kən-'strək-shən/ *n* 1 : the action of reconstructing : the state of being reconstructed 2 often *cap* : the reorganization and reestablishment of the seceded states in the Union after the American Civil War 3 : something reconstructed

re-cord \ri-'kōrd/ *vb* 1 : to set down (as proceedings in a meeting) in writing 2 : to register permanently 3 : INDICATE, READ 4 : to give evidence of 5 : to cause (as sound or visual images) to be registered (as on magnetic tape) in a form that permits reproduction

re-cord \rek-ərd/ *n* 1 : the act of recording 2 : a written account of proceedings 3 : known facts about a person 4 : an attested top performance 5 : something on which sound or visual images have been recorded

re-cord-er \ri-'kōrd-ər/ *n* 1 : a judge in some city courts 2 : one who records transactions officially 3 : a recording device 4 : a wind instrument with a whistle mouthpiece and eight fingerholes



recorder 4

re-cord-ing \ri-'kōrd-iŋ/ *n* : RECORD 5

re-cord-ist \ri-'kōrd-əst/ *n* : one who records sound **esp.** on film

re-cite \ri-'kaunt/ *vb* : to relate in detail : TELL **syn** recite, rehearse, narrate, describe, state, report

re-count \rē-'kaunt/ *vb* : to count again

re-count \rē-,kaunt, (')rē-'kaunt/ *n* : a second or fresh count

re-coup \ri-'küp/ *vb* : to get an equivalent or compensa-

tion for : make up for something lost **syn** retrieve, regain, recover

re-course \rē-ˈkōrs, ri-ˈkōrs\ *n* 1 : a turning to someone or something for assistance or protection 2 : a source of aid : **RESORT**

re-cov-er \ri-ˈkāv-ər\ *vb* **-ered**; **-er-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to get back again : **REGAIN**, **RETRIEVE** 2 : to regain normal health, poise, or status 3 : to make up for : **RECOUP** (ˌred all his losses) 4 : **RECLAIM** (ˌ land from the sea) 5 : to obtain a legal judgment in one's favor — **re-cov-er-able** *adj* — **re-cov-ery** \ri-ˈkāv-(ə-)rē\ *n*

re-cov-er \rē-ˈkāv-ər\ *vb* : to cover again

re-cro-ant \ˈrek-rē-ənt\ *adj* [ME, fr. MF, fr. prp. of *re-croire* to renounce one's cause in a trial by battle, fr. *re-back* + *croire* to believe, fr. L *credere*] 1 : **COWARDLY** 2 : **UNFAITHFUL**

recreant *n* 1 : **COWARD** 2 : **DESERTER**

rec-re-ate \rek-rē-ˈāt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** 1 : to give new life or freshness to 2 : to take recreation — **rec-re-ative** \-ˈāt-iv\ *adj*

re-cre-ate \rē-krē-ˈāt\ *vb* : to create again — **re-cre-ation** \-ˈā-shən\ *n* — **re-cre-ative** \-ˈāt-iv\ *adj*

rec-re-ation \rek-rē-ˈā-shən\ *n* : a refreshing of strength or spirits after work; *also* : a means of refreshment **syn** diversion, entertainment, amusement — **rec-re-ation-al** \-sh(ə-)nəl\ *adj*

recreational vehicle *n* : a vehicle designed for recreational use (as camping)

re-crim-i-nate \ri-ˈkrɪm-ə-,nāt\ *vb* **-nat-ed**; **-nat-ing** : to make an accusation against an accuser — **re-crim-i-na-tion** \-ˈkrɪm-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n* — **re-crim-i-na-to-ry** \-ˈkrɪm-(ə-)nə-,tōr-ē\ *adj*

re-cru-des-cence \rē-krū-ˈdes-ns\ *n* : a new outbreak esp. of something unhealthful or dangerous after a period of abatement or inactivity — **re-cru-desce** \rē-krū-ˈdes\ *vb*

re-cruit \ri-ˈkrüt\ *vb* 1 : to form or strengthen with new members (ˌ an army) 2 : to secure the services of 3 : to restore or increase in health or vigor (resting to ˌ his strength) — **re-cruit-er** *n* — **re-cruit-ment** *n*

recruit *n* [F *recrute*, *recrue* fresh growth, new levy of soldiers, fr. MF, fr. *re-croistre* to grow up again, fr. L *recre-scere*] : a newcomer to an activity or field; *esp* : a newly enlisted member of the armed forces

rec sec *abbr* recording secretary

rec-abb 1 receipt 2 rectangle; rectangular 3 rectified **rec-tal** \ˈrek-təl\ *adj* : of or relating to the rectum — **rec-tal-ly** \-əl\ *adv*

rect-an-gle \ˈrek-,tʌŋ-gəl\ *n* : a 4-sided figure with four right angles; *esp* : one with adjacent sides of unequal length — **rect-an-gu-lar** \ˈrek-ˈtʌŋ-gyə-lər\ *adj*

rec-ti-fi-er \ˈrek-tə-,fɪ-(ə)r\ *n* : one that rectifies; *esp* : a device for converting alternating current into direct current

rec-ti-fy \ˈrek-tə-,fɪ\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** 1 : to make or set right : **CORRECT** 2 : to convert alternating current into direct current **syn** emend, amend, mend, right — **rec-ti-fi-ca-tion** \ˈrek-tə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

rec-ti-lin-ear \ˈrek-tə-ˈlin-ē-ər\ *adj* 1 : moving in a straight line (ˌ motion) 2 : characterized by straight lines

rec-ti-tude \ˈrek-tə-,tɪ(y)üd\ *n* 1 : moral integrity 2 : correctness of procedure **syn** virtue, goodness, morality, probity

rec-to \ˈrek-tō\ *n*, *pl* **rectos** : a right-hand page

rec-tor \ˈrek-tər\ *n* 1 : a clergyman in charge of a parish 2 : the head of a university or school — **rec-to-ri-al** \ˈrek-ˈtōr-ē-əl\ *adj*

rec-to-ry \ˈrek-t(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* **-ries** : the residence of a rector or a parish priest

rec-tum \ˈrek-təm\ *n*, *pl* **rectums** or **rec-ta** \-tə\ [NL, fr. *rectum intestinum*, lit., straight intestine] : the last part of the intestine joining colon and anus

re-cum-bent \ri-ˈkəm-bənt\ *adj* : lying down : **RECLINING**

re-cu-per-ate \ri-ˈk(y)ü-pə-,rāt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** : to get back (as health, strength, or losses) : **RECOVER** — **re-cu-per-a-tion** \-ˈk(y)ü-pə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* — **re-cu-per-a-tive** \-ˈk(y)ü-pə-,rāt-iv\ *adj*

re-cur \ri-ˈkər\ *vb* **-re-curred**; **re-cur-ring** 1 : to go or come back in thought or discussion 2 : to occur or appear again *esp.* after an interval — **re-cur-rence** \-ˈkər-əns\ *n* — **re-cur-rent** \-ənt\ *adj*

re-cy-cle \rē-ˈsɪ-kəl\ *vb* 1 : to pass again through a cycle of changes or treatment 2 : to process (as liquid body waste, glass, or cans) in order to regain materials for human use — **recycle** *n*

red \ˈred\ *adj* **red-der**; **red-dest** 1 : of the color red 2 : endorsing radical social or political change *esp.* by force 3 *often cap* : of or relating to the U.S.S.R. or its allies — **red-ly** *adv* — **red-ness** *n*

red *n* 1 : the color of blood or of the ruby 2 : a revolutionary in politics 3 *cap* : **COMMUNIST** 4 : the condition of showing a loss (in the ˌ)

re-dact \ri-ˈdakt\ *vb* 1 : to put in writing : **FRAME** 2 : **EDIT** — **re-dac-tor** \-ˈdak-tər\ *n*

re-dac-tion \-ˈdak-shən\ *n* 1 : an act or instance of redacting 2 : **EDITION**

red alga *n* : any of several reddish usu. marine algae **red blood cell** *n* : one of the hemoglobin-containing cells that carry oxygen from the lungs to the tissues and are responsible for the red color of vertebrate blood

red-breast \ˈred-,brɛst\ *n* : **ROBIN**

red-cap \ˈred-,kəp\ *n* : a baggage porter (as at a railroad station)

red-carpet *adj* : marked by ceremonial courtesy

red cedar *n* : an American juniper with fragrant close-grained red wood; *also* : its wood

red clover *n* : a Eurasian clover with globe-shaped heads of reddish flowers widely cultivated for hay and forage

red-coat \ˈred-,kōt\ *n* : a British soldier *esp.* during the Revolutionary War

red-den \ˈred-n\ *vb* : to make or become red or reddish : **FLUSH**, **BLUSH**

red-dish \ˈred-ɪsh\ *adj* : tinged with red — **red-dish-ness** *n*

re-deem \ri-ˈdēm\ *vb* [ME *redemen*, modif. of MF *redimer*, fr. L *redimere*, fr. *re-*, *red-* *re-* + *emere* to take, buy] 1 : to recover (property) by discharging an obligation 2 : to ransom, free, or rescue by paying a price 3 : to free from the consequences of sin 4 : to remove the obligation of by payment (the government ˌs savings bonds); *also* : to convert into something of value 5 : to make good (a promise) by performing : **FULFILL** 6 : to atone for — **re-deem-able** *adj* — **re-deem-er** *n*

re-demp-tion \ri-ˈdemp-shən\ *n* : the act of redeeming : the state of being redeemed — **re-demp-tive** \-tɪv\ *adj* — **re-demp-to-ry** \-t(ə-)rē\ *adj*

re-de-ploy \ˈrē-dɪ-ˈplōɪ\ *vb* 1 : to transfer from one area or activity to another 2 : to relocate men or equipment — **re-de-ploy-ment** \-mənt\ *n*

red fox *n* : a fox with orange-red to reddish brown fur



red fox

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \ərˈlurtier \əˈash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
 \əˈout \chˈchin \elˈbet \eˈeasy \əˈgo \iˈhlt \iˈce \jˈjob
 \ŋˈsing \əˈgo \əˈlaw \əˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \üˈlout
 \üˈfoot \yˈyet \zhˈvision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

red-hand-ed \ˈred-ˈhæn-dəd\ *adv or adj* : in the act of committing a misdeed
red-head \-hed\ *n* : a person having red hair — **red-head-ed** \-hed-əd\ *adj*
red herring *n* : a diversion intended to distract attention from the real issue
red-hot \ˈred-ˈhāt\ *adj* **1** : glowing red with heat (~ iron) **2** : EXCITED, FURIOUS **3** : very new (~ news)
re-dis-trib-ut \ˈrē-ˈdis-(ə)ˈtrɪkt\ *vb* : to organize into new territorial and esp. political divisions
red-let-ter \ˌred-ˈlet-ər\ *adj* : of special significance : MEMORABLE
red-light district *n* : a district with many houses of prostitution
re-do \(\ˈ)rē-ˈdiū\ *vb* : to do over or again; *esp* : REDECORATE
red oak *n* : any of various American oaks with leaves usu. having spiny-tipped lobes and acorns that take two years to mature; *also* : the wood of a red oak
red-o-lent \ˈred-ˈl-ənt\ *adj* **1** : FRAGRANT, AROMATIC **2** : having a specified fragrance (a room ~ of cooked cabbage) **3** : REMINISCENT, SUGGESTIVE — **red-o-lence** \-əns\ *n* — **red-o-lent-ly** *adv*
re-doubt \ri-ˈdaʊt\ *n* [F *redoute*, fr. It *ridotto*, fr. ML *reductus* secret place, fr. L, withdrawn, fr. *reducere* to lead back, fr. *re-* back + *ducere* to lead] : a small usu. temporary fortification
re-doubt-able \ri-ˈdaʊt-ə-bəl\ *adj* [ME *redoutable*, fr. MF, fr. *redouter* to dread, fr. *re-* + *douter* to doubt] : arousing dread or fear : FORMIDABLE
re-dound \ri-ˈdaʊnd\ *vb* **1** : to have an effect **2** : to become added or transferred : ACCRUE
red pepper *n* : CAYENNE PEPPER
re-dress \ri-ˈdres\ *vb* **1** : to set right : REMEDY **2** : COMPENSATE **3** : to remove the cause of (a grievance) **4** : AVENGE
re-dress *n* **1** : relief from distress **2** : a means or possibility of seeking a remedy **3** : compensation for loss or injury **4** : an act or instance of redressing
red snapper *n* : any of various fishes including several food fishes
red spider *n* : any of several small web-spinning mites that attack forage and crop plants
red squirrel *n* : a common American squirrel with the upper parts chiefly red
red-tailed hawk \ˌred-ˈtāld-ə\ *n* : a common hawk of eastern No. America with a rather short typically reddish tail
red tape *n* [fr. the red tape formerly used to bind legal documents in England] : official routine or procedure marked by excessive complexity which results in delay or inaction
red tide *n* : seawater discolored by the presence of large numbers of dinoflagellates which produce a toxin poisonous to many forms of marine life and to human beings who consume infected shellfish
re-duce \ri-ˈd(y)ūs\ *vb* **re-reduced**; **re-duc-ing** **1** : LESSEN **2** : to bring to a specified state or condition (~ chaos to order) **3** : to put in a lower rank or grade **4** : CONQUER (~ a fort) **5** : to bring into a certain order or classification **6** : to correct (as a fracture) by restoration of displaced parts **7** : to lessen one's weight *syn* decrease, diminish, abate, dwindle, lessen, recede — **re-duc-er** *n* — **re-duc-ible** \-d(y)ūs-ə-bəl\ *adj*
re-duc-tion \ri-ˈdæk-shən\ *n* **1** : the act of reducing : the state of being reduced **2** : something made by reducing **3** : the amount taken off in reducing something
re-dun-dan-cy \ri-ˈdʌn-dən-sē\ *n, pl -cies* **1** : the quality or state of being redundant : SUPERFLUITY **2** : something redundant or in excess **3** : the use of surplus words
re-dun-dant \-dənt\ *adj* : exceeding what is needed or normal : SUPERFLUOUS; *esp* : using more words than necessary — **re-dun-dant-ly** *adv*

red-winged blackbird \ˈred-ˌwɪŋd-\ *n* : a No. American blackbird of which the adult male is black with a patch of bright scarlet on the wings
red-wood \ˈred-ˌwʊd\ *n* : a tall coniferous timber tree of California or its durable wood
reed \ˈrēd\ *n* **1** : any of various tall slender grasses of wet areas; *also* : a stem or growth of reed **2** : a musical instrument made from the hollow stem of a reed **3** : an elastic tongue of cane, wood, or metal by which tones are produced in organ pipes and certain other wind instruments — **reedy** *adj*
re-ed-u-cate \(\ˈ)rē-ˈej-ə-,kāt\ *vb* : to train again; *esp* : to rehabilitate through education — **re-ed-u-ca-tion** *n*
reef \ˈrēf\ *n* **1** : a part of a sail taken in or let out in regulating the sail's size **2** : the reduction in sail area made by reefing
reef *vb* : to reduce the area of a sail by rolling or folding part of it
reef *n* : a ridge of rocks or sand at or near the surface of the water
reef-er \ˈrē-fər\ *n* **1** : one that reefs **2** : a close-fitting thick jacket
reefer *n* : a marijuana cigarette
reek \ˈrēk\ *n* : a strong or disagreeable fume or odor
reek *vb* **1** : to give off or become permeated with a strong or offensive odor **2** : to give a strong impression of some constituent quality (an excuse that ~ed of falsehood) — **reek-er** *n* — **reeky** \ˈrē-kē\ *adj*
reel \ˈrēl\ *n* : a revolvable device on which something flexible (as film, tape, cord, or wire) may be wound; *also* : a quantity of something wound on such a device
reel *vb* **1** : to wind on or as if on a reel **2** : to pull or draw (as a fish) by reeling a line — **reel-able** *adj* — **reel-er** *n*
reel *vb* **1** : WHIRL; *also* : to be giddy **2** : to waver or fall back from a blow : RECOIL **3** : to walk or move unsteadily
reel *n* : a reeling motion
reel *n* : a lively Scottish dance or its music
reel off *vb* : to tell or recite rapidly and easily (~reeled off the right answers)
re-en-force \ˌrē-ən-ˈfōrs\ *var* of REINFORCE
re-en-try \ˌrē-ən-trē\ *n* **1** : a second or new entry **2** : the action of reentering the earth's atmosphere from space
reeve \ˈrēv\ *vb* **rove** \ˈrōv\ or **reeved**; **reev-ing** : to pass (as a rope) through a hole in a block or cleat
ref \ˈrēf\ *n* : REFEREE **2**
ref *abbr* **1** reference **2** referred **3** reformed **4** refunding
re-fec-tion \ri-ˈfek-shən\ *n* **1** : refreshment esp. after hunger or fatigue **2** : food and drink together : REPAST
re-fec-to-ry \ri-ˈfek-t(ə)-rē\ *n, pl -ries* : a dining hall (as in a monastery or college)
re-fer \ri-ˈfər\ *vb* **re-ferred**; **re-fer-ring** **1** : to assign to a certain source, cause, or relationship **2** : to direct or send to some person or place (as for information or help) **3** : to submit to someone else for consideration or action **4** : to have recourse (as for information or aid) **5** : to have connection : RELATE **6** : to direct attention : speak of : MENTION, ALLUDE *syn* recur, repair, resort, apply, go, turn — **re-fer-able** \ˈref-(ə)-rə-bəl, ri-ˈfər-ə-\ *adj*
re-fer-ee \ˌref-ə-ˈrē\ *n* **1** : a person to whom an issue esp. in law is referred for investigation or settlement **2** : an umpire in certain games
referee *vb -eed; -ee-ing* : to act as referee
refer-ence \ˈref-ərnəs, ˈref-(ə)-rəns\ *n* **1** : the act of referring **2** : RELATION, RESPECT **3** : ALLUSION, MENTION **4** : a direction of the attention to another passage or book **5** : consultation esp. for obtaining information (books for ~) **6** : a person of whom inquiries as to character or ability can be made **7** : a written recommendation of a person for employment
refer-en-dum \ˌref-ə-ˈren-dəm\ *n, pl -da -də\ or -dums*

[NL, fr. L.] : the referring of legislative measures to the voters for approval or rejection; *also* : a vote on a measure so submitted

refer-ent \ˈref-(ə)rənt\ *n* [L *referent-*, *referens*, prp. of *referre*] : one that refers or is referred to; *esp* : the thing a word stands for — **referent** *adj*

refer-ral \ri-ˈfər-əl\ *n* **1** : the act or an instance of referring **2** : one that is referred

re-fill \ˈrē-ˌfɪl\ *vb* : to fill again : REPLENISH — **re-fill-able** *adj*

re-fill \ˈrē-ˌfɪl\ *n* : a new or fresh supply of something

re-fine \ri-ˈfɪn\ *vb* **re-fined**; **re-fin-ing** **1** : to free from impurities or waste matter **2** : IMPROVE, PERFECT **3** : to free or become free of what is coarse or uncouth **4** : to make improvements by introducing subtle changes — **re-fin-er** *n*

re-fined \ri-ˈfɪnd\ *adj* **1** : freed from impurities **2** : CULTURED, CULTIVATED **3** : SUBTLE

re-fine-ment \ri-ˈfɪn-mənt\ *n* **1** : the action of refining **2** : the quality or state of being refined **3** : a refined feature or method; *also* : something intended to improve or perfect

re-fin-ery \ri-ˈfɪn-(ə)rē\ *n*, *pl* -er-ies : a building and equipment for refining metals, oil, or sugar

refl *abbr* reflex; reflexive

re-lect \ri-ˈflekt\ *vb* [ME *reflecten*, fr. L *reflectere* to bend back, fr. *re-* back + *flectere* to bend] **1** : to bend or cast back (as light, heat, or sound) **2** : to give back a likeness or image of as a mirror does **3** : to bring as a result (◊ credit on him) **4** : to cast reproach or blame (their bad conduct ◊ed in their training) **5** : PONDER, MEDITATE — **re-lection** \ˈflek-shən\ *n* — **re-flec-tive** \-tɪv\ *adj* — **re-flec-tiv-ity** \-tɪ-ˈflek-tɪv-ə-ti\ *n*

re-flec-tor \ri-ˈflek-tər\ *n* : one that reflects; *esp* : a polished surface for reflecting radiation (as light)

re-flex \ˈrē-ˌfleks\ *n* **1** : an automatic and usu. inborn response to a stimulus not involving higher mental centers **2 pl** : the power of acting or responding with enough speed (an athlete with great ◊es)

reflex *adj* **1** : bent or directed back **2** : of or relating to a reflex — **re-flex-ly** *adv*

re-flex-ive \ri-ˈflek-sɪv\ *adj* : of or relating to an action directed back upon the doer or the grammatical subject (a ◊ verb) (the ◊ pronoun *himself*) — **re-flex-ive-ly** *adv* — **re-flex-ive-ness** *n*

reflexive *n* : a reflexive verb or pronoun

re-fo-cus \ri-ˈfō-kəs\ *vb* **1** : to focus again **2** : to change the emphasis or direction of (◊ed her life)

re-for-es-ta-tion \ri-ˈfōr-ə-ˈstā-shən\ *n* : the action of renewing a forest by planting seeds or young trees — **re-for-est** \ri-ˈfōr-əst\ *vb*

re-form \ri-ˈfōrm\ *vb* **1** : to make better or improve by removal of faults **2** : to correct or improve one's own character or habits *syn* correct, rectify, emend, remedy, redress, revise — **re-form-able** *adj* — **re-for-ma-tive** \ri-ˈfōr-mə-tɪv\ *adj*

reform *n* : improvement or correction of what is corrupt or defective

re-form \ri-ˈfōrm\ *vb* : to form again

ref-or-ma-tion \ri-ˈfōr-mā-shən\ *n* **1** : the act of reforming : the state of being reformed **2 cap** : a 16th century religious movement marked by the establishment of the Protestant churches

re-for-ma-to-ry \ri-ˈfōr-mə-ˌtōr-ē\ *adj* : aiming at or tending toward reformation : REFORMATIVE

reformatory *n*, *pl* -ries : a penal institution for reforming young or first offenders or women

re-form-er \ri-ˈfōr-mər\ *n* **1** : one that works for or urges reform **2 cap** : a leader of the Protestant Reformation

refr *abbr* refraction

re-fract \ri-ˈfrakt\ *vb* [L *refractus*, pp. of *refringere* to break open, break up, refract, fr. *re-* back + *frangere* to break] : to subject to refraction

re-frac-tion \ri-ˈfrak-shən\ *n* : the bending of a ray (as of light) when it passes obliquely from one medium into another in which its speed is different — **re-frac-tive** \-tɪv\ *adj*

re-frac-to-ry \ri-ˈfrak-t(ə)rē\ *adj* **1** : OBSTINATE, STUBBORN, UNMANAGEABLE **2** : difficult to melt, corrode, or draw out; *esp* : capable of enduring high temperature (◊ bricks) *syn* recalcitrant, intractable, ungovernable, unruly, headstrong, willful — **re-frac-to-ri-ness** \ri-ˈfrak-t(ə)rē-nəs\ *n* — **refractory** *n*

re-frain \ri-ˈfrān\ *vb* : to hold oneself back : FORBEAR — **re-frain-ment** *n*

refrain *n* : a phrase or verse recurring regularly in a poem or song

re-fresh \ri-ˈfres\ *vb* **1** : to make or become fresh or fresher **2** : to revive by or as if by renewal of supplies (◊ one's memory) **3** : to freshen up **4** : to supply or take refreshment *syn* restore, rejuvenate, renovate, refurbish — **re-fresh-er** *n* — **re-fresh-ing-ly** *adv*

re-fresh-ment \-mənt\ *n* **1** : the act of refreshing : the state of being refreshed **2** : something that refreshes **3 pl** : a light meal

re-fried beans \ri-ˈfriːd\ *n pl* : beans cooked with seasonings, fried, then mashed and fried again

refrig *abbr* refrigerating; refrigeration

re-frig-er-ate \ri-ˈfriː-ə-, rāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to make cool; *esp* : to chill or freeze (food) for preservation — **re-frig-er-ant** \-(ə)rənt\ *adj* or *n* — **re-frig-er-a-tion** \-tɪ-ˈfriː-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* — **re-frig-er-a-tor** \-tɪ-ˈfriː-ə-, rāt-ər\ *n*

ref-uge \ˈref-, yūj\ *n* **1** : shelter or protection from danger or distress **2** : a place that provides protection

ref-u-gee \ri-ˈfjuː-ˌjē\ *n* : one who flees for safety *esp.* to a foreign country

re-ful-gence \ri-ˈfʊl-jəns, -ˈfəl-ə\ *n* : radiant or shining quality or state — **re-ful-gent** \-jənt\ *adj*

re-fund \ri-ˈfʌnd, ˈrē-, fənd\ *vb* : to give or put back (money) : REPAY — **re-fund-able** *adj*

re-fund \ri-ˈfʌnd\ *n* **1** : the act of refunding **2** : a sum refunded

re-fur-bish \ri-ˈfər-bɪʃ\ *vb* : to brighten or freshen up : RENOVATE

re-fuse \ri-ˈfyüz\ *vb* **re-fused**; **re-fus-ing** **1** : to decline to accept : REJECT **2** : to decline to do, give, or grant : DENY — **re-fus-al** \-ˈfyü-zəl\ *n*

ref-use \ˈref-, yūs-, ˈyüz\ *n* : rejected or worthless matter : RUBBISH, TRASH

re-fuse-nik or **re-fus-nik** \ri-ˈfyüz-nɪk\ *n* : a Soviet citizen who is refused permission to emigrate

re-fute \ri-ˈfyūt\ *vb* **re-futed**; **re-fut-ing** [L *refutare*, fr. *re-* back + *-futare* to beat] : to prove to be false by argument or evidence — **re-fu-ta-tion** \ri-ˈfyū-tā-shən\ *n* — **re-fut-er** \ri-ˈfyūt-ər\ *n*

reg \ˈreg\ *n* : REGULATION

reg *abbr* **1** region **2** register; registered; registration **3** regular

re-gain \ri-ˈgān\ *vb* **1** : to gain or get again : get back (◊ed his health) **2** : to get back to : reach again (◊ the shore) *syn* recover, retrieve, recoup, repurchase

re-gal \ˈrē-gəl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or befitting a king : ROYAL **2** : STATELY, SPLENDID — **re-gal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

re-gale \ri-ˈgāl\ *vb* **re-galed**; **re-gal-ing** **1** : to entertain richly or agreeably **2** : to give pleasure or amusement to *syn* gratify, delight, please, rejoice, gladden

re-ga-lia \ri-ˈgāl-yə\ *n pl* **1** : the emblems, symbols, or paraphernalia of royalty (as the crown and scepter) **2** : the insignia of an office or order **3** : special costume : FINERY

re-gard \ri-ˈgärd\ *n* **1** : CONSIDERATION, HEED; *also* : CARE,

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ə\rfurther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ə\ch, chin \ə\bet \ə\easy \ə\go \ə\hit \ə\ice \ə\job
 \ə\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \ə\thin \ə\the \ə\look
 \ə\foot \ə\yet \ə\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

CONCERN 2 : GAZE, GLANCE, LOOK 3 : RESPECT, ESTEEM 4 *pl* : friendly greetings implying respect and esteem 5 : an aspect to be considered : PARTICULAR — **re-gard-ful** *adj* — **re-gard-less** *adj*

2regard *vb* 1 : to pay attention to 2 : to show respect for : HEED 3 : to hold in high esteem : care for 4 : to look at : gaze upon 5 *archaic* : to relate to 6 : to think of : CONSIDER

re-gard-ing \-iŋ\ *prep* : CONCERNING

regardless \ri-'gärd-las-\ *prep* : in spite of

re-gat-ta \ri-'gät-ə-, -'gat-\ *n* : a boat race or a series of boat races

regd *abbr* registered

re-gen-cy \rē-jən-sē\ *n, pl -cies* 1 : the office or government of a regent or body of regents 2 : a body of regents 3 : the period during which a regent governs

re-gen-er-a-cy \ri-'jen-(ə-)rə-sē\ *n* : the state of being regenerated

1re-gen-er-ate \ri-'jen-(ə-)rət\ *adj* 1 : formed or created again 2 : spiritually reborn or converted

2re-gen-er-ate \ri-'jen-ə-, rāt\ *vb* 1 : to cause to experience spiritual renewal 2 : to reform completely 3 : to give or gain new life; *also* : to renew by a new growth of tissue — **re-gen-er-a-tion** \-jen-ə-'rā-shən\ *n* — **re-gen-er-a-tive** \-jen-ə-, rāt-iv\ *adj* — **re-gen-er-a-tor** \-rāt-ər\ *n*

re-gent \rē-jənt\ *n* 1 : a person who rules during the childhood, absence, or incapacity of the sovereign 2 : a member of a governing board (as of a state university)

reg-gae \rē-'gā\ *n* : popular music that originated in Jamaica and combines indigenous styles with elements of rock and roll and soul music

reg-i-cide \rēj-ə-, sīd\ *n* 1 : one who murders a king 2 : murder of a king

re-gime *also* **ré-gime** \rā-'zhēm, ri-\ *n* 1 : REGIMEN 2 : a form or system of government 3 : a government in power; *also* : a period of rule

reg-i-men \rēj-ə-mən\ *n* 1 : a systematic course of treatment or behavior (a strict dietary ~) 2 : GOVERNMENT

1reg-i-ment \rēj-ə-mənt\ *n* : a military unit consisting usu. of a number of battalions — **reg-i-men-tal** \rēj-ə-'ment-əl\ *adj*

2reg-i-ment \rēj-ə-, mənt\ *vb* : to organize rigidly esp. for regulation or central control — **reg-i-men-ta-tion** \rēj-ə-mən-'tā-shən\ *n*

reg-i-men-tals \rēj-ə-'ment-əlz\ *n pl* 1 : a regimental uniform 2 : military dress

re-gion \rē-jən\ *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. L *region-*, *regio*, fr. *regere* to rule] : an often indefinitely defined part or area

re-gion-al \rēj-(ə-)nəl\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to a geographical region 2 : of or relating to a bodily region : LOCALIZED — **re-gion-al-ly** \-əl\ *adv*

1reg-is-ter \rēj-ə-stər\ *n* 1 : a record of items or details; *also* : a book or system for keeping such a record 2 : the range of a voice or instrument 3 : a device to regulate ventilation or heating 4 : an automatic device recording a number or quantity

2register *vb -tered; -ter-ing* \-st(ə-)riŋ\ 1 : to enter in a register (as in a list of guests) 2 : to record automatically 3 : to secure special care for (mail matter) by paying additional postage 4 : to show (emotions) by facial expression or gestures 5 : to correspond or adjust so as to correspond exactly

registered nurse *n* : a graduate trained nurse who has been licensed to practice by a state authority after passing qualifying examinations

reg-is-trant \rēj-ə-strənt\ *n* : one that registers or is registered

reg-is-trar \-, strār\ *n* : an official recorder or keeper of records (as at an educational institution)

reg-is-tra-tion \rēj-ə-'strā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of registering 2 : an entry in a register 3 : the number of persons

registered : ENROLLMENT 4 : a document certifying an act of registering

reg-is-try \rēj-ə-strē\ *n, pl -tries* 1 : ENROLLMENT, REGISTRATION 2 : the state or fact of being entered in a register 3 : a place of registration 4 : an official record book or an entry in one

reg-nant \rēg-nənt\ *adj* 1 : REIGNING 2 : DOMINANT 3 : of common or widespread occurrence : PREVALENT

rego-lith \rēg-ə-, lith\ *n* : unconsolidated residual or transported material that overlies the solid rock on the earth, moon, or a planet

1re-gress \rē-, gres\ *n* 1 : WITHDRAWAL 2 : RETROGRESSION

2re-gress \ri-'gres\ *vb* : to go or cause to go back or to a lower level — **re-gres-sive** *adj* — **re-gres-sor** \-gres-ər\ *n*

re-gres-sion \ri-'gresh-ən\ *n* : the act or an instance of regressing; *esp* : reversion to an earlier mental or behavioral level

1re-gret \ri-'gret\ *vb* **re-gret-ted; re-gret-ting** 1 : to mourn the loss or death of 2 : to be keenly sorry for 3 : to experience regret — **re-gret-ta-ble** \-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **re-gret-ta-bly** \-blē\ *adv* — **re-gret-ter** *n*

2regret *n* 1 : mental distress caused by something beyond one's power to remedy 2 : an expression of sorrow 3 *pl* : a note or oral message politely declining an invitation — **re-gret-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **re-gret-ful-ly** \-əl\ *adv*

re-group \(')rē-'grüp\ *vb* : to form into a new grouping

regt *abbr* regiment

1reg-u-lar \rēg-yə-lər\ *adj* [ME *reguler*, fr. MF, fr. LL *regularis* regular, fr. L, of a bar, fr. *regula* rule, straight-edge, fr. *regere* to guide straight, rule] 1 : belonging to a religious order 2 : made, built, or arranged according to a rule, standard, or type; *also* : even or symmetrical in form or structure 3 : ORDERLY, METHODICAL (~ habits); *also* : not varying : STEADY (a ~ pace) 4 : made, selected, or conducted according to rule or custom 5 : properly qualified (not a ~ lawyer) 6 : conforming to the normal or usual manner or inflection 7 : belonging to a permanent standing army and esp. to one maintained by a national government **syn** systematic, orderly, methodical — **reg-u-lar-i-ty** \rēg-yə-'lar-ət-ē\ *n* — **reg-u-lar-ize** \rēg-yə-lə-, rīz\ *vb* — **reg-u-lar-ly** *adv*

2regular *n* 1 : one that is regular (as in attendance) 2 : a member of the regular clergy 3 : a soldier in a regular army 4 : a player on an athletic team who is usu. in the starting lineup

reg-u-late \rēg-yə-, lāt\ *vb -lat-ed; -lat-ing* 1 : to govern or direct according to rule : CONTROL 2 : to bring under the control of law or authority 3 : to put in good order 4 : to fix or adjust the time, amount, degree, or rate of — **reg-u-la-tive** \-, lāt-iv\ *adj* — **reg-u-la-tor** \-, lāt-ər\ *n* — **reg-u-la-to-ry** \-lə-, tōr-ē\ *adj*

reg-u-la-tion \rēg-yə-'lā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of regulating : the state of being regulated 2 : a rule dealing with details of procedure 3 : an order issued by an executive authority of a government and having the force of law **re-gur-gi-tate** \rē-'gər-jə-, tāt\ *vb -tat-ed; -tat-ing* [ML *regurgitare*, fr. L *re-* + LL *gurgitare* to engulf, fr. L *gurgit-*, *gurgis* whirlpool] : to throw or be thrown back or out; *esp* : VOMIT — **re-gur-gi-ta-tion** \-, gər-jə-'tā-shən\ *n*

re-hab \rē-, hab\ *n* 1 : REHABILITATION 2 : a rehabilitated building — **rehab** *vb*

re-ha-bil-i-tate \rē-(h)ə-'bil-ə-, tāt\ *vb -tat-ed; -tat-ing* 1 : to restore to a former capacity, rank, or right : REINSTATE 2 : to put into good condition again — **re-ha-bil-i-ta-tion** \-, bil-ə-'tā-shən\ *n* — **re-ha-bil-i-ta-tive** \-, tāt-iv\ *adj*

re-hash \rē-'hash\ *vb* : to present again in another form without real change or improvement — **rehash** *n*

re-hear-ing \rē-'hi(ə)r-iŋ\ *n* : a second or new hearing by the same tribunal

re-hears-al \ri-'hər-səl\ *n* 1 : something told again : RECIT-

AL 2 : a private performance or practice session preparatory to a public appearance

re-hearse \ri-'hərs\ *vb* **re-hearsed**; **re-hears-ing** **1** : to say again : REPEAT **2** : to recount in order : ENUMERATE **3** : to give a rehearsal of (~ a play) **4** : to train by rehearsal (~ an actor) **5** : to engage in a rehearsal — **re-hears-er** *n*

'reign \rān\ *n* **1** : the authority or rule of a sovereign **2** : the time during which a sovereign rules

²reign *vb* **1** : to rule as a sovereign **2** : to be predominant or prevalent

re-im-burse \,rē-əm-'bərs\ *vb* **-bursed**; **-burs-ing** [*re-* + obs. *E imburse* (to put in the pocket, pay), fr. ML *imbursare* to put into a purse, fr. L *in-* in + ML *bursa* purse, fr. LL, hide of an ox, fr. Gk *byrsa*] : to pay back : make restitution : REPAY **syn** indemnify, recompense, requite, compensate — **re-im-burs-able** *adj* — **re-im-burse-ment** *n*

'rein \rān\ *n* **1** : a line of a bridle by which a rider or driver directs an animal **2** : a restraining influence : CHECK **3** : position of control or command **4** : complete freedom — **usu.** used in the phrase *give rein to*

²rein *vb* : to check or direct by reins

re-in-car-na-tion \,rē-,in-,kär-'nā-shən\ *n* : rebirth of the soul in a new body — **re-in-car-nate** \,rē-in-'kär-,nāt\ *vb*

rein-deer \rān-,diər\ *n* [ME *reindere*, fr. ON *hrein* reindeer + ME *deer*] : any of several large deer of northern regions that are used for draft and meat, have antlers in both sexes, and are grouped with the caribou in a single species

reindeer moss *n* : a gray, erect, tufted, and much-branched lichen of northern regions that is consumed by reindeer and sometimes by man

re-in-fec-tion \,rē-ən-'fek-shən\ *n* : infection following another infection of the same type

re-in-force \,rē-ən-'fɔrs\ *vb* **1** : to strengthen with additional forces (as troops or ships) **2** : to strengthen with new force, aid, material, or support — **re-in-force-ment** *n* — **re-in-force-er** *n*

re-in-state \,rē-ən-'stāt\ *vb* **-stat-ed**; **-stat-ing** : to restore to a former position, condition, or capacity — **re-in-state-ment** *n*

re-it-er-ate \rē-'it-ə-,rāt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** : to state or do over again or repeatedly **syn** repeat, iterate, reprise — **re-it-er-a-tion** \-,it-ə-'rā-shən\ *n*

're-ject \ri-'jekt\ *vb* **1** : to refuse to acknowledge or submit to **2** : to refuse to take or accept **3** : to refuse to grant, consider, or accede to **4** : to throw out esp. as useless or unsatisfactory — **re-jec-tion** \-'jek-shən\ *n*

²re-ject \rē-,jekt\ *n* : a rejected person or thing

re-joyce \ri-'jɔis\ *vb* **re-joyiced**; **re-joyc-ing** **1** : to give joy to : GLADDEN **2** : to feel joy or great delight — **re-joyc-er** *n*

re-join \rē-'jɔin\ *for 1*, *ri-'for 2* *vb* **1** : to join again : come together again : REUNITE **2** : to say in answer (as to a plaintiff's plea in court) : REPLY

re-join-der \ri-'jɔin-dər\ *n* : REPLY; *esp.* : an answer to a reply

re-ju-ve-nate \ri-'jü-və-,nāt\ *vb* **-nat-ed**; **-nat-ing** : to make young or youthful again : give new vigor to **syn** renew, refresh, renovate, restore — **re-ju-ve-na-tion** \-,jü-və-'nā-shən\ *n*

rel *abbr* relating; relative

're-lapse \ri-'laps, 'rē-,laps\ *n* : the action or process of relapsing; *esp.* : a recurrence of illness after a period of improvement

²re-lapse \ri-'laps\ *vb* **re-lapsed**; **re-laps-ing** : to slip back into a former condition (as of illness) after a change for the better

re-late \ri-'lāt\ *vb* **re-lat-ed**; **re-lat-ing** **1** : to give an account of : TELL, NARRATE **2** : to show or establish logical or causal connection between **3** : to be connected : have reference **4** : to have meaningful social relation-

ships **5** : to respond favorably — **re-lat-able** *adj* — **re-lat-er** or **re-la-tor** *n*

re-lat-ed \-əd\ *adj* **1** : connected by some understood relationship **2** : connected through membership in the same family — **re-lat-ed-ness** *n*

re-la-tion \ri-'lā-shən\ *n* **1** : NARRATION, ACCOUNT **2** : CONNECTION, RELATIONSHIP **3** : connection by blood or marriage : KINSHIP; *also* : RELATIVE **4** : REFERENCE, RESPECT (in ~ to this matter) **5** : the state of being mutually interested or involved (as in social or commercial matters) **6 pl** : DEALINGS, AFFAIRS **7 pl** : SEXUAL INTERCOURSE — **re-la-tion-al** \-sh(ə-)nəl\ *adj*

re-la-tion-ship \-,ship\ *n* : the state of being related or interrelated

'rel-a-tive \rel-ət-iv\ *n* **1** : a word referring grammatically to an antecedent **2** : a thing having a relation to or a dependence upon another thing **3** : a person connected with another by blood or marriage; *also* : an animal or plant related to another by common descent

²relative *adj* **1** : introducing a subordinate clause qualifying an expressed or implied antecedent (~ pronoun); *also* : introduced by such a connective (~ clause) **2** : PERTINENT, RELEVANT **3** : not absolute or independent : COMPARATIVE **4** : expressed as the ratio of the specified quantity to the total magnitude or to the mean of all quantities involved **syn** dependent, contingent, conditional — **rel-a-tive-ly** *adv* — **rel-a-tive-ness** *n*

relative humidity *n* : the ratio of the amount of water vapor actually present in the air to the greatest amount possible at the same temperature

rel-a-tiv-is-tic \,rel-ət-iv-'is-tik\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or characterized by relativity **2** : moving at a velocity that is a significant fraction of the speed of light so that effects predicted by the theory of relativity become evident (a ~ electron) — **rel-a-tiv-is-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

rel-a-tiv-i-ty \,rel-ə-'tiv-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : the quality or state of being relative **2** : a theory in physics that considers mass and energy to be equivalent and that states that a moving object will experience changes in size and time which are related to its speed but are only noticeable at speeds approaching that of light

re-lax \ri-'laks\ *vb* **1** : to make or become less firm, tense, or rigid **2** : to make less severe or strict **3** : to seek rest or recreation — **re-lax-er** *n*

're-lax-ant \ri-'lak-sənt\ *adj* : producing relaxation

²relaxant *n* : a relaxing agent; *esp.* : a drug that induces muscular relaxation

re-lax-a-tion \,rē-,lak-'sā-shən\ *n* **1** : the act of relaxing or state of being relaxed : a lessening of tension **2** : DIVERSION, RECREATION **syn** rest, repose, leisure, ease

're-lay \rē-'lā\ *n* **1** : a fresh supply (as of horses or men) arranged beforehand to relieve or replace others at various stages **2** : a race between teams in which each team member covers a specified part of a course **3** : an electromagnetic device in which the opening or closing of one circuit activates another device (as a switch in another circuit) **4** : the act of passing along by stages

²re-lay \rē-,lā, ri-'lā\ *vb* **re-layed**; **re-lay-ing** **1** : to place in or provide with relays **2** : to pass along by relays **3** : to control or operate by a relay

³re-lay \rē-'lā\ *vb* **-laid** \-'lād\; **-lay-ing** : to lay again

're-lease \ri-'lēs\ *vb* **re-released**; **re-leas-ing** **1** : to set free from confinement or restraint **2** : to relieve from something (as pain, trouble, or penalty) that oppresses or burdens **3** : RELINQUISH (~ a claim) **4** : to permit publication or performance (as of a news story or a motion

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 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ə\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \i\job
 \ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \ə\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

picture) on but not before a specified date **syn** emancipate, discharge, free, liberate

2release *n* **1** : relief or deliverance from sorrow, suffering, or trouble **2** : discharge from an obligation or responsibility **3** : an act of setting free : the state of being freed **4** : a document effecting a legal release **5** : a device for holding or releasing a mechanism as required **6** : a releasing for performance or publication; *also* : the matter released (as to the press)

rel-e-gate \rel-ə-gāt\ *vb* -gat-ed; -gat-ing **1** : to send into exile : BANISH **2** : to remove or dismiss to some less prominent position **3** : to assign to a particular class or sphere **4** : to submit or refer for judgment, decision, or execution : DELEGATE **syn** commit, entrust, consign, commend — **rel-e-ga-tion** \rel-ə-gā-shən\ *n*

re-lent \ri-'lent\ *vb* **1** : to become less stern, severe, or harsh **2** : SLACKEN

re-lent-less \-ləs\ *adj* : mercilessly hard or harsh : immovably stern or persistent — **re-lent-less-ly** *adv* — **re-lent-less-ness** *n*

rel-e-vance \rel-ə-vəns\ *n* : relation to the matter at hand : practical and esp. social applicability

rel-e-van-cy \-vən-sē\ *n* : RELEVANCE

rel-e-vant \rel-ə-vənt\ *adj* : bearing on the matter at hand : PERTINENT **syn** germane, material, applicable, apropos — **rel-e-vant-ly** *adv*

re-li-able \ri-'li-ə-bəl\ *adj* : fit to be trusted or relied on : DEPENDABLE, TRUSTWORTHY — **re-li-abil-i-ty** \-li-ə-bil-ə-tē\ *n* — **re-li-able-ness** *n* — **re-li-ably** \-li-ə-blē\ *adv*

re-li-ance \ri-'li-əns\ *n* **1** : the act of relying **2** : the state of being reliant **3** : one relied on — **re-li-ant** \-ənt\ *adj*

rel-ic \rel-ik\ *n* **1** : an object venerated because of its association with a saint or martyr **2** : SOUVENIR, MEMENTO **3** *pl* : REMAINS, RUINS **4** : a remaining trace : VESTIGE **rel-ict** \rel-ikt\ *n* : WIDOW

re-lief \ri-'lēf\ *n* : removal or lightening of something oppressive, painful, or distressing **2** : aid in the form of money or necessities (as for the aged or handicapped) **3** : military assistance in or rescue from a position of difficulty **4** : release from a post or from performance of a duty; *also* : one that relieves another by taking his place **5** : legal remedy or redress **6** : projection of figures or ornaments from the background (as in sculpture) **7** : the elevations of a land surface

relief pitcher *n* : a baseball pitcher who takes over for another during a game

re-lieve \ri-'lēv\ *vb* **re-lieved**; **re-liev-ing** **1** : to free partly or wholly from a burden or from distress **2** : to bring about the removal or alleviation of : MITIGATE **3** : to release from a post or duty; *also* : to take the place of **4** : to break the monotony of (as by contrast in color) **5** : to raise in relief **syn** alleviate, lighten, assuage, allay — **re-liev-er** *n*

relig *abbr* religion

re-li-gion \ri-'lij-ən\ *n* **1** : the service and worship of God or the supernatural **2** : devotion to a religious faith **3** : an organized system of faith and worship; *also* : a personal set of religious beliefs and practices **4** : a cause, principle, or belief held to with faith and ardor — **re-li-gion-ist** *n*

1re-li-gious \ri-'lij-əs\ *adj* **1** : relating or devoted to the divine or that which is held to be of ultimate importance **2** : of or relating to religious beliefs or observances **3** : scrupulously and conscientiously faithful **4** : FERVENT, ZEALOUS — **re-li-gious-ly** *adv*

2religious *n, pl* **religious** : one (as a monk) bound by vows and devoted to a life of piety

re-lin-quish \ri-'lin-kwɪʃ, -lin-\ *vb* **1** : to withdraw or retreat from : ABANDON, QUIT **2** : GIVE UP (~ a title) **3** : to let go of : RELEASE **syn** yield, leave, resign, surrender, cede, waive — **re-lin-quish-ment** *n*

rel-i-quary \rel-ə-,kwɛr-ē\ *n, pl* -quar-ies : a container for religious relics

1rel-ish \rel-ish\ *n* [ME *reles* aftertaste, fr. OF, release, something left over, fr. *relessier* to relax, release, fr. L *relaxare*] **1** : a characteristic flavor (as of food) : SAVOR **2** : keen enjoyment or delight in something : GUSTO **3** : APPETITE, INCLINATION **4** : a highly seasoned sauce (as of pickles) eaten with other food to add flavor

2relish *vb* **1** : to add relish to **2** : to take pleasure in : ENJOY **3** : to eat with pleasure — **rel-ish-able** *adj*

re-live \(')rē-'lɪv\ *vb* : to live again or over again; *esp* : to experience again in the imagination

re-lo-cate \(')rē-'lō-,kāt, rē-'lō-'kāt\ *vb* **1** : to locate again **2** : to move to a new location — **re-lo-ca-tion** \,rē-'lō-'kā-shən\ *n*

re-luc-tant \ri-'lək-tənt\ *adj* : holding back (as from acting) : UNWILLING; *also* : showing unwillingness (~ obedience) **syn** disinclined, indisposed, hesitant, loath, averse — **re-luc-tance** \-təns\ — **re-luc-tant-ly** *adv*

re-ly \ri-'li\ *vb* **re-ried**; **re-ly-ing** [ME *relien* to rally, fr. MF *relier* to connect, rally, fr. L *religare* to tie back, fr. *re-back* + *ligare* to tie] : to place faith or confidence : DEPEND **syn** trust, count

REM \rem\ *n* : RAPID EYE MOVEMENT

re-main \ri-'mān\ *vb* **1** : to be left after others have been removed, subtracted, or destroyed **2** : to be something yet to be shown, done, or treated (it ~s to be seen) **3** : to stay after others have gone **4** : to continue unchanged

re-main-der \ri-'mān-dər\ *n* **1** : that which is left over : a remaining group, part, or trace **2** : the number left after a subtraction **3** : the number that is left over from the dividend after division and that is less than the divisor **4** : a book sold at a reduced price by the publisher after sales have slowed **syn** leavings, rest, balance, remnant, residue

re-mains \-'mānz\ *n pl* **1** : a remaining part or trace (the ~ of a meal) **2** : writings left unpublished at an author's death **3** : a dead body

1re-make \(')rē-'māk\ *vb* -made \-'mād\; -mak-ing : to make anew or in a different form

2re-make \(')rē-,māk\ *n* : one that is remade; *esp* : a new version of a motion picture

re-mand \ri-'mand\ *vb* : to order back; *esp* : to return to custody pending trial or for further detention

1re-mark \ri-'mārk\ *vb* **1** : to take notice of : OBSERVE **2** : to express as an observation or comment : SAY

2remark *n* **1** : the act of remarking : OBSERVATION, NOTICE **2** : a passing observation or comment

re-mark-able \ri-'mār-kə-bəl\ *adj* : worthy of being or likely to be noticed : UNUSUAL, EXTRAORDINARY, NOTEWORTHY — **re-mark-able-ness** *n* — **re-mark-ably** \-blē\ *adv*

re-me-di-a-ble \ri-'mēd-ē-ə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being remedied (~ speech defects)

re-me-di-al \ri-'mēd-ē-əl\ *adj* : intended to remedy or improve

1rem-e-dy \rem-əd-ē\ *n, pl* -dies **1** : a medicine or treatment that cures or relieves **2** : something that corrects or counteracts an evil or compensates for a loss

2remedy *vb* -died; -dy-ing : to provide or serve as a remedy for

re-mem-ber \ri-'mem-bər\ *vb* -bered; -ber-ing \-b(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to have come into the mind again : think of again : RECOLLECT **2** : to keep from forgetting : keep in mind **3** : to convey greetings from **4** : COMMEMORATE

re-mem-brance \-brəns\ *n* **1** : an act of remembering : RECOLLECTION **2** : the ability to remember : MEMORY **3** : the power of remembering; *also* : the period over which one's memory extends **4** : a memory of a person, thing, or event **5** : something that serves to bring to mind : REMINDER, MEMENTO **6** : a greeting or gift recalling or expressing friendship or affection

re-mind \ri-'mīnd\ *vb* : to put in mind of someone or something : cause to remember — **re-mind-er** *n*

rem-i-nisce \,rem-ə-'nis\ *vb* -**nisced**; -**nis-ing** : to indulge in reminiscence

rem-i-nis-cence \-'nis-'ns\ *n* **1** : a recalling or telling of a past experience **2** : an account of a memorable experience

rem-i-nis-cent \-'nt\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to reminiscence **2** : marked by or given to reminiscence **3** : serving to remind : **SUGGESTIVE** — **rem-i-nis-cent-ly** *adv*

re-mis \ri-'mis\ *adj* **1** : negligent or careless in the performance of work or duty **2** : showing neglect or inattention **syn** lax, neglectful, delinquent, derelict — **re-miss-ly** *adv* — **re-miss-ness** *n*

re-mis-sion \ri-'mish-ən\ *n* **1** : the act or process of remitting **2** : a state or period during which something is remitted

re-mit \ri-'mit\ *vb* **re-mit-ted**; **re-mit-ting** **1** : FORGIVE, PARDON **2** : to give or gain relief from (as pain) **3** : to refer for consideration, report, or decision **4** : to refrain from exacting or enforcing (as a penalty) **5** : to send (money) in payment of a bill **syn** excuse, condone

re-mit-tal \ri-'mit-əl\ *n* : REMISSION

re-mit-tance \ri-'mit-'ns\ *n* **1** : a sum of money remitted **2** : transmittal of money (as to a distant place)

rem-nant \rem-nənt\ *n* **1** : a usu. small part or trace remaining **2** : an unsold or unused end of fabrics that are sold by the yard **syn** remainder, residue, rest

re-mod-el \rē-'mād-əl\ *vb* : to alter the structure of : **MAKE OVER**

re-mon-strance \ri-'mān-strəns\ *n* : an act or instance of remonstrating

re-mon-strant \-strənt\ *adj* : vigorously objecting or opposing — **remonstrant** *n* — **re-mon-strant-ly** *adv*

re-mon-strate \ri-'mān-,strāt\ *vb* -**strat-ed**; -**strat-ing** : to plead in opposition to something : speak in protest or reproof **syn** expostulate, object, protest — **re-mon-stration** \ri-,mān-'strā-shən, ,rem-ən-\ *n* — **re-mon-strative** \ri-'mān-strāt-iv\ *adj* — **re-mon-strator** \ri-'mān-,strāt-ər\ *n*

rem-o-ra \rem-ə-rə\ *n* : any of several fishes with sucking organs on the head by means of which they cling to other fishes and ships

re-morse \ri-'mōrs\ *n* [ME, fr. MF *remors*, fr. ML *remorsus*, fr. LL, act of biting again, fr. L *remorsus*, pp. of *remordere* to bite again, fr. *re-* again + *mordere* to bite] : regret for one's sins or for acts that wrong others : distress arising from a sense of guilt **syn** penitence, repentance, contrition — **re-morse-ful** *adj*

re-morse-less \-ləs\ *adj* **1** : MERCILESS **2** : PERSISTENT, RELENTLESS

re-mote \ri-'mōt\ *adj* **re-mot-er**; -**est** **1** : far off in place or time : not near **2** : not closely related : DISTANT **3** : located out of the way : SECLUDED **4** : small in degree : SLIGHT (a ~ chance) **5** : distant in manner — **re-mote-ly** *adv* — **re-mote-ness** *n*

re-mount \rē-'maunt\ *vb* **1** : to mount again **2** : to furnish remounts to

re-mount \rē-'maunt\ *n* : a fresh horse to replace one disabled or exhausted

re-move \ri-'mūv\ *vb* **re-moved**; **re-mov-ing** **1** : to move from one place to another : TRANSFER **2** : to move by lifting or taking off or away **3** : DISMISS, DISCHARGE **4** : to get rid of : ELIMINATE (~ a fire hazard) **5** : to change one's residence or location **6** : to go away : DEPART **7** : to be capable of being removed — **re-mov-able** *adj* — **re-mov-al** \-vəl\ *n* — **re-mov-er** *n*

remove *n* **1** : a transfer from one location to another : MOVE **2** : a degree or stage of separation

REM sleep *n* : a state of sleep associated with rapid eye movements and occurring approximately at 90-minute intervals that is characterized by changes in the electrical activity of the brain, changes in heart rhythm, re-

laxed muscles, vascular congestion of the sex organs, and dreaming

re-mu-ner-ate \ri-'myū-nə-,rāt\ *vb* -**at-ed**; -**at-ing** : to pay an equivalent for or to : RECOMPENSE — **re-mu-ner-a-tor** \-,rāt-ər\ *n*

re-mu-ner-a-tion \ri-,myū-nə-'rā-shən\ *n* : COMPENSATION, PAYMENT

re-mu-ner-a-tive \ri-'myū-nə-rət-iv, -,rāt-\ *adj* : serving to remunerate : GAINFUL

re-nais-sance \,ren-ə-'sāns, -'zāns\ *n* **1 cap** : the revival of classical influences in art and literature and the beginnings of modern science in Europe in the 14th-17th centuries; *also* : the period of the Renaissance **2 often cap** : a movement or period of vigorous artistic and intellectual activity **3** : REBIRTH, REVIVAL

re-nal \rēn-'əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or located in or near the kidneys

re-na-scence \ri-'nas-'ns, -'nās-\ *n*, *often cap* : RENAISSANCE

rend \rend\ *vb* **rent** \rent\; **rend-ing** **1** : to remove by violence : WREST **2** : to tear forcibly apart : SPLIT

ren-der \ren-dər\ *vb* **ren-dered**; **ren-der-ing** \-d(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to extract (as lard) by heating **2** : to give to another; *also* : YIELD **3** : to give in return **4** : to do (a service) for another (~ aid) **5** : to cause to be or become : MAKE **6** : to reproduce or represent by artistic or verbal means **7** : TRANSLATE (~ into English)

ren-dez-vous \rən-di-,vü, -dā-\ *n*, *pl ren-dez-vous* \-,vüz\ [MF, fr. *rendez vous* present yourselves] **1** : a place appointed for a meeting; *also* : a meeting at an appointed place **2** : a place of popular resort **3** : the process of bringing two spacecraft together **syn** tryst, engagement, appointment

rendezvous *vb* -**voused** \-,vüd\; -**vous-ing** \-,vü-ɪŋ\; -**vouses** \-,vüz\ : to come or bring together at a rendezvous **ren-di-tion** \ren-'dish-ən\ *n* : an act or a result of rendering (first ~ of the work into English)

ren-e-gade \ren-i-,gād\ *n* [Sp *renegado*, fr. ML *renegatus*, fr. pp. of *renegare* to deny, fr. L *re-* + *negare* to deny] : one who deserts a faith, cause, principle, or party for another

re-nege \ri-'nig, -'neg, -'næg, -'nāg\ *vb* **re-neged**; **re-neg-ing** **1** : to fail to follow suit when able in a card game in violation of the rules **2** : to go back on a promise or commitment — **re-neg-er** *n*

re-new \ri-'nyū\ *vb* **1** : to make or become new, fresh, or strong again **2** : to restore to existence : RECREATE, REVIVE **3** : to make or do again : REPEAT (~ a complaint) **4** : to begin again : RESUME (~ed his efforts) **5** : REPLACE (~ the lining of a coat) **6** : to grant or obtain an extension of or on (~ a lease) (~ a subscription) — **re-new-er** *n*

re-new-able \ri-'nyū-ə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : capable of being renewed **2** : capable of being replaced by natural ecological cycles or sound management procedures (water, wildlife, and forests are ~ resources)

re-new-al \ri-'nyū-əl\ *n* **1** : the act of renewing : the state of being renewed **2** : something renewed

ren-net \ren-ət\ *n* **1** : the contents of the stomach of an unweaned animal (as a calf) or the lining membrane of the stomach used for curdling milk **2** : rennin or a substitute used to curdle milk

ren-nin \ren-ən\ *n* : a stomach enzyme that coagulates casein and is used commercially to curdle milk in the making of cheese

re-nounce \ri-'nauns\ *vb* **re-nounced**; **re-nounc-ing** **1** : to give up, refuse, or resign usu. by formal declaration **2** : to refuse further to follow, obey, or recognize

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 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \d\go \d\law \d\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\lout
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

: REPUDIATE **syn** abdicate, resign — **re-nounce-ment** *n*
ren-o-vate \ˈren-ə-,vāt\ *vb* -vat-ed; -vat-ing **1** : to make like new again : put in good condition : REPAIR **2** : to restore to vigor or activity — **ren-o-va-tion** \ˈren-ə-ˈvā-shən\ *n* — **ren-o-va-tor** \ˈren-ə-,vāt-ər\ *n*

re-nown \ˈri-naʊn\ *n* : a state of being widely acclaimed and honored : FAME, CELEBRITY **syn** honor, glory, reputation, repute — **re-nowned** \-ˈnaʊnd\ *adj*

rent \ˈrent\ *n* **1** : money or the amount of money paid or due (as monthly) for the use of another's property **2** : property rented or for rent

rent *vb* **1** : to take and hold under an agreement to pay rent **2** : to give possession and use of in return for rent **3** : to be for rent (↗s for \$100 a month) — **rent-er** *n*

rent *n* **1** : a tear in cloth **2** : a split in a party or organized group : SCHISM

rent-al \ˈrent-əl\ *n* **1** : an amount paid or collected as rent **2** : a property rented **3** : an act of renting

rental *adj* : of or relating to rent

re-nun-ci-a-tion \ˈri-,nən-sē-ˈā-shən\ *n* : the act of renouncing : REPUDIATION

rep *abbr* **1** repair **2** report; reporter **3** representative **4** republic

Rep *abbr* Republican

re-pack-age \(\)ˈrē-ˈpak-ij\ *vb* : to package again or anew; *esp* : to put into a more attractive form

re-pair \ˈri-ˈpær\ *vb* [ME *repairen*, fr. MF *reparier* to go back to one's country, fr. LL *repatriare*, fr. L *re-re-* + *patria* native country] : to make one's way : GO (↗ed to his den)

repair *vb* [ME *repairen*, fr. MF *reparer*, fr. L *reparare*, fr. *re-re-* + *parare* to prepare] **1** : to restore to good condition **2** : to restore to a healthy state **3** : REMEDY (↗ a wrong) — **re-pair-er** *n* — **re-pair-man** \-,ˈman\ *n*

repair *n* **1** : an act of repairing **2** : a result of repairing **3** : condition with respect to need of repairing (in bad ↗)

rep-a-ration \ˈrep-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* **1** : the act of making amends for a wrong **2** : amends made for a wrong; *esp* : money paid by a defeated nation in compensation for damages caused during hostilities — *usu.* used in pl. **syn** redress, restitution, indemnity

re-par-a-tive \ˈri-ˈpar-ət-iv\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or effecting repairs **2** : serving to make amends

rep-ar-tee \ˈrep-ər-ˈtē\ *n* **1** : a witty reply **2** : a succession of clever replies; *also* : skill in making such replies

re-past \ˈri-ˈpast, ˈrē-,ˈpast\ *n* : a supply of food and drink served as a meal

re-pa-tri-ate \ˈrē-ˈpā-trē-,ˈāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to send or bring back to the country of origin or citizenship (↗ profits) (↗ prisoners of war) — **re-pa-tri-ate** \-trē-ət-,trē-,ˈāt\ *n* — **re-pa-tri-a-tion** \-,ˈpā-trē-ˈā-shən\ *n*

re-pay \ˈrē-ˈpā\ *vb* -paid \-ˈpād\; -pay-ing **1** : to pay back : REFUND **2** : to give or to do in return or requital **3** : to make a return payment to : RECOMPENSE, REQUITE **syn** remunerate, compensate, reimburse, indemnify — **re-pay-able** *adj* — **re-pay-ment** *n*

re-peal \ˈri-ˈpēl\ *vb* : to annul by authoritative and *esp.* legislative action — **repeal** *n* — **re-peal-er** *n*

re-peat \ˈri-ˈpēt\ *vb* **1** : to say again **2** : to do again **3** : to say over from memory **syn** iterate, reiterate, reprise — **re-peat-able** *adj* — **re-peat-er** *n*

re-peat \ˈri-ˈpēt, ˈrē-,ˈpēt\ *n* **1** : the act of repeating **2** : something repeated or to be repeated (as a radio or television program)

re-peated \ˈri-ˈpēt-əd\ *adj* : done or recurring again and again : FREQUENT — **re-peated-ly** *adv*

repeating decimal *n* : a decimal in which a particular digit or sequence of digits repeats itself indefinitely

re-pel \ˈri-ˈpel\ *vb* **re-pelled**; **re-pel-ling** **1** : to drive away : REPULSE **2** : to fight against : RESIST **3** : to turn away : REJECT **4** : to cause aversion in : DISGUST

re-pel-lent *also* **re-pel-lant** \ˈri-ˈpel-ənt\ *adj* **1** : tending to

drive away (a mosquito-repellent spray) **2** : causing disgust

repellent *also* **repellant** *n* : something that repels; *esp* : a substance used to prevent insect attacks

re-pent \ˈri-ˈpent\ *vb* **1** : to turn from sin and resolve to reform one's life **2** : to feel sorry for (something done) : REGRET — **re-pen-tance** \ˈri-ˈpent-ns\ *n* — **re-pen-tant** \-ˈnt\ *adj*

re-per-cus-sion \ˈrē-ˈpər-ˈkəsh-ən, ˈrep-ər-\ *n* **1** : REVERBERATION **2** : a reciprocal action or effect **3** : a widespread, indirect, or unforeseen effect of something done or said

rep-er-toire \ˈrep-ə(r)-ˈtwär\ *n* [F] **1** : a list of plays, operas, pieces, or parts which a company or performer is prepared to present **2** : a list of the skills or devices possessed by a person or needed in his occupation

rep-er-to-ry \ˈrep-ə(r)-ˈtōr-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ries **1** : REPOSITORY **2** : REPERTOIRE **3** : a company that presents its repertoire in the course of one season at one theater

rep-e-ti-tion \ˈrep-ə-ˈtish-ən\ *n* **1** : the act or an instance of repeating **2** : the fact of being repeated

rep-e-ti-tious \-ˈtish-əs\ *adj* : marked by repetition; *esp* : tediously repeating — **rep-e-ti-tious-ly** *adv* — **rep-e-ti-tious-ness** *n*

re-pet-i-tive \ˈri-ˈpet-ət-iv\ *adj* : REPETITIOUS — **re-pet-i-tive-ly** *adv* — **re-pet-i-tive-ness** *n*

re-pine \ˈri-ˈpīn\ *vb* **re-pined**; **re-pin-ing** **1** : to feel or express discontent or dejection **2** : to long for something

repl *abbr* replace; replacement

re-place \ˈri-ˈplās\ *vb* **1** : to restore to a former place or position **2** : to take the place of : SUPPLANT **3** : to put something new in the place of — **re-place-able** *adj* — **re-plac-er** *n*

re-place-ment \ˈri-ˈplās-mənt\ *n* **1** : the act of replacing : the state of being replaced : SUBSTITUTION **2** : one that replaces; *esp* : one assigned to a military unit to replace a loss or fill a quota

re-play \ˈrē-ˈplā\ *vb* : to play again or over

re-play \ˈrē-,ˈplā\ *n* **1** : an act or instance of replaying **2** : the playing of a tape (as a videotape)

re-plen-ish \ˈri-ˈplen-ish\ *vb* : to fill or build up again : stock or supply anew — **re-plen-ish-ment** *n*

re-plete \ˈri-ˈplēt\ *adj* **1** : fully provided **2** : FULL; *esp* : full of food — **re-plete-ness** *n*

re-ple-tion \ˈri-ˈplē-shən\ *n* : the state of being replete
rep-li-ca \ˈrep-li-kə\ *n* [It, repetition, fr. *replicare* to repeat, fr. LL, fr. L, to fold back, fr. *re-* back + *plicare* to fold] **1** : a close reproduction or facsimile (as of a painting or statue) *esp.* by the maker of the original **2** : COPY, DUPLICATE

rep-li-cate \ˈrep-lə-,kāt\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing : DUPLICATE, REPEAT

rep-li-cate \-li-kət\ *n* : one of several identical experiments or procedures

rep-li-ca-tion \ˈrep-lə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* **1** : ANSWER, REPLY **2** : precise copying or reproduction; *also* : an act or process of this

re-ply \ˈri-ˈplī\ *vb* **re-plied**; **re-ply-ing** : to say or do in answer : RESPOND

reply *n*, *pl* **replies** : ANSWER, RESPONSE

re-port \ˈri-ˈpōrt\ *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. OF, fr. *reporter* to report, fr. L *reportare*, fr. *re-* back + *portare* to carry] **1** : common talk : RUMOR **2** : FAME, REPUTATION **3** : a *usu.* detailed account or statement **4** : an explosive noise

report *vb* **1** : to give an account of : RELATE, TELL **2** : to serve as carrier of (a message) **3** : to prepare or present (as an account of an event) for a newspaper or a broadcast **4** : to make a charge of misconduct against **5** : to present oneself (as for work) **6** : to make known to the authorities (↗ a fire) **7** : to return or present (as a matter referred to a committee) with conclusions and recommendations — **re-port-able** *adj*

re-port-age \ri-'pōrt-ij, esp for 2 \rep-ər-'tāzh, \rep-,ōr-'n [F] 1 : the act or process of reporting news 2 : writing intended to give an account of observed or documented events

report card *n* : a periodic report on a student's grades
re-port-ed-ly \ri-'pōrt-əd-lē *adv* : according to report
re-port-er \ri-'pōrt-ər *n* : one that reports; *esp* : a person who gathers and reports news for a news medium — **re-por-to-ri-al** \ri-'pōrt-ō(r)-'tōr-ē-əl *adj*

re-pose \ri-'pōz\ *vb* **re-posed**; **re-pos-ing** 1 : to lay at rest 2 : to lie at rest 3 : to lie dead 4 : to take a rest 5 : to rest for support : **LIE**

repose *n* 1 : a state of resting (as after exertion); *esp* : **SLEEP** 2 : **CALM**, **PEACE** 3 : cessation or absence of activity, movement, or animation 4 : composure of manner : **POISE** — **re-pose-ful** *adj*

repose *vb* **re-posed**; **re-pos-ing** 1 : to place (as trust) in someone or something 2 : to place for control, management, or use

re-pos-i-to-ry \ri-'pāz-ə-,tōr-ē *n*, *pl* -ries 1 : a place where something is deposited or stored 2 : a person to whom something is entrusted

re-pos-sess \ri-'pə-'zes\ *vb* 1 : to regain possession of 2 : to resume possession in default of the payment of installments due — **re-pos-ses-sion** \-'zesh-ən *n*

rep-re-hend \ri-'rep-ri-'hend\ *vb* : to express disapproval of : **CENSURE** *syn* criticize, condemn, denounce, blame, pan — **rep-re-hen-sion** \-'hen-chən *n*

rep-re-hen-sible \-'hen-sə-bəl *adj* : deserving blame or censure : **CULPABLE** — **rep-re-hen-si-bly** \-'blē *adv*

rep-re-sent \ri-'rep-ri-'zent\ *vb* 1 : to present a picture or a likeness of : **PORTRAY**, **DEPICT** 2 : to serve as a sign or symbol of 3 : to act the role of 4 : to stand in the place of : act or speak for 5 : to be a member or example of : **TYPIFY** 6 : to serve as an elected representative of 7 : to describe as having a specified quality or character 8 : to state with the purpose of affecting judgment or action

rep-re-sen-ta-tion \ri-'rep-ri-,zen-'tā-shən *n* 1 : the act of representing 2 : one (as a picture or image) that represents something else 3 : the state of being represented in a legislative body; *also* : the body of persons representing a constituency 4 : a usu. formal statement made to effect a change

rep-re-sen-ta-tive \ri-'rep-ri-'zent-ət-iv\ *adj* 1 : serving to represent 2 : standing or acting for another 3 : founded on the principle of representation : carried on by elected representatives (~ government) — **rep-re-sen-ta-tive-ly** *adv* — **rep-re-sen-ta-tive-ness** *n*

representative *n* 1 : a typical example of a group, class, or quality 2 : one that represents another; *esp* : one representing a district in a legislative body *usu.* as a member of a lower house

re-press \ri-'pres\ *vb* 1 : **CURB**, **SUBDUE** 2 : **RESTRAIN**, **SUPPRESS**; *esp* : to exclude from consciousness — **re-pres-sion** \-'pres-ən *n* — **re-pres-sive** \-'pres-iv\ *adj*

re-prieve \ri-'prēv\ *vb* **re-prieved**; **re-priev-ing** 1 : to delay the punishment or execution of 2 : to give temporary relief to

reprieve *n* 1 : the act of reprieving : the state of being reprieved 2 : a formal temporary suspension of a sentence *esp.* of death 3 : a temporary respite

rep-ri-mand \ri-'rep-rə-,mand\ *n* : a severe or formal reproof

reprimand *vb* : to reprove severely or formally

re-print \ri-'rē-'print\ *vb* : to print again

re-print \ri-'rē-'print\ *n* : a reproduction of printed matter
re-pris-al \ri-'prī-zəl *n* : an act in retaliation for something done by another

re-prise \ri-'prēz\ *n* : a recurrence, renewal, or resumption of an action; *also* : a musical repetition

re-proach \ri-'prōch\ *n* 1 : a cause or occasion of blame or disgrace 2 : **DISGRACE**, **DISCREDIT** 3 : the act of re-

proaching : **REBUKE** — **re-proach-ful** \-fəl *adj* — **re-proach-ful-ly** \-lē *adv* — **re-proach-ful-ness** *n*

reproach *vb* 1 : **CENSURE**, **REBUKE** 2 : to cast discredit on *syn* chide, admonish, reprove, reprimand — **re-proach-able** *adj*

rep-ro-bate \ri-'rep-rə-,bāt\ *n* 1 : a person foreordained to damnation 2 : a thoroughly bad person : **SCOUNDREL** — **reprobate** *adj*

rep-ro-ba-tion \ri-'rep-rə-'bā-shən\ *n* : strong disapproval : **CONDEMNATION**

re-pro-duce \ri-'rē-prə-'d(y)ūs\ *vb* 1 : to produce again or anew 2 : to bear offspring — **re-pro-duc-ible** \-'d(y)ü-sə-bəl *adj* — **re-pro-duc-tion** \-'dək-shən *n* — **re-pro-duc-tive** \-'dək-tiv\ *adj*

re-proof \ri-'prüf\ *n* : blame or censure for a fault

re-prove \ri-'prüv\ *vb* **re-proved**; **re-prov-ing** 1 : to administer a rebuke to 2 : to express disapproval of *syn* reprimand, admonish, reproach, chide — **re-prov-er** *n*

rept *abbr* report

rep-tile \ri-'rep-tl-, -tīl *n* [ME *reptil*, fr. MF or LL; MF *reptile*, fr. LL *reptile*, fr. L *reperere* to creep] : any of a large class of air-breathing scaly vertebrates including snakes, lizards, alligators, and turtles — **rep-til-i-an** \ri-'pīl-ē-ən *adj* or *n*

re-pub-lic \ri-'pəb-lik\ *n* [F *république*, fr. MF *republique*, fr. L *respublica*, fr. *res* thing, wealth + *publica*, fem. of *publicus* public] 1 : a government having a chief of state who is not a monarch and is usu. a president; *also* : a nation or other political unit having such a government 2 : a government in which supreme power is held by the citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by elected officers and representatives governing according to law; *also* : a nation or other political unit having such a form of government

re-pub-li-can \-li-kən\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or resembling a republic 2 : favoring or supporting a republic 3 *cap* : of, relating to, or constituting one of the two major political parties in the U.S. evolving in the mid-19th century — **re-pub-li-can-ism** *n*, *often cap*

republican *n* 1 : one that favors or supports a republican form of government 2 *cap* : a member of a republican party and esp. of the Republican party of the U.S.

re-pu-di-ate \ri-'pyü-dē-,āt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing [L *repudiare* to cast off, divorce, fr. *repudium* divorce] 1 : to cast off : **DISOWN** 2 : to refuse to have anything to do with : refuse to acknowledge, accept, or pay (~ a charge) (~ a debt) *syn* spurn, reject, decline — **re-pu-di-a-tion** \-pyü-dē-'ā-shən\ *n* — **re-pu-di-a-tor** \-pyü-dē-,āt-ər\ *n*

re-pug-nance \ri-'pəg-nəns\ *n* 1 : the quality or fact of being contradictory or inconsistent 2 : strong dislike, distaste, or antagonism

re-pug-nant \-nənt\ *adj* 1 : marked by repugnance 2 : contrary to a person's tastes or principles : exciting distaste or aversion *syn* repellent, abhorrent, distasteful, obnoxious, revolting, loathsome — **re-pug-nant-ly** *adv*

re-pulse \ri-'pəls\ *vb* **re-pulsed**; **re-puls-ing** 1 : to drive or beat back : **REPEL** 2 : to repel by discourtesy or denial : **REBUFF** 3 : to cause a feeling of repulsion in : **DISGUST**

repulse *n* 1 : **REBUFF**, **REJECTION** 2 : a repelling or being repelled in hostile encounter

re-pul-sion \ri-'pəl-shən\ *n* 1 : the action of repulsing : the state of being repulsed 2 : the force with which bodies, particles, or like forces repel one another 3 : a feeling of aversion

re-pul-sive \-siv\ *adj* 1 : serving or tending to repel or reject 2 : arousing aversion or disgust *syn* repugnant,

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \d\go \ō\law \ō\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot
 \ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

revolting, loathsome, noisome — **re-pul-sive-ly** *adv* — **re-pul-sive-ness** *n*

rep-u-ta-ble \ˈrep-yət-ə-bəl/ *adj* : having a good reputation : ESTIMABLE — **rep-u-ta-bly** \-blē/ *adv*

rep-u-ta-tion \ˌrep-yə-ˈtā-shən/ *n* 1 : overall quality or character as seen or judged by people in general 2 : place in public esteem or regard

re-pute \ri-ˈpyüt/ *vb* **re-put-ed**; **re-put-ing** : CONSIDER, ACCOUNT

repute *n* 1 : REPUTATION 2 : the state of being favorably known or spoken of

re-put-ed \ri-ˈpyüt-əd/ *adj* 1 : REPUTABLE 2 : according to reputation : SUPPOSED — **re-put-ed-ly** *adv*

req *abbr* 1 request 2 require; required 3 requisition

re-quest \ri-ˈkwɛst/ *n* 1 : an act or instance of asking for something 2 : a thing asked for 3 : the fact or condition of being asked for (available on ~)

request *vb* 1 : to make a request to or of 2 : to ask for — **re-quest-er** *n*

re-qui-em \ˈrek-wē-əm, ˈrāk-/ *n* [ME, fr. L (first word of the requiem mass), acc. of *requies* rest, fr. *quies* quiet, rest] 1 : a mass for a dead person; *also* : a musical setting for this 2 : a musical service or hymn in honor of the dead

re-quire \ri-ˈkwī(ə)r/ *vb* **re-quired**; **re-quir-ing** 1 : to demand as necessary or essential 2 : COMMAND, ORDER

re-quire-ment \-mənt/ *n* 1 : something (as a condition or quality) required (entrance ~) 2 : NECESSITY

re-qui-site \ˈrek-wə-zəʔ/ *adj* : REQUIRED, NECESSARY — **requisite** *n*

re-qui-si-tion \ˌrek-wə-ˈzish-ən/ *n* 1 : formal application or demand (as for supplies) 2 : the state of being in demand or use — **requisition** *vb*

re-quite \ri-ˈkwīt/ *vb* **re-quit-ed**; **re-quit-ing** 1 : to make return for : REPAY 2 : to make retaliation for : AVENGE 3 : to make return to for a benefit or service or for an injury — **re-quit-al** \-kwīt-əl/ *n*

rere-dos \ˈrer-ə-,däs/ *n* : a usu. ornamental wood or stone screen or partition wall behind an altar

re-run \rē-,rən, ˈrē-rən/ *n* : the act or an instance of running again or anew; *esp* : a showing of a motion picture or television program after its first run — **re-run** \rē-rən/ *vb*

res *abbr* 1 research 2 reservation; reserve 3 residence 4 resolution

re-sale \ˈrē-,sāl, ˈsāl/ *n* : the act of selling again usu. to a new party — **re-sal-able** \ˈrē-sā-lə-bəl/ *adj*

re-scind \ri-ˈsind/ *vb* : REPEAL, CANCEL, ANNUL — **re-scind-er** *n* — **re-scis-sion** \-sɪz-ən/ *n*

re-script \ˈrē-,skript/ *n* : an official or authoritative order or decree

res-cue \ˈres-kyū/ *vb* **res-cued**; **res-cu-ing** [ME *rescuen*, fr. MF *rescourre*, fr. OF, fr. *re-re-* + *escourre* to shake out, fr. L *excutare*] : to free from danger, harm, or confinement *syn* deliver, save — **rescue** *n* — **res-cu-er** *n*

re-search \ri-ˈsərch, ˈrē-,sərch/ *n* 1 : careful or diligent search 2 : studious and critical inquiry and examination aimed at the discovery and interpretation of new knowledge 3 : the collecting of information about a particular subject — **research** *vb* — **re-search-er** *n*

re-section \ri-ˈsek-shən/ *n* : the surgical removal of part of an organ or structure

re-sem-blance \ri-ˈzem-bləns/ *n* : the quality or state of resembling

re-sem-ble \ri-ˈzem-bəl/ *vb* **-bled**; **-bling** \-b(ə-)lɪŋ/ : to be like or similar to

re-sent \ri-ˈzent/ *vb* : to feel or exhibit annoyance or indignation at — **re-sent-ful** \-fəl/ *adj* — **re-sent-ful-ly** \-ə/ *adv* — **re-sent-ment** *n*

re-ser-pine \ri-ˈsər-pēn, -pən/ *n* : a drug obtained from rauwolfia and used in treating high blood pressure and nervous tension

res-er-va-tion \ˌrez-ər-ˈvā-shən/ *n* 1 : an act of reserving

2 : something (as a room in a hotel) arranged for in advance 3 : something reserved; *esp* : a tract of public land set aside for a special use 4 : a limiting condition
re-serve \ri-ˈzər-v/ *vb* **re-served**; **re-serv-ing** 1 : to store for future or special use 2 : to hold back for oneself 3 : to set aside or arrange to have set aside or held for special use

reserve *n* 1 : something reserved : STOCK, STORE 2 : a military force withheld from action for later use — *usu.* used in pl. 3 : the military forces of a country not part of the regular services; *also* : RESERVIST 4 : a tract set apart : RESERVATION 5 : an act of reserving 6 : restraint or caution in one's words or bearing 7 : money or its equivalent kept in hand or set apart to meet liabilities

re-served \ri-ˈzər-vd/ *adj* 1 : restrained in words and actions 2 : set aside for future or special use — **re-serv-ed-ly** \-zər-vəd-lē/ *adv* — **re-serv-ed-ness** \-vəd-nəs/ *n*

re-serv-ist \ri-ˈzər-vəst/ *n* : a member of a military reserve
res-er-voir \ˈrez-ə(r)v-,wār, -ə(r)v-,(w)ɔr/ *n* [F] : a place where something is kept in store; *esp* : an artificial lake where water is collected as a water supply

re-shuf-fle \rē-ˈʃʊf-əl/ *vb* 1 : to shuffle again 2 : to reorganize *usu.* by redistribution of existing elements — **reshuffle** *n*

re-side \ri-ˈzɪd/ *vb* **re-sid-ed**; **re-sid-ing** 1 : to make one's home : DWELL 2 : to be present as a quality or vested as a right

res-i-dence \ˈrez-əd-əns/ *n* 1 : the act or fact of residing in a place as a dweller or in discharge of a duty or an obligation 2 : the place where one actually lives 3 : a building used as a home : DWELLING 4 : the period of living in a place

res-i-den-cy \ˈrez-əd-ən-sē/ *n*, *pl* **-cies** 1 : the residence of or the territory under a diplomatic resident 2 : a period of advanced training in a medical specialty

res-i-dent \-ənt/ *adj* 1 : RESIDING 2 : being in residence 3 : not migratory

resident *n* 1 : one who resides in a place 2 : a diplomatic representative with governing powers (as in a protectorate) 3 : a physician serving a residency

res-i-den-tial \ˌrez-ə-ˈden-ʃəl/ *adj* 1 : used as a residence or by residents 2 : occupied by or restricted to residences — **res-i-den-tial-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

re-sid-u-al \ri-ˈzɪj-(ə-wəl/ *adj* : being a residue or remainder

residual *n* 1 : a residual product or substance 2 : a payment (as to an actor or writer) for each rerun after an initial showing (as of a taped TV show)

re-sid-u-ary \ri-ˈzɪj-(ə-wer-ē/ *adj* : of, relating to, or constituting a residue *esp.* of an estate

res-i-due \ˈrez-ə-,d(ɪ-)u/ *n* : a part remaining after another part has been taken away : REMAINDER

re-sid-u-um \ri-ˈzɪj-ə-wəm/ *n*, *pl* **re-sid-ua** \-ə-wə/ [L] 1 : something remaining or residual after certain deductions are made 2 : a residual product *syn* remainder, rest, balance, remnant

re-sign \ri-ˈzɪn/ *vb* [ME *resignen*, fr. MF *resigner*, fr. L *resignare*, lit., to unseal, cancel, fr. *signare* to sign, seal] 1 : to give up deliberately (as one's position) *esp.* by a formal act 2 : to give (oneself) over (as to grief or despair) without resistance — **re-sign-ed-ly** \-zɪ-nəd-lē/ *adv*

re-sign \ˈrē-sɪn/ *vb* : to sign again

res-ig-na-tion \ˌrez-ig-ˈnā-shən/ *n* 1 : an act or instance of resigning; *also* : a formal notification of such an act 2 : the quality or state of being resigned

re-sil-i-ence \ri-ˈzɪl-yəns/ *n* 1 : the ability of a body to regain its original size and shape after being compressed, bent, or stretched 2 : an ability to recover from or adjust easily to change or misfortune

re-sil-i-en-cy \-yən-sē/ *n* : RESILIENCE

re-sil-i-ent \-yənt/ *adj* : marked by resilience *syn* flexible, supple

res-in \ˈrez-ən\ *n* : a substance obtained from the gum or sap of some trees and used esp. in varnishes, plastics, and medicine; *also* : a comparable synthetic product — **res-in-ous** *adj*

re-sist \ri-ˈzist\ *vb* **1** : to fight against : OPPOSE (∼ aggression) **2** : to withstand the force or effect of (∼ disease) *syn* combat, withstand, repel — **re-sist-ible** \-ˈzis-tə-bəl\ *adj* — **re-sist-less** *adj*

resist *n* : something (as a coating) that resists or prevents a particular action

re-sis-tance \ri-ˈzis-təns\ *n* **1** : the act or an instance of resisting : OPPOSITION **2** : the opposition offered by a body to the passage through it of a steady electric current

re-sis-tant \-tənt\ *adj* : giving or capable of resistance
re-sis-tiv-i-ty \ri-ˈzis-ˈtiv-ət-ē, ˈrē- \ *n, pl -ties* : capacity for resisting

re-sis-tor \ri-ˈzis-tər\ *n* : a device used to provide resistance to the flow of an electric current

res-o-lute \ˈrez-ə-, lüt\ *adj* : firmly determined in purpose : RESOLVED *syn* steadfast, staunch, faithful, true, loyal — **res-o-lute-ly** *adv* — **res-o-lute-ness** *n*

res-o-lu-tion \ˈrez-ə-ˈlū-shən\ *n* **1** : the act or process of resolving **2** : the action of solving; *also* : SOLUTION **3** : the quality of being resolute : FIRMNESS, DETERMINATION **4** : a formal statement expressing the opinion, will, or intent of a body of persons

re-solve \ri-ˈzäl\ *vb* **re-solved**; **re-solv-ing** **1** : to break up into constituent parts : ANALYZE **2** : to find an answer to : SOLVE **3** : DETERMINE, DECIDE **4** : to make or pass a formal resolution — **re-solv-able** *adj*

resolve *n* **1** : something resolved **2** : fixity of purpose
res-o-nance \ˈrez-ən-əns\ *n* **1** : the quality or state of being resonant **2** : a reinforcement of sound in a vibrating body caused by waves from another body vibrating at nearly the same rate

res-o-nant \ˈrez-ən-ənt\ *adj* **1** : continuing to sound : RESOUNDING **2** : relating to or exhibiting resonance **3** : intensified and enriched by or as if by resonance — **res-o-nant-ly** *adv*

res-o-nate \ˈrez-ən-, āt\ *vb -nat-ed; -nat-ing* **1** : to produce or exhibit resonance **2** : REVERBERATE, RESOUND

res-o-na-tor \-n-, āt-ər\ *n* : something that resounds or exhibits resonance

re-sorp-tion \rē-ˈsɔrp-shən, -ˈzɔrp-\ *n* : the action or process of breaking down and assimilating something (as a tooth or an embryo)

re-sort \ri-ˈzɔrt\ *n* [ME, fr. MF, resource, recourse, fr. *resortir* to rebound, resort, fr. OF, fr. *sortir* to escape, sally] **1** : one looked to for help : REFUGE **2** : RECOURSE **3** : frequent or general visiting (place of ∼) **4** : a frequently visited place : HAUNT **5** : a place providing recreation esp. to vacationers

resort *vb* **1** : to go often or habitually **2** : to have recourse (as for aid)

re-sound \ri-ˈzænd\ *vb* **1** : to become filled with sound : REVERBERATE, RING **2** : to sound loudly

re-sound-ing \-ɪŋ\ *adj* **1** : RESONATING, RESONANT **2** : impressively sonorous (∼ name) **3** : EMPHATIC, UNEQUIVOCAL (a ∼ success) — **re-sound-ing-ly** *adv*

re-source \rē-, sɔrs, ri-ˈsɔrs\ *n* [F *ressource*, fr. OF *resource* relief, resource, fr. *resoudre* to relieve, lit., to rise again, fr. L *resurgere*, fr. *re-* again + *urgere* to rise] **1** : a source of supply or support — usu. used in pl. **2 pl** : available funds **3** : a possibility of relief or recovery **4** : a means of spending leisure time **5** : ability to meet and handle situations — **re-source-ful** \ri-ˈsɔrs-fəl\ *adj* — **re-source-ful-ness** *n*

resp *abbr* respective; respectively

re-spect \ri-ˈspekt\ *n* **1** : relation to something usu. specified : REFERENCE, REGARD **2** : high or special regard : ESTEEM **3 pl** : an expression of respect or deference **4**

: DETAIL, PARTICULAR — **re-spect-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **re-spect-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **re-spect-ful-ness** *n*

respect *vb* **1** : to consider deserving of high regard : ESTEEM **2** : to refrain from interfering with (∼ another's privacy) **3** : to have reference to : CONCERN — **re-spect-er** *n*

re-spect-able \ri-ˈspek-tə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : worthy of respect : ESTIMABLE **2** : decent or correct in conduct : PROPER **3** : fair in size, quantity, or quality : MODERATE, TOLERABLE **4** : fit to be seen : PRESENTABLE — **re-spect-a-bil-i-ty** \-,spek-tə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n* — **re-spect-ably** \-ˈspek-tə-blē\ *adv*

re-spect-ing \-tɪŋ\ *prep* : with regard to

re-spec-tive \-tɪv\ *adj* : PARTICULAR, SEPARATE (returned to their ∼ homes)

re-spec-tive-ly \-lē\ *adv* **1** : as relating to each **2** : each in the order given

res-pi-ra-tion \res-pə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* **1** : an act or the process of breathing **2** : the physical and chemical processes (as breathing and oxidation) by which a living thing obtains the oxygen and eliminates waste gases (as carbon dioxide) — **re-spi-ra-to-ry** \ˈres-p(ə-)rə-,tôr-ē, ri-ˈspī-rə-\ *adj* — **re-spire** \ri-ˈspī(ə)r\ *vb*

res-pi-ra-tor \ˈres-pə-,rāt-ər\ *n* **1** : a device covering the mouth or nose esp. to prevent inhaling harmful vapors **2** : a device for artificial respiration

re-spite \ˈres-pət\ *n* **1** : a temporary delay **2** : an interval of rest or relief

re-splen-dent \ri-ˈsplen-dənt\ *adj* : shining brilliantly : gloriously bright : SPLENDID — **re-splen-dence** \-dəns\ *n* — **re-splen-dent-ly** *adv*

re-spond \ri-ˈspænd\ *vb* **1** : ANSWER, REPLY **2** : REACT (∼ to a stimulus) **3** : to show favorable reaction (∼ to medication) — **re-spond-er** *n*

re-spon-dent \ri-ˈspän-dənt\ *n* : one who responds; *esp* : one who answers in various legal proceedings — **respondent** *adj*

re-sponse \ri-ˈspäns\ *n* **1** : an act of responding **2** : something constituting a reply or a reaction

re-spon-si-bil-i-ty \ri-,spän-sə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n, pl -ties* **1** : the quality or state of being responsible **2** : something for which one is responsible

re-spon-si-ble \ri-ˈspän-sə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : liable to be called upon to answer for one's acts or decisions : ANSWERABLE **2** : able to fulfill one's obligations : RELIABLE, TRUSTWORTHY **3** : able to choose for oneself between right and wrong **4** : involving accountability or important duties (∼ position) — **re-spon-si-ble-ness** *n* — **re-spon-si-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

re-spon-sive \-siv\ *adj* **1** : RESPONDING **2** : quick to respond : SENSITIVE **3** : using responses (∼ readings) — **re-spon-sive-ly** *adv* — **re-spon-sive-ness** *n*

rest \ˈrest\ *n* **1** : REPOSE, SLEEP **2** : freedom from work or activity **3** : a state of motionlessness or inactivity **4** : a place of shelter or lodging **5** : a silence in music equivalent in duration to a note of the same value; *also* : a character indicating this **6** : something used as a support — **rest-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **rest-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv*



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rest *vb* **1** : to get rest by lying down; *esp* : SLEEP **2** : to cease from action or motion **3** : to give rest to : set at rest **4** : to sit or lie fixed or supported **5** : to place on or against a support **6** : to remain based or founded **7** : to

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
\əʊˈout \chˈchin \eɪˈbet \eɪˈeasy \əˈgo \iˈhit \iˈice \iˈjob
\ŋˈsing \oˈgo \oˈlaw \oʊˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \uˈloot
\\foot \yˈyet \zhˈvision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

cause to be firmly fixed : **GROUND 8** : to remain for action : **DEPEND**

³**rest** *n* : something that remains over

res-tau-rant \ˈres-t(ə)-rənt, -tə-rənt\ *n* [F, fr. prp. of *restaurer* to restore, fr. L *restaurare*] : a public eating place

res-tau-ra-teur \ˈres-tə-rə-ˈtər\ *also* **res-tau-ran-teur** \-rən-\ *n* : the operator or proprietor of a restaurant

rest home *n* : an establishment that gives care for the aged or convalescent

res-ti-tu-tion \ˈres-tə-ˈt(y)ū-shən\ *n* : the act of restoring : the state of being restored; *esp* : restoration of something to its rightful owner **syn** amends, redress, reparation, indemnity, compensation

res-tive \ˈres-tiv\ *adj* [ME, fr. MF *restif*, fr. *rester* to stop behind, remain, fr. L *restare*, fr. *re-* back + *stare* to stand] **1** : BALKY **2** : UNEASY, FIDGETY **syn** restless, impatient, nervous — **res-tive-ly** *adv* — **res-tive-ness** *n*

rest-less \ˈrest-ləs\ *adj* **1** : lacking or denying rest **2** : never resting or ceasing : UNQUIET (the ~ sea) **3** : marked by or showing unrest *esp.* of mind : DISCONTENTED **syn** restive, impatient, nervous, fidgety — **rest-less-ly** *adv* — **rest-less-ness** *n*

re-stor-able \ˈri-ˈstör-ə-bəl\ *adj* : fit for restoring or reclaiming

res-to-ra-tion \ˈres-tə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* **1** : an act of restoring : the state of being restored **2** : something that is restored; *esp* : a reconstruction or representation of an original form (as of a building)

re-stor-ative \ˈri-ˈstör-ət-iv\ *n* : something that restores *esp.* to consciousness or health — **restorative** *adj*

re-store \ˈri-ˈstör\ *vb* **re-stored**; **re-stor-ing** **1** : to give back : RETURN **2** : to put back into use or service **3** : to put or bring back into a former or original state : REPAIR, RE-NEW **4** : to put again in possession of something — **re-stor-er** *n*

re-strain \ˈri-ˈstrān\ *vb* **1** : to prevent from doing something **2** : to limit, restrict, or keep under control : CURB **3** : to place under restraint or arrest — **re-strain-able** *adj* — **re-strain-er** *n*

re-strained \ˈri-ˈstrānd\ *adj* : marked by restraint : DISCIPLINED — **re-strained-ly** \-ˈstrā-nəd-lē\ *adv*

re-straint \ˈri-ˈstrānt\ *n* **1** : an act of restraining : the state of being restrained **2** : a restraining force, agency, or device **3** : deprivation or limitation of liberty : CONFINEMENT **4** : control over one's feelings : RESERVE

re-strict \ˈri-ˈstrikt\ *vb* **1** : to confine within bounds : LIMIT **2** : to place under restriction as to use — **re-strictive** *adj* — **re-strictive-ly** *adv*

re-strict-ion \ˈri-ˈstrikt-shən\ *n* **1** : something (as a law or rule) that restricts **2** : an act of restricting : the state of being restricted

rest room *n* : a room or suite of rooms providing personal facilities (as toilets)

re-sult \ˈri-ˈzəlt\ *vb* [ME *resulten*, fr. ML *resultare*, fr. L, to rebound, fr. *re-* + *saltare* to leap] : to proceed or come about as an effect or consequence — **re-sul-tant** \-ˈzəlt-nt\ *adj* or *n*

²**result** *n* **1** : something that results : EFFECT, CONSEQUENCE **2** : beneficial or discernible effect **3** : something obtained by calculation or investigation

re-sume \ˈri-ˈzüm\ *vb* **re-sumed**; **re-sum-ing** **1** : to take or assume again **2** : to return to or begin again after interruption **3** : to take back to oneself — **re-sump-tion** \-ˈzəmp-shən\ *n*

ré-su-mé or **re-su-me** or **re-su-mé** \ˈrez-ə-, mā-, rez-ə-ˈmā\ *n* [F *résumé*] : SUMMARY; *esp* : a short account of one's career and qualifications usu. prepared by a job applicant

re-sur-gence \ˈri-ˈsər-jəns\ *n* : a rising again into life, activity, or prominence — **re-sur-gent** \-jənt\ *adj*

res-ur-rect \ˈrez-ə-ˈrekt\ *vb* **1** : to raise from the dead **2** : to bring to attention or use again

res-ur-rec-tion \ˈrez-ə-ˈrek-shən\ *n* **1** *cap* : the rising of Christ from the dead **2** *often cap* : the rising to life of all human dead before the final judgment **3** : REVIVAL

re-sus-ci-tate \ˈri-ˈsəs-ə-, tāt\ *vb* **-tat-ed**; **-tat-ing** : to revive from a condition resembling death — **re-sus-ci-ta-tion** \ˈri-, səs-ə-ˈtā-shən, -rē-\ *n* — **re-sus-ci-ta-tor** \-, tāt-ər\ *n*

ret *abbr* **1** retain **2** retired **3** return

re-tail \ˈrē-, tāl, *esp* for **2** also *ri-ˈtāl*\ *vb* **1** : to sell in small quantities directly to the ultimate consumer **2** : to tell in detail or to one person after another — **re-tail-er** *n*

²**re-tail** \ˈrē-, tāl\ *n* : the sale of goods in small amounts to ultimate consumers — **retail** *adj* or *adv*

re-tain \ˈri-ˈtān\ *vb* **1** : to hold in possession or use **2** : to engage (as a lawyer) by paying a fee in advance **3** : to keep in a fixed place or position **syn** detain, withhold, reserve

re-tain-er \-ər\ *n* **1** : one that retains **2** : a servant in a wealthy household; *also* : EMPLOYEE

²**retainer** *n* : a fee paid to secure services (as of a lawyer)

re-take \ˈrē-ˈtāk\ *vb* **-took** \-ˈtūk\; **-tak-en** \-ˈtā-kən\; **-tak-ing** **1** : to take or seize again **2** : to photograph again

²**re-take** \ˈrē-, tāk\ *n* : a second photographing of a motion-picture scene

re-tal-i-ate \ˈri-ˈtal-ē-, āt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** : to return like for like; *esp* : to get revenge — **re-tal-i-a-tion** \-, tal-ē-ˈā-shən\ *n* — **re-tal-ia-to-ry** \-ˈtal-yə-, tōr-ē\ *adj*

re-tard \ˈri-ˈtārd\ *vb* **1** : to hold back : delay the progress of **syn** slow, slacken, detain — **re-tar-da-tion** \ˈrē-, tār-ˈdā-shən, ri-\ *n* — **re-tard-er** *n*

re-tar-date \ˈri-ˈtārd-, āt-, ət\ *n* : a mentally retarded person

re-tard-ed \ˈri-ˈtārd-əd\ *adj* : slow or limited in intellectual, emotional, or academic development (a ~ child)

retch \ˈrech, ˈrēch\ *vb* **1** : to try to vomit

re-ten-tion \ˈri-ˈten-shən\ *n* **1** : the act of retaining : the state of being retained **2** : the power of retaining *esp.* in the mind : RETENTIVENESS

re-ten-tive \-ˈtent-iv\ *adj* : having the power of retaining; *esp* : retaining knowledge easily — **re-ten-tive-ness** *n*

ret-i-cent \ˈret-ə-sənt\ *adj* : inclined to be silent or secretive : UNCOMMUNICATIVE **syn** reserved, taciturn, close-mouthed — **ret-i-cence** \-səns\ *n* — **ret-i-cent-ly** *adv*

ret-i-na \ˈret-nə-, ə\ *n*, *pl* **retinas** or **ret-i-nae** \-ˈnə-, ē\ : the sensory membrane lining the eye and receiving the image formed by the lens — **ret-i-nal** \ˈret-nəl\ *adj*

ret-i-nue \ˈret-nə-, (y)ū\ *n* : the body of attendants or followers of a distinguished person

re-tire \ˈri-ˈtī(ə)r\ *vb* **re-tired**; **re-tir-ing** **1** : RETREAT **2** : to withdraw *esp.* for privacy **3** : to withdraw from one's occupation or position **4** : to go to bed **5** : to withdraw from circulation or from the market or from usual use or service **6** : to cause to be out in baseball — **re-tire-ment** *n*

re-tired \ˈri-ˈtī(ə)r-d\ *adj* **1** : SECLUDED, QUIET **2** : withdrawn from active duty or from one's occupation **3** : received by or due to one who has retired

re-tir-ee \ˈri-, tī-ˈrē\ *n* : a person who has retired from an occupation

re-tir-ing \ˈri-ˈtīr-ɪŋ\ *adj* : SHY, RESERVED

¹**re-tort** \ˈri-ˈtōrt\ *vb* [L *retortus*, pp. of *retorquere*, lit., to twist back, hurl back, fr. *re-* back + *torquere* to twist] **1** : to say in reply : answer back usu. sharply **2** : to answer (an argument) by a counter argument **3** : RETALIATE

²**retort** *n* : a quick, witty, or cutting reply

³**re-tort** \ˈri-ˈtōrt, ˈrē-, tōrt\ *n* [MF *retorte*, fr. ML *retorta*, fr. L, fem. of *retortus*, pp. of *retorquere* to twist back; fr. its shape] : a vessel in which substances are distilled or broken up by heat

re-touch \ˈrē-ˈtʃʌ\ *vb* : TOUCH UP; *esp* : to change (as a photographic negative) in order to produce a more desirable appearance

re-trace \ˈ(ˈ)rē-ˈtrās\ *vb* : to trace again or in a reverse direction (<retraced his steps>)

re-tract \ri-'trakt\ *vb* **1** : to draw back or in **2** : to withdraw (as a charge or promise) : DISAVOW — **re-tract-able** *adj* — **re-trac-tion** \-'trak-shən\ *n*

re-trac-tile \ri-'trak-tēl, -tīl\ *adj* : capable of being drawn back or in (∼ claws)

re-tread \rē-'tred\ *vb* **re-tread-ed**; **re-tread-ing** : to put a new tread on (a worn tire)

re-tread \rē-,tred\ *n* **1** : a new tread on a tire **2** : a retreaded tire **3** : one pressed into service again; *also* : REMAKE

re-treat \ri-'trēt\ *n* **1** : an act of withdrawing esp. from something dangerous, difficult, or disagreeable **2** : a military signal for withdrawal; *also* : a military flag-lowering ceremony **3** : a place of privacy or safety : REFUGE **4** : a period of group withdrawal for prayer, meditation, and study

re-treat *vb* **1** : to make a retreat : WITHDRAW **2** : to slope backward

re-trench \ri-'trench\ *vb* [obs. F *retrencher* (now *retrencher*), fr. MF *retrenchier*, fr. *re-* + *trenchier* to cut] **1** : to cut down or pare away : REDUCE, CURTAIL **2** : to cut down expenses : ECONOMIZE — **re-trench-ment** *n*

ret-ri-bu-tion \,re-trə-'byū-shən\ *n* : something administered or exacted in recompense; *esp* : PUNISHMENT *syn* reprisal, vengeance, revenge, retaliation — **re-trib-utive** \ri-'trib-yū-tiv\ *adj* — **re-trib-u-to-ry** \-yə-,tôr-ē\ *adj*

re-trieve \ri-'trēv\ *vb* **re-trieved**; **re-triev-ing** **1** : to search about for and bring in (killed or wounded game) **2** : RECOVER, RESTORE — **re-triev-able** *adj* — **re-triev-al** \-'trē-vəl\ *n*

re-triev-er \ri-'trē-vər\ *n* : one that retrieves; *esp* : a dog of any of several breeds used esp. for retrieving game

ret-ro-ac-tive \,re-trō-'ak-tiv\ *adj* : made effective as of a date prior to enactment (a ∼ pay raise) — **ret-ro-ac-tively** *adv*

ret-ro-fire \rē-trō-,fī(ə)r\ *vb* : to ignite a retro-rocket — **retrofire** *n*

ret-ro-fit \,re-trō-'fit\ *vb* : to furnish (as an aircraft) with newly available equipment

ret-ro-grade \rē-trə-'grād\ *adj* **1** : moving or tending backward **2** : tending toward or resulting in a worse condition

retrograde *vb* **1** : RETREAT **2** : DETERIORATE, DEGENERATE

ret-ro-gres-sion \,re-trə-'gresh-ən\ *n* : return to a former and less complex level of development or organization — **ret-ro-gress** \,re-trə-'gres\ *vb* — **ret-ro-gres-sive** \,re-trə-'gres-iv\ *adj*

ret-ro-rock-et \rē-trō-,rāk-ət\ *n* : an auxiliary rocket (as on a spacecraft) used to slow forward motion

ret-ro-spect \rē-trə-'spekt\ *n* : a review of past events — **ret-ro-spec-tion** \,re-trə-'spek-shən\ *n* — **ret-ro-spec-tive** \-'spek-tiv\ *adj* — **ret-ro-spec-tive-ly** *adv*

ret-ro-vi-rus \rē-trō-,vī-rəs\ *n* : any of a group of RNA-containing viruses (as the AIDS virus) that make DNA using RNA instead of the reverse and include numerous viruses causing tumors in animals including man

re-turn \ri-'tərn\ *vb* **1** : to go or come back **2** : to pass, give, or send back to an earlier possessor **3** : to put back to or in a former place or state **4** : REPLY, ANSWER **5** : to report esp. officially **6** : to elect to office **7** : to bring in (as profit) : YIELD **8** : to give or perform in return — **re-turn-er** *n*

return *n* **1** : an act of coming or going back to or from a former place or state **2** : RECURRENCE **3** : a report of the results of balloting **4** : a formal statement of taxable income **5** : the profit from labor, investment, or business : YIELD **6** : the act of returning something **7** : something that returns or is returned; *also* : a means (as a pipe) of returning **8** : something given in repayment or reciprocation; *also* : ANSWER, RETORT **9** : an answering play — **return** *adj*

re-turn-able \ri-'tərn-ə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being re-

turned (as for reuse or recycling); *also* : permitted to be returned

returnable *n* : a returnable beverage container

re-turn-ee \ri-,tər-'nē\ *n* : one who returns

re-union \rē-'yü-njən\ *n* **1** : an act of reuniting : the state of being reunited **2** : a meeting again of persons who have been separated

rev \rēv\ *n* : a revolution of a motor

rev *vb* **revved**; **rev-ving** : to increase the revolutions per minute of (a motor)

rev *abbr* **1** revenue **2** reverse **3** review; reviewed **4** revised; revision **5** revolution

Rev *abbr* **1** Revelation **2** Reverend

re-vamp \('rē-'vamp\ *vb* : RECONSTRUCT, REVISE; *esp* : to give a new form to old materials

re-vanche \rə-'vānsh\ *n* [F] : REVENGE; *esp* : a usu. political policy designed to recover lost territory or status

re-veal \ri-'vél\ *vb* **1** : to make known **2** : to show plainly : open up to view

rev-eil-le \rev-ə-lē\ *n* [modif. of F *réveillez*, imper. pl. of *réveiller* to awaken, fr. *veiller* to awaken, fr. (assumed) VL *exvigilare*, fr. L *vigilare* to keep watch, stay awake] : a military signal sounded at about sunrise

rev-el \rev-əl\ *vb* **-eled or -elled**; **-el-ing or -el-ling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to take part in a revel **2** : to take great delight — **rev-el-er or rev-el-er** \-ər\ *n* — **rev-el-ry** \-əl-rē\ *n*

revel *n* : a usu. wild party or celebration

rev-e-la-tion \,rev-ə-'lā-shən\ *n* **1** : an act of revealing **2** : something revealed; *esp* : an enlightening or astonishing disclosure

Rev-e-la-tion \rev-ə-'lā-shən\ *n* — see BIBLE table

re-venge \ri-'venj\ *vb* **re-venge-d**; **re-venge-ing** : to inflict harm or injury in return for (a wrong) : AVENGE — **re-venge-er** *n*

revenge *n* **1** : the act of revenging **2** : a desire to return evil for evil **3** : an opportunity for getting satisfaction *syn* vengeance, retaliation, retribution, reprisal — **re-venge-ful** *adj*

rev-e-nue \rev-ə-,n(y)ü\ *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. *revenir* to return, fr. L *revenire*, fr. *re-* back + *venire* to come] **1** : investment income **2** : money collected by a government (as through taxes)

rev-e-nu-er \rev-ə-,n(y)ü-ər\ *n* : a revenue officer or boat

re-verb \ri-'vərb, 'rē-,vərb\ *n* : an electronically produced echo effect in recorded music; *also* : a device for producing reverb

re-ver-ber-ate \ri-'vər-bə-,rāt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** **1** : REFLECT (∼ light or heat) **2** : to resound in or as if in a series of echoes — **re-ver-ber-a-tion** \-,vər-bə-'rā-shən\ *n*

re-vere \ri-'viər\ *vb* **re-versed**; **re-ver-ing** : to show honor and devotion to : VENERATE *syn* reverence, worship, adore

revere *n* : REVERS

re-ver-ence \rev-(ə-)rəns\ *n* **1** : honor and respect mixed with love and awe **2** : a sign (as a bow or curtsy) of respect

reverence *vb* **-enced**; **-enc-ing** : to regard or treat with reverence

re-ver-end \-rənd\ *adj* **1** : worthy of reverence : REVERED **2** : being a member of the clergy — used as a title

reverend *n* : a member of the clergy

re-ver-ent \-rənt\ *adj* : expressing reverence — **rev-er-ent-ly** *adv*

rev-er-en-tial \,rev-ə-'ren-chəl\ *adj* : REVERENT

rev-er-ie *also* **re-very** \rev-(ə-)rē\ *n*, pl **-er-ies** **1** : DAY-DREAM **2** : the state of being lost in thought

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
 \ə'u'out \ch\chin \ə'bet \ə'easy \g'ago \i'hit \i'ice \j'job
 \ŋ'sing \ə'go \ə'law \ə'i'boy \th'thin \th'the \ū'loot
 \ū'foot \y'yet \zh'vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

re-vers \ri-ˈvɪər, -ˈveər/ *n*, *pl* **re-vers** \-ˈvɪərz, -ˈveərz/ [F] : a lapel esp. on a woman's garment

re-ver-sal \ri-ˈvər-səl/ *n* : an act or process of reversing

re-verse \ri-ˈvərs/ *adj* **1** : opposite to a previous or normal condition **2** : acting or operating in a manner opposite or contrary **3** : effecting reverse movement — **re-verse-ly** *adv*

reverse *vb* **re-vers-ed**; **re-vers-ing** **1** : to turn upside down or completely about in position or direction **2** : to set aside or change (as a legal decision) **3** : to change to the contrary (∼ a policy) **4** : to go or cause to go in the opposite direction **5** : to put (as a car) in reverse — **re-vers-ible** \-ˈvər-sə-bəl/ *adj*

reverse *n* **1** : something contrary to something else : **opposite** **2** : an act or instance of reversing; *esp* : a change for the worse **3** : the back of something **4** : a gear that reverses something

re-ver-sion \ri-ˈvər-zhən/ *n* **1** : the right of succession or future possession (as to a title or property) **2** : return toward some former or ancestral condition; *also* : a product of this — **re-ver-sion-ary** \-zhə-ˈner-ē/ *adj*

re-vert \ri-ˈvɜrt/ *vb* **1** : to come or go back (∼ed to savagery) **2** : to return to a proprietor or his or her heirs **3** : to return to an ancestral type

re-view \ri-ˈvyü/ *n* **1** : an act of revising **2** : a formal military inspection **3** : a general survey **4** : **INSPECTION**, **EXAMINATION**; *esp* : **REEXAMINATION** **5** : a critical evaluation (as of a book) **6** : a magazine devoted to reviews and essays **7** : a renewed study of previously studied material **8** : **REVUE**

re-view \ri-ˈvyü/ *1 also* **re-ˌ** *vb* **1** : to examine or study again; *esp* : to reexamine judicially **2** : to hold a review of (∼ troops) **3** : to write a critical examination of (∼ a novel) **4** : to view retrospectively : look back over (∼ed his life) **5** : to study material again

re-view-er \ri-ˈvyü-ər/ *n* : one that reviews; *esp* : a writer of critical reviews

re-vile \ri-ˈvɪl/ *vb* **re-viled**; **re-vil-ing** : to abuse verbally : rail at *syn* vituperate, berate, rate, upbraid, scold — **re-vile-ment** *n* — **re-vil-er** *n*

re-vise \ri-ˈvɪz/ *vb* **re-revised**; **re-vis-ing** **1** : to look over something written in order to correct or improve **2** : to make a new version of — **re-vis-able** *adj* — **re-vise** *n* — **re-vis-er** *or* **re-vi-sor** \ri-ˈvɪ-zər/ *n* — **re-vi-sion** \ri-ˈvɪz-ən/ *n* **re-vi-tal-ize** \ri-ˈvɪt-ə-lɪz/ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to give new life or vigor to — **re-vi-tal-iza-tion** \ri-ˈvɪt-ə-lə-ˈzā-shən/ *n*

re-viv-al \ri-ˈvɪ-vəl/ *n* **1** : an act of reviving : the state of being revived **2** : a new publication or presentation (as of a book or play) **3** : an evangelistic meeting or series of meetings

re-vive \ri-ˈvɪv/ *vb* **re-revived**; **re-viv-ing** **1** : to return or restore to consciousness or life : become or make active or flourishing again **2** : to bring back into use **3** : to renew mentally — **re-viv-er** *n*

re-viv-i-fy \ri-ˈvɪv-ə-ˈfɪ/ *vb* : **REVIVE** — **re-viv-i-fi-ca-tion** \ri-ˈvɪv-ə-ˈfɪ-kā-shən/ *n*

re-vo-ca-ble \ri-ˈvə-kə-bəl *also* ri-ˈvō-kə-bəl/ *adj* : capable of being revoked

re-vo-ca-tion \ri-ˈvə-ˈkā-shən/ *n* : an act or instance of revoking

re-voke \ri-ˈvōk/ *vb* **re-voked**; **re-vok-ing** **1** : to annul by recalling or taking back : **REPEAL**, **RESCIND** **2** : **RENEGE** **1** — **re-vok-er** *n*

re-volt \ri-ˈvɒlt/ *vb* **1** : to throw off allegiance to a ruler or government : **REBEL** **2** : to experience disgust or shock **3** : to turn or cause to turn away with disgust or abhorrence — **re-volt-er** *n*

revolt *n* : **REBELLION**, **INSURRECTION**

re-volt-ing \-ɪŋ/ *adj* : extremely offensive — **re-volt-ing-ly** *adv*

rev-o-lu-tion \ri-ˈvɒl-ū-shən/ *n* **1** : the action by a heavenly body of going round in an orbit **2** : **ROTATION** **3** : a

sudden, radical, or complete change; *esp* : the overthrow or renunciation of one ruler or government and substitution of another by the governed

rev-o-lu-tion-ary \-shə-ˈner-ē/ *adj* **1** : of or relating to revolution **2** : tending to or promoting revolution **3** : constituting or bringing about a major change

revolutionary *n*, *pl* -**ar-ies** : one who takes part in a revolution or who advocates revolutionary doctrines

rev-o-lu-tion-ist \ri-ˈvɒl-ū-sh(ə)-nəst/ *n* : **REVOLUTIONARY** — **revolutionist** *adj*

rev-o-lu-tion-ize \-shə-ˈnɪz/ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to change fundamentally or completely : make revolutionary — **rev-o-lu-tion-iz-er** *n*

re-volve \ri-ˈvɒlv/ *vb* **re-revolved**; **re-revolving** **1** : to turn over in the mind : reflect upon : **PONDER** **2** : to move in an orbit; *also* : **ROTATE** — **re-revolvable** *adj*

re-revol-er \ri-ˈvɒl-vər/ *n* : a pistol with a revolving cylinder of several chambers

re-vue \ri-ˈvyü/ *n* : a theatrical production consisting typically of brief often satirical sketches and songs

re-vul-sion \ri-ˈvʌl-shən/ *n* **1** : a strong sudden reaction or change of feeling **2** : a feeling of complete distaste or repugnance

revved *past and past part of* **REV**

revving *pres part of* **REV**

re-ward \ri-ˈwɜrd/ *vb* **1** : to give a reward to or for **2** : **RECOMPENSE**

reward *n* **1** : something given in return for good or evil done or received; *esp* : something given or offered for some service or attainment **2** : a stimulus that is administered to an organism after a response and that increases the probability of occurrence of the response *syn* premium, prize, award

re-work \ri-ˈwɜrk/ *vb* **1** : **REVISE** **2** : to reprocess for further use

RF *abbr* radio frequency

RFD *abbr* rural free delivery

Rh *symbol* rhodium

RH *abbr* right hand

rhap-so-dy \ri-ˈsəd-ē/ *n*, *pl* -**dies** [L *rhapsodia* portion of an epic poem adapted for recitation, fr. Gk *rhapsōidia* recitation of selections from epic poetry, rhapsody, fr. *rhaptein* to sew, stitch together + *aidein* to sing] **1** : an expression of extravagant praise or ecstasy **2** : an instrumental composition of irregular form — **rhap-sod-ic** \ri-ˈsəd-ik/ *adj* — **rhap-sod-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē/ *adv* — **rhap-so-dize** \ri-ˈsəd-ɪz/ *vb*

rhea \ri-ˈeə/ *n* : any of several large flightless 3-toed So. American birds that resemble but are smaller than the African ostrich

rhe-ni-um \ri-ˈnē-əm/ *n* : a rare heavy hard metallic chemical element — see **ELEMENT** table

rheo-stat \ri-ˈeə-stət/ *n* : a resistor for regulating an electric current by means of variable resistances — **rheo-stat-ic** \ri-ˈeə-stat-ik/ *adj*

rhe-sus monkey \ri-ˈsəs-/ *n* : a pale brown Indian monkey often used in medical research

rhet-o-ric \ri-ˈet-ə-rik/ *n* [ME *rethorik*, fr. MF *rethorique*, fr. L *rhetorica*, fr. Gk *rhētorikē*, lit., art of oratory] : the art of speaking or writing effectively — **rhe-tor-i-cal** \ri-ˈtōr-i-kəl/ *adj* — **rhe-tor-i-cian** \ri-ˈet-ə-rish-ən/ *n*

rheum \ri-ˈm/ *n* : a watery discharge from the mucous membranes esp. of the eyes or nose — **rheumy** *adj* **rheu-mat-ic fever** \ri-ˈmat-ik-/ *n* : an acute disease chiefly of children and young adults that is characterized by fever, by inflammation and pain in and around the joints, and by inflammation of the membranes surrounding the heart and the heart valves

rheu-ma-tism \ri-ˈmə-tiz-əm, ri-ˈmā-/ *n* : any of various conditions marked by stiffness, pain, or swelling in muscles or joints — **rheu-mat-ic** \ri-ˈmat-ik/ *adj*

rheu-ma-toid arthritis \ri-ˈtōid-/ *n* : a progressive constitu-

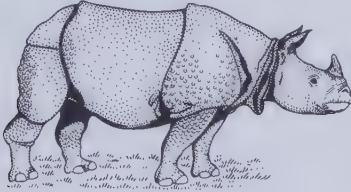
tional disease characterized by inflammation and swelling of joint structures

Rh factor \ˈär-ˌäch-ə\ *n* [rhesus monkey (in which it was first detected)] : any of one or more inherited substances in red blood cells that may cause dangerous reactions in some infants or in transfusions

rhine-stone \ˈrīn-,stōn\ *n* : a colorless imitation stone of high luster made of glass, paste, or gem quartz

rhino \ˈrī-nō\ *n*, *pl* **rhino** or **rhinos** : RHINOCEROS

rhinoceros \rī-ˈnäs-(ə-)rəs\ *n*, *pl* **no-cer-os-es** or **no-cer-os** or **no-eri** \-ˈnäs-ə-,rī\ [ME *rinoceros*, fr. L *rhinoceros*, fr. Gk *rhinokērōs*, fr. *rhin-*, *rhis* nose + *keras* horn] : a large thick-skinned mammal of Africa and Asia with one or two upright horns of keratin on the snout and three toes on each foot



rhinoceros

rhi-zome \ˈrī-,zōm\ *n* : a specialized rootlike plant stem that forms shoots above and roots below — **rhi-zom-a-tous** \rī-ˈzām-ət-əs\ *adj*

Rh-neg-a-tive \är-,äch-ˈneg-ət-iv\ *adj* : lacking Rh factors in the red blood cells

rho-di-um \ˈrōd-ē-əm\ *n* : a hard ductile metallic chemical element — see ELEMENT table

rho-do-den-dron \ˈrōd-ə-ˈden-drən\ *n* : any of various shrubs or trees of the heath family grown for their clusters of large bright flowers

rhomboid \ˈräm-,bōid\ *n* : a parallelogram with unequal adjacent sides and angles that are not right angles

rhombus \ˈräm-bəs\ *n*, *pl* **rhombus-es** or **rhomb-i** \-,bī\ : a parallelogram having all four sides equal

Rh-pos-i-tive \är-,äch-ˈpāz-ət-iv\ *adj* : containing Rh factors in the red blood cells

ru-barb \rū-,bärb\ *n* [ME *rubarbe*, fr. MF *reubarbe*, fr. ML *reubarbarum*, alter. of *rha barbarum*, lit., barbarian rhubarb] : a garden plant related to the buckwheat and having thick juicy edible pink and red stems on the leaves

rhyme \ˈrīm\ *n* 1 : a composition in verse that rhymes; also : POETRY 2 : correspondence in terminal sounds (as of two lines of verse)

rhyme *vb* **rhymed**; **rhym-ing** 1 : to make rhymes; also : to write poetry 2 : to have rhymes : be in rhyme

rhy-o-lite \ˈrī-ə-,līt\ *n* : a very acid volcanic rock

rhythm \ˈrīth-əm\ *n* 1 : regular rise and fall in the flow of sound in speech 2 : a movement or activity in which some action or element recurs regularly — **rhyth-mic** \ˈrīth-mik\ or **rhyth-mi-cal** \-mi-kəl\ *adj* — **rhyth-mi-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

rhythm and blues *n* : popular music based on blues and Negro folk music

rhythm method *n* : a method of birth control in which a couple does not have sexual intercourse during the time when ovulation is most likely to occur

RI *abbr* Rhode Island

ri-al \rē-ˈōl-,ˈäl\ *n* — see MONEY table

rib \ˈrīb\ *n* 1 : any of the series of curved bones of the chest of most vertebrates that are joined to the backbone in pairs and help to support the body wall and protect the organs inside 2 : something resembling a rib in shape or function 3 : an elongated ridge

rib *vb* **ribbed**; **rib-bing** 1 : to furnish or strengthen with ribs 2 : to mark with ridges in knitting

rib *vb* **ribbed**; **rib-bing** : to poke fun at : TEASE — **rib-ber** *n*

rib-ald \ˈrīb-əld\ *adj* : coarse or indecent esp. in language (~ jokes) — **rib-ald-ry** \-əl-drē\ *n*

rib-and \ˈrīb-ənd\ *n* : RIBBON

rib-bon \ˈrīb-ən\ *n* 1 : a narrow fabric typically of silk or velvet used for trimming and for badges 2 : a strip of inked cloth (as in a typewriter) 3 : TATTER (to ~s)

ri-bo-fla-vin \,rī-bə-ˈflā-vən, ˈrī-bə-ˈflā-vən\ *n* : a growth-promoting vitamin of the vitamin B complex occurring in milk and liver

ri-bo-nu-cle-ic acid \,rī-bō-n(y)ū-,klē-ik-, -,klā-ə\ *n* : RNA

ri-bose \ˈrī-,bōs\ *n* : a sugar with five carbon atoms and five oxygen atoms in each molecule that is part of RNA

ri-bo-some \ˈrī-bə-,sōm\ *n* : any of the RNA-rich cytoplasmic granules in a cell that are sites of protein synthesis — **ri-bo-som-al** \,rī-bə-ˈsō-məl\ *adj*

rice \ˈrīs\ *n* : an annual grass grown in warm wet areas for its edible seed; also : this seed

rich \ˈrīch\ *adj* 1 : possessing or controlling great wealth : WEALTHY 2 : COSTLY, VALUABLE 3 : deep and pleasing in color or tone 4 : ABUNDANT 5 : containing much sugar, fat, or seasoning; also : high in combustible content 6 : FRUITFUL, FERTILE — **rich-ly** *adv* — **rich-ness** *n*

rich-es \ˈrīch-əz\ *n pl* [ME, sing. or pl., fr. *richesse*, lit., richness, fr. OF, fr. *riche* rich] : things that make one rich : WEALTH

Rich-ter scale \ˈrīk-tər-ə\ *n* : a scale for expressing the magnitude of a seismic disturbance (as an earthquake) in terms of the energy dissipated in it

rick \ˈrīk\ *n* : a large stack (as of hay) in the open air

rick-ets \ˈrīk-əts\ *n* : a deficiency disease of children marked esp. by soft deformed bones and caused by inadequate sunlight or inadequate vitamin D

rick-ett-sia \rī-ˈket-sē-ə\ *n*, *pl* **-si-as** or **-si-ae** \-sē-,ē\ : any of a family of rod-shaped microorganisms that cause various diseases (as typhus)

rick-ety \ˈrīk-ət-ē\ *adj* 1 : affected with rickets 2 : FEEBLE 3 : SHAKY

rick-sha or **rick-shaw** \ˈrīk-,shō\ *n* : a small covered 2-wheeled vehicle pulled by one person and used orig. in Japan

ric-o-chet \ˈrīk-ə-,shā, Brit also -,shet\ *n* : a glancing rebound or skipping (as of a bullet off a wall)

ricochet *vb* **-cheted** \-,shād\ or **-chet-ted** \-,shet-əd\; **-chet-ing** \-,shā-ɪŋ\ or **-chet-ting** \-,shet-ɪŋ\ : to skip with or as if with glancing rebounds

rid \ˈrīd\ *vb* **rid** also **rid-ded**; **rid-ding** : to make free : CLEAR, RELIEVE — **rid-dance** \ˈrīd-ˈnɑns\ *n*

rid-den \ˈrīd-ən\ *adj* 1 : being harassed, oppressed, or obsessed by (debt-ridden) (conscience-ridden) 2 : excessively full of or supplied with (slum-ridden)

rid-dle \ˈrīd-əl\ *n* : a puzzling question to be solved or answered by guessing

rid-dle *vb* **rid-dled**; **rid-dling** \ˈrīd-(ə-)lɪŋ\ 1 : EXPLAIN, SOLVE 2 : to speak in riddles

3riddle *n* : a coarse sieve

rid-dle *vb* **rid-dled**; **rid-dling** \ˈrīd-(ə-)lɪŋ\ 1 : to sift with a riddle 2 : to fill as full of holes as a sieve 3 : PERMEATE

ride \ˈrīd\ *vb* **rode** \ˈrōd\; **rid-den** \ˈrīd-ən\; **rid-ing** \ˈrīd-ɪŋ\ 1 : to go on an animal's back or in a conveyance (as a boat, car, or airplane); also : to sit on and control so as to be carried along (~ a bicycle) 2 : to float or move on water (~ at anchor); also : to move like a floating object 3 : to bear along : CARRY (rode her on their shoulders) 4 : to travel over a surface (car ~s well) 5 : to proceed

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\ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ɔ\go \ɔ\law \ɔ\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
\ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

over on horseback **6** : to torment by nagging or teasing
ride *n* **1** : an act of riding; *esp* : a trip on horseback or by vehicle **2** : a way (as a lane) suitable for riding **3** : a mechanical device (as a merry-go-round) for riding on **4** : a means of transportation

rid-er \ˈrɪd-ər/ *n* **1** : one that rides **2** : an addition to a document often attached on a separate piece of paper **3** : a clause dealing with an unrelated matter attached to a legislative bill during passage — **rid-er-less** *adj*

ridge \ˈrɪdʒ/ *n* **1** : a range of hills **2** : a raised line or strip **3** : the line made where two sloping surfaces meet — **ridgy** *adj*

ridge *vb* **ridged**; **ridg-ing** **1** : to form into a ridge **2** : to extend in ridges

ridge-pole \ˈrɪdʒ-,pɒl/ *n* : the highest horizontal timber in a sloping roof to which the upper ends of the rafters are fastened

rid-i-cu-lous \ˈrɪd-ə-,kyʊl/ *n* : the act of exposing to laughter : DERISION

ridicule *vb* **-culed**; **-cul-ing** : to laugh at or make fun of mockingly or contemptuously *syn* deride, taunt, twit, mock

ri-dic-u-lous \rə-ˈdɪk-yə-ləs/ *adj* : arousing or deserving ridicule : ABSURD, PREPOSTEROUS *syn* laughable, ludicrous, farcical, risible — **ri-dic-u-lous-ly** *adv* — **ri-dic-u-lous-ness** *n*

ri-el \rē-ˈel/ *n* — see MONEY table

rife \ˈrɪf/ *adj* : WIDESPREAD, PREVALENT, ABUNDING — **rife** *adv*

riff \ˈrɪf/ *n* : a repeated phrase in jazz typically supporting a solo improvisation; *also* : a piece based on such a phrase — **riff** *vb*

riff-raff \rɪf-,raf/ *n* [ME *riffe raffe*, fr. *rif* and *raf* every single one, fr. MF *rif et raf* completely] **1** : RABBLE **2** : REFUSE, RUBBISH

ri-*fle* \ˈrɪ-fəl/ *vb* **ri-fled**; **ri-fling** \-f(ə-)lɪŋ/ : to ransack *esp.* in order to steal — **ri-fler** \-f(ə-)lər/ *n*

rifle *vb* **ri-fled**; **ri-fling** \-f(ə-)lɪŋ/ : to cut spiral grooves into the bore of (rifled arms) — **rifling** *n*

rifle *n* **1** : a shoulder weapon with a rifled bore **2** *pl* : a body of soldiers armed with rifles — **ri-fle-man** \-fəl-mən/ *n*

rift \ˈrɪft/ *n* **1** : CLEFT, FISSURE **2** : ESTRANGEMENT, SEPARATION — **rift** *vb*

rig \ˈrɪɡ/ *vb* **rigged**; **rig-ging** **1** : to fit out (as a ship) with rigging **2** : CLOTHE, DRESS **3** : EQUIP **4** : to set up *esp.* as a makeshift (∼ up a shelter)

rig *n* **1** : the distinctive shape, number, and arrangement of sails and masts of a ship **2** : a carriage with its horse or horses **3** : CLOTHING, DRESS **4** : EQUIPMENT

rig *vb* **rigged**; **rig-ging** **1** : to manipulate or control *esp.* by deceptive or dishonest means **2** : to fix in advance for a desired result — **rig-ger** \ˈrɪg-ər/ *n*

rig-ging \ˈrɪg-ɪŋ, -ən/ *n* **1** : the ropes and chains that hold and move masts, sails, and spars of a ship **2** : a network (as in theater scenery) used for support and manipulation

right \ˈrɪt/ *adj* **1** : RIGHTEOUS, UPRIGHT **2** : JUST, PROPER **3** : conforming to truth or fact : CORRECT **4** : APPROPRIATE, SUITABLE **5** : STRAIGHT (a ∼ line) **6** : GENUINE, REAL **7** : of, relating to, or being the stronger hand in most persons **8** : located nearer to the right hand; *esp* : being on the right when facing in the same direction as the observer **9** : made to be placed or worn outward (∼ side of a rug) **10** : NORMAL, SOUND (not in her ∼ mind) *syn* correct, accurate, exact, precise, nice — **right-ness** *n*

right *n* **1** : qualities that constitute what is correct, just, proper, or honorable **2** : something (as a power or privilege) to which one has a just or lawful claim **3** : just action or decision : the cause of justice **4** : the side or part that is on or toward the right side **5** *cap* : political conservatives **6** *often cap* : a conservative position — **right-ward** \-wərd/ *adj*

right *adv* **1** : according to what is right (live ∼) **2** : EXACTLY, PRECISELY (∼ here and now) **3** : DIRECTLY (went ∼ home) **4** : according to fact or truth (guess ∼) **5** : all the way : COMPLETELY (∼ to the end) **6** : IMMEDIATELY (∼ after lunch) **7** : QUITE, VERY (∼ nice weather) **8** : on or to the right (looked ∼ and left)

right *vb* **1** : to relieve from wrong **2** : to adjust or restore to a proper state or position **3** : to bring or restore to an upright position **4** : to become upright — **right-er** *n*

right angle *n* : an angle whose measure is 90° : an angle whose sides are perpendicular to each other — **right-an-gled** \ˈrɪt-ˈæŋ-gəld/ or **right-an-gle** \-gəl/ *adj*

right circular cone *n* : CONE **2**

right-teous \ˈrɪt-ʃəs/ *adj* : acting or being in accordance with what is just, honorable, and free from guilt or wrong : UPRIGHT *syn* virtuous, noble, moral, ethical — **right-teous-ly** *adv* — **right-teous-ness** *n*

right-ful \ˈrɪt-fəl/ *adj* **1** : JUST; *also* : FITTING **2** : having or held by a legally just claim — **right-ful-ly** \-lɪ/ *adv* — **right-ful-ness** *n*

right-hand \ˈrɪt-,hand/ *adj* **1** : situated on the right **2** : RIGHT-HANDED **3** : chiefly relied on (his ∼ man)

right-hand-ed \-ˈhan-dəd/ *adj* **1** : using the right hand habitually or better than the left **2** : designed for or done with the right hand **3** : CLOCKWISE (a ∼ twist) — **right-handed** *adv* — **right-hand-ed-ly** *adv* — **right-hand-ed-ness** *n*

right-ly \ˈrɪt-lɪ/ *adv* **1** : FAIRLY, JUSTLY **2** : PROPERLY **3** : CORRECTLY, EXACTLY

right-of-way \ˈrɪt-əv(ə)-ˈwə/ *n, pl* **rights-of-way** **1** : a legal right of passage over another person's ground **2** : the area over which a right-of-way exists **3** : the land on which a public road is built **4** : the land occupied by a railroad **5** : the land used by a public utility **6** : the right of traffic to take precedence over other traffic

right *on interj* — used to express agreement or give encouragement

right-to-life *adj* : opposed to abortion — **right-to-lif-er** \ˈrɪt-tə-ˈli-fər/ *n*

right triangle *n* : a triangle having one right angle

rig-id \ˈrɪj-əd/ *adj* **1** : lacking flexibility : STIFF **2** : strictly observed *syn* severe, stern, rigorous, stringent — **ri-gid-i-ty** \rə-ˈlɪd-ət-ē/ *n* — **rig-id-ly** *adv*

rig-ma-role \ˈrɪg-(ə)-mə-,rɒl/ *n* [alter. of obs. *ragman roll* (long list, catalog)] **1** : confused or senseless talk **2** : a complex largely meaningless procedure

rig-or \ˈrɪg-ər/ *n* **1** : the quality of being inflexible or unyielding : STRICTNESS **2** : HARSHNESS, SEVERITY **3** : a tremor caused by a chill **4** : strict precision : EXACTNESS *syn* difficulty, hardship, vicissitude — **rig-or-ous** *adj* — **rig-or-ous-ly** *adv*

rig-or-mor-tis \ˈrɪg-ər-ˈmɔrt-əs/ *n* [NL, stiffness of death] : temporary rigidity of muscles occurring after death

rile \ˈrɪl/ *vb* **riled**; **riling** **1** : to make angry **2** : ROIL **1**

rill \ˈrɪl/ *n* : a very small brook

rill \ˈrɪl/ or **rille** \ˈrɪl, ˈrɪl-ə/ *n* : a long narrow valley on the moon

rim \ˈrɪm/ *n* **1** : the outer part of a wheel **2** : an outer edge *esp.* of something curved : BORDER, MARGIN

rim *vb* **rimmed**; **rim-ming** **1** : to furnish with a rim **2** : to run around the rim of

rim \ˈrɪm/ *n* **1** : FROST **2** : frostlike ice tufts formed from fog or cloud on the windward side of exposed objects — **rimy** \ˈrɪ-mē/ *adj*

rim *var* of RHYME

rind \ˈrɪnd/ *n* : a usu. hard or tough outer layer (lemon ∼)

ring \ˈrɪŋ/ *n* **1** : a circular band worn as an ornament or token or used for holding or fastening (wedding ∼) (key ∼) **2** : something circular in shape (smoke ∼) **3** : a place for contest or display (boxing ∼); *also* : PRIZE-FIGHTING **4** : a group of people who work together for selfish or dishonest purposes, — **ring-like** \ˈrɪŋ-,lɪk/ *adj*

ring *vb* **ringed**; **ring-ing** \ˈrɪŋ-ɪŋ/ **1** : ENCIRCLE **2** : to move

in a ring or spirally **3** : to throw a ring over (a mark) in a game (as quoits)

ring *vb* **rang** \ˈrɑŋ\; **rung** \ˈrʌŋ\; **ring-ing** \ˈrɪŋ-ɪŋ\ **1** : to sound resonantly when struck; *also* : to feel as if filled with such sound **2** : to cause to make a clear metallic sound by striking **3** : to announce or call by or as if by striking a bell (∼ an alarm) **4** : to repeat loudly and persistently **5** : to sound a bell (∼ for the butler)

ring *n* **1** : a set of bells **2** : the clear resonant sound of vibrating metal **3** : resonant tone : SONORITY **4** : a sound or character expressive of a particular quality **5** : an act or instance of ringing; *esp* : a telephone call

ring-er \ˈrɪŋ-ər\ *n* **1** : one that sounds by ringing **2** : one that enters a competition under false representations **3** : one that closely resembles another

ringer *n* : one that encircles or puts a ring around

ring-git \ˈrɪŋ-ɡɪt\ *n* — *see* MONEY table

ring-lead-er \ˈrɪŋ-,lɛd-ər\ *n* : a leader *esp.* of a group of troublemakers

ring-let \ˈrɪŋ-lət\ *n* : a long curl

ring-mas-ter \ˈrɪŋ-,mas-tər\ *n* : one in charge of performances in a circus ring

ring up *vb* **1** : to total and record *esp.* by means of a cash register **2** : ACHIEVE (*rang up* many triumphs)

ring-worm \ˈrɪŋ-,wɜrm\ *n* : a contagious skin disease caused by fungi and marked by ring-shaped discolored patches

rink \ˈrɪŋk\ *n* : a level extent of ice marked off for skating or various games; *also* : a similar surface (as of wood) marked off or enclosed for a sport or game (roller-skating ∼)

rinse \ˈrɪns\ *vb* **rinsed**; **rins-ing** [ME *rincen*, fr. MF *rincer*, fr. (assumed) VL *recentiare*, fr. L *recent-*, *recens* fresh, recent] **1** : to wash lightly or in water only **2** : to cleanse (as of soap) with clear water **3** : to treat (hair) with a rinse — **rins-er** *n*

rinse *n* **1** : an act of rinsing **2** : a liquid used for rinsing **3** : a solution that temporarily tints hair

riot \ˈri-ət\ *n* **1** *archaic* : disorderly behavior **2** : disturbance of the public peace; *esp* : a violent public disorder **3** : random or disorderly profusion (a ∼ of color) — **riot** *vb* — **ri-ot-er** *n* — **ri-ot-ous** *adj*

rip \ˈrɪp\ *vb* **ripped**; **rip-ping** **1** : to cut or tear open **2** : to saw or split (wood) with the grain — **rip-per** *n*

rip *n* : a rent made by ripping

RIP *abbr* [L *requiescat in pace*] may he rest in peace, may she rest in peace; [L *requiescant in pace*] may they rest in peace

ri-par-i-an \rɪ-ˈpər-ē-ən\ *adj* : of or relating to the bank of a stream, river, or lake

rip cord *n* : a cord that is pulled to release the pilot parachute which lifts a main parachute out of its container

ripe \ˈrɪp\ *adj* **rip-er**; **rip-est** **1** : fully grown and developed : MATURE (∼ fruit) **2** : fully prepared for some use or object : READY — **ripe-ly** *adv* — **ripe-ness** *n*

rip-en \ˈrɪ-pən\ *vb* **rip-ened**; **rip-en-ing** \ˈrɪp-(ə)-nɪŋ\ **1** : to grow or make ripe **2** : to bring to completeness or perfection; *also* : to age or cure (cheese) to develop characteristic flavor, odor, body, texture, and color

rip-off \ˈrɪp-ɒf\ *n* **1** : an act of stealing : THEFT **2** : a cheap imitation — **rip off** \ˈrɪp-ɒf\ *vb*

ri-poste \rɪ-ˈpɒst\ *n* [F, modif. of It *risposta*, lit., answer] **1** : a fencer's return thrust after a parry **2** : a retaliatory maneuver or response; *esp* : a quick retort — **riposte** *vb*

rip-ple \ˈrɪp-əl\ *vb* **rip-pled**; **rip-pling** \-(ə)-lɪŋ\ **1** : to become lightly ruffled on the surface **2** : to make a sound like that of rippling water — **ripple** *n*

rip-saw \ˈrɪp-sɔ\ *n* : a coarse-toothed saw used to cut wood in the direction of the grain

rip-stop \ˈrɪp-stɒp\ *adj* : being a fabric woven in such a way that small tears do not spread (∼ nylon)

rise \ˈrɪz\ *vb* **rose** \ˈrɒz\; **ris-en** \ˈrɪz-ən\; **ris-ing** \ˈrɪ-zɪŋ\ **1**

: to get up from sitting, kneeling, or lying **2** : to get up from sleep or from one's bed **3** : to return from death **4** : to take up arms : go to war; *also* : REBEL **5** : to end a session : ADJOURN **6** : to appear above the horizon **7** : to move upward : ASCEND **8** : to extend above other objects **9** : to attain a higher level or rank **10** : to increase in quantity or in intensity **11** : to come into being : HAPPEN, BEGIN, ORIGINATE

rise *n* **1** : an act of rising : a state of being risen **2** : BEGINNING, ORIGIN **3** : the elevation of one point above another **4** : an increase in amount, number, or volume **5** : an upward slope **6** : a spot higher than surrounding ground **7** : an angry reaction

ris-er \ˈrɪ-zər\ *n* **1** : one that rises **2** : the upright part between stair treads

ris-i-bil-i-ty \ˈrɪz-əˈbɪl-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** : the ability or inclination to laugh — *often* used in pl.

ris-i-ble \ˈrɪz-ə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : able or inclined to laugh **2** : arousing laughter : FUNNY **3** : of or relating to laughter (∼ muscles)

risk \ˈrɪsk\ *n* : exposure to possible loss or injury : DANGER, PERIL — **risk-i-ness** \ˈrɪs-kē-nəs\ *n* — **risky** *adj*

risk *vb* **1** : to expose to danger (∼ed his life) **2** : to incur the danger of

ris-qué \ˈrɪs-kā\ *adj* [F] : verging on impropriety or indecency

rite \ˈrɪt\ *n* **1** : a set form of conducting a ceremony **2** : the liturgy of a church **3** : a ceremonial act or action

rit-u-al \ˈrɪtʃ-(ə)-wəl\ *n* **1** : the established form *esp.* for a religious ceremony **2** : a system of rites **3** : a ceremonial act or action **4** : a customarily repeated act or series of acts — **ritual** *adj* — **rit-u-al-ism** \-,ɪz-əm\ *n* — **rit-u-al-is-tic** \ˈrɪtʃ-(ə)-wəl-ɪs-tɪk\ *adj* — **rit-u-al-is-ti-cal-ly** \-tɪk-(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **rit-u-al-ly** \ˈrɪtʃ-(ə)-wəl-ē\ *adv*

riv *abbr* river

ri-val \ˈrɪ-vəl\ *n* [MF or L; MF, fr. L *rivalis* one using the same stream as another, rival in love, fr. *rivalis* of a stream, fr. *rivus* stream] **1** : one of two or more trying to get what only one can have **2** : one striving for competitive advantage **3** : one that equals another *esp.* in desired qualities : MATCH, PEER

rival *adj* : COMPETING

rival *vb* **-valed** or **-valled**; **-val-ing** or **-val-ling** \ˈrɪv-(ə)-lɪŋ\ **1** : to be in competition with **2** : to try to equal or excel **3** : to have qualities that equal another's : MATCH

ri-val-ry \ˈrɪ-vəl-rē\ *n*, *pl* **-ries** : COMPETITION

rive \ˈrɪv\ *vb* **rived** \ˈrɪvd\; **riv-en** \ˈrɪv-ən\ *also* **rived**; **riv-ing** \ˈrɪ-vɪŋ\ **1** : SPLIT, REND **2** : SHATTER

river \ˈrɪv-ər\ *n* : a natural stream larger than a brook **river-bank** \-,bɑŋk\ *n* : the bank of a river

river-bed \-,bed\ *n* : the channel occupied by a river

river-boat \-,bōt\ *n* : a boat for use on a river

river-front \-,frʌnt\ *n* : the land or area along a river

river-side \ˈrɪv-ər-,sɪd\ *n* : the side or bank of a river

riv-et \ˈrɪv-ət\ *n* : a metal bolt with a head at one end used to fasten things together by being put through holes in them and then being flattened on the plain end to make another head



rivet

rivet *vb* : to fasten with or as if with a rivet — **riv-et-er** *n*

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \ɪ\hit \ɪ\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \ʌ\loot
 \ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

riv-u-let \ˈriv-(y)ə-lət\ *n* : a small stream
ri-yal \rē-ˈ(y)āl, -ˈ(y)al\ *n* — see **MONEY** table
rm abbr 1 **ream** 2 **room**
Rn symbol radon
RN abbr 1 registered nurse 2 Royal Navy
RNA \ˈār-en-ˈā\ *n* : any of various nucleic acids (as messenger RNA) that are found esp. in the cytoplasm of cells, have ribose as the 5-carbon sugar, and are associated with protein synthesis
rnd abbr round
¹**roach** \ˈrōch\ *n*, *pl roach* **also roach-es** : any of various fishes related to the carp; **also** : any of several sunfishes
²**roach** *n* 1 : COCKROACH 2 : the butt of a marijuana cigarette
road \ˈrōd\ *n* 1 : ROADSTEAD — often used in pl. 2 : an open way for vehicles, persons, and animals : HIGHWAY 3 : ROUTE, PATH 4 : a series of scheduled visits (as games or performances) in several locations or the travel necessary to make these visits (the team is on the ~)
road-abil-ity \ˈrōd-əˈbil-ət-ē\ *n* : the qualities (as steadiness and balance) desirable in an automobile on the road
road-bed \ˈrōd-bed\ *n* 1 : the foundation of a road or railroad 2 : the part of the surface of a road on which vehicles travel
road-block \-,blāk\ *n* 1 : a barricade on the road (a police ~) 2 : an obstruction to progress
road-run-ner \-,rən-ər\ *n* : a largely terrestrial bird of the southwestern U.S. and Mexico that is a speedy runner
road-side \ˈrōd-,sid\ *n* : the strip of land along a road — **roadside adj**
road-stead \-,sted\ *n* : an anchorage for ships usu. less sheltered than a harbor
road-ster \ˈrōd-stər\ *n* 1 : a driving horse 2 : an open automobile with one cross seat
road-way \ˈrōd-,wā\ *n* : ROAD; **esp** : ROADBED
road-work \-,wɜrk\ *n* : conditioning for an athletic contest (as a boxing match) consisting mainly of long runs
roam \ˈrōm\ *vb* 1 : WANDER, ROVE 2 : to range or wander over or about
¹**roan** \ˈrōn\ *adj* : of dark color (as black, red, or brown) sprinkled with white (a ~ horse)
²**roan** *n* : an animal (as a horse) with a roan coat; **also** : its color
¹**roar** \ˈrōr\ *vb* 1 : to utter a full loud prolonged sound 2 : to make a loud confused sound (as of wind or waves) — **roar-er n**
²**roar** *n* : a sound of roaring
¹**roast** \ˈrōst\ *vb* 1 : to cook by dry heat (as before a fire or in an oven) 2 : to criticize severely or kidding
²**roast** *n* 1 : a piece of meat suitable for roasting 2 : an outing at which food is roasted (corn ~) 3 : severe criticism or kidding
³**roast** *adj* : ROASTED
roast-er \ˈrō-stər\ *n* 1 : one that roasts 2 : a device for roasting 3 : something adapted to roasting
rob \ˈrāb\ *vb* **robbed**; **rob-bing** 1 : to steal from 2 : to commit robbery 3 : to deprive of something due or expected — **rob-ber n**
robber fly *n* : any of numerous predaceous flies
rob-bery \ˈrāb-(ə)rē\ *n*, *pl -ber-ies* : the act or practice of robbing; **esp** : theft of something from a person by use of violence or threat
¹**robe** \ˈrōb\ *n* 1 : a long flowing outer garment; **esp** : one used for ceremonial occasions 2 : a wrap or covering for the lower body (as for sitting outdoors)
²**robe** *vb* **robed**; **rob-ing** 1 : to clothe with or as with a robe 2 : DRESS
rob-in \ˈrāb-ən\ *n* 1 : a small European thrush with a yellowish red throat and breast 2 : a large No. American thrush with a grayish back, a streaked throat, and a chiefly dull reddish breast
ro-bot \ˈrō-,bāt, -bət\ *n* [Czech, fr. *robota* work] 1 : a

machine that looks and acts like a human being 2 : an efficient but insensitive person 3 : an automatic apparatus 4 : something guided by automatic controls
ro-bust \rō-ˈbast, ˈrō-(f)bast\ *adj* [L. *robustus* oaken, strong, fr. *robur* oak, strength] : strong and vigorously healthy — **ro-bust-ly adv** — **ro-bust-ness n**
¹**rock** \ˈrāk\ *vb* 1 : to move back and forth in or as if in a cradle 2 : to sway or cause to sway back and forth
²**rock** *n* 1 : a rocking movement 2 : popular music usu. played on electric instruments and characterized by a strong beat and much repetition
³**rock** *n* 1 : a mass of stony material; **also** : broken pieces of stone 2 : solid mineral deposits 3 : something like a rock in firmness — **rock adj** — **rock-like adj** — **rocky adj**
rock and roll *n* : ²**rock** 2
rock-bound \ˈrāk-,baund\ *adj* : fringed or covered with rocks
rock-er \ˈrāk-ər\ *n* 1 : one of the curved pieces on which something (as a chair or cradle) rocks 2 : a chair that rocks on rockers 3 : a device that works with a rocking motion 4 : a rock performer, song, or enthusiast
¹**rock-et** \ˈrāk-ət\ *n* [It. *rocchetta*, lit., small distaff] 1 : a firework that is propelled through the air by the gases produced by a burning substance 2 : a jet engine that operates on the same principle as a firework rocket but carries the oxygen needed for burning its fuel 3 : a rocket-propelled bomb or missile
²**rocket** *vb* 1 : to convey by means of a rocket 2 : to rise abruptly and rapidly
rock-et-ry \ˈrāk-ə-trē\ *n* : the study or use of rockets
rocket ship *n* : a rocket-propelled spacecraft
rock-fall \ˈrāk-,fɔl\ *n* : a mass of falling or fallen rocks
rock-fish \ˈrāk-,fɪʃ\ *n* : any of various important market fishes that live among rocks or on rocky bottoms
rock 'n' roll \ˈrāk-ən-ˈrɒl\ *n* : ²**rock** 2
rock salt *n* : common salt in rocklike masses or large crystals
rock wool *n* : woollike insulation made from molten rock or slag
Rocky Mountain sheep *n* : BIGHORN
ro-co-co \rə-ˈkō-kō\ *adj* [F, irreg. fr. *rocaille* rock work] : of or relating to an artistic style esp. of the 18th century marked by fanciful curved forms and elaborate ornamentation — **rococo n**
rod \ˈräd\ *n* 1 : a straight slender stick 2 : a stick or bundle of twigs used in punishing a person; **also** : PUNISHMENT 3 : a staff borne to show rank 4 — see **WEIGHT** table 5 **slang** : PISTOL
rode *past* of **ride**
ro-dent \ˈrōd-ənt\ *n* [fr. L. *rodent-*, *rodens*, prp. of *rodere* to gnaw] : any of a large order of relatively small mammals (as mice, squirrels, and beavers) with sharp front teeth used for gnawing
ro-de-o \ˈrōd-ē-ō, rə-ˈdā-ō\ *n*, *pl ro-de-os* [Sp, fr. *rodear* to surround, fr. *rueda* wheel, fr. L. *rota*] 1 : ROUNDUP 1 2 : a public performance featuring cowboy skills (as riding and roping)
¹**roe** \ˈrō\ *n*, *pl roe* or **roes** : DOE
²**roe** *n* : the eggs of a fish esp. while bound together in a mass
roe-buck \ˈrō-,bək\ *n*, *pl roebuck* or **roebucks** : a male roe deer
roe deer *n* : a small nimble European and Asian deer that is reddish brown in summer and grayish in the winter
roent-gen ray \ˈrent-gən-\ *n*, **often cap** 1st R : X RAY
rog-er \ˈrāj-ər\ *interj* — used esp. in radio and signaling to indicate that a message has been received and understood
ro-gue \ˈrōg\ *n* 1 : a dishonest person : SCOUNDREL 2 : a mischievous person : SCAMP — **ro-gu-ery** \ˈrō-gə-rē\ *n* — **ro-gu-ish** \ˈrō-gɪʃ\ *adj* — **ro-gu-ish-ly adv** — **ro-gu-ish-ness n**

roil \ˈrɔɪl, for 2 also ˈrɪl\ *vb* 1 : to make cloudy or muddy by stirring up 2 : RILE 1

rois-ter \ˈrɔɪ-stər\ *vb* **rois-tered**; **rois-ter-ing** \-st(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to engage in noisy revelry : CAROUSE — **rois-ter-er** \-stər-ər\ *n*

role also **rôle** \ˈrɒl\ *n* 1 : an assigned or assumed character; also : a part played (as by an actor) 2 : FUNCTION **role model** *n* : a person whose behavior in a particular role is imitated by others

roll \ˈrɒl\ *n* 1 : a document containing an official record 2 : an official list of names 3 : something (as a bun) that is rolled up or rounded as if rolled 4 : something that rolls : ROLLER

roll *vb* 1 : to move by turning over and over 2 : to press with a roller 3 : to move on wheels 4 : to sound with a full reverberating tone 5 : to make a continuous beating sound (as on a drum) 6 : to move onward as if by completing a revolution (years ~ed by) 7 : to flow or seem to flow in a continuous stream or with a rising and falling motion (the river ~ed on) 8 : to swing or sway from side to side 9 : to shape or become shaped in rounded form 10 : to utter with a trill

roll *n* 1 : a sound produced by rapid strokes on a drum 2 : a heavy reverberating sound 3 : a rolling movement or action 4 : a swaying movement (as of a ship) 5 : SOMERSAULT

roll-back \ˈrɒl-,bæk\ *n* : the act or an instance of rolling back

roll back \ˈrɒl-,bæk\ *vb* 1 : to reduce (as a commodity price) on a national scale 2 : to cause to withdraw : push back

roll bar *n* : an overhead metal bar in an automobile designed to protect riders in case the automobile overturns

roll call *n* : the act or an instance of calling off a list of names (as of soldiers); also : a time for a roll call

roll-er \ˈrɒl-ər\ *n* 1 : a revolving cylinder used for moving, pressing, shaping, applying, or smoothing something 2 : a rod on which something is rolled up 3 : a long heavy wave on a coast

roll-er coast-er \ˈrɒl-ər-,kɒ-stər\ *n* : an elevated railway (as in an amusement park) constructed with sharp curves and steep slopes

roller skate *n* : a skate with wheels instead of a runner — **roller-skate** *vb* — **roller skater** *n*

roll-lick \ˈrɒl-ɪk\ *vb* : ROMP, FROLIC

roll-lick-ing \-ɪŋ\ *adj* : full of fun and good spirits

roly-poly \ˈrɒl-ē-ˈpɒl-ē\ *adj* : ROTUND

Rom *abbr* 1 Roman 2 Romance 3 Romania; Romanian 4 Romans

ROM *abbr* read-only memory

ro-maine \ˈrɒ-mān\ *n* [F, lit., Roman] : a lettuce with a tall loose head of long crisp leaves

Ro-man \ˈrɒ-mən\ *n* 1 : a native or resident of Rome 2 : a citizen of the Roman Empire

Roman *adj* 1 : of or relating to Rome or the Romans 2 *not cap* : relating to type in which the letters are upright (as in this definition) 3 : of or relating to the Roman Catholic Church

Roman candle *n* : a cylindrical firework that discharges balls of fire

Roman Catholic *adj* : of or relating to the body of Christians in communion with the pope and having a liturgy centered in the Mass — **Roman Catholicism** *n*

ro-mance \rɒ-ˈmans, ˈrɒ-,mans\ *n* [ME *romans*, fr. OF *romans* French, something written in French, fr. L *romanice* in the Roman manner, fr. *romanicus* Roman, fr. *Romanus*] 1 : a medieval tale of knightly adventure 2 : a prose narrative dealing with heroic or mysterious events set in a remote time or place 3 : a love story 4 : a romantic attachment or episode between lovers — **ro-manc-er** *n*

romance *vb* **ro-manced**; **ro-manc-ing** 1 : to exaggerate or

invent detail or incident 2 : to have romantic fancies 3 : to carry on a romantic episode with

Ro-mance \rɒ-ˈmans, ˈrɒ-,mans\ *adj* : of or relating to any of several languages developed from Latin

Ro-ma-nian \rɒ-ˈmā-nē-ən, rɒ-, -nyən\ *n* 1 : a native or inhabitant of Romania 2 : RUMANIAN 2

Roman numeral *n* : a numeral in a system of notation that is based on the ancient Roman system

Ro-ma-no \rɒ-ˈmān-ō, rɒ-ˈn\ *n* : a hard Italian cheese that is sharper than Parmesan

ro-man-tic \rɒ-ˈmant-ɪk\ *n* : a romantic person; *esp* : a romantic writer, composer, or artist

romantic *adj* 1 : IMAGINARY 2 : VISIONARY 3 : having an imaginative or emotional appeal 4 : of, relating to, or having the characteristics of romanticism — **ro-man-ti-cal-ly** \-ɪ-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

ro-man-ti-cism \rɒ-ˈmant-ə-,sɪz-əm\ *n*, *often cap* : a literary movement (as in early 19th century England) marked *esp.* by emphasis on the imagination and the emotions and by the use of autobiographical material — **ro-man-ti-cist** \-səst\ *n*, *often cap*

romp \ˈræmp\ *vb* 1 : to play actively and noisily 2 : to win a contest easily — **romp** *n*

romp-er \ˈræm-pər\ *n* 1 : one that romps 2 : a child's one-piece garment with the lower part shaped like bloomers — *usu.* used in pl.

rood \ˈrʊd\ *n* : CROSS, CRUCIFIX

roof \ˈrʊf, ˈrʊf\ *n*, *pl* **roofs** \ˈrʊfs, ˈrʊfs; ˈrʊvz, ˈrʊvz\ 1 : the upper covering part of a building 2 : something suggesting a roof of a building — **roofed** \ˈrʊft, ˈrʊft\ *adj* — **roof-ing** *n* — **roof-less** *adj*



roof 1: left gambrel, right mansard

roof *vb* : to cover with a roof

roof-top \-,tɒp\ *n* : a roof *esp.* of a house

roof-tree \-,trē\ *n* : RIDGEPOLE

rook \ˈrʊk\ *n* : a common Old World bird resembling the related crow

rook *vb* : CHEAT, SWINDLE

rook *n* : a chess piece that can move parallel to the sides of the board across any number of unoccupied squares **rook-ery** \ˈrʊk-ə-rē\ *n*, *pl* **-er-ies** : a breeding ground or haunt of gregarious birds or mammals; also : a colony of such birds or mammals

rook-ie \ˈrʊk-ē\ *n* : BEGINNER, RECRUIT; *esp* : a first-year player in a professional sport

room \rʊm, ˈrʊm\ *n* 1 : an extent of space occupied by or sufficient or available for something 2 : a partitioned part of a building : CHAMBER; also : the people in a room 3 : OPPORTUNITY, CHANCE (~ to develop his talents) — **room-ful** *n* — **roomy** *adj*

room *vb* : to occupy lodgings : LODGE — **room-er** *n*

room-ette \rʊ-ˈmet, ˈrʊm-ˈet\ *n* : a small private room on a railroad sleeping car

room-mate \rʊm-,māt, ˈrʊm-ˈ\ *n* : one of two or more persons sharing the same room or dwelling

roost \ˈrʊst\ *n* : a support on which or a place where birds perch

roost *vb* : to settle on or as if on a roost

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\g\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot
\ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

roost-er \ˈrūs-tər, ˈrūs-\ *n* : an adult male domestic fowl : COCK

root \ˈrūt, ˈrüt\ *n* 1 : the leafless usu. underground part of a seed plant that functions in absorption, aeration, and storage or as a means of anchorage; *also* : an underground plant part esp. when fleshy and edible 2 : something (as the basal part of a tooth or hair) resembling a root 3 : SOURCE, ORIGIN 4 : the essential core : HEART (get to the ~ of the matter) 5 : a number that when taken as a factor an indicated number of times gives a specified number 6 : the lower part — **root-less** *adj* — **root-like** *adj*

root *vb* 1 : to form roots 2 : to fix or become fixed by or as if by roots : ESTABLISH 3 : UPROOT

root *vb* 1 : to turn up or dig with the snout (pigs ~ing) 2 : to poke or dig around (as in search of something)

root \ˈrūt\ *vb* 1 : to applaud or encourage noisily : CHEER 2 : to wish success or lend support to — **root-er** *n*

root beer *n* : a sweetened effervescent beverage flavored with extracts of roots and herbs

root-let \ˈrūt-lət, ˈrüt-\ *n* : a small root

root-stock \-, stāk\ *n* : an underground part of a plant that resembles a rhizome

rope \ˈröp\ *n* 1 : a large strong cord made of strands of fiber 2 : a hangman's noose 3 : a thick string (as of pearls) made by twisting or braiding

rope *vb* roped; roping 1 : to bind, tie, or fasten together with a rope 2 : to separate or divide off by means of a rope 3 : LASSO

Rorschach test \ˈrör-, shāk-\ *n* : a personality and intelligence test in which a subject interprets ink-blot designs in terms that reveal intellectual and emotional factors
ro-sa-ry \ˈrō-zə-rē\ *n*, *pl* -ries 1 often *cap* : a Roman Catholic devotion consisting of meditation on sacred mysteries during recitation of Hail Marys 2 : a string of beads used in praying

rose *past* of RISE

rose \ˈrōz\ *n* 1 : any of a genus of usu. prickly often climbing shrubs with divided leaves and bright often fragrant flowers; *also* : one of these flowers 2 : something resembling a rose in form 3 : a moderate purplish red color — **rose** *adj*

ro-sé \rō-ˈzā\ *n* [F] : a light pink wine

ro-se-ate \ˈrō-zē-ət, -zē-, ˈāt\ *adj* 1 : resembling a rose esp. in color 2 : OPTIMISTIC (a ~ view of the future)

rose-bud \ˈrōz-, bəd\ *n* : the flower of a rose when it is at most partly open

rose-bush \-, būsh\ *n* : a shrubby rose

rose-mary \ˈrōz-, mer-ē\ *n*, *pl* -mar-ies [ME *rosmarine*, fr. L *rosmarinus*, fr. *ros* dew + *marinus* of the sea, fr. *mare* sea] : a fragrant shrubby mint with evergreen leaves used in perfumery and cooking

ro-sette \rō-ˈzət\ *n* [F] 1 : a usu. small badge or ornament of ribbon gathered in the shape of a rose 2 : a circular ornament filled with representations of leaves

rose-wa-ter \ˈrōz-, wōt-ər, -, wāt-\ *adj* : a watery solution of the fragrant constituents of the rose used as a perfume

rose-wood \-, wūd\ *n* : any of various tropical trees with dark red wood streaked with black; *also* : this wood

Rosh Ha-sha-nah \ˈrōsh-(h)ə-ˈshō-nə\ *n* [Heb *rōsh hashshānāh*, lit., beginning of the year] : the Jewish New Year observed as a religious holiday in September or October

ros-in \ˈrāz-n\ *n* : a hard brittle resin obtained esp. from pine trees and used in varnishes and on violin bows

ros-ter \ˈrās-tər\ *n* 1 : a list of personnel; *also* : the persons listed on a roster 2 : an itemized list

ros-trum \ˈrās-trəm\ *n*, *pl* **rostrums** or **ros-tra** \-trə\ [L *Rostra*, pl., a platform for speakers in the Roman Forum decorated with the beaks of captured ships, fr. pl. of *rostrum* beak, ship's beak, fr. *rodere* to gnaw] : a stage or platform for public speaking

rosy \ˈrō-zē\ *adj* **ros-i-er**; **-est** 1 : of the color rose 2 : HOPEFUL, PROMISING — **ros-i-ly** \ˈrō-zə-lē\ *adv* — **ros-i-ness** \-zē-nəs\ *n*

rot \ˈrāt\ *vb* **rot-ted**; **rot-ting** : to undergo decomposition : DECAY

rot *n* 1 : DECAY 2 : a disease of plants or animals in which tissue breaks down 3 : NONSENSE

ro-ta-ry \ˈrōt-ə-rē\ *adj* 1 : turning on an axis like a wheel 2 : having a rotating part

rotary *n*, *pl* -ries 1 : a rotary machine 2 : a circular road junction

ro-tate \ˈrō-, tā\ *vb* **ro-tat-ed**; **ro-tat-ing** 1 : to turn or cause to turn about an axis or a center : REVOLVE 2 : to alternate in a series **syn** turn, circle, spin, whirl, twirl — **ro-ta-tion** \rō-ˈtā-shən\ *n* — **ro-ta-tor** \ˈrō-, tāt-ər\ *n* — **ro-ta-to-ry** \ˈrōt-ə-, tōr-ē\ *adj*

ROTC *abbr* Reserve Officers' Training Corps

rote \ˈrōt\ *n* 1 : repetition from memory often without attention to meaning 2 : fixed routine or repetition — **rote** *adj*

ro-tis-ser-ie \ˈrō-ˈtis-(ə-)rē\ *n* [F] 1 : a restaurant specializing in broiled and barbecued meats 2 : an appliance fitted with a spit on which food is rotated before or over a source of heat

ro-to-gra-vure \ˈrō-tə-grə-ˈvyūr\ *n* : PHOTOGRAVURE

ro-tor \ˈrōt-ər\ *n* 1 : a part that rotates 2 : a system of rotating horizontal blades for supporting a helicopter

rot-ten \ˈrāt-n\ *adj* 1 : having rotted 2 : CORRUPT 3 : extremely unpleasant or inferior — **rot-ten-ness** \-n-(n)əs\ *n*

rot-ten-stone \ˈrāt-n-, stōn\ *n* : a decomposed siliceous limestone used for polishing

ro-tund \ˈrō-ˈtənd\ *adj* : rounded out **syn** plump, chubby, portly, stout — **ro-tun-di-ty** \-ˈtən-dət-ē\ *n*

ro-tun-da \ˈrō-ˈtən-də\ *n* 1 : a round building; *esp* : one covered by a dome 2 : a large round room

rou-ble \ˈrū-bəl\ *var* of RUBLE

roué \rū-ˈā\ *n* [F, lit., broken on the wheel, fr. pp. of *rouer* to break on the wheel, fr. ML *rotare*, fr. L, to rotate; fr. the feeling that such a person deserves this punishment] : a man devoted to a life of sensual pleasure : RAKE

rouge \ˈrūzh, ˈrūj\ *n* [F, lit., red] 1 : a cosmetic used to give a red color to cheeks and lips 2 : a red powder used in polishing glass, gems, and metal — **rouge** *vb*

rough \ˈrəf\ *adj* **rough-er**; **rough-est** 1 : uneven in surface : not smooth 2 : SHAGGY 3 : not calm : TURBULENT, TEMPESTUOUS 4 : marked by harshness or violence 5 : DIFFICULT, TRYING 6 : coarse or rugged in character or appearance 7 : marked by lack of refinement 8 : CRUDE, UNFINISHED 9 : done or made hastily or tentatively — **rough-ly** *adv* — **rough-ness** *n*

rough *n* 1 : uneven ground covered with high grass esp. along a golf fairway 2 : a crude, unfinished, or preliminary state; *also* : something in such a state 3 : ROWDY, TOUGH

rough *vb* 1 : ROUGHEN 2 : MANHANDLE 3 : to make or shape roughly esp. in a preliminary way — **rough-er** *n*
rough-age \ˈrəf-ij\ *n* : coarse bulky food (as bran) whose bulk stimulates the intestine to move its contents along
rough-and-ready \ˈrəf-ən-ˈred-ē\ *adj* : rude or unpolished in nature, method, or manner but effective in action or use

rough-and-tum-ble \-ˈtəm-bəl\ *n* : rough unrestrained fighting or struggling — **rough-and-tumble** *adj*

rough-en \ˈrəf-ən\ *vb* **rough-ened**; **rough-en-ing** \-(ə-)nɪŋ\ : to make or become rough

rough-hewn \ˈrəf-ˈhyūn\ *adj* 1 : being rough and unfinished (~ beams) 2 : lacking smooth manners or social grace

rough-house \ˈrəf-, haüs\ *vb* **rough-housed**; **rough-hous-ing** : to participate in rough noisy behavior — **roughhouse** *n*

rough-neck \ˈrəf-,nek\ *n* 1 : ROWDY, TOUGH 2 : a worker on a crew drilling oil wells

rough-shod \ˈrəf-,shəd\ *adv* : with no consideration for the wishes or feelings of others (rode ~ over the opposition)

rou-lette \rū-ˈlet\ *n* [F, lit., small wheel] 1 : a gambling game in which a whirling wheel is used 2 : a wheel or disk with teeth around the outside

round \raund\ *adj* 1 : having every part of the surface or circumference the same distance from the center 2 : CYLINDRICAL 3 : COMPLETE, FULL 4 : approximately correct; *esp* : exact only to a specific decimal or place (use the ~ number 1400 for the exact figure 1411) 5 : liberal or ample in size or amount 6 : BLUNT, OUTSPOKEN 7 : moving in or forming a circle 8 : of or relating to handwriting that is predominantly curved rather than angular — **round-ish** *adj* — **round-ly** \ˈraund-(d)lē\ *adv* — **round-ness** \ˈraund(d)-nəs\ *n*

round *prep or adv* : AROUND

round *n* 1 : something round (as a circle, globe, or ring) 2 : a curved or rounded part (as a rung of a ladder) 3 : a circuitous path or course; *also* : an habitually covered route (as of a watchman) 4 : a series or cycle of recurring actions or events 5 : one shot fired by a soldier or a gun; *also* : ammunition for one shot 6 : a period of time or a unit of play in a game or contest 7 : a cut of beef *esp.* between the rump and the lower leg — **in the round** 1 : FREESTANDING 2 : with a center stage surrounded by an audience on all sides (theater *in the round*)

round *vb* 1 : to make or become round 2 : to go or pass around or part way around 3 : COMPLETE, FINISH 4 : to become plump or shapely 5 : to express as a round number 6 : to follow a winding course : BEND

round-about \ˈraund-də-,baüt\ *n*, *Brit* : MERRY-GO-ROUND

roundabout *adj* : INDIRECT, CIRCUITOUS

roun-de-lay \ˈraund-də-,lə\ *n* 1 : a simple song with refrain 2 : a poem with a refrain recurring frequently or at fixed intervals

round-house \ˈraund-,haüs\ *n* : a circular building for housing and repairing locomotives

round-should-ered \ˈraund(d)-ˈshōl-dərd\ *adj* : having the shoulders stooping or rounded

round-trip *n* : a trip to a place and back

round-up \ˈraund-,əp\ *n* 1 : the gathering together of cattle on the range by riding around them and driving them in; *also* : the men and horses engaged in a roundup 2 : a gathering in of scattered persons or things 3 : SUMMARY (news ~) — **round up** \ˈraund-əp\ *vb*

round-worm \-,wɔrm\ *n* : NEMATODE

rouse \ˈraüz\ *vb* roused; **rous-ing** 1 : to wake from sleep 2 : to excite to activity : stir up

roust-about \ˈraüs-tə-,baüt\ *n* : one who does heavy unskilled labor (as on a dock or in an oil field)

rout \ˈraüt\ *n* 1 : MOB 1, 2 2 : DISTURBANCE 3 : a fashionable gathering

rout *vb* 1 : RUMMAGE 2 : to gouge out 3 : to expel by force

rout *n* 1 : a state of wild confusion or disorderly retreat 2 : a disastrous defeat

rout *vb* 1 : to put to flight 2 : to defeat decisively

route \ˈrüt-,ˈraüt\ *n* 1 : a traveled way 2 : CHANNEL 3 : a line of travel

route *vb* **rout-ed**; **rout-ing** 1 : to send by a selected route 2 : to arrange and direct the order of

route-man \-ˈman-,ˈ-ˈman\ *n* : one who sells and makes deliveries on an assigned route

rou-tine \rū-ˈtēn\ *n* [F, fr. MF, fr. *route* traveled way] 1 : a round (as of work or play) regularly followed 2 : any regular course of action — **routine** *adj* — **rou-tine-ly** *adv*

rou-tin-ize \-ˈtēn-,iz\ *vb*

rove \ˈröv\ *vb* roved; **rov-ing** : to wander over or through : RAMBLE, ROAM — **rov-er** *n*

rove *past and past part of* REEVE

row \ˈrō\ *vb* 1 : to propel a boat with oars 2 : to travel or convey in a rowboat 3 : to match rowing skill against — **row-er** \ˈrō-(ə)r\ *n*

row *n* : an act or instance of rowing

row *n* 1 : a number of objects in an orderly sequence 2 : WAY, STREET

row \ˈraū\ *n* : a noisy quarrel

row \ˈraū\ *vb* : to engage in a row

row-boat \ˈrō-,bōt\ *n* : a small boat designed to be rowed **row-dy** \ˈraüd-ə\ *adj* **row-di-er**; **-est** : coarse or boisterous in behavior : ROUGH — **row-di-ness** \ˈraüd-ē-nəs\ *n* — **rowdy** *n* — **row-dy-ish** *adj* — **row-dy-ism** *n*

row-el \ˈraū-(ə)\ *n* : a small pointed wheel on a spur used to urge on a horse — **rowel** *vb*

roy-al \ˈrōi-əl\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to a king or sovereign 2 : resembling or befitting a king — **roy-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

royal flush *n* : a straight flush having an ace as the highest card

roy-al-ist \ˈrōi-ə-ləst\ *n* : an adherent of a king or of monarchical government

roy-al-ty \ˈrōi-əl-tē\ *n*, *pl -ties* 1 : the state of being royal 2 : a royal person : royal persons 3 : a share of a product or profit (as of a mine or oil well) claimed by the owner for allowing another person to use the property 4 : a payment made to an author or composer for each copy of a work sold or to an inventor for each article sold under a patent

RP *abbr* relief pitcher

RPM *abbr* revolutions per minute

RPS *abbr* revolutions per second

rpt *abbr* 1 repeat 2 report

RR *abbr* 1 railroad 2 rural route

RS *abbr* 1 recording secretary 2 revised statutes 3 right side 4 Royal Society

RSV *abbr* Revised Standard Version

RSVP [F *répondez s'il vous plaît*] please reply

RSWC *abbr* right side up with care

rt *abbr* right

RT *abbr* radiotelephone

rte *abbr* route

Ru *symbol* ruthenium

rub \ˈrəb\ *vb* rubbed; **rub-bing** 1 : to use pressure and friction on a body or object 2 : to fret or chafe with friction 3 : to scour, polish, erase, or smear by pressure and friction

rub *n* 1 : DIFFICULTY, OBSTRUCTION 2 : something grating to the feelings

rub-ber \ˈrəb-ər\ *n* 1 : one that rubs 2 : ERASER 3 : a flexible waterproof elastic substance made from the juice of various tropical plants or synthetically; *also* : something made of this material — **rubber** *adj* — **rub-ber-ize** \-,īz\ *vb* — **rub-bery** *adj*

rubber *n* 1 : a contest that consists of an odd number of games and is won by the side that takes a majority 2 : an extra game played to decide a tie

rub-ber-neck \-,nek\ *vb* : to look about, stare, or listen with excessive curiosity

rub-ber-neck-er \-ər\ *also* **rubberneck** *n* 1 : an idly or overly inquisitive person 2 : a person on a guided tour

rub-bish \ˈrəb-ish\ *n* 1 : useless waste or rejected matter : TRASH 2 : something worthless or nonsensical

rub-ble \ˈrəb-əl\ *n* : broken stones or bricks used in masonry; *also* : a mass of such material

ru-bel-la \rū-ˈbel-ə\ *n* : GERMAN MEASLES

ru-bi-cund \ˈrū-bi-(ˌ)kənd\ *adj* : RED, RUDDY

ru-bid-i-um \ˈrū-ˈbid-ē-əm\ *n* : a soft silvery metallic chemical element — see ELEMENT table

ru-ble \ˈrū-bəl\ *n* — see MONEY table

\əˈbʊt \əˈkɪtən \əˈfʊrðər \əˈʃaʃ \əˈʃeɪs \əˈkɒt, kɑrt
 \aʊˈt \ˈtʃɪn \ˈbet \ˈeɪzi \ˈgɔː \ˈhɪt \ˈvɪʃ \ˈdʒɒb
 \ŋˈsɪŋ \ˈdʒoː \ˈdʒɒw \ˈdɔɪˈbɔɪ \ˈtʰɪn \ˈtʰe \ˈvʊlʊt
 \ʊˈfʊt \ˈyːt \ˈzʰɪʃən see also Pronunciation Symbols page

ru-bric \ˈrū-brik\ *n* [ME *rubrike* red ocher, heading in red letters of part of a book, fr. MF *rubrique*, fr. *L rubrica*, fr. *rubra* red] **1** : HEADING, TITLE; *also* : CLASS, CATEGORY **2** : a rule esp. for the conduct of a religious service
ru-by \ˈrū-bē\ *n*, *pl rubies* : a clear red precious stone
ru-by-throat-ed hummingbird \ˈrū-bē-thrōt-əd-\ *n* : a bright green and whitish hummingbird of eastern No. America with a red throat in the male

ruck-us \ˈrək-əs\ *n* : ROW, DISTURBANCE

rud-der \ˈrəd-ər\ *n* : a movable flat piece attached vertically at the rear of a boat or aircraft for steering

rud-dy \ˈrəd-ē\ *adj* **rud-di-er**; **-est** : REDDISH; *esp* : of a healthy reddish complexion — **rud-di-ness** \ˈrəd-ē-nəs\ *n*

rude \ˈrüd\ *adj* **rud-er**; **rud-est** **1** : roughly made : CRUDE

2 : UNDEVELOPED, PRIMITIVE **3** : IMPOLITE, DISCOURTEOUS **4** : UNSKILLED — **rude-ly** *adv* — **rude-ness** *n*

ru-di-ment \ˈrüd-ə-mənt\ *n* **1** : an elementary principle or basic skill — *usu.* used in pl. **2** : something not fully developed — *usu.* used in pl. — **ru-di-men-ta-ry** \ˈrüd-ə-men-t(ə)-rē\ *adj*

rue \ˈrū\ *vb* **rued**; **ru-ing** : to feel regret, remorse, or penitence for

2 *rue* *n* : REGRET, SORROW — **rue-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **rue-ful-ly** \-lē\ *adv* — **rue-ful-ness** *n*

3 *rue* *n* : a European strong-scented woody herb with bitter-tasting leaves

rue anemone *n* : a delicate herb of the buttercup family with white flowers

ruff \ˈrəf\ *n* **1** : a wheel-shaped frilled collar worn about 1600 **2** : a fringe of hair or feathers around the neck of an animal — **ruffed** \ˈrəft\ *adj*

ruf-fi-an \ˈrəf-ē-ən\ *n* [MF *rufian*] : a brutal person — **ruf-fi-an-ly** *adj*

1 **ruf-ful** \ˈrəf-əl\ *vb* **ruf-ful**; **ruf-ful** \-(ə)-līg\ **1** : to roughen the surface of **2** : IRRITATE, VEX **3** : to erect (as hair or feathers) in or like a ruff **4** : to draw into or provide with plaits or folds **5** : to flip through (as pages)

2 **ruffle** *n* **1** : RIPLE **2** : a strip of fabric gathered or pleated on one edge **3** : RUFF **2**

rug \ˈrəg\ *n* **1** : a piece of heavy fabric *usu.* with a nap or pile used as a floor covering **2** : a covering for the legs, lap, and feet

rug-by \ˈrəg-bē\ *n*, *often cap* [Rugby School, Rugby, England, where it was first played] : a football game in which play is continuous and interference and forward passing are not permitted

rug-ged \ˈrəg-əd\ *adj* **1** : having a rough uneven surface **2** : TURBULENT, STORMY **3** : HARSH, STERN **4** : ROBUST, STURDY — **rug-ged-ly** *adv* — **rug-ged-ness** *n*

1 **ru-in** \ˈrū-ən\ *n* **1** : complete collapse or destruction **2** : the remains of something destroyed — *usu.* used in pl. **3** : a cause of destruction **4** : the action of destroying

2 **ruin** *vb* **1** : DESTROY **2** : to damage beyond repair **3** : BANKRUPT

ru-in-ation \ˈrū-ə-nā-shən\ *n* : RUIN, DESTRUCTION

ru-in-ous \ˈrū-ə-nəs\ *adj* **1** : RUINED, DILAPIDATED **2** : CAUSING RUIN — **ru-in-ous-ly** *adv*

1 **rule** \ˈrül\ *n* **1** : a guide or principle for governing action : REGULATION **2** : the usual way of doing something **3** : the exercise of authority or control : GOVERNMENT **4** : RULER **2**

2 **rule** *vb* **ruled**; **ru-ling** **1** : CONTROL, GOVERN **2** : to be pre-eminent in : DOMINATE, PREVAIL **3** : to give or state as a considered decision **4** : to mark on paper with or as if with a ruler

ru-ler \ˈrū-lər\ *n* **1** : SOVEREIGN **2** : a straight strip of material (as wood or metal) marked off in units and used for measuring or as a straightedge

rum \ˈrəm\ *n* **1** : a liquor distilled from a fermented cane product (as molasses) **2** : alcoholic liquor

Rum *abbr* Rumania; Rumanian

Ru-ma-nian \ˈrū-mā-nē-ən, -nyən\ *n* **1** : ROMANIAN **1** **2** : the language of the Romanians — **Rumanian** *adj*

rum-ba \ˈrəm-bə, ˈrüm-\ *n* : a dance of Cuban origin marked by strong rhythmic movements

1 **rum-ble** \ˈrəm-bəl\ *vb* **rum-bled**; **rum-bling** \-b(ə)-līg\ : to make a low heavy rolling sound; *also* : to travel or move along with such a sound — **rum-bler** \-b(ə)-lər\ *n*

2 **rumble** *n* **1** : a low heavy rolling sound **2** : a street fight esp. among gangs

rumble seat *n* : a folding seat in the back of an automobile that is not covered by the top

rum-bling \ˈrəm-bliŋ\ *n* **1** : RUMBLE **2** : widespread talk or complaints — *usu.* used in pl.

1 **ru-mi-nant** \ˈrū-mə-nənt\ *n* : a ruminant mammal

2 **ruminant** *adj* **1** : chewing the cud; *also* : of or relating to a group of hoofed mammals (as cattle, deer, and camels) that chew the cud and have a complex 3- or 4-chambered stomach **2** : given to or engaged in contemplation : MEDITATIVE

ru-mi-nate \ˈrū-mə-nāt\ *vb* **-nat-ed**; **-nat-ing** [L *ruminari* to chew the cud, muse upon, fr. *rumin-*, *rumen* gullet] **1** : MEDITATE, MUSE **2** : to chew the cud — **ru-mi-na-tion** \ˈrū-mə-nā-shən\ *n*

1 **rum-mage** \ˈrəm-ij\ *vb* **rum-maged**; **rum-mag-ing** : to poke around in all corners looking for something — **rum-mag-er** *n*

2 **rummage** *n* **1** : a miscellaneous collection **2** : an act of rummaging

rum-my \ˈrəm-ē\ *n* : any of several card games for two or more players

ru-mor \ˈrū-mər\ *n* **1** : common talk **2** : a statement or report current but not authenticated — **rumor** *vb*

rump \ˈrəmp\ *n* **1** : the rear part of an animal; *also* : a cut of beef behind the upper sirloin **2** : a small remaining fragment : REMNANT

rum-ple \ˈrəm-pəl\ *vb* **rum-pled**; **rum-pling** \-p(ə)-līg\ : TOUSLE, MUSS, WRINKLE — **rumple** *n* — **rum-ple** \ˈrəm-p(ə)-lē\ *adj*

rum-pus \ˈrəm-pəs\ *n* : DISTURBANCE, FRACAS

rumpus room *n* : a room *usu.* in the basement of a home that is used for games, parties, and recreation

1 **run** \ˈrən\ *vb* **ran** \ˈran\; **run**; **run-ning** **1** : to go at a pace faster than a walk **2** : to take to flight : FLEE **3** : to go without restraint (lets his children ~) **4** : to go rapidly or hurriedly : HASTEN, RUSH **5** : to perform or bring about by running **6** : to make a quick or casual trip or visit **7** : to contend in a race; *esp* : to enter an election **8** : to put forward as a candidate for office **9** : to move on or as if on wheels : pass or slide freely **10** : to go back and forth : PLY **11** : to move in schools esp. to a spawning ground (shad are ~) **12** : FUNCTION, OPERATE (left his car ~) **13** : to continue in force (two years to ~) **14** : to flow rapidly or under pressure : MELT, FUSE, DISSOLVE; *also* : DISCHARGE **15** : to tend to produce or to recur (family ~s to blonds) **16** : to take a certain direction **17** : to be current (rumors ~) **18** : to be worded or written **19** : to cause to run **20** : TRACE (~ down a rumor) **21** : to cause to pass (~ a wire from the antenna) **22** : to cause to collide **23** : SMUGGLE **24** : MANAGE, CONDUCT, OPERATE (~ a business) **25** : INCUR (~ a risk) **26** : to permit to accumulate before settling (~ a charge account)

2 **run** *n* **1** : an act or the action of running **2** : a school of migrating fish **3** : a score in baseball **4** : BROOK, CREEK **5** : a continuous series esp. of similar things **6** : persistent heavy demands from depositors, creditors, or customers **7** : the quantity of work turned out in a continuous operation; *also* : a period of operation (as of a machine or plant) **8** : the usual or normal kind (the ordinary ~ of students) **9** : the distance covered in continuous travel or sailing **10** : a regular course or route; *also* : TRIP, JOURNEY **11** : freedom of movement in a place or area (has the ~ of the house) **12** : an enclosure for animals **13** : an inclined course (as for skiing) **14** : a lengthwise ravel (as in a stocking) — **run-less** *adj*

run-about \ˈrən-ə-,baʊt\ *n* : a light wagon, automobile, or motorboat

run-a-gate \ˈrən-ə-,gāt\ *n* 1 : VAGABOND 2 : FUGITIVE

run-around \ˈrən-ə-,raʊnd\ *n* : evasive or delaying action esp. in reply to a request

run-away \ˈrən-ə-,wə\ *n* 1 : one that runs away : FUGITIVE 2 : the act of running away or out of control; *also* : something (as a horse) that is running out of control

runaway *adj* 1 : FUGITIVE 2 : accomplished by elopement (~ marriage) 3 : won by a long lead 4 : subject to uncontrolled changes (~ inflation) 5 : operating out of control (a ~ locomotive)

run-down \ˈrən-,daʊn\ *n* : an item-by-item report : SUMMARY

run-down \ˈrən-ˈdaʊn\ *adj* 1 : EXHAUSTED 2 : completely unwound 3 : being in poor repair : DILAPIDATED

run down \ˈrən-ˈdaʊn\ *vb* 1 : to collide with and knock down 2 : to chase until exhausted or captured 3 : to find by search 4 : DISPARAGE 5 : to cease to operate for lack of motive power 6 : to decline in physical condition

runes \ˈrʊn\ *n* 1 : any of the characters of any of several alphabets formerly used by the Germanic peoples 2 : MYSTERY, MAGIC 3 : a poem esp. in Finnish or Old Norse — **run-ic** \ˈrū-nik\ *adj*

1 rung *past part of* RING

2 rung \ˈrʌŋ\ *n* 1 : a rounded crosspiece between the legs of a chair 2 : one of the crosspieces of a ladder 3 : a spoke of a wheel

run-in \ˈrən-,in\ *n* 1 : something run in 2 : ALTERCATION, QUARREL

run in \ˈrən-ˈin\ *vb* 1 : to insert as additional matter 2 : to arrest esp. for a minor offense 3 : to pay a casual visit

run-nel \ˈrən-əl\ *n* : BROOK, STREAMLET

run-ner \ˈrən-ər\ *n* 1 : one that runs 2 : a baseball player on base or attempting to reach base 3 : BALLCARRIER 4 : a thin piece or part on which something (as a sled or an ice skate) slides 5 : the support of a drawer or a sliding door 6 : a horizontal branch from the base of a plant that produces new plants 7 : a plant producing runners 8 : a long narrow carpet 9 : a narrow decorative cloth cover for a table or dresser top

run-ner-up \ˈrən-ər-,əp\ *n, pl runners-up* *also runner-ups* : the competitor in a contest who finishes next to the winner

1 run-ning \ˈrən-ɪŋ\ *adj* 1 : FLOWING 2 : FLUID, RUNNY 3 : CONTINUOUS, INCESSANT 4 : measured in a straight line (cost per ~ foot) 5 : of or relating to an act of running 6 : fitted or trained for running (~ horse)

2 running *adv* : in succession

running light *n* : one of the lights carried by a vehicle (as a ship) at night

run-ny \ˈrən-ē\ *adj* : having a tendency to run (a ~ nose)

run-off \ˈrən-,ɒf\ *n* : a final contest (as an election) to a previous indecisive contest

run-of-the-mill \ˌrən-ə(v)-thə-ˈmɪl\ *adj* : not outstanding : AVERAGE

run on \ˈrən-ˈɒn-,ˈæn\ *vb* 1 : to continue (matter in type) without a break or a new paragraph 2 : to place or add (as an entry in a dictionary) at the end of a paragraphed item — **run-on** \-,ɒn-,ˈæn\ *n*

runt \ˈrʌnt\ *n* : an unusually small person or animal : DWARF — **runty** *adj*

run-way \ˈrən-,wə\ *n* 1 : a beaten path made by animals; *also* : a passage for animals 2 : a paved strip of ground for the landing and takeoff of aircraft 3 : a narrow platform from a stage into an auditorium 4 : a support on which something runs

ru-pee \rū-ˈpē-,ˈrū-,pē-\ *n* — see MONEY table

ru-pi-ah \rū-ˈpē-ə\ *n, pl rupiah or rupiahs* — see MONEY table

1 rup-ture \ˈrʌp-cher\ *n* : a breaking or tearing apart; *also* : HERNIA

2 rupture *vb* **rup-tured**; **rup-tur-ing** : to cause or undergo rupture

ru-ral \ˈrūr-əl\ *adj* : of or relating to the country, country people, or agriculture

ruse \ˈrūs-,ˈrüz\ *n* : a wily subterfuge : TRICK, ARTIFICE

1 rush \ˈrʌʃ\ *n* : a hollow-stemmed grasslike marsh plant — **rushy** *adj*

2 rush *vb* [ME *russhen*, fr. MF *ruser* to put to flight, deceive] 1 : to move forward or act with too great haste or eagerness or without preparation 2 : to perform in a short time or at high speed 3 : ATTACK, CHARGE — **rush-er** *n*

3 rush *n* 1 : a violent forward motion 2 : unusual demand or activity 3 : a crowding of people to one place 4 : a running play in football

4 rush *adj* : requiring or marked by special speed or urgency (~ orders)

rush hour *n* : a time when the amount of traffic or business is at a peak

rusk \ˈrʌsk\ *n* : a sweet or plain bread baked, sliced, and baked again until dry and crisp

Russ *abbr* Russia; Russian

rus-set \ˈrʌs-ət\ *n* 1 : a coarse reddish brown cloth 2 : a variable reddish brown or yellowish brown color 3 : any of various winter apples with rough russet skins — **russet** *adj*

Rus-sian \ˈrʌʃ-ən\ *n* 1 : a native or inhabitant of Russia or the U.S.S.R. 2 : the chief language of the U.S.S.R. — **Russian** *adj*

rust \ˈrʌst\ *n* 1 : a reddish coating formed on iron when it is exposed to esp. moist air 2 : any of various diseases causing reddish spots on plants 3 : a reddish orange color — **rust** *vb* — **rusty** *adj*

1 rus-tic \ˈrʌs-tik\ *adj* 1 : RURAL 2 : made of the rough limbs of trees (~ furniture) 3 : AWKWARD, BOORISH 4 : PLAIN, SIMPLE — **rus-tic-al-ly** \ˈrʌs-ti-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **rus-tic-i-ty** \ˌrʌs-ˈtis-ət-ē\ *n*

2 rustic *n* : a rustic person

rus-ti-cate \ˈrʌs-ti-,kāt\ *vb* **-cat-ed**; **-cat-ing** : to go into or reside in the country — **rus-ti-ca-tion** \ˌrʌs-ti-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

1 rus-tle \ˈrʌs-əl\ *vb* **rus-tled**; **rus-ting** \ˈrʌs-(ə-)lɪŋ\ 1 : to make or cause a rustle 2 : to cause to rustle (~ a newspaper) 3 : to act or move with energy or speed; *also* : to procure in this way 4 : to forage food 5 : to steal cattle from the range — **rus-ler** \-(ə-)lər\ *n*

2 rustle *n* : a quick succession or confusion of small sounds (~ of leaves)

1 rut \ˈrʌt\ *n* : state or period of sexual excitement esp. in male deer — **rut** *vb*

2 rut *n* 1 : a track worn by wheels or by habitual passage of something 2 : a usual or fixed routine

ru-ta-ba-ga \ˌrūt-ə-ˈbā-gə-,ˌrūt-\ *n* : a turnip with a large yellowish root

Ruth \ˈrʊθ\ *n* — see BIBLE table

ru-the-ni-um \rū-ˈthē-nē-əm\ *n* : a hard brittle metallic chemical element — see ELEMENT table

ruth-less \ˈruth-ləs\ *adj* [fr. *ruth* compassion, pity, fr. ME *ruthe*, fr. *ruen* to rue, fr. OE *hrēowan*] : having no pity : MERCILESS, CRUEL — **ruth-less-ly** *adv* — **ruth-less-ness** *n*

RV *abbr* recreational vehicle

R-value \ˈär-,val-yū\ *n* : a measure of the resistance of a substance (as insulation) to heat flow

RW *abbr* 1 right worshipful 2 right worthy

rw-y or **ry** *abbr* railway

-ry \rē\ *n* *suffix* : -ERY (bigotry)

rye \ˈri\ *n* 1 : a hardy cereal grass grown for grain or as a cover crop; *also* : its seed 2 : a whiskey distilled from a rye mash

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

S

¹*s* \ˈes\ *n*, *pl* *s*'s or *ss* \ˈes-əz\ *often cap* : the 19th letter of the English alphabet

²*s* *abbr*, *often cap* **1** saint **2** second **3** senate **4** series **5** shilling **6** singular **7** small **8** son **9** south; southern

¹*s* \s\ *after sounds* *f*, *k*, *g*, *p*, *t*, *th*; *əz* *after sounds* *ch*, *j*, *s*, *sh*, *z*, *zh*; *z* *after other sounds* \ *n pl* *suffix* — used to form the plural of most nouns that do not end in *s*, *z*, *sh*, *ch*, or postconsonantal *y* (heads) (books) (boys) (beliefs), to form the plural of proper nouns that end in postconsonantal *y* (Marys), and with or without a preceding apostrophe to form the plural of abbreviations, numbers, letters, and symbols used as nouns (MCs) (4s) (#s) (B's)

²*s* *adv* *suffix* — used to form adverbs denoting usual or repeated action or state (works nights)

³*s* *vb* *suffix* — used to form the third person singular present of most verbs that do not end in *s*, *z*, *sh*, *ch*, or postconsonantal *y* (falls) (takes) (plays)

S *symbol* sulfur

SA *abbr* **1** Salvation Army **2** seaman apprentice **3** sex appeal **4** [L *sine anno* without year] without date **5** South Africa **6** South America **7** subject to approval

Sab-bath \ˈsəb-əθ\ *n* [ME *sabat*, fr. OF & OE, fr. L *sabbatum*, fr. Gk *sabbaton*, fr. Heb *shabbāth*, lit., rest] **1** : the 7th day of the week observed as a day of worship by Jews and some Christians **2** : Sunday observed among Christians as a day of worship

sab-bat-i-cal \sə-ˈbat-i-kəl\ *n* : a leave often with pay granted (as to a college professor) usu. every 7th year for rest, travel, or research

sa-ber or **sa-bre** \ˈsā-bər\ *n* [F *sabre*] : a cavalry sword with a curved blade and thick back

saber saw *n* : a light portable electric saw with a pointed reciprocating blade

sa-ble \ˈsā-bəl\ *n*, *pl* **sables** **1** : the color black **2** *pl* : mourning garments **3** : a dark brown mammal of northern Europe and Asia related to the martens and valued for its fur; *also* : this fur

¹**sab-o-tage** \ˈsəb-ə-,tāzh\ *n* [F] **1** : deliberate destruction of an employer's property or hindering of production by workers **2** : destructive or hampering action by enemy agents or sympathizers in time of war

²**sabotage** *vb* -*taged*; -*tag-ing* : to practice sabotage on

sab-o-teur \ˈsəb-ə-ˈtər\ *n* : a person who commits sabotage

sac \ˈsək\ *n* : a baglike part of an animal or plant

SAC \ˈsək\ *abbr* Strategic Air Command

sac-cha-rin \ˈsək-(ə-)rən\ *n* : a white crystalline compound used as an artificial sweetener

sac-cha-rine \ˈsək-(ə-)rən\ *adj* : nauseatingly sweet (~ poetry)

sac-er-do-tal \ˌsəs-ər-ˈdōt-əl, ˈsək-\ *adj* : PRIESTLY — **sac-er-do-tal-ism** *n*

sa-chem \ˈsā-chem\ *n* : a No. American Indian chief

sa-chet \sə-ˈshā\ *n* [F, fr. OF, dim. of *sac* bag] : a small bag filled with perfumed powder for scenting clothes

¹**sack** \ˈsək\ *n* **1** : a large coarse bag; *also* : a small container esp. of paper **2** : a loose jacket or short coat

²**sack** *vb* : DISMISS, FIRE

³**sack** *n* [modif. of MF *sec* dry, fr. L *siccus*] : a white wine popular in England in the 16th and 17th centuries

⁴**sack** *vb* : to plunder a captured town

sack-cloth \-ˌklōth\ *n* : a rough garment worn as a sign of penitence

sac-ra-ment \ˈsək-rə-mənt\ *n* **1** : a formal religious act or rite; *esp* : one (as baptism or the Eucharist) held to have

been instituted by Christ **2** : the elements of the Eucharist — **sac-ra-men-tal** \ˌsək-rə-ˈment-əl\ *adj*

sa-cred \ˈsā-kred\ *adj* **1** : set apart for the service or worship of deity **2** : devoted exclusively to one service or use **3** : worthy of veneration or reverence **4** : of or relating to religion : RELIGIOUS *syn* blessed, divine, hallowed, holy, sanctified — **sa-cred-ly** *adv* — **sa-cred-ness** *n*

sacred cow *n* : one that is often unreasonably immune from criticism

¹**sac-ri-fice** \ˈsək-rə-ˈfis\ *n* **1** : the offering of something precious to deity **2** : something offered in sacrifice **3** : LOSS, DEPRIVATION **4** : a bunt allowing a base runner to advance while the batter is put out; *also* : a fly ball allowing a runner to score after the catch — **sac-ri-fi-cial** \ˌsək-rə-ˈfish-əl\ *adj* — **sac-ri-fi-cial-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

²**sac-ri-fice** *vb* -*ficed*; -*fic-ing* **1** : to offer up or kill as a sacrifice **2** : to accept the loss or destruction of for an end, cause, or ideal **3** : to make a sacrifice in baseball **sac-ri-lege** \ˈsək-rə-ˈlij\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. L *sacrilegium*, fr. *sacrilegus* one who steals sacred things, fr. *sacr-*, *sacer* sacred + *legere* to gather, steal] **1** : violation of something consecrated to God **2** : gross irreverence toward a hallowed person, place, or thing — **sac-ri-le-gious** \ˌsək-rə-ˈlij-əs, -ˈlĕ-jəs\ *adj* — **sac-ri-le-giously** *adv*

sac-ri-stan \ˈsək-rə-ˈstən\ *n* **1** : a church officer in charge of the sacristy **2** : SEXTON

sac-ris-ty \ˈsək-rə-ˈstē\ *n*, *pl* -*ties* : VESTRY

sac-ro-il-i-ac \ˌsək-rō-ˈil-ē-,ak\ *n* : the joint between the upper part of the hipbone and the sacrum

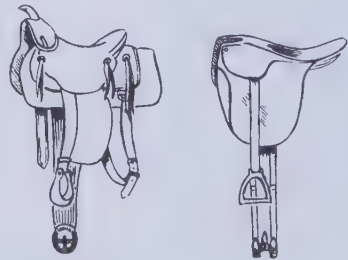
sac-ro-sanct \ˈsək-rō-,səŋkt\ *adj* : SACRED, INVIOLEABLE

sa-crum \ˈsək-rəm, ˈsā-krəm\ *n*, *pl* **sa-cra** \ˈsək-rə, ˈsā-krə\ : the part of the vertebral column that is directly connected with or forms a part of the pelvis and in man consists of five fused vertebrae

sad \ˈsəd\ *adj* **sad-des**; **sad-dest** **1** : GRIEVING, MOURNFUL, DOWNCAST **2** : causing sorrow **3** : DULL, SOMBER — **sad-ly** *adv* — **sad-ness** *n*

sad-den \ˈsəd-m\ *vb* **sad-dened**; **sad-den-ing** \ˈsəd-(ə-)niŋ\ : to make sad

¹**sad-dle** \ˈsəd-əl\ *n* **1** : a usu. padded leather-covered seat (as for a rider on horseback) **2** : the upper back portion of a carcass (as of mutton)



saddle 1

²**saddle** *vb* **sad-dled**; **sad-dling** \ˈsəd-(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : to put a saddle on **2** : BURDEN

sad-dle-bow \ˈsəd-əl-,bō\ *n* : the arch in the front of a saddle

saddle horse *n* : a horse suited for or trained for riding

Sad-du-cee \ˈsaj-ə-,sē, ˈsəd-yə-\ *n* : a member of an ancient Jewish sect opposed to the Pharisees — **Sad-du-ce-an** \ˌsaj-ə-ˈsē-ən, ˌsəd-yə-\ *adj*

sad-iron \ˈsɑd-,ī(-ə)rən/ *n* : a flatiron with a removable handle

sa-dism \ˈsā-,diz-əm, ˈsɑd-,iz-/ *n* : a sexual perversion in which gratification is associated with inflicting physical or mental pain on others — **sa-dist** \ˈsɑd-əst, ˈsɑd-/ *n* — **sa-dis-tic** \sə-ˈdis-tik/ *adj* — **sa-dis-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə-)lē/ *adv*

SAE *abbr* 1 self-addressed envelope 2 stamped addressed envelope

sa-fa-ri \sə-ˈfār-ē, -ˈfār-/ *n* [Ar *safarī* of a trip] 1 : a hunting expedition esp. in eastern Africa 2 : JOURNEY, TRIP

safe \ˈsāf/ *adj* **safer**; **safe-est** 1 : freed from injury or risk 2 : affording safety; *also* : secure from danger or loss 3 : RELIABLE, TRUSTWORTHY — **safe-ly** *adv*

safe *n* : a container for keeping articles (as valuables) **safe safe-con-duct** \ˈkän-(,)däkt/ *n* : a pass permitting a person to go through enemy lines

safe-guard \-gärd/ *n* : a measure or device for preventing accident or injury

safeguard *vb* : to provide a safeguard for : PROTECT **safe-keep-ing** \ˈsāf-ˈkē-piŋ/ *n* : a keeping or being kept in safety

safe-ty \ˈsāf-tē/ *n*, *pl* **safeties** 1 : freedom from danger : SECURITY 2 : a protective device 3 : a football play in which the ball is downed by the offensive team behind its own goal line 4 : a defensive football back in the deepest position — **safety** *adj*

safety glass *n* : shatter-resistant material formed of two sheets of glass with a sheet of clear plastic between them

safety match *n* : a match that ignites only when struck on a special surface

saf-flow-er \ˈsāf-,lau(-ə)r/ *n* : a widely grown Old World herb related to the daisies that has large orange or red flower heads yielding a dyestuff and seeds rich in edible oil

saf-ron \ˈsāf-rən/ *n* : an aromatic deep orange powder from the flower of a crocus used to color and flavor foods

sag \sag/ *vb* **sagged**; **sag-ging** 1 : to bend down at the middle 2 : to become flabby : DROOP — **sag** *n*

sa-ga \ˈsāg-ə/ *n* [ON] : a narrative of heroic deeds; *esp* : one recorded in Iceland in the 12th and 13th centuries **sa-ga-cious** \sə-ˈgā-shəs/ *adj* : of keen mind : SHREWD — **sa-gac-i-ty** \-ˈgag-ət-ē/ *n*

sag-a-more \ˈsag-ə-,mōr-/ *n* : a subordinate No. American Indian chief

sage \ˈsāj/ *adj* [ME, fr. OF, fr. (assumed) VL *sapius*, fr. L *sapere* to taste, have good taste, be wise] : WISE, PRUDENT — **sage-ly** *adv*

sage *n* : a wise man : PHILOSOPHER

sage *n* [ME, fr. MF *sauge*, fr. L *salvia*, fr. *salvus* healthy; fr. its use as a medicinal herb] 1 : a shrublike mint with leaves used in flavoring 2 : SAGEBRUSH

sage-brush \ˈsāj-,brəsh/ *n* : any of several low shrubby No. American plants related to the daisies; *esp* : one of the western U.S. with a sagelike odor

Sag-it-tar-i-us \ˌsaj-ə-ˈter-ē-əs/ *n* [L, lit., archer] 1 : a zodiacal constellation between Scorpio and Capricorn usu. pictured as a centaur archer 2 : the 9th sign of the zodiac in astrology; *also* : one born under this sign **sa-go** \ˈsā-gō/ *n*, *pl* **sagos** : a dry granulated starch esp. from the pith of an East Indian palm (**sago palm**)

sa-gua-ro \sə-ˈwār-ə/ *n*, *pl* **-ros** [MexSp] : a desert cactus of the southwestern U.S. and Mexico with a tall columnar simple or sparsely branched trunk of up to 60 feet (20 meters)

said *past and past part of SAY*

sail \ˈsāl/ *n* 1 : a piece of fabric by means of which the wind is used to propel a ship 2 : a sailing ship 3 : something resembling a sail 4 : a trip on a sailboat

sail *vb* 1 : to travel on a sailing ship 2 : to pass over in a

ship 3 : to manage or direct the course of a ship 4 : to glide through the air

sail-boat \-ˌbōt/ *n* : a boat usu. propelled by sail

sail-cloth \-,klōth/ *n* : a heavy canvas used for sails, tents, or upholstery

sail-fish \-,fish/ *n* : any of a genus of large sea fishes with a very large dorsal fin that are related to the swordfish

sail-ing \ˈsā-lip/ *n* : the action, fact, or pastime of cruising or racing in a sailboat

sail-or \ˈsā-lər/ *n* : one that sails; *esp* : a member of a ship's crew

sail-plane \ˈsāl-,plān/ *n* : a glider designed to rise in an upward air current

saint \ˈsānt, before a name (,)sānt or sēnt/ *n* 1 : one officially recognized as preeminent for holiness 2 : one of the spirits of the departed in heaven 3 : a holy or godly person — **saint-ed** \-əd/ *adj* — **saint-hood** \-,hūd/ *n*

Saint Ber-nard \-bər-ˈnārd/ *n* : any of a Swiss alpine breed of tall powerful working dogs used esp. formerly in aiding lost travelers

saint-ly \ˈsānt-lē/ *adj* : relating to, resembling, or befitting a saint — **saint-li-ness** *n*

Saint Val-en-tine's Day \-ˈval-ən-,tinz-/ *n* : February 14 observed in honor of St. Valentine and as a time for exchanging valentines

sake \ˈsāk/ *n* 1 : MOTIVE, PURPOSE 2 : personal or social welfare, safety, or well-being

sa-ke or **sa-ki** \ˈsāk-ē/ *n* : a Japanese alcoholic beverage of fermented rice

sa-laam \sə-ˈlām/ *n* [Ar *salām*, lit., peace] 1 : a salutation or ceremonial greeting in the East 2 : an obeisance performed by bowing very low and placing the right palm on the forehead — **salaam** *vb*

sa-la-cious \sə-ˈlā-shəs/ *adj* 1 : arousing sexual desire or imagination 2 : LUSTFUL — **sa-la-cious-ly** *adv* — **sa-la-cious-ness** *n*

sal-ad \ˈsal-əd/ *n* : a cold dish (as of lettuce, vegetables, fish, eggs, or fruit) served with dressing

sal-a-man-der \ˈsal-ə-,man-dər/ *n* : any of an order of amphibians that look like lizards but have scaleless usu. smooth moist skin

sa-la-mi \sə-ˈlām-ē/ *n* [It] : a highly seasoned sausage of pork and beef

sal-a-ry \ˈsal(-ə)-rē/ *n*, *pl* **-ries** [ME *salarie*, fr. L *salarium* salt money, pension, salary, fr. neut. of *salaris* of salt, fr. *sal* salt] : payment made at regular intervals for services

sale \ˈsāl/ *n* 1 : transfer of ownership of property from one person to another in return for money 2 : ready market : DEMAND 3 : AUCTION 4 : a selling of goods at bargain prices — **sal-able** or **sale-able** \ˈsā-lə-bəl/ *adj*

sales-girl \ˈsälz-,gərl/ *n* : SALESWOMAN

sales-man \-mən/ *n* : a person who sells in a store or to outside customers — **sales-man-ship** *n*

sales-per-son \-,pər-sən/ *n* : a salesman or saleswoman

sales-wom-an \-,wūm-ən/ *n* : a woman who sells merchandise

sal-i-cyl-ic acid \ˌsal-ə-,sil-ik-/ *n* : a crystalline organic acid used in the form of its salts to relieve pain and fever

sa-li-ent \ˈsāl-yənt/ *adj* : jutting forward beyond a line; *also* : PROMINENT **syn** conspicuous, striking, noticeable

salient *n* : a projecting part in a line of defense

sa-line \ˈsā-,lēn, -ˌlīn/ *adj* : consisting of or containing salt : SALTY — **sa-lin-i-ty** (sā-ˈlīn-ət-ē, sə-/ *n*

saline *n* 1 : a metallic salt esp. with a purgative action 2 : a saline solution

\ə\abut \ˈkitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hlt \i\vice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
\u\foot \v\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

sa-li-va \sə-ˈli-və\ *n* : a liquid secreted into the mouth that helps digestion — **sal-i-vary** \ˈsal-ə-,ver-ē\ *adj*
sal-i-vate \ˈsal-ə-,vāt\ *vb* -vat-ed; -vat-ing : to produce saliva esp. in excess — **sal-i-va-tion** \ˈsal-ə-ˈvā-shən\ *n*
Salk vaccine \ˈsɒ(l)k-ə\ *n* [after Jonas Salk b1914 American physician] : a polio vaccine that contains inactivated virus and is given by injection
sal-low \ˈsal-ō\ *adj* : of a yellowish sickly color (a ~ liverish skin)
sal-ly \ˈsal-ē\ *n, pl* sallies **1** : a rushing attack on besiegers by troops of a besieged place **2** : a witty remark or retort **3** : a brief excursion — **sally** *vb*
salmon \ˈsam-ən\ *n, pl* salmon also salmon **1** : any of several food fishes with pinkish flesh related to the trouts **2** : a strong yellowish pink
sa-lon \sə-ˈlän, ˈsal-ˌän, sa-ˈlōn\ *n* [F] : an elegant drawing room; also : a fashionable shop (beauty ~)
sa-loon \sə-ˈlūn\ *n* **1** : a large drawing room or ballroom esp. on a passenger ship **2** : a place where liquors are sold and drunk : BARROOM **3 Brit** : SEDAN **2**
salt soda \ˈsal-ˈsōd-ə\ *n* : SODIUM CARBONATE
salt \ˈsɒlt\ *n* **1** : a white crystalline substance that consists of sodium and chlorine and is used in seasoning foods **2** : a saltlike cathartic substance (as Epsom salts) **3** : a compound formed usu. by action of an acid on metal **4** : SAILOR — **salt-i-ness** \ˈsɒl-tē-nəs\ *n* — **salty** \ˈsɒl-tē\ *adj*
salt *vb* : to preserve, season, or feed with salt
salt *adj* : preserved or treated with salt; also : SALTY
SALT *abbr* Strategic Arms Limitation Talks
salt away *vb* : to lay away safely : SAVE
salt-box \ˈsɒlt-,bäks\ *n* : a frame dwelling with two stories in front and one behind and a long sloping roof
salt-cell-lar \ˈsɒlt-,sel-ər\ *n* : a small vessel for holding salt at the table
salt-tine \ˈsɒl-tēn\ *n* : a thin crisp cracker sprinkled with salt
salt lick *n* : LICK **5**
salt-pe-ter \ˈsɒlt-ˈpēt-ər\ *n* [fr. earlier *saltpeter*, fr. ME, fr. MF *saltpetre*, fr. ML *sal petrae*, lit., salt of the rock] **1** : POTASSIUM NITRATE **2** : SODIUM NITRATE
salt-wa-ter \ˈsɒlt-,wōt-ər, -ˌwāt-ə\ *adj* : of, relating to, or living in salt water
sa-lu-bri-ous \sə-ˈlū-brē-əs\ *adj* : favorable to health
sal-u-tary \ˈsal-yə-,ter-ē\ *adj* : health-giving; also : BENEFICIAL
sal-u-ta-tion \ˈsal-yə-ˈtā-shən\ *n* : an expression of greeting, goodwill, or courtesy usu. by word or gesture
sa-lu-ta-to-ri-an \sə-ˈlūt-ə-ˈtōr-ē-ən\ *n* : the student having the 2nd highest rank in a graduating class who delivers the salutatory address
sa-lu-ta-to-ry \sə-ˈlūt-ə-ˈtōr-ē\ *adj* : relating to or being the welcoming oration delivered at an academic commencement
sa-lute \sə-ˈlūt\ *vb* sa-lut-ed; sa-lut-ing **1** : GREET **2** : to honor by special ceremonies **3** : to show respect to (a superior officer) by a formal position of hand, rifle, or sword
salute *n* **1** : GREETING **2** : the formal position assumed in saluting a superior
sal-vage \ˈsal-vij\ *n* **1** : money paid for saving a ship, its cargo, or passengers when the ship is wrecked or in danger **2** : the saving of a ship **3** : the saving of possessions in danger of being lost **4** : things saved from loss or destruction (as by a wreck or fire)
salvage *vb* sal-vag-ed; sal-vag-ing : to rescue from destruction
sal-va-tion \ˈsal-ˈvā-shən\ *n* **1** : the saving of a person from sin or its consequences esp. in the life after death **2** : the saving from danger, difficulty, or evil **3** : something that saves
salve \ˈsæv, ˈsāv\ *n* : a medicinal ointment
salve *vb* salved; salv-ing : EASE, SOOTHE
sal-ver \ˈsal-vər\ *n* [F *salve*, fr. Sp *salva* sampling of food

to detect poison, tray, fr. *salvar* to save, sample food to detect poison, fr. LL *salvare* to save, fr. L *salvus* safe] : a small serving tray
sal-vo \ˈsal-vō\ *n, pl* salvos or salvoes : a simultaneous discharge of guns
Sam or **Saml** *abbr* Samuel
SAM \ˈsam, ˈes-,ā-ˈem\ *n* [surface-to-air missile] : a guided missile for use against aircraft by ground units
sa-mar-i-um \sə-ˈmer-ē-əm\ *n* : a pale gray lustrous metallic chemical element — see ELEMENT table
same \ˈsām\ *adj* **1** : being the one referred to : not different **2** : SIMILAR *syn* identical, equivalent, equal, tantamount — **same-ness** *n*
same *pron* : the same one or ones
same *adv* : in the same manner
sam-o-var \ˈsam-ə-,vār\ *n* [Russ, fr. *samo*-self + *varit'* to boil] : an urn with a spigot at the base used esp. in Russia to boil water for tea
sam-pan \ˈsam-,pan\ *n* : a flat-bottomed skiff of the Far East usu. propelled by two short oars
sam-ple \ˈsam-pəl\ *n* : a piece or item that shows the quality of the whole from which it was taken : EXAMPLE, SPECIMEN
sample *vb* sam-pled; sam-pling \-p(ə-)liŋ\ : to judge the quality of by a sample
sam-pler \ˈsam-plər\ *n* : a piece of needlework; esp : one testing skill in embroidery
Sam-u-el \ˈsam-yə-(wə)\ *n* — see BIBLE table
sam-u-rai \ˈsam-(y)-ə-,rī\ *n, pl* samurai : a member of a Japanese feudal warrior class practicing a chivalric code
san-a-to-ri-um \ˈsan-ə-ˈtōr-ē-əm\ *n, pl* -riums or -ria \-ē-ə\ **1** : a health resort **2** : an establishment for the care esp. of convalescents or the chronically ill
sanc-ti-fy \ˈsəŋk-tē-,fī\ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing **1** : to make holy : CONSECRATE **2** : to free from sin — **sanc-ti-fi-ca-tion** \ˈsəŋk-tē-fē-ˈkā-shən\ *n*
sanc-ti-mo-nious \ˈsəŋk-tē-ˈmō-nē-əs\ *adj* : hypocritically pious — **sanc-ti-mo-nious-ly** *adv*
sanc-tion \ˈsəŋk-shən\ *n* **1** : authoritative approval **2** : a measure (as a threat or fine) designed to enforce a law or standard (economic ~s)
sanction *vb* sanc-tioned; sanc-tion-ing \-sh(ə-)niŋ\ : to give approval to : RATIFY *syn* endorse, accredit, certify, approve
sanc-ti-ty \ˈsəŋk-tēt-ē\ *n, pl* -ties **1** : GODLINESS **2** : SACREDNESS
sanc-tu-ary \ˈsəŋk-čə-,wer-ē\ *n, pl* -ar-ies **1** : a consecrated place (as the part of a church in which the altar is placed) **2** : a place of refuge (bird ~)
sanc-tum \ˈsəŋk-təm\ *n, pl* sanctums also **sanc-ta** \-tə\ : a private office or study : DEN (an editor's ~)
sand \ˈsænd\ *n* : loose particles of hard broken rock — **sandy** *adj*
sand *vb* **1** : to cover or fill with sand **2** : to scour, smooth, or polish with an abrasive (as sandpaper) — **sand-er** *n*
sand-dal \ˈsænd-dəl\ *n* : a shoe consisting of a sole strapped to the foot; also : a low or open slipper or rubber overshoe
sand-dal-wood \-,wūd\ *n* : the fragrant yellowish heartwood of a parasitic tree of southeastern Asia that is much used in ornamental carving and cabinetwork; also : the tree
sand-bag \ˈsænd(-)ˌbag\ *n* : a bag filled with sand and used in fortifications, as ballast, or as a weapon
sand-bank \-,bāŋk\ *n* : a deposit of sand (as in a bar or shoal)
sand-bar \-,bār\ *n* : a ridge of sand formed in water by tides or currents
sand-blast \-,blast\ *n* : sand blown (as for cleaning stone) by air or steam — **sandblast** *vb* — **sand-blast-er** *n*
sand-hog \ˈsænd-ˌhɒg, -ˌhäg\ *n* : a laborer who builds underwater tunnels

sand-lot \ˈsɑn(d)-lät\ *n* : a vacant lot esp. when used for the unorganized sports of children — **sand-lot** *adj* — **sand-lot-ter** *n*

sand-man \-,mən\ *n* : the genie of folklore who makes children sleepy

sand-pa-per \-,pā-pər\ *n* : paper with abrasive (as sand) glued on one side used in smoothing and polishing surfaces — **sandpaper** *vb*

sand-pip-er \-,pi-pər\ *n* : any of numerous shorebirds with a soft-tipped bill longer than that of the related plovers

sand-stone \-,stōn\ *n* : rock made of sand held together by a natural cement

sand-storm \-,stōrm\ *n* : a windstorm that drives clouds of sand

sand trap *n* : a hazard on a golf course consisting of a hollow containing sand

sand-wich \ˈsɑnd-(ɹ)wɪç\ *n* [after John Montagu, 4th Earl of Sandwich †1792 Eng. diplomat] **1** : two or more slices of bread with a layer (as of meat or cheese) spread between them **2** : something resembling a sandwich

sandwich *vb* : to squeeze or crowd in

sane \ˈsæn\ *adj* **san-er**; **san-est** : mentally sound and healthy; *also* : SENSIBLE, RATIONAL — **sane-ly** *adv*

sang *past of SING*

sang-froid \ˈsɑ̃-ˈfrwɑ̃\ *n* [F *sang-froid*, lit., cold blood] : self-possession or an imperturbable state esp. under strain

san-gui-nary \ˈsɑŋ-gwə-,ner-ē\ *adj* : BLOODY (<~ battle)
san-guine \ˈsɑŋ-gwən\ *adj* **1** : RUDDY **2** : CHEERFUL, HOPEFUL

sanit *abbr* sanitary; sanitation

san-i-tar-i-an \,san-ə-ˈter-ē-ən\ *n* : a specialist in sanitation and public health

san-i-tar-i-um \,san-ə-ˈter-ē-əm\ *n*, *pl* -i-ums or -ia \-ē-ə\ : SANATORIUM

san-i-tary \ˈsɑn-ə-,ter-ē\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to health : HYGIENIC **2** : free from filth or infective matter

sanitary napkin *n* : a disposable absorbent pad used to absorb uterine flow (as during menstruation)

san-i-ta-tion \,san-ə-ˈtā-shən\ *n* : a making sanitary; *also* : protection of health by maintenance of sanitary conditions

san-i-tize \ˈsɑn-ə-,tīz\ *vb* -tized; -tiz-ing **1** : to make sanitary **2** : to make more acceptable by removing unpleasant features

san-i-ty \ˈsɑn-ət-ē\ *n* : soundness of mind

sank *past of SINK*

sans \-(ɹ)sanz\ *prep* : WITHOUT

San-skrit \ˈsɑn-,skrit\ *n* : an ancient language that is the classical language of India and of Hinduism — **Sanskrit** *adj*

San-ta Ana \,sant-ə-ˈan-ə\ *n* [*Santa Ana* mountains in southern Calif.] : a hot dry wind from the north, northeast, or east in southern California

sap \ˈsɑp\ *n* : a vital fluid; *esp* : a watery fluid that circulates through a vascular plant — **sap-less** *adj*

sap *vb* sapped; **sap-ping** **1** : UNDERMINE **2** : to weaken gradually

sa-pi-ent \ˈsā-pē-ənt, ˈsap-ē-\ *adj* : WISE, DISCERNING — **sa-pi-ence** \-əns\ *n*

sap-ling \ˈsap-lɪŋ\ *n* : a young tree

sap-phire \ˈsaf-,i(ə)r\ *n* [ME *safir*, fr. OF, fr. L *sapphirus*, fr. Gk *sappheiros*, fr. Heb *sappir*, fr. Skt *śanipriya*, lit., dear to the planet Saturn, fr. *Śani* Saturn + *priya* dear] : a hard transparent bright blue precious stone

sap-py \ˈsap-ē\ *adj* **sap-pi-er**; -est **1** : full of sap **2** : SILLY, FOOLISH

sap-ro-phyte \ˈsap-rə-,fīt\ *n* : a living thing and esp. a plant living on dead or decaying organic matter — **sap-ro-phyt-ic** \,sap-rə-ˈfīt-ik\ *adj*

sap-suck-er \ˈsap-,sek-ər\ *n* : any of several small American woodpeckers

sap-wood \-,wūd\ *n* : the younger active and usu. lighter and softer outer layer of wood (as of a tree trunk)

sar-casm \ˈsär-,kaz-əm\ *n* **1** : a cutting or contemptuous remark **2** : ironic criticism or reproach — **sar-castic** \sär-ˈkas-tik\ *adj* — **sar-cas-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

sar-coph-a-gus \sär-ˈkäf-ə-gəs\ *n*, *pl* -gi \-,gi-, -,jī\ *also* -gus-es [L *sarcophagus* (*lapis*) limestone used for coffins, fr. Gk (*lithos*) *sarkophagos*, lit., flesh-eating stone, fr. *sark-*, *sarx* flesh + *phagein* to eat] : a large stone coffin

sar-dine \sär-ˈdēn\ *n*, *pl* *sardines* *also* *sardine* : a young or small fish preserved esp. in oil for use as food

sar-don-ic \sär-ˈdän-ik\ *adj* : expressing scorn or mockery : bitterly disdainful *syn* ironic, satiric, sarcastic — **sar-don-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

sa-ri *also* **sa-ree** \ˈsär-ē\ *n* [Hindi *sārī*] : a garment of southern Asian women that consists of a long cloth draped around the body and head or shoulder

sa-rong \sə-ˈrŏŋ, -ˈrāŋ\ *n* : a loose skirt wrapped around the body and worn by men and women of the Malay archipelago and the Pacific islands

sar-sa-pa-ril-la \,säs-(ə)-ˈpə-ˈril-ə, ,särs-\ *n* **1** : the root of a tropical American smilax used esp. for flavoring; *also* : the plant **2** : a sweetened carbonated beverage flavored with sassafras and an oil from a birch

sar-to-ri-al \sär-ˈtŏr-ē-əl\ *adj* : of or relating to a tailor or tailored clothes — **sar-to-ri-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

SASE *abbr* self-addressed stamped envelope

sash \ˈsəʃ\ *n* : a broad band worn around the waist or over the shoulder

sash *n*, *pl* **sash** *also* **sash-es** : a frame for a pane of glass in a door or window; *also* : the movable part of a window

sa-shay \sa-ˈshā\ *vb* **1** : WALK, GLIDE, GO **2** : to strut or move about in an ostentatious manner **3** : to proceed in a diagonal or sideways manner

Sask *abbr* Saskatchewan

Sas-quatch \ˈsəs-,kwach, -,kwäch\ *n* [from Salish (an American Indian language) *seˈsxac* wild men] : a hairy manlike creature reported to exist in the northwestern U.S. and western Canada and said to be a very tall primate

sas-sa-fras \ˈsəs-ə-,fras\ *n* [Sp *sasafrás*] : a No. American tree related to the laurel; *also* : its dried bark now known to have carcinogenic properties

sassy \ˈsəs-ē\ *adj* **sass-i-er**; -est : SAUCY

sat *past and past part of SIT*

sat *abbr* saturate; saturated; saturation

Sat *abbr* Saturday

Sa-tan \ˈsāt-ən\ *n* : DEVIL

sa-tang \sə-ˈtāŋ\ *n*, *pl* *satang* or *satangs* — see *baht* at MONEY table

sa-tan-ic \sə-ˈtan-ik, sā-\ *adj* **1** : of or resembling Satan **2** : extremely malicious or wicked — **sa-tan-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

satch-el \ˈsach-əl\ *n* : TRAVELING BAG

sate \ˈsāt\ *vb* **sat-ed**; **sat-ing** : to satisfy to the full; *also* : SURFEIT, GLUT

sa-teen \sa-ˈtēn, sə-\ *n* : a cotton cloth finished to resemble satin

sat-el-lite \ˈsat-əl-,īt\ *n* **1** : an obsequious follower of a prince or distinguished person : TOADY **2** : a celestial body that orbits a larger body **3** : a man-made object that orbits a celestial body

sa-ti-ate \ˈsā-shē-,āt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to satisfy fully or to excess

sa-ti-ety \sə-ˈtī-ət-ē\ *n* : fullness to the point of excess

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ä\cot, cart
\au\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \f\ice \j\job
\g\sing \ö\go \ó\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\lout
\ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

sat-in \ˈsăt-ən\ *n* : a fabric (as of silk) with a glossy surface — **sat-iny** *adj*

sat-in-wood \ˈsăt-ən-, wüd\ *n* : a hard yellowish brown wood of satiny luster; *also* : a tree yielding this wood

sat-ire \ˈsə-, tī(ə)r\ *n* : biting wit, irony, or sarcasm used to expose vice or folly; *also* : a literary work having these qualities — **sa-tir-ic** \sə-ˈtīr-ik\ or **sa-tir-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **sa-tir-i-cal-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **sat-i-rist** \ˈsăt-ə-rəst\ *n* — **sat-i-rize** \-ə-, rīz\ *vb*

sat-is-fac-tion \,săt-əs-ˈfak-shən\ *n* **1** : payment through penance of punishment incurred by sin **2** : CONTENTMENT, GRATIFICATION **3** : reparation for an insult **4** : settlement of a claim

sat-is-fac-to-ry \ˈfak-t(ə)-rē\ *adj* : giving satisfaction : AD-EQUATE — **sat-is-fac-to-ri-ly** \ˈfak-t(ə)-rē-lē\ *adv*

sat-is-fy \ˈsăt-əs-, fī\ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing **1** : to make happy : GRATIFY **2** : to pay what is due to **3** : to answer or discharge (a claim) in full **4** : CONVINCE **5** : to meet the requirements of — **sat-is-fy-ing-ly** *adv*

sa-trap \ˈsā-, trap, ˈsa-ˈn\ *n* [ME, fr. L *satrapes*, fr. Gk *satrapēs*, fr. OPer *xshathrapāvan*, lit., protector of the dominion] : a petty prince : subordinate ruler

sat-u-rate \ˈsach-ə-, rāt\ *vb* -rat-ed; -rat-ing **1** : to soak thoroughly **2** : to treat or charge with something to the point where no more can be absorbed, dissolved, or retained (water saturated with salt) — **sat-u-ra-ble** \ˈsach-(ə)-rə-bəl\ *adj* — **sat-u-ra-tion** \,sach-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

Sat-ur-day \ˈsăt-ər-dē-, -dā\ *n* : the 7th day of the week
Saturday night special *n* : a cheap easily concealed handgun

Sat-urn \ˈsăt-ərn\ *n* : the planet 6th in order from the sun
Sat-ur-nine \ˈsăt-ər-, nīn\ *adj* : SULLEN, SARDONIC

sa-tyr \ˈsāt-ər\ *n* **1** *often cap* : a woodland deity in Greek mythology having certain characteristics of a horse or goat **2** : a lecherous man

sauce \ˈsôs, 3 usu ˈsas\ *n* **1** : a dressing for salads, meats, or puddings **2** : stewed fruit **3** : IMPUDENCE

sauce \ˈsôs, 2 usu ˈsas\ *vb* sauced; sauc-ing **1** : to add zest to **2** : to be impudent to

sauce-pan \ˈsôs-, pan\ *n* : a cooking pan with a long handle
sau-cer \ˈsô-sər\ *n* : a rounded shallow dish for use under a cup

saucy \ˈsas-ē-, ˈsôs-ē\ *adj* sauc-i-er; -est : IMPUDENT, PERT — **sauc-i-ly** \-ə-lē\ *adv* — **sauc-i-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*

sau-er-kraut \sau-(ə)-r-, kraut\ *n* [G, fr. *sauer* sour + *kraut* cabbage] : finely cut cabbage fermented in brine

sau-na \ˈsau-nə\ *n* **1** : a Finnish steam bath in which the steam is provided by water thrown on hot stones **2** : a dry heat bath; *also* : a room or cabinet used for such a bath

saun-ter \ˈsönt-ər, ˈsānt-\ *vb* : STROLL

sau-sage \ˈsô-sij\ *n* [deriv. of LL *salsicia*, fr. L *salsus* salted] : minced and highly seasoned meat (as pork) usu. enclosed in a tubular casing

S Aust abbr South Australia

sau-té \sô-ˈtā, sô-\ *vb* sau-téed or sau-téd; sau-té-ing [F] : to fry lightly in a little fat — **sauté** *n*

sau-terne \sô-ˈtərn, sô-\ *n*, *often cap* [F *sauternes*] : a usu. semisweet white wine

sav-age \ˈsav-ij\ *adj* [ME *sauvage*, fr. MF, fr. ML *salvaticus*, fr. L *silvaticus* of the woods, wild, fr. *silva* wood, forest] **1** : WILD, UNTAMED **2** : UNCIVILIZED, BARBAROUS **3** : CRUEL, FIERCE — **sav-age-ly** *adv* — **sav-age-ness** *n* — **sav-age-ry** \-(ə)-rē\ *n*

savage *n* **1** : a member of a primitive human society **2** : a rude, unmannerly, or brutal person

sa-van-na or **sa-van-nah** \sə-ˈvan-ə\ *n* [Sp *zavana*] : grass-land containing scattered trees

sa-vant \sa-ˈvānt, sə-, ˈsav-ənt\ *n* : a learned man : SCHOL-AR

save \ˈsäv\ *vb* saved; sav-ing **1** : to redeem from sin **2** : to rescue from danger **3** : to preserve or guard from de-

struction or loss **4** : to put aside as a store or reserve — **save-r** *n*

save *n* : a play that prevents an opponent from scoring or winning

save \(\,säv\ *prep* : EXCEPT

save \(\,säv\ *conj* : BUT

savings and loan association *n* : a cooperative association that holds savings of members in the form of dividend-bearing shares and that invests chiefly in mortgage loans

savings bank *n* : a bank that holds funds of individual depositors in interest-bearing accounts and makes long-term investments (as in mortgage loans)

savings bond *n* : a registered U.S. bond issued in denominations of \$50 to \$10,000

sav-ior or **sav-iour** \ˈsäv-yər\ *n* **1** : one who saves **2 cap** : Jesus Christ

sa-voir faire \,sav-, wär-ˈfar\ *n* [F *savoir-faire*, lit., knowing how to do] : readiness in knowing how to act : TACT

sa-vor *also* **sa-vour** \ˈsā-vər\ *n* **1** : the taste and odor of something **2** : a special flavor or quality — **sa-vory** *adj*

savor *also* **savour** *vb* sa-vored; sa-vor-ing \ˈsäv-(ə)-rīg\ **1** : to have a specified taste, smell, or quality **2** : to taste with pleasure

sa-vo-ry \ˈsäv-(ə)-rē\ *n*, *pl* -ries : any of several aromatic mints used in cooking

sav-vy \ˈsav-ē\ *vb* sav-vied; sav-vy-ing [modif. of Sp *sabe* he knows] : COMPREHEND, UNDERSTAND

savvy *n* : practical know-how (political ~)

saw *past of* SEE

saw \ˈsō\ *n* : a cutting tool with a blade having a line of teeth along its edge

saw *vb* sawed \ˈsōd\; sawed or sawn \ˈsōn\; saw-ing \ˈsō(-)īg\ : to cut or divide with or as if with a saw — **saw-er** \-yər\ *n*

saw *n* : a common saying : MAXIM

saw-dust \ˈsō-(,)dəst\ *n* : fine particles made by a saw in cutting

saw-fly \ˈsō-, flī\ *n* : any of numerous insects belonging to the same order as bees and wasps and including many whose larvae are plant-feeding pests

saw-horse \ˈsō-, hōrs\ *n* : a rack on which wood is rested while being sawed by hand

saw-mill \-, mil\ *n* : a mill for sawing logs

saw palmetto *n* : any of several shrubby palms with spiny-toothed petioles

sax-i-frage \ˈsak-sə-frīj-, -frāj\ *n* [deriv. of LL *saxifraga*, fr. L, lit., breaking rocks] : any of a genus of plants with showy 5-parted flowers and usu. with leaves growing in tufts close to the ground

sax-o-phone \ˈsak-sə-, fōn\ *n* : a musical instrument consisting of a conical metal tube with a reed mouthpiece and finger keys — **sax-o-phon-ist** \-əst\ *n*

say \ˈsā\ *vb* said \ˈsed\; say-ing \ˈsā-īg\; says \ˈsez\ **1** : to express in words (~ what you mean) **2** : to state as opinion or belief **3** : PRONOUNCE; *also* : RECITE, REPEAT (~ your prayers) **4** : INDICATE (the clock ~s noon)

say *n*, *pl* says \ˈsāz\ **1** : an expression of opinion **2** : power of decision

say-ing \ˈsā-īg\ *n* : a commonly repeated statement
say-so \ˈsā-(,)sō\ *n* : an esp. authoritative assertion or decision; *also* : the right to decide

sb *abbr* substantive

Sb *symbol* [L *stibium*] antimony

Sb *abbr* [NL *scientiae baccalaureus*] bachelor of science

SBA *abbr* Small Business Administration

sc *abbr* **1** scale **2** scene **3** science

Sc *symbol* scandium

SC *abbr* **1** South Carolina **2** Supreme Court

scab \ˈskab\ *n* **1** : scabies of domestic animals **2** : a protective crust over a sore or wound **3** : a worker who replaces a striker or works under conditions not autho-

rized by a union 4 : a plant disease in which crusted spots form on stems or leaves — *scab-by* *adj*
scab *vb* *scabbed*; *scab-bing* 1 : to become covered with a scab 2 : to work as a scab
scab-bard \ˈskab-ərd\ *n* : a sheath for the blade of a weapon (as a sword)
scabies \ˈskā-bēz\ *n* [L] : contagious itch or mange caused by mites living as parasites under the skin
scabrous \ˈskab-rəs, ˈskāb-ə\ *adj* 1 : DIFFICULT, KNOTTY 2 : rough to the touch : SCALY, SCURFY (a ~ leaf) 3 : dealing with suggestive, indecent, or scandalous themes; *also* : SQUALID
scad \ˈskad\ *n* 1 : a large number or quantity 2 *pl* : a great abundance
scaf-fold \ˈskaf-əld, -ˌöld\ *n* 1 : a raised platform for workers to sit or stand on 2 : a platform on which a criminal is executed (as by hanging)
scaf-fold-ing \-ɪŋ\ *n* : a system of scaffolds; *also* : materials for scaffolds
scal-a-wag \ˈskal-i-, wəg\ *n* : RASCAL
scald \ˈsköld\ *vb* 1 : to burn with or as if with hot liquid or steam 2 : to heat to just below the boiling point
scald *n* : a burn caused by scalding
scale \ˈskāl\ *n* 1 : either pan of a balance 2 : BALANCE — *usu.* used in *pl.* 3 : a weighing instrument
scale *vb* *scaled*; *scal-ing* : WEIGH
scale *n* 1 : one of the small thin plates that cover the body esp. of a fish or reptile 2 : a thin plate 3 : a thin coating, layer, or incrustation 4 : SCALE INSECT — *scaled* \ˈskäld\ *adj* — *scale-less* \ˈskäl-ləs\ *adj* — *scaly* *adj*
scale *vb* *scaled*; *scal-ing* : to strip of scales
scale *n* [ME, fr. LL *scala* ladder, staircase, fr. L *scalae*, *pl.*, stairs, rungs, ladder] 1 : something divided into regular spaces as a help in drawing or measuring 2 : a graduated series 3 : the size of a sample (as a model) in proportion to the size of the actual thing 4 : a standard of estimation or judgment 5 : a series of musical tones going up or down in pitch according to a specified scheme
scale *vb* *scaled*; *scal-ing* 1 : to go up by or as if by a ladder 2 : to arrange in a graded series
scale insect *n* : any of numerous small insects that live and are often pests on plants and have wingless scale-covered females
scale-pan \ˈskäl-, pan\ *n* : SCALE 1
scal-lion \ˈskal-yən\ *n* [deriv. of L *ascalonia* (*caepa*) onion of Ascalon (seaport in Palestine)] : an onion without an enlarged bulb
scal-lap \ˈskäl-əp, ˈskal-\ *n* 1 : any of a family of marine mollusks with radially ridged shell valves; *also* : a large edible muscle of this mollusk 2 : one of a continuous series of rounded projections forming an edge (as in lace)
scallop *vb* 1 : to edge (as lace) with scallops 2 : to bake in a casserole
scalp \ˈskalp\ *n* : the part of the skin and flesh of the head *usu.* covered with hair
scalp *vb* 1 : to remove the scalp from 2 : to obtain for the sake of reselling at greatly increased prices — *scalp-er* *n*
scal-pel \ˈskal-pəl\ *n* : a small straight knife with a thin blade used esp. in surgery
scam \ˈskam\ *n* : a fraudulent or deceptive act or operation
scamp \ˈskamp\ *n* : RASCAL
scam-per \ˈskam-pər\ *vb* *scam-pered*; *scam-per-ing* \-(pə-)rɪŋ\ : to run nimbly and playfully — *scamper* *n*
scam-pi \ˈskam-pē\ *n*, *pl* *scampi* [It] : SHRIMP; *esp* : large shrimp prepared with a garlic-flavored sauce
scan \ˈskan\ *vb* *scanned*; *scan-ning* 1 : to read (verses) so as to show metrical structure 2 : to examine closely 3 : to move an electromagnetic beam across esp. in a regular pattern 4 : to make a scan of (as the human

body) *syn* scrutinize, inspect, examine — *scan-ner* \ˈskan-ər\ *n*
scan *n* 1 : the act or process of scanning 2 : a picture of the distribution of radioactive material in something; *also* : a picture of part of the body made by combining separate pictures taken from different angles or of different sections
Scand *abbr* Scandinavia; Scandinavian
scan-dal \ˈskan-dəl\ *n* [LL *scandalum* stumbling block, offense, fr. Gk *skandalon*] 1 : DISGRACE, DISHONOR 2 : malicious gossip : SLANDER — *scan-dal-ize* *vb* — *scan-dal-ous* *adj* — *scan-dal-ous-ly* *adv*
scan-dal-mon-ger \-məŋ-gər, -ˌmən-ə\ *n* : a person who circulates scandal
Scan-di-na-vian \ˈskan-də-ˈnā-vē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Scandinavia — *Scandinavian* *adj*
scan-di-um \ˈskan-dē-əm\ *n* : a white metallic chemical element — *see* ELEMENT table
scant \ˈskant\ *adj* 1 : barely sufficient 2 : having scarcely enough *syn* scanty, skimpy, meager, sparse, exiguous
scant *vb* 1 : SKIMP 2 : STINT
scant-ling \ˈskant-lɪŋ\ *n* : a piece of lumber; *esp* : one used for an upright in building
scanty \ˈskant-ē\ *adj* *scant-i-er*; *-est* : barely sufficient : SCANT — *scant-i-ly* \ˈskant-ē-lē\ *adv* — *scant-i-ness* \-ē-nəs\ *n*
scape-goat \ˈskāp-ˌgōt\ *n* : one that bears the blame for others
scape-grace \-ɪ, grās\ *n* [*scape* (escape)] : an incorrigible rascal
scap-u-la \ˈskap-yə-lə\ *n*, *pl* *-lae* \-ɪ, lē\ or *-las* [L] : SHOULDER BLADE
scap-u-lar \-lər\ *adj* : of or relating to the shoulder or shoulder blade
scar \ˈskär\ *n* : a mark left after injured tissue has healed — *scar* *vb*
scar-ab \ˈskar-əb\ *n* [MF *scarabee*, fr. L *scarabaeus*] : any of a family of large stout beetles; *also* : an ornament (as a gem) representing such a beetle
scarce \ˈskeərs\ *adj* *scar-cer*; *scar-est* 1 : not plentiful 2 : RARE — *scar-ci-ty* \ˈsker-sət-ē\ *n*
scarce-ly \ˈskeərs-lē\ *adv* 1 : BARELY 2 : almost not 3 : very probably not
scare \ˈskeə\ *vb* *scared*; *scar-ing* : FRIGHTEN, STARTLE
scare *n* : FRIGHT — *scary* *adj*
scare-crow \ˈskeə-, krō\ *n* : a crude figure set up to scare birds away from crops
scarf \ˈskärf\ *n*, *pl* *scarves* \ˈskärvz\ or *scarfs* 1 : a broad band (as of cloth) worn about the shoulders, around the neck, over the head, or about the waist 2 : a long narrow cloth cover for a table or dresser top
scarf *vb* [alter. of earlier *scoffeat* greedily] : to eat greedily
scar-i-fy \ˈskar-ə-, fɪ\ *vb* *-fied*; *-fy-ing* 1 : to make scratches or small cuts in : wound superficially (~ skin for vaccination) (~ seeds to help them germinate) 2 : to lacerate the feelings of : FLAY — *scar-i-fi-ca-tion* \ˈskar-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*
scar-la-ti-na \ˈskär-lə-ˈtē-nə\ *n* : SCARLET FEVER
scar-let \ˈskär-lət\ *n* : a bright red — *scarlet* *adj*
scarlet fever *n* : an acute contagious disease marked by fever, sore throat, and red rash and caused by certain streptococci
scarp \ˈskärp\ *n* : a line of cliffs produced by faulting or erosion
scath-ing \ˈskā-θɪŋ\ *adj* : bitterly severe
scat-o-log-i-cal \ˈskat-ə-ˈlɔj-ɪ-kəl\ *adj* : concerned with obscene matters

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ə\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \ɪ\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \d\go \d\law \d\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

scat-ter \ˈskat-ər\ *vb* **1** : to distribute or strew about irregularly **2** : DISPERSE
scav-enge \ˈskav-ən\ *vb* **scav-enged**; **scav-eng-ing** : to work or function as a scavenger
scav-en-ger \ˈskav-ən-jər\ *n* [alter. of earlier *scavenger*, fr. ME *skawager* collector of a toll on goods sold by non-resident merchants, fr. *skawage* toll on goods sold by nonresident merchants, fr. OF *escauwege* inspection] : a person or animal that collects or disposes of refuse or waste
sce-nar-io \sə-ˈnar-ē-jō\ *n*, *pl* **-ios** : the plot or outline of a dramatic work; *also* : an account of a projected action
scene \ˈsēn\ *n* [MF, stage, fr. L *scena*, *scaena* stage, scene, fr. Gk *skēnē* temporary shelter, tent, building forming the background for a dramatic performance, stage] **1** : a division of one act of a play **2** : a single situation or sequence in a play or motion picture **3** : a stage setting **4** : VIEW, PROSPECT **5** : the place of an occurrence or action **6** : a display of strong feeling and esp. anger **7** : a sphere of activity (the fashion ~) — **scenic** \ˈsēn-ik\ *adj*
scen-ery \ˈsēn-(ə)rē\ *n*, *pl* **-er-ies** **1** : the painted scenes or hangings of a stage and the fittings that go with them **2** : a picturesque view or landscape
1 **scent** \ˈsent\ *n* **1** : ODOR, SMELL **2** : sense of smell **3** : course of pursuit : TRACK **4** : PERFUME — **scent-less** *adj*
2 **scent** *vb* **1** : SMELL **2** : to imbue or fill with odor
scep-ter \ˈsep-tər\ *n* : a staff borne by a sovereign as an emblem of authority
scep-tic \ˈskep-tik\ *var* of SKEPTIC
sch *abbr* school
1 **sched-ule** \ˈskej-ül, *esp* Brit *ˈshed-yül*\ *n* **1** : a list of items or details **2** : TIMETABLE
2 **schedule** *vb* **sched-uled**; **sched-ul-ing** : to make a schedule of; *also* : to enter on a schedule
sche-mat-ic \ski-ˈmat-ik\ *adj* : of or relating to a scheme or diagram : DIAGRAMMATIC — **schematic** *n* — **sche-mat-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
1 **scheme** \ˈskēm\ *n* **1** : a plan for doing something; *esp* : a crafty plot **2** : a systematic design
2 **scheme** *vb* **schemed**; **schem-ing** : to form a plot : INTRIGUE — **schem-er** *n* — **schem-ing** *adj*
Schick test \ˈshik-\ *n* : a serological test for susceptibility to diphtheria
schil-ling \ˈshil-ɪŋ\ *n* — see MONEY table
schism \ˈsiz-əm, ˈskiz-\ *n* **1** : DIVISION, SPLIT; *also* : DISCORD, DISSENSION **2** : a formal division in or separation from a religious body **3** : the offense of promoting schism
schis-mat-ic \siz-ˈmat-ik, skiz-\ *n* : one who creates or takes part in schism — **schismatic** *adj*
schist \ˈshɪst\ *n* : a metamorphic crystalline rock
schizo-phre-nia \ˌskit-sə-ˈfrē-nē-ə\ *n* [NL, fr. Gk *schizein* to split + *phrēn* diaphragm, mind] : a psychotic disorder that is characterized by a twisted view of the real world, by a greatly reduced ability to carry out one's daily tasks, and by abnormal ways of thinking, feeling, and behaving — **schiz-oid** \ˌskit-,sɔɪd\ *adj* or *n* — **schizo-phren-ic** \ˌskit-sə-ˈfren-ik\ *adj* or *n*
schle-miel \shlə-ˈmēl\ *n* : an unlucky bungler : CHUMP
schmalts *also* **schmalz** \ˈshmɔlts, ˈshmälts\ *n* [Yiddish *shmaltz*, lit., rendered fat] : sentimental or florid music or art — **schmaltzy** *adj*
schnau-zer \ˈshnaut-sər, ˈs(h)naʊ-zər\ *n* [G, fr. *schnauze* snout] : a dog of any of three breeds that are characterized by a long head, small ears, heavy eyebrows, mustache and beard, and a wiry coat
schol-ar \ˈskəl-ər\ *n* **1** : STUDENT, PUPIL **2** : a learned man : SAVANT — **schol-ar-ly** *adj*
schol-ar-ship \-,ship\ *n* **1** : the qualities or learning of a scholar **2** : money awarded to a student to help pay for further education

scho-las-tic \skə-ˈlas-tik\ *adj* : of or relating to schools, scholars, or scholarship

1 **school** \ˈskul\ *n* **1** : an institution for teaching and learning; *also* : the pupils in attendance **2** : a body of persons of like opinions or beliefs (the radical ~)

2 **school** *vb* : TEACH, TRAIN, DRILL

3 **school** *n* : a large number of one kind of water animal swimming and feeding together

school-boy \-,bɔɪ\ *n* : a boy attending school

school-fel-low \-,fel-ō\ *n* : SCHOOLMATE

school-girl \-,gɜrl\ *n* : a girl attending school

school-house \-,haʊs\ *n* : a building used as a school

school-marm \-,mɑ(r)m\ or **school-ma'am** \-,mām, -,mam\ *n* **1** : a woman schoolteacher **2** : a person who exhibits characteristics popularly attributed to school-teachers

school-mas-ter \-,mas-tər\ *n* : a male schoolteacher

school-mate \-,māt\ *n* : a school companion

school-mis-tress \-,mis-trəs\ *n* : a woman schoolteacher

school-room \-,rʊm, -,rüm\ *n* : CLASSROOM

school-teach-er \-,tē-čər\ *n* : one who teaches in a school

schoo-ner \ˈsku-nər\ *n* : a fore-and-aft rigged sailing ship

schuss \ˈshʊs, ˈshūs\ *vb* [G] : to ski down a slope at high speed — **schuss** *n*

sci *abbr* science; scientific

sci-at-i-ca \sɪ-ˈat-i-kə\ *n* : pain in the region of the hips or along the course of the nerve at the back of the thigh
sci-ence \ˈsi-əns\ *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. L *scientia*, fr. *scient-*, *sciens* having knowledge, fr. prp. of *scire* to know] **1** : an area of knowledge that is an object of study; *esp* : NATURAL SCIENCE **2** : knowledge covering general truths or the operation of general laws especially as obtained and tested through the scientific method —

sci-en-tif-ic \ˌsi-ən-ˈtɪf-ik\ *adj* — **sci-en-tif-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **sci-en-tist** \ˈsi-ənt-əst\ *n*

science fiction *n* : fiction dealing principally with the impact of actual or imagined science on society or individuals
scientific method *n* : the rules and methods for the pursuit of knowledge involving the finding and stating of a problem, the collection of facts through observation and experiment, and the making and testing of ideas that need to be proven right or wrong

sci-m-i-tar \ˈsim-ət-ər\ *n* : a curved sword used chiefly by Arabs and Turks



scimitar

scin-til-la \ˌsɪn-ˈtɪl-ə\ *n* : SPARK, TRACE

scin-til-late \ˌsɪnt-ɪ-l-āt\ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** : SPARKLE, GLEAM — **scin-til-la-tion** \ˌsɪnt-ɪ-l-ā-shən\ *n*

sci-on \ˈsi-ən\ *n* **1** : a shoot of a plant joined to a stock in grafting **2** : DESCENDANT

scis-sors \ˈsiz-ərz\ *n* *pl* : a cutting instrument like shears but usu. smaller

scissors kick *n* : a swimming kick in which the legs move like scissors

scle-ro-sis \ˈsklə-ˈrō-səs\ *n* : a usu. abnormal hardening of tissue (as of an artery) — **scle-rot-ic** \-ˈrät-ik\ *adj*

scoff \ˈskäf\ *vb* : MOCK, JEER — **scoff-er** *n*

scoff-law \-,lō\ *n* : a contemptuous law violator

1 **scold** \ˈsköld\ *n* : a person who scolds

2 **scold** *vb* : to censure severely or angrily

scone \ˈskäns\ *n* : a candlestick or an electric light fixture bracketed to a wall

scone \ˈskön, ˈskän\ *n* : a biscuit (as of oatmeal) baked on a griddle

1 **scoop** \ˈsküp\ *n* **1** : a large shovel; *also* : a shovellike

- utensil (a sugar ~) 2 : an act of scooping 3 : information of immediate interest
- 2scoop** *vb* 1 : to take out or up or empty with or as if with a scoop 2 : to make hollow 3 : to report a news item in advance of
- scoot** *\ˈskūt* *vb* : to go suddenly and swiftly
- scooter** *\ˈskūt-ər* *n* 1 : a child's vehicle consisting of a narrow board mounted between two wheels tandem with an upright steering handle attached to the front wheel 2 : MOTOR SCOOTER
- 1scope** *\ˈsköp* *n* [It *scopo* purpose, goal, fr. Gk *skopos*, fr. *skeptesthai* to watch, look at] 1 : space or opportunity for action or thought 2 : extent covered : RANGE
- 2scope** *n* : an instrument (as a microscope or radarscope) for viewing
- scorch** *\ˈskɔrch* *vb* : to burn the surface of; *also* : to dry or shrivel with heat (~ed lawns)
- 1score** *\ˈskôr* *n, pl scores* 1 or *pl score* : TWENTY 2 : CUT, SCRATCH, SLASH 3 : a record of points made (as in a game) 4 : DEBT 5 : REASON, GROUND 6 : the music of a composition or arrangement with different parts indicated 7 : success in obtaining something (as drugs) esp. illegally
- 2score** *vb scored*; **scoring** 1 : RECORD 2 : to keep score in a game 3 : to mark with lines, grooves, scratches, or notches 4 : to gain or tally in or as if in a game (*scored* a point) 5 : to assign a grade or score to (~ the tests) 6 : to compose a score for 7 : SUCCEED — **score-less** *adj* — **scorer** *n*
- scoria** *\ˈskôr-ē-ə* *n, pl -riae -ē-, ē* [L] : a rough cindery lava
- 1scorn** *\ˈskörn* *n* : an emotion involving both anger and disgust : CONTEMPT — **scorn-ful** *-fəl* *adj* — **scorn-ful-ly** *-lē* *adv*
- 2scorn** *vb* : to hold in contempt : DISDAIN — **scorn-er** *n*
- Scorpio** *\ˈskôr-pē-, ð* *n* [L, lit., scorpion] 1 : a zodiacal constellation between Libra and Sagittarius usu. pictured as a scorpion 2 : the 8th sign of the zodiac in astrology; *also* : one born under this sign
- scorpi-on** *\ˈskôr-pē-ən* *n* : any of an order of arthropods related to the spiders and having a poisonous sting at the tip of a long jointed tail
- 1Scot** *\ˈskät* *n* : a native or inhabitant of Scotland
- 2Scot** *abbr* Scotland; Scottish
- Scotch** *\ˈskäch* *n* 1 : SCOTS 2 **Scotch** *pl* : the people of Scotland 3 : a whiskey distilled in Scotland esp. from malted barley — **Scotch** *adj* — **Scotch-man** *-mən* *n* — **Scotch-woman** *-wūm-ən* *n*
- Scotch pine** *n* : a pine that is naturalized in the U.S. from northern Europe and Asia and is a valuable timber tree
- scot-free** *\ˈskät-frē* *adj* : free from obligation, harm, or penalty
- Scots** *\ˈskäts* *n* : the English language of Scotland
- Scots-man** *\ˈskäts-mən* *n* : SCOTCHMAN
- Scots-woman** *-wū-mən* *n* : SCOTCHWOMAN
- Scot-tish** *\ˈskät-ish* *adj* : SCOTCH
- scoundrel** *\ˈskaün-drəl* *n* : a mean or wicked person : VILLAIN
- 1scur** *\ˈskaʊ(ə)r* *vb* 1 : to move rapidly through : RUSH 2 : to examine thoroughly
- 2scur** *vb* 1 : to rub (as with a gritty substance) in order to clean 2 : to cleanse by or as if by rubbing
- 1scourge** *\ˈskərj* *n* 1 : LASH, WHIP 2 : PUNISHMENT; *also* : a cause of affliction (as a plague)
- 2scourge** *vb scourged*; **scourging** 1 : LASH, FLOG 2 : to punish severely
- 1scout** *\ˈskaʊt* *vb* [ME *scouten*, fr. MF *escouter* to listen, fr. L *auscultare*] 1 : to look around : RECONNOITER 2 : to inspect or observe to get information
- 2scout** *n* 1 : a person sent out to get information; *also* : a soldier, airplane, or ship sent out to reconnoiter 2 : a member of either of two youth organizations (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts) — **scout-mas-ter** *-mas-tər* *n*
- 3scout** *vb* : SCORN, SCOFF
- scow** *\ˈskaʊ* *n* : a large flat-bottomed boat with square ends
- scowl** *\ˈskaʊl* *vb* : to draw down the forehead and make a face in expression of displeasure — **scowl** *n*
- SCPO** *abbr* senior chief petty officer
- scrab-ble** *\ˈskrab-əl* *vb* **scrab-bled**; **scrab-bling** *-(ə-)liŋ* 1 : SCAPE, SCRATCH 2 : CLAMBER, SCRAMBLE 3 : to work hard and long 4 : SCRIBBLE — **scrabble** *n* — **scrab-bler** *-(ə-)lər* *n*
- scrag-gly** *\ˈskrag-lē* *adj* : IRREGULAR; *also* : RAGGED, UN-KEMPT
- scram** *\ˈskram* *vb* **scrammed**; **scram-ming** : to go away at once
- scram-ble** *\ˈskram-bəl* *vb* **scram-bled**; **scram-bling** *-b(ə-)liŋ* 1 : to clamber clumsily around 2 : to struggle for or as if for possession of something 3 : to spread irregularly 4 : to mix together 5 : to prepare (eggs) by stirring during frying — **scramble** *n*
- 1scrap** *\ˈskrap* *n* 1 : FRAGMENT, PIECE 2 : discarded material : REFUSE
- 2scrap** *vb scrapped*; **scrap-ping** 1 : to make into scrap (~ a battleship) 2 : to get rid of as useless
- 3scrap** *n* : FIGHT
- 4scrap** *vb scrapped*; **scrap-ping** : FIGHT, QUARREL — **scrap-per** *n*
- scrap-book** *\ˈskrap-būk* *n* : a blank book in which mementos are kept
- 1scrape** *\ˈskrāp* *vb* **scraped**; **scrap-ing** 1 : to remove by drawing a knife over; *also* : to clean or smooth by rubbing off the covering 2 : GRATE; *also* : to damage or injure the surface of by contact with something rough 3 : to scrape something with a grating sound 4 : to get together (money) by strict economy 5 : to get along with difficulty — **scrap-er** *n*
- 2scrape** *n* 1 : the act or the effect of scraping 2 : a bow accompanied by a drawing back of the foot 3 : an unpleasant predicament
- 1scrap-py** *\ˈskrap-ē* *adj* **scrap-pi-er**; **-est** : DISCONNECTED, FRAGMENTARY
- 2scrappy** *adj* **scrap-pi-er**; **-est** 1 : QUARRELSOME 2 : having an aggressive and determined spirit
- 1scratch** *\ˈskrach* *vb* 1 : to scrape, dig, or rub with or as if with claws or nails (a dog ~ing at the door) (~ed his arm on thorns) 2 : to cause to move or strike roughly and gratingly (~ed his nails across the blackboard) 3 : to scrape (as money) together 4 : to cancel or erase by or as if by drawing a line through — **scratchy** *adj*
- 2scratch** *n* 1 : a mark made by or as if by scratching; *also* : a sound so made 2 : the starting line in a race 3 : a point at the beginning of a project at which nothing has been done ahead of time (built from ~)
- 3scratch** *adj* 1 : made as or used for a trial attempt (~ paper) 2 : made or done by chance (a ~ hit)
- scrawl** *\ˈskrɔl* *vb* : to write hastily and carelessly — **scrawl** *n*
- scraw-ny** *\ˈskrō-nē* *adj* **scraw-ni-er**; **-est** : very thin : SKIN-NY
- 1scream** *\ˈskrēm* *vb* : to cry out loudly and shrilly
- 2scream** *n* : a loud shrill cry
- scream-ing** *\ˈskrēm-iŋ* *adj* : so striking as to attract notice as if by screaming (~ headlines)
- screech** *\ˈskrēch* *vb* : SHRIEK — **screech** *n* — **screechy** *\ˈskrē-chē* *adj*
- 1screen** *\ˈskrēn* *n* 1 : a device or partition used to hide, restrain, protect, or decorate (a wire-mesh window ~); *also* : something that shelters, protects, or conceals 2 : a sieve or perforated material for separating finer from

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- coarser parts (as of sand) **3** : a surface on which an image is made to appear (as in television) **4** : the motion-picture industry
- 2screen** *vb* **1** : to shield with or as if with a screen **2** : to separate with or as if with a screen **3** : to present (as a motion picture) on the screen *syn* hide, conceal, secrete, cover
- screen-ing** *\-iŋ* *n* : metal or plastic mesh (as for window screens)
- 1screw** *\ˈskrū* *n* [ME, fr. MF *escroe* nut, fr. ML *scrofa*, fr. L., *sow*] **1** : a simple machine consisting of a solid cylinder with a spiral groove around it and a corresponding hollow cylinder into which it fits **2** : a naillike metal piece with a spiral groove and a head with a slot used to fasten pieces of solid material together **3** : PROPELLER
- 2screw** *vb* **1** : to fasten or close by means of a screw **2** : to operate or adjust by means of a screw **3** : to move or cause to move spirally; *also* : to close or set in position by such an action
- screw-ball** *\ˈskrū-,bɒl* *n* **1** : a baseball pitch breaking in a direction opposite to a curve **2** : a whimsical, eccentric, or crazy person
- screw-driver** *\ˈskrū-,dri-vər* *n* **1** : a tool for turning screws **2** : a drink made of vodka and orange juice
- screwy** *\ˈskrū-ē* *adj* **screw-i-er**; **-est** **1** : crazily absurd, eccentric, or unusual **2** : CRAZY, INSANE
- scrib-ble** *\ˈskrib-əl* *vb* **scrib-bled**; **scrib-bling** *\-(ə-)liŋ* : to write hastily or carelessly — **scribble** *n* — **scribler** *\-(ə-)lər* *n*
- scribe** *\ˈskrib* *n* **1** : one of a learned class in ancient Palestine serving as copyists, teachers, and jurists **2** : a person whose business is the copying of writing **3** : AUTHOR; *esp* : JOURNALIST
- scrim** *\ˈskrim* *n* : a light loosely woven cotton or linen cloth
- scrim-mage** *\ˈskrim-ij* *n* : the play between two football teams beginning with the snap of the ball; *also* : practice play between a team's squads — **scrimmage** *vb*
- scrimp** *\ˈskrimp* *vb* : to be niggardly : economize greatly (~ and save)
- scrim-shaw** *\ˈskrim-,shə* *n* : carved or engraved articles made esp. by American whalers usu. from whalebone or whale ivory — **scrimshaw** *vb*
- scrip** *\ˈskrip* *n* **1** : a certificate showing its holder is entitled to something (as stock or land) **2** : paper money issued for temporary use in an emergency
- 1script** *\ˈskript* *n* **1** : written matter (as lines for a play or broadcast) **2** : HANDWRITING
- 2script** *abbr* scripture
- scrip-ture** *\ˈskrip-čər* *n* **1** *cap* : the books of the Bible — often used in pl. **2** : the sacred writings of a religion — **scrip-tur-al** *\ˈskrip-čə-rəl* *adj* — **scrip-tur-al-ly** *\-ē* *adv*
- scriv-en-er** *\ˈskriv-(ə-)nər* *n* : SCRIBE, WRITER, AUTHOR
- scrod** *\ˈskrəd* *n* : a young fish (as a cod or haddock); *esp* : one split and boned for cooking
- scrof-u-la** *\ˈskrɒf-yə-lə* *n* : tuberculosis of lymph nodes esp. in the neck
- scroll** *\ˈskrɒl* *n* : a roll of paper or parchment for writing a document; *also* : a spiral or coiled ornamental form suggesting a loosely or partly rolled scroll
- scroll saw** *n* : JIGSAW
- scro-tum** *\ˈskrɒt-əm* *n*, *pl* **scro-ta** *\-ə* or **scrotums** [L] : a pouch that in most mammals contains the testes
- scrounge** *\ˈskraʊŋ* *vb* **scrounged**; **scroung-ing** : to collect by or as if by foraging
- 1scrub** *\ˈskrəb* *n* **1** : a thick growth of stunted trees or shrubs; *also* : an area of land covered with scrub **2** : an inferior domestic animal **3** : a person of insignificant size or standing; *esp* : a player not on the first team — **scrub** *adj* — **scrub-by** *adj*
- 2scrub** *vb* **scrubbed**; **scrub-bing** **1** : to rub in washing (~ clothes) **2** : to wash by rubbing (~ out a spot) **3** : CAN-CEL
- 3scrub** *n* : an act or instance of scrubbing (gave the clothes a good ~)
- scruff** *\ˈskrəf* *n* : the loose skin of the back of the neck : NAPE
- scruffy** *\ˈskrəf-ē* *adj* **scruff-i-er**; **-est** : UNKEMPT, SLOVENLY
- scrump-tious** *\ˈskrəm(p)-shəs* *adj* : DELIGHTFUL, EXCELLENT — **scrump-tious-ly** *adv*
- 1scru-ple** *\ˈskrū-pəl* *n* [MF *scrupule*, fr. L. *scrupulus* small sharp stone, cause of mental discomfort, scruple, dim. of *scrupus* sharp stone] **1** : a point of conscience or honor **2** : hesitation due to ethical considerations
- 2scruple** *vb* **scru-pled**; **scru-pling** *\-p(ə-)liŋ* : to be reluctant on grounds of conscience : HESITATE
- scru-pu-lous** *\ˈskrū-pyə-ləs* *adj* **1** : having moral integrity **2** : PAINSTAKING — **scru-pu-lous-ly** *adv* — **scru-pu-lous-ness** *n*
- scru-ti-ni-zed** *\ˈskrüt-ən-,īz* *vb* **-nized**; **-niz-ing** : to examine closely
- scru-ti-ny** *\ˈskrüt-ən-ē* *n*, *pl* **-nies** [L. *scrutinium*, fr. *scrutari* to search, examine, fr. *scruta* trash] : a careful looking over *syn* inspection, examination, analysis
- scu-ba** *\ˈsk(y)ü-bə* *n* [self-contained underwater breathing apparatus] : an apparatus for breathing while swimming under water
- scuba diver** *n* : one who swims under water with the aid of scuba gear
- 1scud** *\ˈskəd* *vb* **scud-ded**; **scud-ding** : to move speedily
- 2scud** *n* : light clouds driven by the wind
- 1scuff** *\ˈskʌf* *vb* **1** : to scrape the feet while walking : SHUFFLE **2** : to scratch or become scratched or worn away
- 2scuff** *n* **1** : a mark or injury caused by scuffing **2** : a flat-soled slipper without quarter or heel strap
- scuf-ful** *\ˈskəf-əl* *vb* **scuf-pled**; **scuf-pling** *\-(ə-)liŋ* **1** : to struggle confusedly at close quarters **2** : to shuffle one's feet — **scuffle** *n*
- 1scull** *\ˈskəl* *n* **1** : an oar for use in sculling; *also* : one of a pair of short oars for a single oarsman **2** : a racing shell propelled by one or two persons using sculls
- 2scull** *vb* : to propel (a boat) by an oar over the stern
- scul-lery** *\ˈskəl-(ə-)rē* *n*, *pl* **-ler-ies** [ME, department of household in charge of dishes, fr. MF *escuelerie*, fr. *escuelle* bowl, fr. L. *scutella* drinking bowl] : a small room near the kitchen used for cleaning dishes, culinary utensils, and vegetables
- scul-lion** *\ˈskəl-yən* *n* [ME *sculion*, fr. MF *escouillon* dishcloth, alter. of *escouvillon*, fr. *escouve* broom, fr. L. *scopa*, lit., twig] : a kitchen helper
- sculpt** *\ˈskʌlpt* *vb* : CARVE, SCULPTURE
- sculp-tor** *\ˈskəlp-tər* *n* : one who produces works of sculpture
- 1sculp-ture** *\ˈskəlp-čər* *n* : the act, process, or art of carving or molding material (as stone, wood, or plastic); *also* : work produced this way — **sculp-tur-al** *\ˈskəlp-čə-rəl* *adj*
- 2sculpture** *vb* **sculp-tured**; **sculp-tur-ing** : to form or alter as or as if a work of sculpture
- scum** *\ˈskəm* *n* **1** : a foul filmy covering on the surface of a liquid **2** : waste matter **3** : RABBLE
- scup-per** *\ˈskəp-ər* *n* : an opening in the side of a ship through which water on deck is drained overboard
- scurf** *\ˈskərf* *n* : thin dry scales of skin (as dandruff); *also* : a scaly deposit or covering — **scurfy** *\ˈskər-fē* *adj*
- scur-ri-lous** *\ˈskər-ə-ləs* *adj* : coarsely jesting : OBSCENE, VULGAR
- scur-ry** *\ˈskər-ē* *vb* **scur-ried**; **scur-ry-ing** : SCAMPER
- 1scur-vy** *\ˈskər-vē* *n* : a disease marked by spongy gums, loosened teeth, and bleeding into the tissues and caused by lack of vitamin C
- 2scurvy** *adj* : MEAN, CONTEMPTIBLE — **scur-vi-ly** *\ˈskər-vē-lē* *adv*
- scutch-eon** *\ˈskəč-ən* *n* : ESCUTCHEON
- 1scut-tle** *\ˈskət-əl* *n* : a pail for carrying coal

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from an organized body and esp. from a political body
se-ces-sion \si-'sesh-ən\ *n* : the act of seceding — **se-ces-sion-ist** *n*

se-clude \si-'klüd\ *vb* **se-clud-ed**; **se-clud-ing** : to keep or shut away from others

se-clu-sion \si-'klü-zhən\ *n* : the act of secluding : the state of being secluded — **se-clu-sive** \-siv\ *adj*

sec-ond \sek-'ənd\ *adj* [ME, fr. OF, fr. L *secundus* second, following, favorable, fr. *sequi* to follow] **1** : being number two in a countable series **2** : next after the first **3** : ALTERNATE (every ~ year) — **second** or **sec-ond-ly** *adv*

second *n* [ME *secunde*, fr. ML *secunda*, fr. L, fem. of *secundus* second; fr. its being the second division of a unit into 60 parts, as a minute is the first] **1** : the 60th part of a minute of time or angular measure **2** : an instant of time

second *n* **1** : one that is second **2** : one who assists another (as in a duel) **3** : an inferior or flawed article (as of merchandise) **4** : the second forward gear in a motor vehicle

second *vb* **1** : to encourage or give support to **2** : to act as a second to **3** : to support (a motion) by adding one's voice to that of a proposer

sec-ond-ary \sek-'ən-, der-ē\ *adj* **1** : second in rank, value, or occurrence : INFERIOR, LESSER **2** : belonging to a second or later stage of development **3** : coming after the primary or elementary (~ schools) *syn* subordinate, collateral, dependent

secondary sex characteristic *n* : a physical characteristic (as the breasts of a female mammal or the showy feathers of a male bird) that appears in members of one sex at puberty or in seasonal breeders at breeding season and is not directly concerned with reproduction

second fiddle *n* : one that plays a supporting or subservient role

sec-ond-guess \sek-'ŋ-'ges, -ən-\ *vb* : to think out other strategies or explanations for after the event

sec-ond-hand \sek-'ən-'hand\ *adj* **1** : not original **2** : not new : USED (~ clothes) **3** : dealing in used goods

second lieutenant *n* : a commissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a first lieutenant

sec-ond-rate \sek-'ən(d)-'rāt\ *adj* : INFERIOR

second-story man *n* : a burglar who enters by an upstairs window

sec-ond-string \sek-'ən-, strɪŋ, sek-'ŋ-\ *adj* : being a substitute (as on a ball team)

se-cre-cy \sē-'krə-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies **1** : the habit or practice of being secretive **2** : the quality or state of being secret

se-cret \sē-'krət\ *adj* **1** : HIDDEN, CONCEALED (a ~ panel) **2** : COVERT, STEALTHY; *also* : engaged in detecting or spying (a ~ agent) **3** : kept from general knowledge — **se-cret-ly** *adv*

secret *n* **1** : MYSTERY **2** : something kept from the knowledge of others

sec-re-tar-i-at \sek-rə-'ter-ē-ət\ *n* **1** : the office of a secretary **2** : the body of secretaries in an office **3** : the administrative department of a governmental organization (the UN ~)

sec-re-tary \sek-rə-, ter-ē\ *n*, *pl* -tar-ies **1** : a person employed to handle records, correspondence, and routine work for another person **2** : an officer of a corporation or business who is in charge of correspondence and records **3** : an official at the head of a department of government **4** : a writing desk — **sec-re-tari-al** \sek-rə-'ter-ē-əl\ *adj* — **sec-re-tary-ship** \sek-rə-, ter-ē-, ship\ *n*

se-crete \si-'krēt\ *vb* **se-cret-ed**; **se-cret-ing** : to produce and emit as a secretion

se-crete \si-'krēt, sē-'krət\ *vb* **se-cret-ed**; **se-cret-ing** : HIDE, CONCEAL

se-cre-tion \si-'krē-shən\ *n* **1** : an act or process of secreting **2** : a product of glandular activity; *esp* : one (as a

hormone) useful in the organism — **se-cre-to-ry** \-'krēt-ə-rē\ *adj*

se-cre-tive \sē-'krət-iv, si-'krēt-\ *adj* : tending to keep secrets or to act secretly — **se-cre-tive-ly** *adv* — **se-cre-tive-ness** *n*

sect \sekt\ *n* **1** : a dissenting religious body **2** : a religious denomination **3** : a group adhering to a distinctive doctrine or to a leader

sect *abbr* section

sec-tar-i-an \sek-'ter-ē-ən\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to a sect or sectarian **2** : limited in character or scope — **sec-tar-i-an-ism** *n*

sectarian *n* **1** : an adherent of a sect **2** : a narrow or bigoted person

sec-ta-ry \sek-tə-rē\ *n*, *pl* -ries : a member of a sect

sec-tion \sek-shən\ *n* **1** : a part cut off or separated **2** : a distinct part **3** : the appearance that a thing has or would have if cut straight through

section *vb* **1** : to separate or become separated into sections **2** : to represent in sections

sec-tion-al \sek-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or characteristic of a section **2** : local or regional rather than general in character **3** : divided into sections — **sec-tion-al-ism** *n*

sec-tor \sek-tər\ *n* **1** : a part of a circle between two radii **2** : an area assigned to a military leader to defend

sec-u-lar \sek-yə-lər\ *adj* **1** : not sacred or ecclesiastical **2** : not bound by monastic vows (~ priest)

sec-u-lar-ism \sek-yə-lə-, riz-əm\ *n* : indifference to or exclusion of religion — **sec-u-lar-ist** \-rəst\ *n* — **secularist** or **sec-u-lar-is-tic** \sek-yə-lə-'ris-tik\ *adj*

sec-u-lar-ize \sek-yə-lə-, riz-\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing **1** : to make secular **2** : to transfer from ecclesiastical to civil or lay use, possession, or control — **sec-u-lar-iza-tion** \sek-yə-lə-rə-zā-shən\ *n* — **sec-u-lar-iz-er** \sek-yə-lə-, ri-zər\ *n*

se-cure \si-'kyūr\ *adj* **se-cur-er**; -est [L *securus* safe, secure, fr. *se* without + *cura* care] **1** : easy in mind : free from fear **2** : free from danger or risk of loss : SAFE **3** : CERTAIN, SURE — **se-cure-ly** *adv*

secure *vb* **se-secured**; **se-cur-ing** **1** : to make safe : GUARD **2** : to assure payment of by giving a pledge or collateral **3** : to fasten safely (~ a door) **4** : GET, ACQUIRE

se-cu-ri-ty \si-'kyūr-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties **1** : SAFETY **2** : freedom from worry **3** : something (as collateral) given as pledge of payment **4** *pl* : bond or stock certificates **5** : PROTECTION

secy *abbr* secretary

se-dan \si-'dan\ *n* **1** : a covered chair borne on poles by two men **2** : an enclosed automobile usu. with front and back seats and a permanent top

se-date \si-'dāt\ *adj* : quiet and dignified in behavior *syn* staid, sober, serious, solemn — **se-date-ly** *adv*

sed-a-tive \sed-ət-iv\ *adj* : serving or tending to relieve tension — **se-da-tion** \si-'dā-shən\ *n*

sedative *n* : a sedative drug

sed-en-tary \sed-'ŋ-, ter-ē-\ *adj* : characterized by or requiring much sitting

sedge \sej\ *n* : any of a family of plants that are related to the grasses, grow in marshes, and often have three-sided stems — **sedgy** \sej-ē\ *adj*

sed-i-ment \sed-ə-mənt\ *n* **1** : the material that settles to the bottom of a liquid : LEES, DREGS **2** : material (as stones and sand) deposited by water, wind, or a glacier — **sed-i-men-ta-ry** \sed-ə-'men-t(ə)-rē\ *adj* — **sed-i-men-ta-tion** \-mən-'tā-shən, -mən-\ *n*

se-di-tion \si-'dish-ən\ *n* : the causing of discontent, insurrection, or resistance against a government — **se-di-tious** \-əs\ *adj*

se-duce \si-'d(y)ūs\ *vb* **se-duced**; **se-duc-ing** **1** : to persuade to disobedience or disloyalty **2** : to lead astray **3** : to entice to unlawful sexual intercourse without the use of force *syn* tempt, entice, inveigle, lure — **se-duc-er** *n* — **se-duc-tion** \-'dök-shən\ *n* — **se-duc-tive** \-tiv\ *adj*

sed-u-lous \ˈsej-ə-ləs\ *adj* [L *sedulus*, fr. *sedulo* sincerely, diligently, fr. *se* without + *dolus* guile] : DILIGENT, PAINSTAKING

see \ˈsē\ *vb* **saw** \ˈsò\; **seen** \ˈsēn\; **see-ing** \ˈsē-ɪŋ\ **1** : to perceive by the eye : have the power of sight **2** : EXPERIENCE **3** : UNDERSTAND **4** : to make sure (~ that order is kept) **5** : to meet with **6** : to keep company with esp. in dating **7** : ACCOMPANY, ESCORT **syn** behold, descry, espy, view, observe, note, discern

see n : the authority or jurisdiction of a bishop

seed \ˈsēd\ *n*, *pl* **seed** or **seeds** **1** : the grains of plants used for sowing **2** : a ripened ovule of a plant that may develop into a new plant; *also* : a plant structure (as a spore or small dry fruit) capable of producing a new plant **3** : DESCENDANTS **4** : SOURCE, ORIGIN — **seed-bed** \-ˌbed\ *n* — **seed-less** *adj* — **go to seed** or **run to seed** **1** : to develop seed **2** : DECAY

seed *vb* **1** : SOW, PLANT (~ land to grass) **2** : to bear or shed seeds **3** : to remove seeds from — **seed-er** *n*

seed-ling \ˈsēd-lɪŋ\ *n* **1** : a plant grown from seed **2** : a young plant; *esp* : a tree smaller than a sapling

seed-time \ˈsēd-tɪm\ *n* : the season for sowing

seedy \ˈsēd-ē\ *adj* **seed-i-er**; -**est** **1** : containing or full of seeds **2** : inferior in condition or quality : SHABBY

seek \ˈsēk\ *vb* **sought** \ˈsɔʊt\; **seek-ing** **1** : to search for **2** : to try to reach or obtain (~ fame) **3** : ATTEMPT — **seek-er** *n*

seem \ˈsēm\ *vb* **1** : to give the impression of being : APPEAR **2** : to appear to the observation or understanding

seem-ing \-ɪŋ\ *adj* : outwardly apparent — **seem-ing-ly** *adv*

seem-ly \ˈsēm-lē\ *adj* **seem-li-er**; -**est** : PROPER, DECENT

seep \ˈsēp\ *vb* : to leak through fine pores or cracks : percolate slowly — **seep-age** \ˈsē-pij\ *n*

seer \ˈsɪər\ *n* : a person who foresees or predicts events : PROPHET

seer-suck-er \ˈsɪər-ˌsək-ər\ *n* [Hindi *śīrśaker*, fr. *Per śhīr-o-shakar*, lit., milk and sugar] : a light fabric of linen, cotton, or rayon usu. striped and slightly puckered

see-saw \ˈsē-,sò\ *n* **1** : a contest in which now one side now the other has the lead **2** : a children's sport of riding up and down on the ends of a plank supported in the middle; *also* : the plank so used — **seesaw** *vb*

seethe \ˈsēth\ *vb* **seethed**; **seeth-ing** [archaic *seethe* boil] : to become violently agitated

seg-ment \ˈseg-mənt\ *n* **1** : a division of a thing : SECTION (~ of an orange) **2** : a part cut off from a geometrical figure (as a circle) by a line — **seg-ment-ed** \-ˌmənt-əd\ *adj*

seg-re-gate \ˈseg-ri-,gāt\ *vb* -**gat-ed**; -**gat-ing** [L *segregare*, fr. *se-* apart + *greg-*, *grex* herd, flock] : to cut off from others : ISOLATE — **seg-re-ga-tion** \ˌseg-ri-ˈgā-shən\ *n*

seg-re-ga-tion-ist \ˌseg-ri-ˈgā-sh(ə)-nəst\ *n* : one who believes in or practices the segregation of races

sei-gneur \ˈsān-ˈyər\ *n*, *often* *cap* [MF, fr. *ML senior*, fr. L, *adj.*, elder] : a feudal lord

seine \ˈsān\ *n* : a large weighted fishing net

seine *vb* **seined**; **sein-ing** : to fish or catch with a seine

seis-mic \ˈsiz-mik, ˈsis-\ *adj* : of, relating to, resembling, or caused by an earthquake — **seis-mic-i-ty** \ˈsiz-ˈmis-ət-ē, ˈsis-\ *n*

seis-mo-gram \ˈsiz-mə-,gram, ˈsis-\ *n* : the record of an earth tremor made by a seismograph

seis-mo-graph \-ˌgrɑf\ *n* : an apparatus for recording earthquake data — **seis-mo-graph-ic** \ˌsiz-mə-ˈgrɑf-ik, ˈsis-\ *adj* — **seis-mog-ra-phy** \ˈsiz-ˈmæg-rə-fē, ˈsis-\ *n*

seis-mol-o-gy \ˈsiz-ˈmāl-ə-jē, ˈsis-\ *n* : a science that deals with earthquakes — **seis-mo-log-i-cal** \ˌsiz-mə-ˈlāj-i-kəl, ˈsis-\ *adj* — **seis-mol-o-gist** \ˈsiz-ˈmāl-ə-jəst, ˈsis-\ *n*

seis-mom-e-ter \ˈsiz-ˈmām-ət-ər, ˈsis-\ *n* : a seismograph measuring the actual movement of the ground

seize \ˈsēz\ *vb* **seized**; **seiz-ing** **1** : to lay hold of or take possession of by force **2** : ARREST **3** : UNDERSTAND **4** : to

attack or overwhelm physically : AFFLICT **syn** take, grasp, clutch, snatch, grab

sei-zure \ˈsē-zhər\ *n* **1** : the act of seizing : the state of being seized **2** : a sudden attack (as of disease)

sel *abbr* select; selected; selection

sel-dom \ˈsel-dəm\ *adv* : not often : RARELY

se-lect \sə-ˈlekt\ *adj* **1** : CHOSEN, PICKED; *also* : CHOICE **2** : judicious or restrictive in choice : DISCRIMINATING

select *vb* : to take by preference from a number or group : pick out : CHOOSE

se-lec-tion \sə-ˈlek-shən\ *n* **1** : the act of selecting **2** : something selected : CHOICE **3** : a natural or artificial process that increases the chance of propagation of some organisms and decreases that of others

se-lec-tive \sə-ˈlek-tiv\ *adj* : of or relating to selection : selecting or tending to select (~ shoppers)

selective service *n* : a system for calling men up for military service

se-lect-man \si-ˈlek(t)-,man, -mən\ *n* : one of a board of officials elected in towns of most New England states to administer town affairs

sel-e-nite \ˈsel-ə-,nit\ *n* [L *selenites*, fr. Gk *selēnitēs* (*li-thos*), lit., stone of the moon, fr. *selēnē* moon; fr. the belief that it waxed and waned with the moon] : a variety of transparent crystalline gypsum

se-le-ni-um \sə-ˈlē-nē-əm\ *n* : a nonmetallic chemical element that varies in electrical conductivity with the intensity of its illumination — *see* ELEMENT table

self \self\ *n*, *pl* **selves** \ˈselvz\ **1** : the essential person distinct from all other persons in identity **2** : a particular side of a person's character **3** : personal interest : SELFISHNESS

self-comb form **1** : oneself : itself **2** : of oneself or itself **3** : by oneself; *also* : automatic **4** : to, for, or toward oneself

self-abasement

self-accusation

self-acting

self-addressed

self-adjusting

self-administer

self-advancement

self-aggrandizement

self-aggrandizing

self-analysis

self-appointed

self-asserting

self-assertion

self-assertive

self-assurance

self-assured

self-awareness

self-betrayal

self-closing

self-command

self-complacent

self-conceit

self-concern

self-condemned

self-confessed

self-confidence

self-confident

self-congratulation

self-congratulatory

self-constituted

self-contradiction

self-contradictory

self-control

self-correcting

self-created

self-criticism

self-cultivation

self-deceit

self-deceiving

self-deception

self-defeating

self-defense

self-delusion

self-denial

self-denying

self-depreciation

self-despair

self-destruction

self-destructive

self-determination

self-discipline

self-distrust

self-doubt

self-educated

self-employed

self-employment

self-esteem

self-evident

self-examination

self-explaining

self-explanatory

self-expression

self-forgetful

self-fulfilling

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \ə\go \i\hilt \i\vice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \v\foot
\ə\foot \ə\yet \zh\vision *see* also Pronunciation Symbols page

self-giving
self-governing
self-government
self-help
self-hypnosis
self-identity
self-image
self-importance
self-important
self-imposed
self-improvement
self-incrimination
self-induced
self-indulgence
self-inflicted
self-interest
self-limiting
self-love
self-lubricating
self-luminous
self-mastery
self-operating
self-perception
self-perpetuating
self-pity
self-portrait
self-possessed
self-possession
self-preservation
self-proclaimed
self-cen-tered \ˈself-ˈsent-ərd\ *adj* : concerned only with one's own self — **self-cen-tered-ness** *n*
self-com-posed \ˌself-kəm-ˈpōzd\ *adj* : having control over one's emotions
self-con-scious \ˈself-ˈkän-chəs\ *adj* **1** : aware of oneself as an individual **2** : uncomfortably conscious of oneself as an object of observation by others — **self-con-scious-ly** *adv* — **self-con-scious-ness** *n*
self-con-tained \ˌself-kən-ˈtānd\ *adj* **1** : complete in itself **2** : showing self-command; *also* : reserved in manner
self-de-struct \-di-ˈstrəkt\ *vb* : to destroy itself
self-ef-fac-ing \-ə-ˈfā-siŋ\ *adj* : RETIRING, SHY
self-fer-til-iza-tion \ˌself-ˈfərt-ɪ-ə-ˈzā-shən\ *n* : fertilization of a plant or animal by its own pollen or sperm
self-ish \ˈself-ɪʃ\ *adj* : taking care of one's own comfort, pleasure, or interest excessively or without regard for others — **self-ish-ly** *adv* — **self-ish-ness** *n*
self-less \ˈself-ləs\ *adj* : UNSELFISH — **self-less-ness** *n*
self-made \ˈself-ˈmæd\ *adj* : rising from poverty or obscurity by one's own efforts (~ man)
self-pol-li-na-tion \ˌself-ˈpāl-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n* : pollination of a flower by its own pollen or sometimes by pollen from another flower on the same plant
self-reg-u-lat-ing \ˈself-ˈreg-yə-ˌlāt-iŋ\ *adj* : AUTOMATIC
self-right-teous \-ˈri-ˈchəs\ *adj* : strongly convinced of one's own righteousness — **self-right-teous-ly** *adv*
self-same \ˈself-ˈsām\ *adj* : precisely the same : IDENTICAL
self-seal-ing \ˈself-ˈsē-liŋ\ *adj* : capable of sealing itself (as after puncture)
self-start-er \-ˈstārt-ər\ *n* : a person who has initiative
self-will \ˈself-ˈwɪl\ *n* : OBSTINACY
sell \ˈsel\ *vb* sold \ˈsɔld\ **sell-ing** **1** : to transfer (property) in return for money or something else of value **2** : to deal in as a business **3** : to be sold (cars are ~ing well) — **sell-er** *n*
selling climax *n* : a sharp decline in stock prices for a short time on very heavy trading volume followed by a rally
sell out \(\)ˈsel-ˈaʊt\ *vb* **1** : to dispose of entirely by sale; *esp* : to sell one's business **2** : BETRAY — **sell-out** \ˈsel-ˈaʊt\ *n*
self-zer \ˈself-sər\ *n* [modif. of G *Selters* (*wasser*) water

self-propelled
self-propelling
self-protection
self-realization
self-regard
self-registering
self-reliance
self-reliant
self-reproach
self-respect
self-respecting
self-restraint
self-rule
self-sacrifice
self-satisfaction
self-satisfied
self-seeking
self-service
self-serving
self-starting
self-styled
self-sufficiency
self-sufficient
self-supporting
self-sustaining
self-taught
self-torment
self-winding
self-worth

of Selters, fr. Nieder *Selters*, Germany] : an artificially prepared water charged with carbon dioxide
sel-vage or sel-vedge \ˈsel-vij\ *n* : the edge of a woven fabric so formed as to prevent raveling

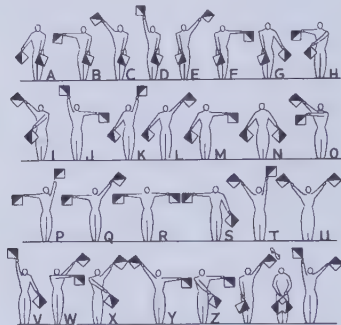
selves *pl* of SELF

sem *abbr* **1** semicolon **2** seminar **3** seminary

se-man-tic \si-ˈmant-ik\ *also* se-man-ti-cal \-i-kəl\ *adj* : of or relating to meaning

se-man-tics \si-ˈmant-iks\ *n sing or pl* **1** : the study of meanings in language **2** : connotative meaning

sema-phore \ˈsem-ə-ˈfɔr\ *n* **1** : a visual signaling apparatus with movable arms **2** : signaling by hand-held flags



semaphore 2: alphabet; 3 positions following Z: error, end of word, numerals follow; numerals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 0 same as A through J

sem-blance \ˈsem-bləns\ *n* **1** : outward appearance **2** : IMAGE, LIKENESS

se-men \ˈsē-mən\ *n* [NL, fr. L, seed] : a sticky whitish fluid of the male reproductive tract that contains the sperm

se-mes-ter \sə-ˈmes-tər\ *n* [G, fr. L *semestris* half-yearly, fr. *sex* six + *mensis* month] : half a year; *esp* : one of the two terms into which many colleges divide the school year

semi- \ˌsem-i, ˈsem-, -ɪ\ *prefix* **1** : precisely half of **2** : half in quantity or value; *also* : half of or occurring halfway through a specified period **3** : partly : incompletely **4** : partial : incomplete **5** : having some of the characteristics of

semiannual

semiarid

semicentennial

semicircle

semicircular

semicivilized

semiclassical

semiconscious

semidarkness

semidivine

semiformal

semigloss

semi-independent

semiliquid

semiliterate

semi-au-to-mat-ic \ˌsem-ē-ˈɒt-ə-ˈmat-ik\ *adj*, of a firearm : employing recoil or gas pressure to eject an empty cartridge case and to load before firing again

semi-co-lon \ˈsem-i, ˈkō-lən\ *n* : a punctuation mark ; used esp. to separate major sentence elements

semi-con-duc-tor \ˌsem-i-kən-ˈdæk-tər\ *n* : a substance whose electrical conductivity is between that of a conductor and an insulator — **semi-con-duct-ing** \-ˈdæk-tiŋ\ *adj*

semimonthly

semiofficial

semipermanent

semipolitical

semiprecious

semiprivate

semiprofessional

semireligious

semiretired

semiskilled

semisweet

semitransparent

semiweekly

semiyearly

semi-dry-ing \sem-i-ˈdri-ŋ\ *adj* : that dries imperfectly or slowly (a ~ oil)

semi-fi-nal \sem-i-ˈfin-əl\ *adj* : being next to the last in an elimination tournament

semi-fi-nal \sem-i-ˈfin-əl\ *n* : a semifinal round or match

semi-flu-id \sem-i-ˈflü-əd, -i-ˈ\ *adj* : SEMISOLID

semi-lu-nar \ˈlü-nər\ *adj* : crescent-shaped

semi-i-nal \sem-ən-əl\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or consisting of seed or semen 2 : containing or contributing the seeds of later development : CREATIVE, ORIGINAL — **semi-nal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

semi-i-nar \sem-ə-ˈnär\ *n* 1 : a course of study pursued by a group of advanced students doing original research under a professor 2 : CONFERENCE

semi-i-nary \sem-ə-ˈner-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-nar-ies** [ME, seedbed, nursery, fr. L *seminarium*, fr. *semen* seed] : an educational institution; *esp* : one that gives theological training — **semi-i-nar-i-an** \sem-ə-ˈner-ē-ən\ *n*

Semi-i-nole \sem-ə-ˈnōl\ *n*, *pl* **Semi-noles** or **Seminole** : a member of an American Indian people of Florida

semi-per-me-able \sem-i-ˈpər-mē-ə-bəl\ *adj* : partially but not freely or wholly permeable; *esp* : permeable to some usu. small molecules but not to other usu. larger particles (a ~ membrane) — **semi-per-me-abil-i-ty** \-i-ˈpər-mē-ə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n*

semi-soft \ˈsɒft\ *adj* : moderately soft; *esp* : firm but easily cut (~ cheese)

semi-sol-id \ˈsäl-əd\ *adj* : having the qualities of both a solid and a liquid

Sem-ite \sem-ˈiː\ *n* : a member of any of a group of peoples (as the Jews or Arabs) of southwestern Asia — **Se-mit-ic** \sə-ˈmit-ik\ *adj*

semi-trail-er \sem-i-ˈtrā-lər, sem-ˈi-ˈ\ *n* : a freight trailer that when attached is supported at its forward end by the truck tractor; *also* : a semitrailer with attached tractor

semi-works \sem-i-ˈwɜːks, sem-ˈi-ˈ\ *n pl* : a manufacturing plant operating on a limited commercial scale to provide final tests of a new product or process

semp-stress \ˈsemp-strəs\ *var of* SEAMSTRESS

sen \sen\ *n*, *pl* **sen** — see *yen* at MONEY table

sen *n*, *pl* **sen** — see *rupiah* at MONEY table

sen *n*, *pl* **sen** — see *dollar*, *riel* at MONEY table

sen *n*, *pl* **sen** — see *ringgit* at MONEY table

sen *abbr* 1 *senate*; senator 2 *senior*

sen-ate \sen-ət\ *n* [ME *senat*, fr. OF, fr. L *senatus*, lit., council of elders, fr. *senex* old, old man] : the upper branch of a legislature

sen-a-tor \sen-ət-ər\ *n* : a member of a senate — **sen-a-to-ri-al** \sen-ə-ˈtôr-ē-əl\ *adj*

send \send\ *vb sent* \sent\ **send-ing** 1 : to cause to go 2 : EMIT 3 : to propel or drive *esp.* with force 4 : to put or bring into a certain condition — **send-er** *n*

send-off \send-ˈɒf\ *n* : a demonstration of goodwill and enthusiasm for the beginning of a new venture (as a trip)

se-ne \sə-(ˌ)nā\ *n*, *pl* **sene** — see *talā* at MONEY table

Sen-e-ca \sen-i-kə\ *n*, *pl* **Seneca** or **Senecas** : a member of an American Indian people of western New York

Sen-e-ga-lese \sen-i-gə-ˈlēs, -ˈlēs\ *n*, *pl* **Senegalese** : a native or inhabitant of Senegal — **Senegalese** *adj*

se-nes-cence \si-ˈnes-ˈns\ *n* : the state of being old; *also* : the process of becoming old — **se-nes-cent** \-nt\ *adj*

sen-gi \sen-gē\ *n*, *pl* **sengi** — see *zaire* at MONEY table

se-nile \sē-nīl, ˈsen-ˈ\ *adj* : OLD, AGED; *esp* : exhibiting loss of mental ability usu. associated with old age — **se-nil-i-ty** \si-ˈnīl-ət-ē\ *n*

se-nior \ˈsē-nyər\ *n* 1 : a person older or of higher rank than another 2 : a member of the graduating class of a high school or college

senior *adj* [ME, fr. L, older, elder, compar. of *senex* old] 1 : ELDER 2 : more advanced in dignity or rank 3 : belonging to the final year of a school or college course

senior chief petty officer *n* : a petty officer in the navy ranking next below a master chief petty officer

senior citizen *n* : an elderly person; *esp* : one who has retired

senior high school *n* : a school usu. including grades 10 to 12

se-nior-i-ty \sē-ˈyôr-ət-ē\ *n* 1 : the quality or state of being senior 2 : a privileged status owing to length of continuous service

senior master sergeant *n* : a noncommissioned officer in the air force ranking next below a chief master sergeant

sen-i-ti \sen-ə-tē\ *n*, *pl* **seniti** — see *pa'anga* at MONEY table

sen-na \sen-ə\ *n* 1 : any of various cassias 2 : the dried leaflets or pods of a cassia used as a purgative

sen-sa-tion \sen-ˈsā-shən\ *n* 1 : awareness (as of noise or heat) or a mental process (as seeing or hearing) due to stimulation of a sense organ; *also* : an indefinite bodily feeling 2 : a condition of excitement; *also* : the thing that causes this condition

sen-sa-tion-al \-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to sensation or the senses 2 : arousing an intense and usu. superficial interest or emotional reaction — **sen-sa-tion-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

sen-sa-tion-al-ism \-iz-əm\ *n* : the use or effect of sensational subject matter or treatment

sen-sa-tion-al-ize \-i-zə\ *vb* **-ized**, **-izing** : to present in a sensational manner

1sense \sens\ *n* 1 : semantic content : MEANING 2 : the faculty of perceiving by means of sense organs; *also* : a bodily function or mechanism based on this (the pain ~) 3 : SENSATION, AWARENESS 4 : INTELLIGENCE, JUDGMENT 5 : OPINION (the ~ of the meeting) — **sense-less** *adj* — **sense-less-ly** *adv*

2sense *vb* **sensed**; **sens-ing** 1 : to be or become aware of : perceive by the senses 2 : to detect (as radiation) automatically

sense organ *n* : a bodily structure (as an eye or ear) that responds to a stimulus (as heat or light) and sends impulses to the brain where they are interpreted as sensations

sen-si-bil-i-ty \sen-sə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** : delicacy of feeling : SENSITIVITY

sen-si-ble \sen-sə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : capable of being perceived by the senses or by reason; *also* : capable of receiving sense impressions 2 : AWARE, CONSCIOUS 3 : REASONABLE, INTELLIGENT — **sen-si-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

sen-si-tive \sen-sət-iv\ *adj* 1 : subject to excitation by or responsive to stimuli 2 : having power of feeling 3 : of such a nature as to be easily affected — **sen-si-tive-ness** *n* — **sen-si-tiv-i-ty** \sen-sə-ˈtiv-ət-ē\ *n*

sensitive plant *n* : any of several mimosas with leaves that fold or droop when touched

sen-si-tize \sen-sə-ˈtīz\ *vb* **-tized**; **-tizing** : to make or become sensitive or hypersensitive — **sen-si-ti-za-tion** \sen-sət-ə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*

sen-si-tom-e-ter \sen-sə-ˈtām-ət-ər\ *n* : an instrument for measuring sensitivity of photographic material — **sen-si-to-met-ric** \sət-ə-ˈme-trik\ *adj* — **sen-si-tom-e-try** \sə-ˈtām-ə-trē\ *n*

sen-sor \sen-ˈsôr, -sər\ *n* : a device that responds to a physical stimulus

sen-so-ry \sens-(ə)-rē\ *adj* : of or relating to sensation or the senses

sen-su-al \sench-(ə)-wəl\ *adj* 1 : relating to the pleasing of the senses 2 : devoted to the pleasures of the senses — **sen-su-al-ist** *n* — **sen-su-al-i-ty** \sen-chə-ˈwal-ət-ē\ *n* — **sen-su-al-ly** \sench-(ə)-wə-lē, ˈsen-shə-lē\ *adv*

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \eb\et \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ce \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \v\loot
 \v\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

sen-su-ous \ˈsɛnch-(ə)-wəs\ *adj* 1 : relating to the senses or to things that can be perceived by the senses 2 : VOLUPTUOUS — **sen-su-ous-ly** *adv* — **sen-su-ous-ness** *n*
sent *past and past part of SEND*

˚sen-tence \ˈsɛnt-əns, -ənz\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. L *sententia*, lit., feeling, opinion, fr. *sentire* to feel] 1 : the punishment set by a court 2 : a grammatically self-contained speech unit that expresses an assertion, a question, a command, a wish, or an exclamation

˚sentence *vb* **sen-tenced**; **sen-tenc-ing** : to impose a sentence on syn condemn, damn, doom

sen-ten-tious \ˈsɛn-ˈtɛn-ʃəs\ *adj* : using wise sayings or proverbs; *also* : using pompous language

sen-ti \ˈsɛnt-əl\ *n*, *pl senti* — see *shilling* at MONEY table

sen-tient \ˈsɛn-ʃ(ə)-ənt\ *adj* : capable of feeling : having perception

sen-ti-ment \ˈsɛnt-ə-mənt\ *n* 1 : FEELING; *also* : thought and judgment influenced by feeling : emotional attitude 2 : OPINION, NOTION

sen-ti-men-tal \ˈsɛnt-ə-ˈment-əl\ *adj* 1 : influenced by tender feelings 2 : affecting the emotions syn bathetic, maudlin, mawkish, mushy — **sen-ti-men-tal-ism** *n* — **sen-ti-men-tal-ist** *n* — **sen-ti-men-tal-i-ty** \-,men-ˈtəl-ət-ē-, -mən-\ *n* — **sen-ti-men-tal-ly** \ˈment-əl-ē\ *adv*

sen-ti-men-tal-ize \ˈment-əl-īz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing 1 : to indulge in sentiment 2 : to look upon or imbue with sentiment — **sen-ti-men-tal-iza-tion** \-,ment-əl-ə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*

sen-ti-mo \ˈsɛn-ˈtē-(i)-mō\ *n*, *pl -mos* — see *peso* at MONEY table

sen-ti-nel \ˈsɛnt-(ē)-nəl\ *n* [MF *sentinella*, fr. *sentina* vigilance, fr. *sentire* to perceive, fr. L] : one that watches or guards

sen-try \ˈsɛn-trē\ *n*, *pl sentries* : SENTINEL, GUARD

sep *abbr* separate, separated

Sep *abbr* September

se-pal \ˈsɛp-əl, ˈsɛp-\ *n* : one of the modified leaves comprising a flower calyx

sep-a-ra-ble \ˈsɛp-(ə)-rə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being separated

˚sep-a-rate \ˈsɛp-ə-,rāt\ *vb* -rat-ed; -rat-ing 1 : to set or keep apart : DISUNITE, DISCONNECT, SEVER 2 : to keep apart by something intervening 3 : to cease to be together : PART

˚sep-a-rate \ˈsɛp-(ə)-rāt\ *adj* 1 : not connected 2 : divided from each other 3 : SINGLE, PARTICULAR (the ~ pieces of the puzzle) — **sep-a-rate-ly** *adv*

˚sep-a-rate *n* : an article of dress designed to be worn interchangeably with others to form various combinations

sep-a-ra-tion \ˌsɛp-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act or process of separating : the state of being separated 2 : a point, line, means, or area of division

sep-a-rat-ist \ˈsɛp-(ə)-rət-əst, ˈsɛp-ə-,rāt-\ *n* : an advocate of separation (as from a political body) — **sep-a-rat-ism** \-rə-,tiz-əm\ *n*

sep-a-ra-tive \ˈsɛp-ə-,rāt-iv, ˈsɛp-(ə)-rət-\ *adj* : tending toward, causing or expressing separation

sep-a-ra-tor \ˈsɛp-(ə)-,rāt-ər\ *n* : one that separates; *esp* : a device for separating cream from milk

se-pia \ˈsɛ-pē-ə\ *n* : a brownish gray to dark brown

sep-sis \ˈsɛp-səs\ *n*, *pl sep-ses* \ˈsɛp-,sɛz\ : a poisoned condition due to spread of bacteria or their products in the body

Sept *abbr* September

Sep-tem-ber \ˈsɛp-ˈtɛm-bər\ *n* : the 9th month of the year having 30 days

sep-tic \ˈsɛp-tik\ *adj* 1 : PUTREFACTIVE 2 : relating to or characteristic of sepsis

sep-ti-ce-mia \ˌsɛp-tə-ˈsɛ-mē-ə\ *n* : BLOOD POISONING

septic tank *n* : a tank in which sewage is disintegrated by bacteria

sep-tu-a-ge-nar-i-an \ˈsɛp-,t(y)ü-ə-jə-ˈner-ē-ən\ *n* : a per-

son who is 70 or more but less than 80 years old — **septuagenarian** *adj*

Sep-tu-a-gint \ˈsɛp-ˈt(y)ü-ə-jənt, ˈsɛp-tə-wə-,jint\ *n* : a Greek version of the Old Testament used by Greek-speaking Christians

˚sep-ul-cher or **sep-ul-chre** \ˈsɛp-əl-kər\ *n* : burial vault : TOMB

˚sepulcher or **sepulchre** *vb* -chered or -chred; -cher-ing or -chring \-k(ə)-rij\ : BURY, ENTOMB

se-pul-chral \sə-ˈpəl-krəl\ *adj* 1 : relating to burial or the grave 2 : GLOOMY

sep-ul-ture \ˈsɛp-əl-,chūr\ *n* 1 : BURIAL, INTERMENT 2 : SEPULCHER

seq *abbr* [L *sequens, sequentes, sequentia*] the following

seqq *abbr* [L *sequentia*] the following ones

se-quel \ˈsɛ-kwəl\ *n* 1 : logical consequence 2 : a literary or cinematic work continuing a story begun in a preceding one

se-quence \ˈsɛ-kwəns\ *n* 1 : SERIES 2 : chronological order of events 3 : RESULT, SEQUEL syn succession, chain, progression, series, train — **se-quen-tial** \si-ˈkwən-ʃəl\ *adj*

se-quent \ˈsɛ-kwənt\ *adj* 1 : SUCCEEDING, CONSECUTIVE 2 : RESULTANT

se-ques-ter \si-ˈkwes-tər\ *vb* : to set apart : SEGREGATE
se-ques-trate \ˈsɛk-wəs-,trāt, si-ˈkwes-\ *vb* -trat-ed; -trat-ing : SEQUESTER — **se-ques-tra-tion** \ˈsɛk-wəs-ˈtrā-shən, ˈsek-\ *n*

se-quin \ˈsɛ-kwən\ *n* 1 : an old gold coin of Turkey and Italy 2 : a small metal or plastic plate used for ornamentation esp. on clothing

se-quoia \si-ˈkwōi-ə\ *n* : either of two huge California coniferous trees

ser *abbr* 1 serial 2 series

sera *pl* of SERUM

se-ra-glio \sə-ˈral-yō\ *n*, *pl -glios* [It *serraglio*] : HAREM

se-ra-pe \sə-ˈrāp-ē\ *n* : a colorful woolen shawl worn over the shoulders esp. by Mexican men

ser-a-phem \ser-ə-,fīm\ *n*, *pl seraphim* : an angel of a high order of celestial beings — **se-raph-ic** \sə-ˈraf-ik\ *adj*
Serb \ˈsərb\ *n* 1 : a native or inhabitant of Serbia, republic, Yugoslavia 2 : a Slavic language of Serbia

sere \ˈsiər\ *adj* : DRY, WITHERED

˚ser-e-nade \ˌser-ə-ˈnād\ *n* [F, fr. It *serenata*, fr. *sereno* clear] : music sung or played as a compliment esp. outdoors at night for a lady

˚serenade *vb* -nad-ed; -nad-ing : to entertain with or perform a serenade

ser-en-dip-i-ty \ˌser-ən-ˈdip-ət-ē\ *n* [fr. its possession by the heroes of the Persian fairy tale *The Three Princes of Serendip*] : the gift of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for — **ser-en-dip-i-tous** \-əs\ *adj*

se-re-ne \sə-ˈrēn\ *adj* 1 : QUIET, CALM 2 : CLEAR (~ skies) syn tranquil, peaceful, placid — **se-re-ne-ly** *adv* — **se-ren-i-ty** \sə-ˈren-ət-ē\ *n*

serf \ˈsɜrf\ *n* : a peasant bound to the land and subject in some degree to the owner — **serf-dom** \-dəm\ *n*

serg or **sergt** *abbr* sergeant

serge \ˈsɜrj\ *n* : a twilled woolen cloth

ser-geant \ˈsär-jənt\ *n* [ME, servant, attendant, officer who keeps order, fr. OF *sergent*, *serjant*, fr. L *servient-, serviens*, prp. of *servire* to serve] 1 : a noncommissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a staff sergeant 2 : an officer in a police force

sergeant first class *n* : a noncommissioned officer in the army ranking next below a master sergeant

sergeant major *n*, *pl sergeants major* or **sergeant majors** 1 : a noncommissioned officer in the army, air force, or marine corps serving as chief administrative assistant in a headquarters 2 : a noncommissioned officer in the marine corps ranking above a first sergeant

˚se-ri-al \ˈsir-ē-əl\ *adj* : appearing in parts that follow regularly (a ~ story) — **se-ri-al-ly** *adv*

²**serial** *n* : a serial story or other writing — **se-ri-al-ist** \ə-ˈlɛst/ *n*

se-ries \ˈsi(ə)r-ēz/ *n*, *pl series* : a number of things or events arranged in order and connected by being alike in some way **syn** succession, progression, sequence, chain, train, string

seri-graph \ˈser-ə-ˈgraf/ *n* : an original silk-screen print — **se-rig-ra-pher** \sə-ˈrig-rə-fər/ *n* — **se-rig-ra-phy** \-fē/ *n*

se-ri-ous \ˈsir-ē-əs/ *adj* **1** : thoughtful or subdued in appearance or manner : SOBER **2** : requiring much thought or work **3** : EARNEST, DEVOTED **4** : DANGEROUS, HARMFUL **syn** grave, sedate, sober, staid — **se-ri-ous-ly** *adv* — **se-ri-ous-ness** *n*

ser-mon \ˈsər-mən/ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. ML *sermon*, *sermo*, fr. L, speech, conversation, fr. *serere* to link together] **1** : a religious discourse esp. as part of a worship service **2** : a lecture on conduct or duty

se-rol-o-gy \sə-ˈrāl-ə-jē/ *n* : a science dealing with serums and esp. their reactions and properties — **se-ro-log-i-cal** \ˌsir-ə-ˈlāj-i-kəl/ or **se-ro-log-ic** \-ik/ *adj*

se-rous \ˈsir-əs/ *adj* : of, relating to, resembling, or producing serum; *esp* : thin and watery

ser-pent \ˈsər-pənt/ *n* : SNAKE

¹**ser-pen-time** \ˈsər-pən-ˈtēn, -ˈtɪn/ *adj* **1** : SLY, CRAFTY **2** : WINDING, TURNING

²**ser-pen-time** \-ˈtēn/ *n* : a dull-green mineral having a mottled appearance

ser-rate \ˈser-ˈāt/ *adj* : having a saw-toothed edge (a ~ leaf)

ser-ried \ˈser-ēd/ *adj* : DENSE

se-rum \ˈsir-əm/ *n*, *pl serums* or **se-ra** \-ə/ [L, whey, serum] : the liquid antibody-containing part that can be separated from blood when it clots; *also* : a preparation of animal serum containing specific antibodies and used to prevent or cure disease

serv *abbr* service

ser-vant \ˈsər-vənt/ *n* : a person employed esp. for domestic work

¹**serve** \ˈsərv/ *vb* **served**; **serv-ing** **1** : to work as a servant **2** : to render obedience and worship to (God) **3** : to comply with the commands or demands of **4** : to work through or perform a term of service (as in the army) **5** : PUT IN (*served* five years in jail) **6** : to be of use : ANSWER (*pine boughs served for a bed*) **7** : BENEFIT **8** : to prove adequate or satisfactory for (*a pie that ~s eight people*) **9** : to make ready and pass out (~ drinks) **10** : to furnish or supply with something (one power company *serving* the whole state) **11** : to wait on (~ a customer) **12** : to treat or act toward in a specified way **13** : to put the ball in play (as in tennis) — **serv-er** *n*

²**serve** *n* : the act of serving a ball (as in tennis)

¹**ser-vice** \ˈsər-vəs/ *n* **1** : the occupation of a servant **2** : HELP, BENEFIT **3** : a meeting for worship; *also* : a form followed in worship or in a ceremony (burial ~) **4** : the act, fact, or means of serving **5** : performance of official or professional duties **6** : a serving of the ball (as in tennis) **7** : a set of dishes or silverware **8** : a branch of public employment; *also* : the persons in it (civil ~) **9** : military or naval duty **syn** use, advantage, account, avail

²**service** *vb* **ser-vice-d**; **ser-vice-ing** : to do maintenance or repair work on or for

ser-vice-able \ˈsər-və-sə-bəl/ *adj* : prepared for service : USEFUL, USABLE

ser-vice-man \ˈsər-vəs-,mən, -mən/ *n* **1** : a male member of the armed forces **2** : a man employed to repair or maintain equipment

service station *n* : a retail station for servicing motor vehicles

ser-vice-woman \ˈsər-vəs-,wūm-ən/ *n* : a female member of the armed forces

ser-vile \ˈsər-vəl, -ˌvīl/ *adj* **1** : befitting a slave or servant

2 : behaving like a slave : SUBMISSIVE — **ser-vil-i-ty** \,sər-ˈvil-ət-ē/ *n*

serv-ing \ˈsər-vɪŋ/ *n* : HELPING

ser-vi-tor \ˈsər-vət-ər/ *n* : a male servant

ser-vi-tude \ˈsər-və-,t(y)üd/ *n* : SLAVERY, BONDAGE

ser-vo \ˈsər-vō/ *n*, *pl servos* **1** : SERVO MOTOR **2** : SERVO MECHANISM

ser-vo-mech-a-nism \ˈsər-vō-,mek-ə-,niz-əm/ *n* : a device for automatically correcting the performance of a mechanism

ser-vo-mo-tor \ˈsər-vō-,mōt-ər/ *n* : a motor in a servomechanism that supplements a primary control by correcting position or motion

ses-a-me \ˈses-ə-mē/ *n* : an East Indian annual herb; *also* : its seeds that yield an edible oil (**sesame oil**) and are used in flavoring

ses-qui-cen-ten-ni-al \,ses-kwi-sen-ˈten-ē-əl/ *n* [L *sesqui-* one and a half, half again] : a 150th anniversary or its celebration — **sesquicentennial** *adj*

ses-qui-pe-da-li-an \,ses-kwə-pə-ˈdāl-yən/ *adj* **1** : having many syllables : LONG **2** : using long words

ses-sile \ˈses-il, -əl/ *adj* : attached by the base (a ~ leaf)

ses-sion \ˈsesh-ən/ *n* **1** : a meeting or series of meetings of a body (as a court or legislature) for the transaction of business **2** : a meeting or period devoted to a particular activity

¹**set** \ˈset/ *vb* **set**; **set-ting** **1** : to cause to sit **2** : PLACE **3** : ARRANGE, ADJUST **4** : to cause to be or do **5** : SETTLE, DECREE **6** : to fix in a frame **7** : ESTIMATE **8** : WAGER, STAKE **9** : to make fast or rigid **10** : to adapt (as words) to something (as music) **11** : to become fixed or firm or solid **12** : to be suitable : FIT **13** : BROOD **14** : to have a certain direction **15** : to pass below the horizon **16** : to defeat in bridge — **set about** : to begin to do — **set forth** : to begin a trip — **set off** **1** : to start out on a course or a trip **2** : to cause to explode — **set out** : to begin a trip or undertaking — **set sail** : to begin a voyage

²**set** *n* **1** : a setting or a being set **2** : DIRECTION, COURSE; *also* : TENDENCY **3** : FORM, BUILD **4** : the fit of something (as a coat) **5** : an artificial setting for the scene of a play or motion picture **6** : a group of tennis games in which one's side wins at least six to an opponent's four or less **7** : a group of persons or things of the same kind or having a common characteristic usu. classed together **8** : a collection of things and esp. of mathematical elements (as numbers or points) **9** : an electronic apparatus (a television ~)

³**set** *adj* **1** : fixed by authority or custom **2** : DELIBERATE **3** : RIGID **4** : PERSISTENT

set-back \ˈset-,bak/ *n* : a temporary defeat : REVERSE

set back \ˈset-,bak/ *vb* : HINDER, DELAY; *also* : REVERSE

set-screw \ˈset-,skrū/ *n* : a screw screwed through one part tightly upon or into another part to prevent relative movement

set-tee \se-ˈtē/ *n* : a bench or sofa with a back and arms

set-ter \ˈset-ər/ *n* : a large long-coated hunting dog

set-ting \ˈset-ɪŋ/ *n* **1** : the frame in which a gem is set **2** : BACKGROUND, ENVIRONMENT; *also* : SCENERY **3** : music written for a text (as of a poem) **4** : the eggs that a fowl sits on for hatching at one time

set-tle \ˈset-əl/ *vb* **set-tled**; **set-ting** \set-(ə-)lɪŋ/ [ME *settl-*en to seat, bring to rest, come to rest, fr. OE *setlan*, fr. *sett* seat] **1** : to put in place **2** : to locate permanently **3** : to make compact **4** : QUIET, CALM **5** : to establish in life, business, or a home **6** : to direct one's efforts **7** : to fix by agreement **8** : to give legally **9** : ADJUST, ARRANGE **10** : DECIDE, DETERMINE **11** : to make a final disposition of (~ an account) **12** : to come to rest **13** : to reach an

\əˈbut \ˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
 \əʊˈout \tʃˈchin \əˈbet \eəˈeasy \gəˈgo \iˈhit \iˈice \jˈjob
 \jɪˈsing \dʒəˈoʊ \əˈlow \əʊˈboy \θɪˈthin \tʰh the \uˈlout
 \ʊˈfoot \yˈyet \zʰ\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

agreement on **14** : to sink gradually to a lower level **15** : to become clear by depositing sediment **syn** set, fix, establish, place — **set-tler** \-(ə-)lər/ *n*

set-tle-ment \ˈset-əl-mənt/ *n* **1** : the act or process of settling **2** : BESTOWAL (a marriage ~) **3** : payment of an account **4** : COLONY **5** : a small village **6** : an institution in a poor district of a city to give aid to the community **7** : adjustment of doubts and differences

set-to \ˈset-ṭü/ *n*, *pl* **set-tos** : FIGHT

set-up \ˈset-ṭəp/ *n* **1** : the manner or act of arranging **2** : glass, ice, and nonalcoholic beverage for mixing served to patrons who supply their own liquor

set up \ˈset-ṭəp/ *vb* **1** : to place in position; *also* : ASSEMBLE **2** : CAUSE **3** : FOUND, ESTABLISH

sev-en \ˈsev-ən/ *n* **1** : one more than six **2** : the 7th in a set or series **3** : something having seven units — **seven** *adj* or *pron* — **sev-enth** \-ənth/ *adj* or *adv* or *n*

sev-en-teen \ˌsev-ən-ˈtēn/ *n* : one more than 16 — **seventeen** *adj* or *pron* — **sev-en-teenth** \-ˈtēnth/ *adj* or *n*

seventeen-year locust *n* : a cicada of the U.S. that has in the North a life of 17 years and in the South of 13 years of which most is spent underground as a nymph and only a few weeks as a winged adult

sev-en-ty \ˈsev-ən-tē/ *n*, *pl* **-ties** : seven times 10 — **sev-en-ti-eth** \-tē-əth/ *adj* or *n* — **seventy** *adj* or *pron*

sev-en-ty-eight \ˌsev-ən-tē-ˈaɪt/ *n* : a phonograph record designed to be played at 78 revolutions per minute

sever \ˈsev-ər/ *vb* **sever-ed**; **sev-er-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ/ : DIVIDE; *esp* : to separate by force (as by cutting or tearing) — **sev-er-ance** \-(ə-)rəns/ *n*

sev-er-al \sev-(ə-)rəl/ *adj* [ME, fr. ML *separalis*, fr. L *separ* separate, fr. *separare* to separate] **1** : INDIVIDUAL, DISTINCT (federal union of the ~ states) **2** : consisting of an indefinite number but yet not very many — **sev-er-ally** \-ē/ *adv*

severance pay *n* : extra pay given an employee upon leaving a job permanently

se-vere \sə-ˈvīər/ *adj* **se-ver-er**; **-est** **1** : marked by strictness or sternness : AUSTERE **2** : strict in discipline **3** : causing distress and esp. physical discomfort or pain (~ weather) (a ~ wound) **4** : hard to endure (~ trials) **syn** stern, ascetic, astringent, austere — **se-vere-ly** *adv* — **se-ver-i-ty** \-ˈver-ət-ē/ *n*

sew \sə/ *vb* **sewed**; **sewn** \sɔn/ or **sewed**; **sew-ing** **1** : to fasten by stitches made with thread and needle **2** : to engage in sewing

sew-age \ˈsü-ij/ *n* : waste materials carried off by sewers

ˈsew-er \ˈsō-(ə)r/ *n* : one that sews

ˈsew-er \ˈsü-ər/ *n* : an artificial pipe or channel to carry off waste matter

sew-er-age \ˈsü-ər-ij/ *n* **1** : SEWAGE **2** : a system of sewers

sew-ing \ˈsō-ij/ *n* **1** : the activity of one who sews **2** : material that has been or is to be sewed

sex \ˈseks/ *n* **1** : either of two groups into which many living things are divided according to their roles in reproduction and which are distinguished as male and female; *also* : the qualities by which these sexes are differentiated and which directly or indirectly function in reproduction involving two parents **2** : sexual activity or intercourse — **sex-ed** \ˈseks/ *adj* — **sex-less** *adj*

sex-a-ge-nar-i-an \ˌsek-sə-jə-ˈner-ē-ən/ *n* : a person who is 60 or more but less than 70 years old — **sexagenarian** *adj*

sex cell *n* : an egg cell or sperm cell

sex chromosome *n* : one of usu. a pair of chromosomes that are usu. similar in one sex but different in the other sex and are concerned with the inheritance of sex

sex hormone *n* : a hormone (as from the gonads or adrenal cortex) that affects the growth or function of the reproductive organs or the development of secondary sex characteristics

sex-ism \ˈsek-siz-əm/ *n* : prejudice or discrimination based on sex; *esp* : discrimination against women — **sex-ist** \ˈsek-səst/ *adj* or *n*

sex-pot \ˈseks-ˌpät/ *n* : a sexually stimulating woman

sex symbol *n* : a usu. renowned person (as an entertainer) noted and admired for conspicuous attractiveness

sex-tant \ˈsek-stənt/ *n* [NL *sextant*-, *sextans* sixth part of a circle, fr. L, sixth part, fr. *sextus* sixth] : a navigational instrument for measuring the angle between the horizon and the sun or a star in order to determine latitude

sex-tet \ˈsek-ˈstet/ *n* **1** : a musical composition for six voices or six instruments; *also* : the six performers of such a composition **2** : a group or set of six

sex-ton \ˈsek-stən/ *n* : one who takes care of church property

sex-u-al \ˈsek-sh(ə-w)əl/ *adj* : of, relating to, or involving sex or the sexes (a ~ spore) (~ relations) — **sex-u-al-i-ty** \ˌsek-shə-ˈwal-ət-ē/ *n* — **sex-u-al-ly** \ˈsek-shə-(wə-)lē/ *adv*

sexual intercourse *n* **1** : intercourse between a male and a female in which the penis is inserted into the vagina **2** : intercourse between individuals which involves genital contact but in which the penis is not inserted into the vagina

sexually transmitted disease *n* : a disease (as syphilis, gonorrhea, or the genital form of herpes simplex) usu. or often transmitted by direct sexual contact

sexy \ˈsek-sē/ *adj* **sex-i-er**; **-est** : sexually suggestive or stimulating : EROTIC

SF abbr **1** sacrifice fly **2** science fiction

SFC abbr sergeant first class

SG abbr **1** senior grade **2** sergeant **3** solicitor general **4** surgeon general

sgd abbr signed

Sgt abbr sergeant

Sgt Maj abbr sergeant major

sh abbr share

shab-by \ˈshab-ē/ *adj* **shab-bi-er**; **-est** **1** : dressed in worn clothes **2** : threadbare and faded from wear **3** : MEAN (~ treatment) — **shab-bi-ly** \ˈshab-ə-lē/ *adv* — **shab-bi-ness** \-ē-nəs/ *n*

shack \ˈshak/ *n* : HUT, SHANTY

ˈshack-le \ˈshak-əl/ *n* **1** : something (as a manacle or fetter) that confines the legs or arms **2** : a check on free action made as if by fetters **3** : a device for making something fast or secure

ˈshackle *vb* **shack-led**; **shack-ling** \-(ə-)liŋ/ : to fasten with shackles

shad \ˈshad/ *n*, *pl* **shad** : any of several sea fishes related to the herrings that swim up rivers to spawn and are important food fish

ˈshade \ˈshād/ *n* **1** : partial obscurity **2** : space sheltered from the light esp. of the sun **3** : PHANTOM **4** : something that shelters from or intercepts light or heat; *also*, *pl* : SUNGLASSES **5** : a dark color or a variety of a color **6** : a small difference — **shady** *adj*

ˈshade *vb* **shad-ed**; **shad-ing** **1** : to shelter from light and heat **2** : DARKEN, OBSCURE **3** : to mark with degrees of light or color **4** : to show slight differences esp. in color or meaning

shad-ing \ˈshād-ij/ *n* : the color and lines representing darkness or shadow in a drawing or painting

ˈshad-ow \ˈshad-ō/ *n* **1** : partial darkness in a space from which light rays are cut off **2** : SHELTER **3** : shade cast upon a surface by something intercepting rays from a light (the ~ of a tree) **4** : PHANTOM **5** : a shaded portion of a picture **6** : a small portion or degree : TRACE (a ~ of doubt) **7** : a source of gloom or unhappiness — **shad-ow-y** *adj*

ˈshadow *vb* **1** : to cast a shadow on **2** : to represent faintly or vaguely **3** : to follow and watch closely : TRAIL

shad-ow-box \ˈshad-ō-ˌbäks/ *vb* : to box with an imaginary opponent esp. for training

ˈshaft \ˈshaft/ *n*, *pl* **shafts** **1** : the long handle of a spear or lance **2** : SPEAR, LANCE **3** or *pl* **shaves** \ˈshavz/ : POLE; *esp* : one of two poles between which a horse is hitched to

pull a vehicle **4** : something (as a column) long and slender **5** : a bar to support a rotating piece or to transmit power by rotation **6** : an inclined opening in the ground (as for finding or mining ore) **7** : a vertical opening (as for an elevator) through the floors of a building
2 *shaft* *vb* : to fit with a shaft

shag \ˈʃag\ *n* **1** : a shaggy tangled mat (as of wool) **2** : tobacco cut into fine shreds

shag-gy \ˈʃag-ē\ *adj* **shag-gi-er**; -*est* **1** : rough with or as if with long hair or wool **2** : tangled or rough in surface

shah \ˈʃā, ˈʃə\ *n*, often *cap* : a sovereign of Iran
Shak *abbr* Shakespeare

1 *shake* \ˈʃāk\ *vb* **shook** \ˈʃʊk\; **shak-en** \ˈʃā-kən\; **shaking** **1** : to move or cause to move jerkily or irregularly **2** : BRANDISH, WAVE (*shaking his fist*) **3** : to disturb emotionally (*shaken by her death*) **4** : WEAKEN (*shook his faith*) **5** : to bring or come into a certain position, condition, or arrangement by or as if by moving jerkily **6** : to clasp (hands) in greeting or as a sign of goodwill or agreement *syn* tremble, quake, quaver, shiver, quiver — **shak-able** \ˈʃā-kə-bəl\ *adj*

2 *shake* *n* **1** : the act or a result of shaking **2** : DEAL, TREATMENT (a fair ~)

shake-down \ˈʃāk-,daʊn\ *n* **1** : an improvised bed **2** : EXTORTION **3** : a process or period of adjustment **4** : a test (as of a new ship or airplane) under operating conditions
shake down \ˈ(ʃ)ʃāk-ˈdaʊn\ *vb* **1** : to take up temporary quarters **2** : to occupy a makeshift bed **3** : to become accustomed esp. to new surroundings or duties **4** : to settle down **5** : to give a shakedown test to **6** : to obtain money from in a dishonest or illegal manner **7** : to bring about a reduction of

shak-er \ˈʃā-kər\ *n* **1** : one that shakes (pepper ~) **2** *cap* : a member of a religious sect founded in England in 1747

shake-up \ˈʃāk-,əp\ *n* : an extensive often drastic reorganization

shaky \ˈʃā-kē\ *adj* **shak-i-er**; -*est* : UNSOUND, WEAK — **shak-i-ly** \ˈʃā-kə-lē\ *adv* — **shak-i-ness** \-kē-nəs\ *n*

shale \ˈʃāl\ *n* : a rock made up of fine layers and formed from clay, mud, or silt

shall \ʃəl, (ʃ)ʃāl\ *vb*, *past should* \ʃəd, (ʃ)ʃüd\; *pres sing & pl shall* — used as an auxiliary to express a command, what seems inevitable or likely in the future, simple futurity, or determination

shal-lap \ˈʃal-əp\ *n* : a light open boat

shal-lot \ʃə-ˈlät\ *n* [modif. of *F échalote*] **1** : the bulb of a perennial herb that is produced in clusters, resembles an onion, and is used in seasoning; *also* : this herb **2** : GREEN ONION

1 *shal-low* \ˈʃal-ə\ *adj* **1** : not deep **2** : not intellectually profound *syn* superficial, sketchy

2 *shallow* *n* : a shallow place in a body of water — *usu.* used in pl.

1 *sham* \ˈʃəm\ *n* **1** : something resembling an article of household linen and used in its place as a decoration (a pillow ~) **2** : COUNTERFEIT, IMITATION

2 *sham* *vb* **shammed**; **sham-ming** : FEIGN, PRETEND — **shammer** *n*

3 *sham* *adj* : FALSE (~ pearls)

sham-man \ˈʃām-ən, ˈʃā-mən\ *n* [Russ, fr. Tungusic (a language of Siberia)] : a priest who uses magic to cure the sick, to divine the hidden, and to control events
sham-ble \ˈʃām-bəl\ *vb* **sham-bled**; **sham-bling** \-b(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to shuffle along — **sham-ble** *n*

sham-bles \ˈʃām-bəlz\ *n* [*shamble* (meat market) & obs. *E shamble* (table for exhibition of meat for sale)] **1** : a scene of great slaughter **2** : a scene or state of great destruction or disorder

1 *shame* \ˈʃām\ *n* **1** : a painful sense of having done something wrong, improper, or immodest **2** : DISGRACE, DISHONOR **3** : a cause of feeling shame — **shame-ful** \-fəl\

adj — **shame-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **shame-less** *adj* — **shame-less-ly** *adv*

2 *shame* *vb* **shamed**; **sham-ing** **1** : DISGRACE **2** : to make ashamed

shame-faced \ˈʃām-ˈfəst\ *adj* : ASHAMED, ABASHED — **shame-faced-ly** \-ˈfā-səd-lē, -ˈfəst-lē\ *adv*

1 *sham-poo* \ˈʃām-ˈpū\ *vb* [Hindi *capo*, imper. of *capnā* to press, shampoo] : to wash (as the hair) with soap and water or with a special preparation; *also* : to clean (as a rug) similarly

2 *shampoo* *n*, *pl* **shampoos** **1** : the act or process of shampooing **2** : a preparation for use in shampooing

sham-rock \ˈʃām-,rāk\ *n* [IrGael *seamróg*, dim. of *seamar* clover, honeysuckle] : a plant with three leaflets used as an Irish floral emblem

shang-hai \ˈʃaŋ-ˈhī\ *vb* **shang-haied**; **shang-hai-ing** [*Shanghai*, China] : to force aboard a ship for service as a sailor; *also* : to trick or force into something

Shan-gri-la \ˈʃaŋ-ɡri-ˈlā\ *n* [*Shangri-La*, imaginary land depicted in the novel *Lost Horizon* (1933) by James Hilton] : a remote idyllic hideaway

shank \ˈʃaŋk\ *n* **1** : the part of the leg between the knee and ankle in man or a corresponding part of a quadruped **2** : a cut of meat from the leg **3** : the narrow part of the sole of a shoe beneath the instep **4** : the part of a tool or instrument (as a key or anchor) connecting the functioning part with a part by which it is held or moved

shan-tung \ˈʃan-ˈtʊŋ\ *n* : a fabric in plain weave having a slightly irregular surface

shan-ty \ˈʃant-ē\ *n*, *pl* **shanties** : a small roughly built shelter or dwelling

1 *shape* \ˈʃəp\ *vb* **shaped**; **shap-ing** **1** : to form esp. in a particular shape **2** : DESIGN **3** : ADAPT, ADJUST **4** : REGULATE *syn* make, fashion, fabricate, manufacture, frame, mold

2 *shape* *n* **1** : APPEARANCE **2** : surface configuration : FORM **3** : bodily contour apart from the head and face : FIGURE **4** : PHANTOM **5** : CONDITION

shape-less \ˈʃəp-ləs\ *adj* **1** : having no definite shape **2** : not shapely — **shape-less-ly** *adv* — **shape-less-ness** *n*

shape-ly \ˈʃəp-lē\ *adj* **shape-li-er**; -*est* : having a pleasing shape — **shape-li-ness** *n*

shard \ˈʃərd\ *also* **sherd** \ˈʃərd\ *n* : a broken piece : FRAGMENT

1 *share* \ˈʃeər\ *n* **1** : a portion belonging to one person or group **2** : any of the equal interests into which the capital stock of a corporation is divided

2 *share* *vb* **shared**; **shar-ing** **1** : APPORTION **2** : to use or enjoy with others **3** : PARTICIPATE — **shar-er** *n*

3 *share* *n* : PLOWSHARE

share-crop-per \-,krəp-ər\ *n* : a farmer who works another's land in return for a share of the crop — **share-crop** *vb*

share-holder \-,höl-dər\ *n* : STOCKHOLDER

1 *shark* \ˈʃärk\ *n* : any of various active, predaceous, and mostly large marine fishes with skeletons of cartilage

2 *shark* *n* : a greedy crafty person

shark-skin \-,skɪn\ *n* **1** : the hide of a shark or leather made from it **2** : a fabric (as of cotton or rayon) woven from strands of many fine threads and having a sleek appearance and silky feel

1 *sharp* \ˈʃärp\ *adj* **1** : having a thin cutting edge or fine point : not dull or blunt **2** : COLD, NIPPING (a ~ wind) **3** : keen in intellect, perception, or attention **4** : BRISK, ENERGETIC **5** : IRRITABLE (a ~ temper) **6** : causing intense distress (a ~ pain) **7** : HARSH, CUTTING (~ words) **8** : affecting the senses as if cutting or piercing (a ~ sound) (a ~ smell) **9** : not smooth or rounded (~ fea-

\ə\abut \ˈkɪtten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ä\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- tures) **10** : involving an abrupt or extreme change (a ~ turn) **11** : CLEAR, DISTINCT (mountains in ~ relief); *also* : easy to perceive (a ~ contrast) **12** : higher than the true pitch; *also* : raised by a half step **13** : STYLISH (a ~ dresser) **syn** keen, acute, quick-witted, penetrative — **sharp-ly** *adv* — **sharp-ness** *n*
- sharp** *adv* **1** : in a sharp manner **2** : EXACTLY, PRECISELY (left at 8 ~)
- sharp** *n* **1** : a sharp edge or point **2** : a character # indicating a note a half step higher than the note named **3** : SHARPER
- sharp** *vb* : to raise in pitch by a half step
- sharp-en** \ˈshär-pən\ *vb* **sharp-ened**; **sharp-en-ing** \ˈshärp-(ə-)niŋ\ : to make or become sharp — **sharp-en-er** \ˈshärp-(ə-)nər\ *n*
- sharp-er** \ˈshär-pər\ *n* : SWINDLER; *esp* : a cheating gambler
- sharp-er** or **sharpy** \ˈshär-pē\ *n*, *pl* **sharp-ies** **1** : SHARPER **2** : a person who is exceptionally keen or alert
- sharp-shoot-er** \ˈshärp-,shüt-ər\ *n* : a good marksman — **sharp-shoot-ing** \-iŋ\ *n*
- shat-ter** \ˈshät-ər\ *vb* : to dash or burst into fragments — **shat-ter-proof** \ˌshät-ər-ˈprüf\ *adj*
- shave** \ˈshäv\ *vb* **shaved**; **shaved** or **shav-en** \ˈshä-vən\; **shav-ing** \ˈshä-viŋ\ **1** : to slice in thin pieces **2** : to make bare or smooth by cutting the hair from **3** : to cut or pare off by the sliding movement of a razor **4** : to skim along or near the surface of
- shave** *n* **1** : any of various tools for cutting thin slices **2** : an act or process of shaving
- shav-er** \ˈshä-vər\ *n* : an electric-powered razor
- shaves** *pl* of **SHAFT**
- shav-ing** \ˈshä-viŋ\ *n* **1** : the act of one that shaves **2** : something shaved off
- shawl** \ˈshöl\ *n* : a square or oblong piece of fabric used *esp.* by women as a loose covering for the head or shoulders
- Shaw-nee** \shō-ˈnē, shä-\ *n*, *pl* **Shawnee** or **Shawnees** : a member of an American Indian people orig. of the central Ohio valley; *also* : their language
- she** \(\)shē\ *pron* : that female one (who is ~); *also* : that one regarded as feminine (~'s a fine ship)
- sheaf** \ˈshēf\ *n*, *pl* **sheaves** \ˈshēvz\ **1** : a bundle of stalks and ears of grain **2** : a group of things bound together
- shear** \ˈshiər\ *vb* **sheared**; **sheared** or **shorn** \ˈshörn\; **shear-ing** **1** : to cut the hair or wool from : CLIP, TRIM **2** : to deprive by or as if by cutting **3** : to cut or break sharply
- shear** *n* **1** : any of various cutting tools that consist of two blades fastened together so that the edges slide one by the other — *usu.* used in *pl.* **2** chiefly *Brit* : the act, an instance, or the result of shearing **3** : an action or stress caused by applied forces that causes two parts of a body to slide on each other
- sheath** \ˈshēth\ *n*, *pl* **sheaths** \ˈshēthz, ˈshēths\ **1** : a case for a blade (as of a knife); *also* : an anatomical covering suggesting such a case **2** : a close-fitting dress *usu.* worn without a belt
- sheathe** \ˈshēth\ *also* **sheath** \ˈshēth\ *vb* **sheathed**; **sheath-ing** **1** : to put into a sheath **2** : to cover with something that guards or protects
- sheath-ing** \ˈshē-thing, -thin\ *n* : material used to sheathe something; *esp* : the first covering of boards or of waterproof material on the outside wall of a frame house or on a timber roof
- sheave** \ˈshiv, ˈshēv\ *n* : a grooved wheel or pulley (as on a pulley block)
- she-bang** \shi-ˈbāŋ\ *n* : CONTRIVANCE, AFFAIR, CONCERN (blew up the whole ~)
- shed** \ˈshed\ *vb* **shed**; **shed-ding** **1** : to cause to flow from a cut or wound (~ blood) **2** : to pour down in drops (~ tears) **3** : to give out (as light) : DIFFUSE **4** : to throw off (as a natural covering) : DISCARD
- shed** *n* : a slight structure built for shelter or storage
- sheen** \ˈshēn\ *n* : a subdued luster
- sheep** \ˈshēp\ *n*, *pl* **sheep** **1** : any of a genus of cud-chewing mammals that are stockier than the related goats and lack a beard in the male; *esp* : one raised for meat or for its wool or skin **2** : a timid or defenseless person **3** : SHEEPSKIN
- sheep dog** *n* : a dog used to tend, drive, or guard sheep
- sheep-fold** \ˈshēp-,fōld\ *n* : a pen or shelter for sheep
- sheep-herd-er** \ˈshēp-,hərd-ər\ *n* : a worker in charge of sheep *esp.* on open range — **sheep-herd-ing** \-iŋ\ *n*
- sheep-ish** \ˈshē-pish\ *adj* : BASHFUL, TIMID; *esp* : embarrassed by consciousness of a fault — **sheep-ish-ly** *adv*
- sheep-skin** \ˈshēp-,skin\ *n* **1** : the hide of a sheep or leather prepared from it; *also* : PARCHMENT **2** : DIPLOMA
- sheer** \ˈshiər\ *adj* **1** : very thin or transparent **2** : UNQUALIFIED (~ folly) **3** : very steep **syn** pure, simple, absolute, unadulterated, unmitigated — **sheer** *adv*
- sheer** *vb* : to turn from a course
- sheet** \ˈshēt\ *n* **1** : a broad piece of plain cloth (as for a bed) **2** : a single piece of paper **3** : a broad flat surface (a ~ of water) **4** : something broad and long and relatively thin
- sheet** *n* **1** : a rope that regulates the angle at which a sail is set to catch the wind **2** *pl* : spaces at either end of an open boat
- sheet-ing** \ˈshēt-iŋ\ *n* : material in the form of sheets or suitable for forming into sheets
- sheikh** or **sheik** \ˈshēk, ˈshäk\ *n* : an Arab chief — **sheikh-dom** or **sheik-dom** \-dəm\ *n*
- shek-el** \ˈshēk-əl\ *n* — *see* MONEY table
- shelf** \ˈshelf\ *n*, *pl* **shelves** \ˈshelvz\ **1** : a thin flat *usu.* long and narrow structure fastened horizontally (as on a wall) above the floor to hold things **2** : something (as a sandbar) that suggests a shelf
- shelf life** *n* : the period of storage time during which a material will remain useful
- shell** \ˈshel\ *n* **1** : a hard or tough outer covering of an animal (as a beetle, turtle, or mollusk) or of an egg or a seed or fruit (as a nut); *also* : something that resembles a shell (a pastry ~) **2** : a light narrow racing boat propelled by oarsmen **3** : a case holding an explosive and designed to be fired from a cannon; *also* : a case holding the charge of powder and shot or bullet for small arms **4** : a plain *usu.* sleeveless blouse or sweater — **shelled** \ˈsheld\ *adj* — **shelly** \ˈshel-ē\ *adj*
- shell** *vb* **1** : to remove from a shell or husk **2** : BOMBARD — **shell-er** *n*
- shell-lac** \shə-ˈlak\ *n* **1** : a purified lac used *esp.* in varnishes **2** : lac dissolved in alcohol and used as a varnish
- shellac** *vb* **shell-lacked**; **shell-lack-ing** **1** : to coat or treat with shellac **2** : to defeat decisively
- shell-lack-ing** \shə-ˈlak-iŋ\ *n* : a sound drubbing
- shell bean** *n* : a bean grown *esp.* for its edible seeds; *also* : its edible seed
- shell-fish** \-,fish\ *n* : a water animal (as an oyster or lobster) with a shell
- shell out** *vb* : PAY
- shell shock** *n* : any of various nervous disorders appearing in soldiers exposed to modern warfare
- shel-ter** \ˈshel-tər\ *n* : something that gives protection : REFUGE
- shelter** *vb* **shel-tered**; **shel-ter-ing** \-t(ə-)riŋ\ : to give protection or refuge to **syn** harbor, lodge, house
- shelve** \ˈshelv\ *vb* **shelved**; **shelv-ing** **1** : to slope gradually **2** : to store on shelves **3** : to dismiss from service or use **4** : to put aside : DEFER (~ a proposal)
- shelv-ing** \ˈshel-viŋ\ *n* : material for shelves
- she-nan-i-gan** \shə-ˈnan-i-gən\ *n* **1** : an underhand trick **2** : questionable conduct — *usu.* used in *pl.* **3** : high-spirited or mischievous activity — *usu.* used in *pl.*
- shep-herd** \ˈshēp-ərd\ *n* : one who tends sheep
- shepherd** *vb* : to tend as or in the manner of a shepherd

shep-herd-ess \ˈʃep-ərd-əs\ *n* : a woman who tends sheep

sher-bet \ˈʃər-bət\ *n* [Turk *serbet*, fr. Per *sharbat*, fr. Ar *sharbah* drink] **1** : a drink of sweetened diluted fruit juice **2** or **sher-bert** \-bət\ : a frozen dessert of fruit juices, sugar, milk or water, and egg whites or gelatin

sherd *var* of **SHARD**

sher-iff \ˈʃer-əf\ *n* [ME *shirreve*, fr. OE *scīrgerēfa*, lit., shire reeve (local official)] : a county officer charged with the execution of the law and the preservation of order

sher-ry \ˈʃer-ē\ *n*, *pl* **sherries** [alter. of earlier *sherris* (taken as pl.), fr. *Xeres* (now *Jerez*), Spain] : a fortified wine with a nutty flavor

Shet-land pony \ˌʃet-lən(d)-\ *n* : any of a breed of small stocky shaggy hardy ponies

shew \ˈʃō\ *Brit var* of **SHOW**

shi-at-su *also* **shi-at-zu** \ʃhē-ˈāt-sū\ *n* [short for Jp *Shiat-suryōhō*] : a finger massage of those bodily areas used in acupuncture

shib-bo-leth \ˈʃib-ə-ləth\ *n* [Heb *shibboleth* stream; fr. the use of this word as a test to distinguish the men of Gilead from members of the tribe of Ephraim, who pronounced it *sibboleth* (Judges 12:5, 6)] **1** : a pet phrase **2** : language that is a criterion for distinguishing members of a group

shied past and past part of **SHY**

ˈshield \ˈʃeld\ *n* **1** : a broad piece of defensive armor carried on the arm **2** : something that protects or hides

ˈshield vb : to protect or hide with a shield *syn* protect, guard, safeguard

shier comparative of **SHY**

shiest superlative of **SHY**

ˈshift \ˈʃift\ *vb* **1** : EXCHANGE, REPLACE **2** : to change place, position, or direction : MOVE; *also* : to change the arrangement of gears transmitting power in an automobile **3** : GET BY, MANAGE *syn* remove, ship, transfer

ˈshift n **1** : SCHEME, TRICK **2** : a woman's slip or loose-fitting dress **3** : a group working together alternating with other groups **4** : TRANSFER **5** : GEARSHIFT

shift-less \ˈʃift(-)ləs\ *adj* : LAZY, INEFFICIENT — **shift-less-ness n**

shift-y \ˈʃif-tē\ *adj* **shift-i-er**; **-est** **1** : TRICKY; *also* : ELUSIVE **2** : indicative of a tricky nature (~ eyes)

Shih Tzu \ˈʃhēd-ˈzū\ *n* : a small short-legged dog of an ancient Chinese breed that has a short muzzle and a long dense coat

shi-lingi \ˌʃil-ˈiŋ-ē\ *n*, *pl* **shi-lingi** : the shilling of Tanzania
shill \ˈʃil\ *n* : one who acts as a decoy (as for a cheater) — **shill vb**

shil-le-lagh *also* **shil-la-lah** \ʃə-ˈlā-lē\ *n* [*Shillelagh*, town in Ireland famed for its oaks] : CUDGEL, CLUB

shil-ling \ˈʃil-iŋ\ *n* — *see* MONEY TABLE

shilly-shally \ˈʃil-ē-, ˌʃal-ē\ *vb* **shilly-shall-ied**; **shilly-shally-ing** **1** : to show hesitation or lack of decisiveness **2** : to waste time

shim \ˈʃim\ *n* : a thin often tapered piece of wood, metal, or stone used (as in leveling something) to fill in
shim-mer \ˈʃim-ər\ *vb* **shim-mered**; **shim-mer-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to shine waveringly or tremulously : GLIMMER *syn* flash, gleam, glint, sparkle, glitter — **shimmer n** — **shim-mery adj**

shim-my \ˈʃim-ē\ *n*, *pl* **shimmies** : an abnormal vibration esp. in the front wheels of a motor vehicle — **shimmy vb**

ˈshin \ˈʃin\ *n* : the front part of the leg below the knee

ˈshin vb **shinned**; **shin-ning** : to climb (as a pole) by gripping alternately with arms or hands and legs

shin-bone \ˈʃin-ˈbōn-, -ˌbōn\ *n* : TIBIA

ˈshine \ˈʃin\ *vb* **shone** \ˈʃhōn\ or **shined**; **shin-ing** **1** : to give light **2** : GLEAM, GLITTER **3** : to be eminent, conspicuous, or distinguished (gave her a chance to ~) **4** : to cause to shed light **5** : POLISH

ˈshine n **1** : BRIGHTNESS, RADIANCE **2** : LUSTER, BRILLIANCE **3** : fair weather : SUNSHINE (rain or ~) **4** : LIKING, FANCY (took a ~ to them) **5** : a polish given to shoes

shin-er \ˈʃi-nər\ *n* **1** : a small silvery fish; *esp* : any of numerous small freshwater American fishes related to the carp **2** : a bruised eye

ˈshin-gle \ˈʃiŋ-gəl\ *n* **1** : a small thin piece of building material (as wood or an asbestos composition) used in overlapping rows for covering a roof or outside wall **2** : a small sign

ˈshingle vb **shin-gled**; **shin-gling** \-g(ə-)liŋ\ : to cover with shingles

ˈshingle n : a beach strewn with gravel; *also* : coarse gravel (as on a beach)

shin-gles \ˈʃiŋ-gəlz\ *n pl* : acute inflammation of the spinal and cranial nerves caused by the chicken pox virus and associated with eruptions and pain along the course of the affected nerves

shin-ny \ˈʃin-ē\ *vb* **shin-nied**; **shin-ny-ing** : SHIN

Shin-to \ˈʃin-,tō\ *n* : the indigenous religion of Japan consisting esp. in reverence of the spirits of natural forces and imperial ancestors — **Shin-to-ism n** — **Shin-to-ist n or adj**

shiny \ˈʃi-nē\ *adj* **shin-i-er**; **-est** : BRIGHT, RADIANT; *also* : POLISHED

ˈship \ˈʃip\ *n* **1** : a large oceangoing boat **2** : a ship's officers and crew **3** : AIRSHIP, AIRCRAFT, SPACECRAFT

ˈship vb **shipped**; **ship-ping** **1** : to put or receive on board a ship for transportation **2** : to have transported by a carrier **3** : to take or draw into a boat (~ oars) (~ water) **4** : to engage to serve on a ship — **ship-per n**

-ship \-,ʃip\ *n suffix* **1** : state : condition : quality (friendship) **2** : office : dignity : profession (lordship) (clerkship) **3** : art : skill (horsemanship) **4** : something showing, exhibiting, or embodying a quality or state (township) **5** : one entitled to a (specified) rank, title, or appellation (his Lordship) **6** : the body of persons engaged in a specified activity (readership)

ship-board \ˈʃip-,bɔrd\ *n* : SHIP

ship-build-er \ˈʃip-,bil-dər\ *n* : one who designs or builds ships

ship-fit-ter \ˈʃip-,fit-ər\ *n* : one who constructs ships **2** : a naval enlisted man who works as a plumber

ship-mate \-,mət\ *n* : a fellow sailor

ship-ment \-mənt\ *n* : the process of shipping; *also* : the goods shipped

ship-ping \ˈʃip-iŋ\ *n* **1** : SHIPS; *esp* : ships in one port or belonging to one country **2** : transportation of goods

ship-shape \ˈʃip-ˈʃhāp\ *adj* : TRIM, TIDY

ship-worm \-,wɜrm\ *n* : any of various wormlike marine clams that burrow in wood and damage wooden ships and wharves

ˈship-wreck \-,rek\ *n* **1** : a wrecked ship **2** : destruction or loss of a ship **3** : total loss or failure : RUIN (save the business from ~)

ˈshipwreck vb : to cause or meet disaster at sea through destruction or foundering

ship-wright \ˈʃip-,rɪt\ *n* : a carpenter skilled in ship construction and repair

ship-yard \-,jərd\ *n* : a place where ships are built or repaired

shire \ˈʃi(ə)r, in place-name compounds, ˌʃiər, ʃhər\ *n* : a county in Great Britain

shirk \ˈʃərk\ *vb* : to avoid performing (duty or work) — **shirk-er n**

shirr \ˈʃər\ *vb* **1** : to make shirring in **2** : to bake (eggs removed from the shell) until set

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shirr-ing \ˈshər-ɪŋ\ *n* : a decorative gathering in cloth made by drawing up parallel lines of stitches



shirring

shirt \ˈshɜrt\ *n* 1 : a loose cloth garment usu. having a collar, sleeves, a front opening, and a tail long enough to be tucked inside trousers or a skirt 2 : **UNDERSHIRT** — **shirt-less** *adj*

shirt-ing \-ɪŋ\ *n* : cloth suitable for making shirts

shish ke-bab \ˈshɪsh-kə-,bäb\ *n* : kabob cooked on skewers

shiv \ˈʃɪv\ *n*, *slang* : **KNIFE**

shiv-er \ˈʃɪv-ər\ *vb* **shiv-ered**; **shiv-er-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ : TREMBLE, QUIVER **syn** shudder, quaver, shake, quake

shiver *n* : an instance of shivering — **shiv-ery** *adj*

shoal \ˈʃoʊl\ *n* 1 : a shallow place in a sea, lake, or river 2 : a sandbank or bar creating a shallow

shoal *n* : a large group (as of fish)

shoat \ˈʃoʊt\ *n* : a weaned young pig

shock \ˈʃäk\ *n* : a pile of sheaves of grain set up in the field

shock *n* [MF *choc*, fr. *choquer* to strike against] 1 : a sharp impact or violent shake or jar 2 : a sudden violent mental or emotional disturbance 3 : the effect of a charge of electricity passing through the body 4 : a state of bodily collapse caused esp. by crushing wounds, blood loss, or burns 5 : an attack of apoplexy or heart disease 6 : **SHOCK ABSORBER** — **shock-proof** \-ˈpruːf\ *adj*

shock *vb* 1 : to strike with surprise, horror, or disgust 2 : to subject to the action of an electrical discharge

shock *n* : a thick bushy mass (as of hair)

shock absorber *n* : any of several devices for absorbing the energy of sudden shocks in machinery

shock-er \ˈʃäk-ər\ *n* : one that shocks; *esp* : a sensational work of fiction or drama

shock-ing \-ɪŋ\ *adj* : extremely startling and offensive — **shock-ing-ly** *adv*

shock therapy *n* : the treatment of mental disorder by induction of coma or convulsion through the use of drugs or electricity

shod-dy \ˈʃäd-ē\ *n* 1 : wool reclaimed from old rags; *also* : a fabric made from it 2 : inferior or imitation material

shoddy *adj* **shod-di-er**; **-est** 1 : made of shoddy 2 : cheaply imitative : **INFERIOR**, **SHAM** — **shod-di-ly** \ˈʃäd-l-ē\ *adv* — **shod-di-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*

shoe \ˈʃu\ *n* 1 : a covering for the human foot 2 : **HORSESHOE** 3 : the part of a brake that presses on the wheel 4 : the casing of an automobile tire

shoe *vb* **shod** \ˈʃäd\ *also* **shoed** \ˈʃuːd\; **shoe-ing** \ˈʃu-ɪŋ\ : to put a shoe or shoes on

shoe-lace \-ˈlās\ *n* : a lace or string for fastening a shoe **shoe-maker** \-ˈmä-kər\ *n* : one who makes or repairs shoes

shoe-string \ˈʃu-,strɪŋ\ *n* 1 : **SHOELACE** 2 : a small sum of money

shone *past and past part* of **SHINE**

shook *past* of **SHAKE**

shook-up \(ˈ)ʃuk-ˈəp\ *adj* : nervously upset : **AGITATED**

shoot \ˈʃuːt\ *vb* **shot** \ˈʃät\; **shoot-ing** 1 : to drive (as an arrow or bullet) forward quickly or forcibly 2 : to hit, kill, or wound with a missile 3 : to cause a missile to be driven forth or forth from (∼ a gun) 4 : to send forth (as a ray of light) 5 : to thrust forward or out 6 : to pass

rapidly along (∼ the rapids) 7 : **PHOTOGRAPH**, **FILM** 8 : to move swiftly : **DART** 9 : to grow by or as if by sending out shoots; *also* : **MATURE**, **DEVELOP** — **shoot-er** *n*

shoot *n* 1 : the aerial part of a plant; *also* : a plant part (as a branch) developed from one bud 2 : an act of shooting (as with a bow or a firearm) 3 : a shooting match

shooting iron *n* : **FIREARM**

shooting star *n* : **METEOR** 2

shoot *up* *vb* : to inject a narcotic into a vein

shop \ˈʃäp\ *n* [ME *shoppe*, fr. OE *sceoppa* booth] 1 : a place where things are made or worked on : **FACTORY**, **MILL** 2 : a retail store (dress ∼)

shop *vb* **shopped**; **shop-ping** : to visit stores for purchasing or examining goods — **shop-per** *n*

shop-keep-er \ˈʃäp-,kē-pər\ *n* : a retail merchant

shop-lift \-,lɪft\ *vb* : to steal goods on display from a store — **shop-lift-er** \-,lɪf-tər\ *n*

shop-worn \-,wörn\ *adj* : soiled or frayed from much handling in a store

shore \ˈʃɔr\ *n* : land along the edge of a body of water — **shore-less** *adj*

shore *vb* **shored**; **shor-ing** : to give support to : **BRACE**

shore *n* : **PROP**

shore-bird \-,bɜrd\ *n* : any of a large group of birds (as the plovers and sandpipers) mostly found along the sea-shore

shore patrol *n* : a branch of a navy that exercises guard and police functions

shor-ing \ˈʃɔr-ɪŋ\ *n* : the act of supporting with or as if with a prop

shorn *past part* of **SHEAR**

short \ˈʃɔrt\ *adj* 1 : not long or tall 2 : not great in distance 3 : brief in time 4 : not coming up to standard or to an expected amount 5 : **CURT**, **ABRUPT** 6 : insufficiently supplied 7 : made with shortening : **FLAKY** 8 : consisting of or relating to a sale of securities or commodities that the seller does not possess or has not contracted for at the time of the sale (∼ sale) — **short-ness** *n*

short *adv* 1 : **ABRUPTLY**, **CURTLY** 2 : at some point before a goal aimed at

short *n* 1 : something shorter than normal or standard 2 *pl* : drawers or trousers of less than knee length 3 : **SHORT CIRCUIT**

short *vb* : **SHORT-CIRCUIT**

short-age \ˈʃɔrt-ɪj\ *n* : **LACK**, **DEFICIT**

short-cake \ˈʃɔrt-,kāk\ *n* : a dessert consisting of short biscuit spread with sweetened fruit

short-change \-ˈčānj\ *vb* : to cheat *esp.* by giving less than the correct amount of change

short circuit *n* : a connection made between points in an electric circuit between which current does not normally flow — **short-circuit** *vb*

short-com-ing \ˈʃɔrt-,kəm-ɪŋ\ *n* : **FAILING**, **DEFECT** **short-cut** \-ˈkət\ *n* 1 : a route more direct than that usu. taken 2 : a quicker way of doing something

short-en \ˈʃɔrt-ən\ *vb* **short-ened**, **short-en-ing** \ˈʃɔrt-(ə-)nɪŋ\ : to make or become short **syn** curtail, abbreviate, abridge, retrench

short-en-ing \ˈʃɔrt-(ə-)nɪŋ\ *n* : a substance (as lard or butter) that makes pastry tender and flaky

short-hand \ˈʃɔrt-,hand\ *n* : a method of writing rapidly by using symbols and abbreviations for letters, words, or phrases : **STENOGRAPHY**

short-hand-ed \-ˈhan-dəd\ *adj* : short of the needed number of people

short-horn \-,hɔrn\ *n*, *often cap* : any of a breed of mostly red cattle of English origin

short hundredweight *n* — see **WEIGHT** table

short-lived \ˈʃɔrt-ˈlɪvd, -ˈlɪv\ *adj* : of short life or duration

short-ly \ˈʃɔrt-lē\ *adv* 1 : in a few words 2 : in a short time : **SOON**

short order *n* : an order for food that can be quickly cooked

short shrift *n* **1** : a brief respite from death **2** : little consideration

short-sight-ed \ˈshɔrt-ˈsīt-əd\ *adj* **1** : NEARSIGHTED **2** : lacking foresight — **short-sight-ed-ness** *n*

short-stop \-,stɒp\ *n* : a baseball player defending the area between second and third base

short story *n* : a short invented prose narrative usu. dealing with a few characters and aiming at unity of effect

short-tem-per-ed \ˈshɔrt-ˈtem-pərd\ *adj* : having a quick temper

short-term \-ˈtɜrm\ *adj* **1** : occurring over or involving a relatively short period of time **2** : of or relating to a financial transaction based on a term usu. of less than a year

short ton *n* — see WEIGHT table

short-wave \ˈshɔrt-ˈwæv\ *n* : a radio wave with a wavelength between 10 and 100 meters

Sho-sho-ne or **Sho-sho-ni** \shə-ˈshō-nē\ *n*, *pl* **Shoshones** or **Shoshoni** : a member of an American Indian people orig. ranging through California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming

shot \ˈʃɒt\ *n* **1** : an act of shooting **2** : a stroke or throw in some games **3** : something that is shot : MISSILE, PROJECTILE; *esp* : small pellets forming a charge for a shotgun **4** : a metal sphere that is thrown for distance in the shot put **5** : RANGE, REACH **6** : MARKSMAN **7** : a single photographic exposure **8** : a single sequence of a motion picture or a television program made by one camera **9** : an injection (as of medicine) into the body **10** : a portion (as of liquor or medicine) taken at one time

shot-gun \ˈʃɒt-ˈgʌn\ *n* : a gun with a smooth bore used to fire small shot at short range

shot put *n* : a field event consisting in putting the shot for distance

should \ʃəd, (ˈ)ʃʊd\ *past of* SHALL — used as an auxiliary to express condition, obligation or propriety, probability, or futurity from a point of view in the past

shoul-der \ˈʃɒl-dər\ *n* **1** : the part of the body of a person or animal where the arm or foreleg joins the body **2** : a projecting part resembling a human shoulder

shoulder *vb* **shoul-dered**; **shoul-der-ing** \-d(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to push or thrust with the shoulder **2** : to take upon the shoulder **3** : to take the responsibility of

shoulder belt *n* : an automobile safety belt worn across the torso and over the shoulder

shoulder blade *n* : the flat triangular bone at the back of the shoulder

shout \ˈʃaʊt\ *vb* : to utter a sudden loud cry — **shout** *n*
shove \ˈʃəv\ *vb* **shoved**; **shov-ing** : to push along, aside, or away — **shove** *n*

shov-el \ˈʃəv-əl\ *n* **1** : a broad long-handled scoop used to lift and throw loose material **2** : the amount of something held by a shovel

shovel *vb* **-eled** or **-elled**; **-el-ing** or **-el-ling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to take up and throw with a shovel **2** : to dig or clean out with a shovel

show \ˈʃɒ\ *vb* **showed** \ˈʃɒd\; **shown** \ˈʃɒn\ or **showed**; **show-ing** [ME *shewen*, *shopen*, fr. OE *scēawian* to look, look at, see] **1** : to cause or permit to be seen : EXHIBIT (< anger) **2** : CONFER, BESTOW (< mercy) **3** : REVEAL, DISCLOSE (< ed courage in battle) **4** : INSTRUCT (< me how) **5** : PROVE (< s he was guilty) **6** : APPEAR **7** : to be noticeable **8** : to be third in a horse race

show *n* **1** : a demonstrative display **2** : outward appearance (a ~ of resistance) **3** : SPECTACLE **4** : a theatrical presentation **5** : a radio or television program **6** : third place in a horse race

show-case \ˈʃɒ-ˈkās\ *n* : a cabinet for displaying items (as in a store)

showcase *vb* **show-cased**; **show-cas-ing** : EXHIBIT

show-down \ˈʃɒ-ˈdaʊn\ *n* : the final settlement of a contested issue; *also* : the test of strength by which a contested issue is resolved

show-er \ˈʃəʊ(-ə)r\ *n* **1** : a brief fall of rain **2** : a bath in which water is showered on the person **3** : a party given by friends who bring gifts — **show-ery** *adj*

shower *vb* **1** : to fall in a shower **2** : to bathe in a shower
show-man \ˈʃɒ-mən\ *n* : one having a gift for dramatization and visual effectiveness — **show-man-ship** *n*

show-off \ˈʃɒ-ˈɒf\ *n* : one that seeks to attract attention by conspicuous behavior

show off \(ˈ)ʃɒ-ˈɒf\ *vb* **1** : to display proudly **2** : to act as a show-off

show-piece \ˈʃɒ-ˈpēs\ *n* : an outstanding example used for exhibition

show-place \-,plās\ *n* : an estate or building that is a show-piece

show up *vb* : ARRIVE

showy \ˈʃɒ-ē\ *adj* **show-i-er**; **-est** : superficially impressive or striking — **show-i-ly** \ˈʃɒ-ə-lē\ *adv* — **show-i-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*

shpt *abbr* shipment

shrap-nel \ˈʃrap-nəl\ *n*, *pl* **shrapnel** [Henry Shrapnel †1842 E artillery officer] **1** : a case filled with shot and having a bursting charge which explodes it in flight **2** : bomb, mine, or shell fragments

shred \ˈʃred\ *n* : a narrow strip cut or torn off : a small fragment

shred *vb* **shred-ded**; **shred-ding** : to cut or tear into shreds
shrew \ˈʃrʊ\ *n* **1** : any of numerous very small mammals with velvety fur that are related to the moles **2** : a scolding woman

shrewd \ˈʃrʊd\ *adj* : KEEN, ASTUTE — **shrewd-ly** *adv* — **shrewd-ness** *n*

shrew-ish \ˈʃrʊ-ɪʃ\ *adj* : having an irritable disposition : ILL-TEMPERED

shriek \ˈʃrɪk\ *n* : a shrill cry : SCREAM, YELL — **shriek** *vb*

shrift \ˈʃrɪft\ *n*, *archaic* : the act of shriving

shrike \ˈʃrɪk\ *n* : a grayish or brownish bird that often impales its usu. insect prey upon thorns before devouring it

shrill \ˈʃrɪl\ *vb* **1** : to make a high-pitched piercing sound

shrill *adj* : high-pitched : PIERCING (< whistle) — **shrill-ly** \ˈʃrɪl-lē\ *adv*

shrimp \ˈʃrɪmp\ *n*, *pl* **shrimps** or **shrimp** **1** : any of various small marine crustaceans related to the lobsters **2** : a small or puny person

shrine \ˈʃrɪn\ *n* [ME, receptacle for the relics of a saint, fr. OE *scrin*, fr. L *scrinium* case, chest] **1** : the tomb of a saint; *also* : a place where devotion is paid to a saint or deity **2** : a place or object hallowed by its associations

shrink \ˈʃrɪŋk\ *vb* **shrank** \ˈʃrɪŋk\ *also* **shrunk** \ˈʃrɪŋk\; **shrunk** or **shrunk-en** \ˈʃrɪŋk-ən\ **1** : to draw back or away **2** : to become smaller or more compact **3** : to lessen in value *syn* contract, constrict, compress, condense — **shrink-able** *adj*

shrink *n* : PSYCHIATRIST

shrink-age \ˈʃrɪŋ-kɪj\ *n* **1** : the act of shrinking **2** : a decrease in value **3** : the amount by which something contracts or lessens in extent

shrive \ˈʃrɪv\ *vb* **shrived** or **shrove** \ˈʃrɒv\; **shriv-en** \ˈʃrɪv-ən\ or **shrived** : to minister the sacrament of penance to

shriv-el \ˈʃrɪv-əl\ *vb* **-eled** or **-elled**; **-el-ing** or **-el-ling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to shrink and draw together into wrinkles : wither up

shroud \ˈʃraʊd\ *n* **1** : something that covers or screens

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
aʊ\out ʃh\chain \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
ʌ\foot \v\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

- 2** : a cloth placed over a dead body **3** : one of the ropes leading usu. in pairs from the masthead of a ship to the side to support the mast
- shroud** *vb* : to veil or screen from view
- shrub** *\ˈshrəb* *n* : a low usu. several-stemmed woody plant — **shrub-by** *adj*
- shrub-bery** *\ˈshrəb-(ə)rē* *n*, *pl -ber-ies* : a planting or growth of shrubs
- shrug** *\ˈshrəg* *vb* **shrugged**; **shrug-ging** : to hunch (the shoulders) up to express doubt, indifference, or dislike — **shrug** *n*
- shrug off** *vb* **1** : to brush aside : **MINIMIZE** **2** : to shake off **3** : to remove (a garment) by wriggling out
- sht** *abbr* sheet
- shtg** *abbr* shortage
- shuck** *\ˈʃək* *n* : SHELL, HUSK
- shuck** *vb* : to strip of shucks
- shud-der** *\ˈʃəd-ər* *vb* **shud-dered**; **shud-der-ing** *\-(ə-)rɪŋ* : TREMBLE, QUAKE — **shudder** *n*
- shuf- fle** *\ˈʃʌf-əl* *vb* **shuf- fled**; **shuf- fling** *\-(ə-)lɪŋ* **1** : to mix in a disorderly mass **2** : to rearrange the order of (cards in a pack) by mixing two parts of the pack together **3** : to move with a sliding or dragging gait **4** : to shift from place to place **5** : to dance in a slow lagging manner — **shuffle** *n*
- shuf- fle-board** *\ˈʃʌf-əl-, bɔrd* *n* : a game in which players use long-handled cues to shove wooden disks into scoring areas marked on a smooth surface
- shun** *\ˈʃʌn* *vb* **shunned**; **shun-ning** : to avoid deliberately or habitually **syn** evade, elude, escape, duck
- shunt** *\ˈʃʌnt* *vb* [ME *shunten* to flinch] : to turn off to one side; *esp* : to switch (a train) from one track to another
- shunt** *n* **1** : a method or device for turning or thrusting aside **2** : a conductor joining two points in an electrical circuit forming a parallel path through which a portion of the current may pass
- shut** *\ˈʃʌt* *vb* **shut**; **shut-ting** **1** : CLOSE **2** : to forbid entrance into **3** : to lock up **4** : to fold together (< a penknife) **5** : to cease or suspend activity (< down an assembly line)
- shut-down** *\-, daʊn* *n* : a temporary cessation of activity (as in a factory)
- shut-in** *\ˈʃʌt-, ɪn* *n* : an invalid confined to his home, room, or bed
- shut-out** *\ˈʃʌt-, aʊt* *n* : a game or contest in which one side fails to score
- shut out** *\-, ʃʌt-ˈaʊt* *vb* **1** : EXCLUDE **2** : to prevent (an opponent) from scoring in a game or contest
- shut-ter** *\ˈʃʌt-ər* *n* **1** : a movable cover for a door or window for privacy or to keep out light or air : BLIND **2** : the part of a camera that opens and closes to expose the film
- shut-ter-bug** *\ˈʃʌt-ər-, bəg* *n* : a photography enthusiast
- shut-tle** *\ˈʃʌt-əl* *n* **1** : an instrument used in weaving for passing the horizontal threads between the vertical threads **2** : a vehicle traveling back and forth over a short route (< a ~ bus) **3** : SPACE SHUTTLE
- shuttle** *vb* **shut-tled**; **shut- tling** *\ˈʃʌt-(ə-)lɪŋ* : to move back and forth rapidly or frequently
- shut-tle-cock** *\ˈʃʌt-əl-, kək* *n* : a light feathered object (as of cork or plastic) used in badminton
- shut up** *vb* : to cease or cause to cease talking
- shy** *\ʃaɪ* *adj* **shi-er** or **shy-er** *\ˈʃi-(ə)r*; **shi-est** or **shy-est** *\ˈʃi-əst* **1** : easily frightened : TIMID **2** : WARY **3** : BASHFUL **4** : DEFICIENT, LACKING — **shy-ly** *adv* — **shy-ness** *n*
- shy** *vb* **shied**; **shy-ing** **1** : to shrink back : RECOIL **2** : to start suddenly aside through fright (the horse *shied*)
- shy-ster** *\ˈʃi-stər* *n* : an unscrupulous lawyer or politician
- Si** *symbol* silicon
- Si-a-mese** *\, si-ə-ˈmēz-, -ˈmēs* *n*, *pl* **Sia-mese** : THAI — **Siamese** *adj*

Siamese twin *n* [fr. Chang †1874 and Eng †1874 twins born in Siam with bodies united] : one of a pair of twins with bodies joined together at birth

sib-i-lant *\ˈsib-ə-lənt* *adj* : having, containing, or producing the sound of or a sound resembling that of the *s* or the *sh* in *sash*

sibilant *n* : a sibilant speech sound (as English *\s*, *\z*, *\ʃ*, *\zh*, *\ch* (= *tʃh*), or *\j* (= *dʒh*))

sib-ling *\ˈsib-lɪŋ* *n* : one of two or more offspring of the same parents

sib-yl *\ˈsib-əl* *n*, *often cap* : PROPHETESS — **sib-yl-line** *\-ə-, lɪn-, -lən* *adj*

sic *\ˈsɪk, ˈsɛk* *adv* : intentionally so written — used after a printed word or passage to indicate that it exactly reproduces an original (said he seed [*sic*] it all)

sick *\ˈsɪk* *adj* **1** : not in good health : ILL; *also* : of, relating to, or intended for the sick (< ~ pay) **2** : NAUSEATED **3** : LANGUISHING, PINING **4** : DISGUSTED **5** : MACABRE, SADISTIC (< jokes) — **sick-ly** *adj*

sick-bed *\ˈsɪk-, bed* *n* : a bed on which one lies sick

sick-en *\ˈsɪk-ən* *vb* **sick-ened**; **sick-en-ing** *\-(ə-)nɪŋ* : to make or become sick — **sick-en-ing-ly** *adv*

sick-le *\ˈsɪk-əl* *n* : a cutting tool consisting of a curved metal blade with a short handle

sickle-cell anemia *n* : an inherited anemia in which red blood cells tend to become crescent-shaped and cannot carry oxygen properly and which occurs esp. in blacks

sick-ness *\ˈsɪk-nəs* *n* **1** : ill health; *also* : a specific disease **2** : NAUSEA

side *\saɪd* *n* **1** : a border of an object; *esp* : one of the longer borders as contrasted with an end **2** : an outer surface of an object **3** : the right or left part of the trunk of a body **4** : a place away from a central point or line **5** : a position regarded as opposite to another **6** : a body of contestants — **side** *adj*

side-arm *\-, ärm* *adj* : made with a sideways sweep of the arm — **sidearm** *adv*

side arm *n* : a weapon worn at the side or in the belt

side-bar *\ˈsaɪd-, bär* *n* : a short news story accompanying a major story and presenting related topics or additional details

side-board *\-, bɔrd* *n* : a piece of dining-room furniture for holding articles of table service



sideboard

side-burns *\-, bɜrnz* *n pl* : whiskers on the side of the face in front of the ears

side-car *\-, kār* *n* : a one-wheeled passenger car attached to the side of a motorcycle

side effect *n* : a secondary and usu. adverse effect (as of a drug)

side-kick *\ˈsaɪd-, kɪk* *n* : PAL, PARTNER

side-long *\ˈsaɪd-, lɒŋ* *adv* : in the direction of or along the side : OBLIQUELY

side-long *\, saɪd-, lɒŋ* *adj* : directed to one side (< ~ look)

side-man *\ˈsaɪd-, man* *n* : a member of a jazz or swing orchestra

side-piece *\-, pēs* *n* : a piece forming or contained in the side of something

si-de-re-al *\sɪ-ˈdɪr-ē-əl, sə-* *adj* **1** : of or relating to the stars **2** : measured by the apparent motion of the stars

sider-ite *\ˈsaɪd-ə-, rɪt* *n* : a native carbonate of iron that is a valuable iron ore

silk \ˈsɪlk\ *n* **1** : a fine strong lustrous protein fiber produced by insect larvae for their cocoons; *esp* : one from moth larvae (**silk-worms** \-, wɜrmz\) used for cloth **2** : thread or cloth made from silk — **silk-en** \ˈsɪl-kən\ *adj* — **silky** *adj*

silk screen *n* : a stencil process in which coloring matter is forced through the meshes of a prepared silk or organza screen; *also* : a print made by this process — **silk-screen** *vb*

silt \ˈsɪl\ *n* **1** : a heavy crosspiece (as of wood or stone) that forms the bottom member of a window frame or a doorway; *also* : a horizontal supporting piece at the base of a structure **2** : a flat mass of igneous rock injected while molten between other rocks

silly \ˈsɪl-ē *adj* **sil-li-er**; -*est* [ME *sely*, *silly* happy, innocent, pitiable, feeble, fr. OE *sælig*] **FOOLISH**, **ABSURD**, **STUPID** — **silly-ness** *n*

silo \ˈsɪ-lō\ *n*, *pl* **silos** [Sp] : a trench, pit, or tall cylinder in which silage is stored

silt \ˈsɪlt\ *n* **1** : fine earth; *esp* : particles of such soil floating in rivers, ponds, or lakes **2** : a deposit (as by a river) of silt — **silty** *adj*

silt *vb* : to obstruct or cover with silt — **silt-ation** \sɪl-ˈtā-shən\ *n*

Silurian \sɪ-ˈlʊr-ē-ən\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the period of the Paleozoic era between the Ordovician and the Devonian — **Silurian** *n*

silver \ˈsɪl-vər\ *n* **1** : a white ductile metallic chemical element that takes a high polish and is a better conductor of heat and electricity than any other substance — see **ELEMENT** table **2** : coin made of silver **3** : **FLATWARE** **4** : a grayish white color — **silvery** *adj*

silver *adj* **1** : relating to, made of, or coated with silver **2** : **SILVERY**

silver *vb* **sil-vered**; **sil-ver-ing** \ˈsɪlv-(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to coat with or as if with silver — **sil-ver-er** *n*

silver bromide *n* : a light-sensitive compound used *esp.* in photography

silver chloride *n* : a light-sensitive compound used *esp.* in photography

sil-ver-fish \ˈsɪl-vər-, fɪʃ\ *n* : a small wingless insect found in houses and sometimes injurious to sized paper and starched clothes

silver iodide *n* : a light-sensitive compound used in photography, rainmaking, and medicine

silver maple *n* : a No. American maple with deeply cut leaves that are green above and silvery white below

silver nitrate *n* : a soluble compound used in photography and as an antiseptic

sil-ver-ware \ˈsɪl-vər-, wəər\ *n* : **FLATWARE**

sim-i-an \ˈsɪm-ē-ən\ *n* : **MONKEY**, **APE** — **simian** *adj*

sim-i-lar \ˈsɪm-ə-lər\ *adj* : marked by correspondence or resemblance **syn** alike, akin, comparable, parallel — **sim-i-lar-i-ty** \sɪm-ə-ˈlār-ət-ē\ *n* — **sim-i-lar-ly** \ˈsɪm-ə-lər-lē\ *adv*

sim-i-le \ˈsɪm-ə-(l)lē\ *n* [L, likeness, comparison, fr. neut. of *similis* like, similar] : a figure of speech in which two dissimilar things are compared by the use of *like* or *as* (as in "cheeks like roses")

si-mil-i-tude \sə-ˈmɪl-ə-, (t)ɪd\ *n* : **LIKENESS**, **RESEMBLANCE** **syn** similarity, semblance

sim-mer \ˈsɪm-ər\ *vb* **sim-mered**; **sim-mer-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to stew at or just below the boiling point **2** : to be on the point of bursting out with violence or emotional disturbance — **simmer** *n*

si-mo-nize \sɪ-mə-, nɪz\ *vb* **-nized**; **-niz-ing** : to polish with or as if with wax

si-mo-ny \ˈsɪ-mə-nē-, ˈsɪm-ə-\ *n* [LL *simonia*, fr. *Simon* Magus 1st cent. A.D. sorcerer of Samaria (Acts 8:9-24)] : the buying or selling of a church office

sim-pa-ti-co \sɪm-ˈpāt-i-, kō-, ˈpat-\ *adj* : **CONGENIAL**, **LIK-**

sim-per \ˈsɪm-pər\ *vb* **sim-pered**; **sim-per-ing** \-p(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to smile in a silly manner — **simper** *n*

sim-ple \ˈsɪm-pəl\ *adj* **sim-pler** \-p(ə-)lər\; **sim-plest** \-p(ə-)ləst\ [ME, fr. OF, plain, uncomplicated, artless, fr. L *simplus*, *simplex*, lit., single; L *simplus* fr. *sim-* + *-plus* multiplied by; L *simplex* fr. *sim-* + *-plex* -fold] **1** : not combined with anything else **2** : not other than : **MERE** **3** : not complex : **PLAIN** **4** : **ABSOLUTE** (land held in fee ~) **5** : **STRAIGHTFORWARD**; *also* : **ARTLESS** **6** : **UN-ADORNED** **7** : lacking education, experience, or intelligence **8** : developing from a single ovary (a ~ fruit) **syn** easy, facile, light, effortless — **sim-ple-ness** *n* — **sim-ply** \-plē\ *adv*

sim-ple-ton \ˈsɪm-pəl-tən\ *n* : **FOOL**

sim-plic-i-ty \ˈsɪm-ˈplɪs-ət-ē\ *n* **1** : lack of complication : **CLEARNESS** **2** : **CANDOR**, **ARTLESSNESS** **3** : plainness in manners or way of life **4** : **IGNORANCE**, **FOOLISHNESS**

sim-ple-fi-y \ˈsɪm-plə-ˈfɪ\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to make simple : make less complex : **CLARIFY** — **sim-ple-fi-ca-tion** \sɪm-plə-ˈfə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

sim-plis-tic \ˈsɪm-ˈplɪs-tɪk\ *adj* : excessively simple : tending to overlook complexities (a ~ solution)

sim-u-late \ˈsɪm-yə-, lāt\ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** : to create the effect or appearance of : **FEIGN** — **sim-u-la-tion** \sɪm-yə-ˈlā-shən\ *n* — **sim-u-la-tor** \ˈsɪm-yə-, lāt-ər\ *n*

si-mul-ta-ne-ous \sɪ-məl-ˈtā-nē-əs-, ˈsɪm-əl-\ *adj* : occurring or operating at the same time — **si-mul-ta-ne-ous-ly** *adv* — **si-mul-ta-ne-ous-ness** *n*

sin \ˈsɪn\ *n* **1** : an offense *esp.* against God **2** : **FAULT** **3** : a weakened state of human nature in which the self is estranged from God — **sin-less** *adj*

sin *vb* **sinned**; **sin-ning** : to commit a sin — **sin-ner** *n*

since \(s)ˈɪns\ *adv* **1** : from a past time until now **2** : backward in time : **AGO**

since *prep* **1** : in the period after (changes made ~ the war) **2** : continuously from (has been here ~ 1980)

since *conj* **1** : from the time when **2** : seeing that : **BECAUSE**

sin-cere \ˈsɪn-ˈsɪər\ *adj* **sin-cer-er**; **sin-cer-est** **1** : free from hypocrisy : **HONEST** **2** : **GENUINE**, **REAL** — **sin-cere-ly** *adv* — **sin-cer-i-ty** \-ˈser-ət-ē\ *n*

si-ne-cure \ˈsɪ-ni-, kyūr-, ˈsɪ-ni-\ *n* : a well-paid job that requires little work

si-ne-die \sɪ-ni-ˈdi-, ē-, ˈsɪn-ā-ˈdē-, ā\ *adv* [L, without day] : **INDEFINITELY**

si-ne qua non \sɪ-ni-, kwā-ˈnān-, ˈnōn\ *n* [LL, without which not] : an indispensable or essential thing

sin-ew \ˈsɪn-yū\ *n* **1** : **TENDON** **2** : physical strength — **sin-ewy** *adj*

sin-ful \ˈsɪn-fəl\ *adj* : marked by or full of sin : **WICKED** — **sin-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **sin-ful-ness** *n*

sing \ˈsɪŋ\ *vb* **sang** \ˈsɑŋ\ or **sung** \ˈsʊŋ\; **sung**; **sing-ing** \ˈsɪŋ-ɪŋ\ **1** : to produce musical tones with the voice; *also* : to utter with musical tones **2** : to produce harmonious sustained sounds (birds ~ing) **3** : **CHANT**, **INTONE** **4** : to make a prolonged shrill sound (locusts ~ing) **5** : to write poetry; *also* : to celebrate in song or verse **6** : to give information or evidence — **sing-er** *n*

sing *abbr* singular

singe \ˈsɪŋ\ *vb* **singed**; **singe-ing** \ˈsɪŋ-ɪŋ\ : to scorch lightly the outside of; *esp* : to remove the hair or down from (a plucked fowl) with flame

single \ˈsɪŋ-gəl\ *adj* **1** : **UNMARRIED** **2** : being alone : being the only one **3** : having only one feature or part **4** : made for one person or family **syn** sole, unique, lone, solitary, separate, particular — **sin-gle-ness** *n* — **sin-gly** \-glē\ *adv*

single *vb* **sing-led**; **sing-ling** \-g(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to select (one) from a group **2** : to hit a single

single *n* **1** : a separate person or thing **2** : a hit in baseball that enables the batter to reach first base **3** *pl* : a tennis match with one player on each side

single bond *n* : a chemical bond in which one pair of electrons is shared by two atoms in a molecule

single-lens reflex *n* : a camera having a single lens that forms an image which is either reflected to the viewfinder or recorded on film

single-ton *\ˈsɪŋ-gəl-tən\ n* : a card that is the only one of its suit or group, held in a hand

sin-gle-tree *\-ˌtrē\ n* : WHIFFLETREE

sin-gu-lar *\ˈsɪŋ-gyə-lər\ adj* **1** : of, relating to, or constituting a word form denoting one person, thing, or instance **2** : of unusual quality **3** : OUTSTANDING, EXCEPTIONAL **4** : ODD, STRANGE — **singular** *n* — **sin-gu-lar-i-ty** *\,sɪŋ-gyə-ˈlar-ət-ē\ n* — **sin-gu-lar-ly** *\ˈsɪŋ-gyə-lər-lē\ adv*
sin-is-ter *\ˈsɪn-əs-tər\ adj* [ME, fr. L on the left side, inauspicious] **1** : threatening or foreboding evil or disaster **2** : indicative of lurking evil *syn* baleful, malign, malefic, malevolent

ˑsink *\ˈsɪŋk\ vb sank \ˈsæŋk\ or sunk \ˈsʌŋk\; sunk; sink-ing* **1** : SUBMERGE **2** : to descend lower and lower **3** : to grow less in volume or height **4** : to slope downward **5** : to penetrate downward **6** : to fail in health or strength **7** : LAPSE, DEGENERATE **8** : to cause (a ship) to descend to the bottom **9** : to make (a hole or shaft) by digging, boring, or cutting **10** : INVEST — **sink-able** *adj*

ˑsink *n* **1** : DRAIN, SEWER **2** : a basin connected with a drain **3** : an extensive depression in the land surface

sink-er *\ˈsɪŋ-kər\ n* : a weight for sinking a fishing line or net

sink-hole *\ˈsɪŋ-k-, hōl\ n* : a hollow place in which drainage collects

sin-u-ous *\ˈsɪn-yə-wəs\ adj* : bending in and out : WINDING — **sin-u-os-i-ty** *\,sɪn-yə-ˈlŷ-wəs-ət-ē\ n*

si-nus *\ˈsɪ-nəs\ n* [NL, fr. L curve, hollow] **1** : any of several cavities of the skull mostly connecting with the nostrils **2** : a space forming a channel (as for the passage of blood)

si-nus-itis *\,sɪ-nə-ˈsɪt-əs\ n* : inflammation of a sinus *esp.* of the skull

Sioux *\ˈsɪ-ˌ\ n, pl Sioux \ˈsɪ-z(\ [F] : DAKOTA*

sip *\ˈsɪp\ vb sipped; sip-ping* : to drink in small quantities — **sip** *n*

ˑsi-phon *\ˈsɪ-fən\ n* [F] **1** : a bent tube through which a liquid can be transferred by means of air pressure up and over the edge of one container and into another container placed at a lower level **2 usu sy-phon** : a bottle that ejects soda water through a tube when a valve is opened

ˑsiphon *vb si-phoned; si-phon-ing \ˈsɪf-(ə-)nɪŋ* : to draw off by means of a siphon

sir *(ˈ)sər\ n* [ME *sire* sire, fr. OF, fr. L *senior*, compar. of *senex* old, old man] **1** : a man of rank or position — used as a title before the given name of a knight or baronet **2** — used in addressing a man without using his name

ˑsire *\ˈsɪ-(ə)r\ n* **1** : FATHER; *also, archaic* : FOREFATHER **2 archaic** : LORD — used as a title of respect *esp.* in addressing a sovereign **3** : the male parent of an animal (as a horse or dog)

ˑsire *vb sired; sir-ing* : BEGET, PROCREATE

si-ren *\ˈsɪ-rən\ n* **1** : a seductive or alluring woman **2** : an electrically operated device for producing a loud shrill warning signal — **siren** *adj*

sir-loin *\ˈsər-ˌlɔɪn\ n* [alter. of earlier *surloin*, modif. of MF *surlonge*, fr. *sur* over (fr. L *super*) + *longe* loin] : a cut of beef taken from the part in front of the round
sirup *var* of SYRUP

si-sal *\ˈsɪ-səl-, -zəl\ n* : a strong cordage fiber from an agave; *also* : this agave

sis-sy *\ˈsɪs-ē\ n, pl sissies* : an effeminate boy or man; *also* : a timid or cowardly person

sis-ter *\ˈsɪs-tər\ n* **1** : a female having one or both parents in common with another individual **2** : a member of a

religious order of women : NUN **3 chiefly Brit** : NURSE — **sis-ter-ly** *adj*

sis-ter-hood *\-,hʊd\ n* **1** : the state of being sisters or a sister **2** : a community or society of sisters

sis-ter-in-law *\ˈsɪs-t(ə-)rən-,lə\ n, pl sis-ter-in-law \-tər-zən-* : the sister of one's husband or wife; *also* : the wife of one's brother

sit *\sɪt\ vb sat \ˈsæt\; sit-ting* **1** : to rest upon the buttocks or haunches **2** : ROOST, PERCH **3** : to occupy a seat **4** : to hold a session **5** : to cover eggs for hatching : BROOD **6** : to pose for a portrait **7** : to remain quiet or inactive **8** : FIT **9** : to cause (oneself) to be seated **10** : to place in position **11** : to keep one's seat on (<~ a horse) **12** : BABY-SIT — **sit-ter** *n*

si-tar *\sɪ-,tär\ n* [Hindi] : an Indian lute with a long neck and a varying number of strings

site *\saɪt\ n* : LOCATION

sit-in *\ˈsɪt-,ɪn\ n* : an act of sitting in the seats or on the floor of an establishment as a means of organized protest

sit-u-at-ed *\ˈsɪch-ə-, wāt-əd\ adj* : LOCATED, PLACED

sit-u-a-tion *\,sɪch-ə-ˈwā-shən\ n* **1** : LOCATION, SITE **2** : JOB **3** : CONDITION, CIRCUMSTANCES

sit-up *\ˈsɪt-,əp\ n* : an exercise performed from a supine position by raising the trunk to a sitting position *usu.* while keeping the legs straight and returning to the original position

six *\ˈsɪks\ n* **1** : one more than five **2** : the 6th in a set or series **3** : something having six units; *esp.* a 6-cylinder engine or automobile — **six** *adj* or *pron* — **sixth** *\ˈsɪksθ\ adj* or *adv* or *n*

six-gun *\ˈsɪks-,gən\ n* : a 6-chambered revolver

six-pack *\ˈsɪks-,pak\ n* : six bottles or cans (as of beer) packaged and purchased together; *also* : the contents of a six-pack

six-pence *\-pəns, US also -,pens\ n* : the sum of six pence; *also* : an English silver coin of this value — **six-pen-ny** *\-pən-ē, US also -,pen-ē\ adj*

six-shoot-er *\ˈsɪk(s)-ˈʃʊt-ər\ n* : SIX-GUN

six-teen *\ˈsɪks-ˈtēn\ n* : one more than 15 — **sixteen** *adj* or *pron* — **six-teenth** *\-ˈtēnth\ adj* or *n*

six-ty *\ˈsɪks-tē\ n, pl sixties* : six times 10 — **six-ti-eth** *\ˈsɪks-tē-əθ\ adj* or *n* — **sixty** *adj* or *pron*

siz-able or **size-able** *\ˈsɪ-zə-bəl\ adj* : quite large — **siz-ably** *\-blē\ adv*

ˑsize *\ˈsɪz\ n* : physical extent or bulk : DIMENSIONS; *also* : MAGNITUDE

ˑsize *vb sized; siz-ing* : to grade or classify according to size

ˑsize *n* : a gluey material used for filling the pores in paper, plaster, or textiles — **siz-ing** *\ˈsɪ-zɪŋ\ n*

ˑsize *vb sized; siz-ing* : to cover, stiffen, or glaze with size
siz-zle *\ˈsɪz-əl\ vb siz-zled; siz-zling \-(ə-)lɪŋ* : to fry or shrivel up with a hissing sound — **sizzle** *n*

SJ *abbr* Society of Jesus

SK *abbr* Saskatchewan

ˑskate *\ˈskāt\ n, pl skates* *also skate* : any of numerous rays with thick broad fins

ˑskate *n* **1** : a metal runner with a frame fitting on a shoe used for gliding over ice **2** : ROLLER SKATE — **skate** *vb* — **skate-r** *n*

skate-board *\ˈskāt-,bɔrd\ n* : a short board mounted on roller-skate wheels — **skate-board-er** *\-ər\ n* — **skate-board-ing** *\-ɪŋ\ n*

skeet *\ˈskēt\ n* : trapshooting in which clay targets are thrown in such a way that their angle of flight simulates that of a flushed game bird

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- skein** ¹skān *n* : a loosely twisted quantity (as of yarn) as it is taken from the reel
- skel-e-ton** ¹skel-ət-ən *n* 1 : the usu. bony supporting framework of an animal body 2 : a bare minimum 3 : FRAMEWORK — **skel-e-tal** ¹ət-əl *adj*
- skep-tic** ¹skēp-tik *n* 1 : one who believes in skepticism 2 : one having a critical or doubting attitude 3 : one who doubts or disbelieves in religious tenets — **skep-ti-cal** ¹ti-kəl *adj*
- skep-ti-cism** ¹skēp-tə-,siz-əm *n* 1 : a doubting state of mind 2 : a doctrine that certainty of knowledge cannot be attained 3 : unbelief in religion
- sketch** ¹skech *n* 1 : a rough drawing or outline 2 : a short or slight literary composition (as a story or essay); *also* : a vaudeville act — **sketch** *vb* — **sketchy** *adj*
- skew** ¹skyū *vb* : TWIST, SWERVE
- skew** *n* : SLANT
- skew-er** ¹skyū-ər *n* : a pin for holding meat in form while roasting — **skewer** *vb*
- skil** ¹skē *n*, *pl* skis [Norw, fr. ON *skith* stick of wood, ski] : one of a pair of long strips (as of wood) bound one on each foot for gliding over snow
- ski** *vb* skied ¹skēd; **ski-ing** : to glide on skis — **ski-er** *n*
- skid** ¹skid *n* 1 : a plank for supporting something above the ground 2 : a device placed under a wheel to prevent turning 3 : a timber or rail over or on which something is slid or rolled 4 : the action of skidding 5 : a runner on the landing gear of an aircraft 6 : ²PALLET
- skid** *vb* skid-ded; **skid-ding** 1 : to slide without rotating (a skidding wheel) 2 : to slide sideways on the road (the car skidded on ice)
- skid row** *n* : a district of cheap saloons frequented by vagrants and alcoholics
- skiff** ¹skif *n* : a small open boat
- ski lift** *n* : CHAIR LIFT
- skill** ¹skil *n* 1 : ability to use one's knowledge effectively in doing something 2 : developed or acquired ability *syn* art, craft, cunning, dexterity, expertise, know-how — **skilled** ¹skild *adj*
- skil-let** ¹skil-ət *n* : a frying pan
- skill-ful** or **skil-ful** ¹skil-fəl *adj* 1 : having or displaying skill : EXPERT 2 : accomplished with skill — **skill-ful-ly** ¹l-ē *adv* — **skill-ful-ness** *n*
- skim** ¹skim *vb* skimmed; **skim-ming** 1 : to take off from the top of a liquid; *also* : to remove (scum or cream) from (∼ milk) 2 : to read rapidly and superficially 3 : to pass swiftly over — **skim-mer** *n*
- skim** *adj* 1 : having the cream removed 2 : made of skim milk
- skim-ming** ¹skim-ɪŋ *n* : the practice of concealing gambling profits so as to avoid tax payments
- ski-mo-bile** ¹skē-mō-,bēl *n* : SNOWMOBILE
- skimp** ¹skimp *vb* : to give insufficient attention, effort, or funds; *also* : to save by skimping
- skimpy** ¹skim-pē *adj* **skimp-i-er**; **-est** : deficient in supply or execution
- skin** ¹skin *n* 1 : the outer limiting layer of an animal body; *also* : the usu. thin tough tissue of which this is made 2 : an outer or surface layer (as a rind or peel) — **skin-less** *adj* — **skinned** *adj*
- skin** *vb* skinned; **skin-ning** : to free from skin : remove the skin of
- skin** *adj* : devoted to showing nudes (∼ magazines)
- skin-dive** ¹skin-,div *vb* : to swim below the surface of water with a face mask and portable breathing device — **skin diver** *n* — **skin diving** *n*
- skin-flint** ¹skin-,flint *n* : a very stingy person
- skin graft** *n* : skin that is taken from one area to replace skin in another area — **skin grafting** *n*
- skin-ny** ¹skin-ē *adj* **skin-ni-er**; **-est** 1 : resembling skin 2 : very thin
- skin-ny-dip-ping** ¹-,dip-ɪŋ *n* : swimming in the nude
- skin-tight** ¹skin-'tīt *adj* : closely fitted to the figure
- skip** ¹skip *vb* skipped; **skip-ping** 1 : to move with leaps and bounds 2 : to leap lightly over 3 : to pass from point to point (as in reading) disregarding what is in between 4 : to pass over without notice or mention
- skip** *n* : a light bouncing step; *also* : a gait of alternate hops and steps
- skip-jack** ¹skip-,jak *n* : a small sailboat with bottom similar to a flat V and sides vertical
- skip-per** ¹skip-ər *n* [ME, fr. Middle Dutch *schipper*, fr. *schip* ship] : the master of a ship — **skipper** *vb*
- skir-mish** ¹skər-mish *n* : a minor engagement in war; *also* : a minor dispute or contest — **skirmish** *vb*
- skirt** ¹skərt *n* : a free-hanging part of a garment extending from the waist down
- skirt** *vb* 1 : to pass around the outer edge of 2 : BORDER
- skit** ¹skit *n* : a brief dramatic sketch
- ski tow** *n* : SKI LIFT
- skit-ter** ¹skit-ər *vb* : to glide or skip lightly or quickly : skim along a surface
- skit-tish** ¹skit-ish *adj* 1 : CAPRICIOUS, IRRESPONSIBLE 2 : easily frightened (a ∼ horse)
- skiv-vy** ¹skiv-ē *n*, *pl* skivvies : men's underwear; *esp* : a T-shirt and briefs or shorts — *usu.* used in *pl.*
- ski-wear** ¹skē-,wəər *n* : clothing suitable for wear while skiing
- skulk** ¹skəlk *vb* : to move furtively : SNEAK, LURK — **skulk-er** *n*
- skull** ¹skəl *n* : the bony or cartilaginous case that protects the brain and supports the jaws
- skull-cap** ¹skəl-,kap *n* : a close-fitting brimless cap
- skunk** ¹skʌŋk *n*, *pl* skunks *also* **skunk** 1 : any of various No. American mammals related to the weasels that can forcibly eject an ill-smelling fluid when startled 2 : a contemptible person
- skunk** *vb* : to defeat decisively; *esp* : to shut out in a game
- skunk cabbage** *n* : a perennial herb of eastern No. America with an unpleasant-smelling early spring flower; *also* : a related herb of the Pacific coast region
- sky** ¹skī *n*, *pl* skies 1 : the upper air 2 : HEAVEN — **sky-ey** ¹ski-ē *adj*
- sky-cap** ¹-,kap *n* : a person employed to carry luggage at an airport
- sky-diving** ¹-,di-viŋ *n* : the sport of jumping from an airplane and executing various body maneuvers before opening a parachute — **sky diver** *n*
- sky-jack** ¹-,jak *vb* : to take control of an airplane in flight by threat of violence — **sky-jack-er** *n* — **sky-jack-ing** *n*
- sky-lark** ¹-,lärk *n* : a European lark noted for its song and its steep upward flight
- skylark** *vb* : to frolic boisterously or recklessly
- sky-light** ¹ski-,lit *n* : a window in a roof or ceiling — **sky-light-ed** ¹-,lit-əd *adj*
- sky-line** ¹-,līn *n* 1 : HORIZON 2 : an outline against the sky
- sky-rock-et** ¹-,rāk-ət *n* : ROCKET 1
- skyrocket** *vb* : ²ROCKET 2
- sky-scraper** ¹-,skrā-pər *n* : a very tall building
- sky-walk** ¹-,wɒk *n* : a usu. enclosed aerial walkway connecting two buildings
- sky-ward** ¹-wərd *adv* : toward the sky
- sky-writ-ing** ¹-,rit-ɪŋ *n* : writing in the sky formed by smoke emitted from an airplane — **sky-writ-er** ¹-ər *n*
- slab** ¹slab *n* : a thick flat piece or slice
- slack** ¹slak *adj* 1 : CARELESS, NEGLIGENT 2 : SLUGGISH, LISTLESS 3 : not taut : LOOSE 4 : not busy or active *syn* lax, remiss, neglectful, delinquent, derelict — **slack-ly** *adv* — **slack-ness** *n*
- slack** *vb* 1 : to make or become slack : LOOSEN, RELAX 2 : SLAKE 2
- slack** *n* 1 : cessation of movement or flow : LETUP 2 : a part that hangs loose without strain (∼ of a rope) 3 : trousers for casual wear — *usu.* used in *pl.*

slack-en \ˈslak-ən\ *vb* **slack-ened**; **slack-en-ing** \-(ə-)nɪŋ\ : to make or become slack
slack-er \ˈslak-ər\ *n* : one that shirks work or evades military duty
slag \ˈslag\ *n* : the waste left after the melting of ores and the separation of metal from them
slain *past part of SLAY*
slake \ˈslāk, for 2 also ˈslak\ *vb* **slaked**; **slak-ing** 1 : to cause to subside with or as if with refreshing drink (~ thirst) 2 : to cause (lime) to crumble by mixture with water
sla-lom \ˈsläl-əm\ *n* [Norw, lit., sloping track] : skiing in a zigzag course between obstacles
slam \ˈslam\ *n* : the winning of every trick or of all tricks but one in bridge
slam *n* : a heavy jarring impact : BANG
slam *vb* **slammed**; **slam-ming** 1 : to shut violently and noisily 2 : to throw or strike with a loud impact
slan-der \ˈslan-dər\ *n* [ME *sclaundre*, *sclaundre*, fr. OF *esclandre*, fr. LL *scandalum* stumbling block, offense] : a false report maliciously uttered and tending to injure the reputation of a person — **slan-der-ous** *adj*
slander *vb* **slan-dered**; **slan-der-ing** \-d(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to utter slander against : DEFAME — **slan-der-er** *n*
slang \ˈslɑŋ\ *n* : an informal nonstandard vocabulary composed typically of invented words, arbitrarily changed words, and extravagant figures of speech — **slangy** *adj*
slant \ˈslɑnt\ *n* 1 : a sloping direction, line, or plane 2 : a particular or personal viewpoint — **slant** *adj* — **slant-wise** \-,wɪz\ *adv* or *adj*
slant *vb* 1 : SLOPE 2 : to interpret or present in accordance with a special viewpoint *syn* incline, lean, list, tilt, heel — **slant-ing-ly** *adv*
slap \ˈslap\ *vb* **slapped**; **slap-ping** 1 : to strike sharply with the open hand 2 : REBUFF, INSULT — **slap** *n*
slash \ˈslɑʃ\ *vb* 1 : to cut with sweeping strokes 2 : to cut slits in (a garment) 3 : to reduce sharply
slash *n* 1 : GASH 2 : an ornamental slit in a garment 3 : a clearing in a forest littered with debris; *also* : the debris present
slat \ˈslɑt\ *n* : a thin narrow flat strip
slate \ˈslɑt\ *n* 1 : a dense fine-grained rock that splits into thin layers 2 : a roofing tile or a writing tablet made from this rock 3 : a list of candidates for election
slate *vb* **slat-ed**; **slat-ing** 1 : to cover with slate 2 : to designate for action or appointment
slath-er \ˈslɑθ-ər\ *vb* **slath-ered**; **slath-er-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to spread with or on thickly or lavishly
slat-tern \ˈslɑt-ər-n\ *n* : a slovenly woman — **slat-tern-ly** *adj*
slaugh-ter \ˈslót-ər\ *n* 1 : the butchering of livestock for market 2 : great destruction of lives *esp.* in battle
slaughter *vb* 1 : to kill (animals) for food : BUTCHER 2 : to kill in large numbers or in a bloody way : MASSACRE
slaugh-ter-house \-,haʊs\ *n* : an establishment where animals are butchered
Slav \ˈsläv, ˈsläv\ *n* : a person speaking a Slavic language
slave \ˈsläv\ *n* [ME *sclave*, fr. OF or ML; OF *esclave*, fr. ML *sclavus*, fr. *Sclavus* Slav; fr. the reduction to slavery of many Slavic peoples of central Europe] 1 : a person held in servitude as property 2 : a device (as the typewriter unit of a computer) that is directly responsive to another — **slave** *adj*
slave *vb* **slaved**; **slav-ing** : to work like a slave : DRUDGE
slav-er \ˈsläv-ər, ˈsläv-ər\ *n* : SLOBBER — **slaver** *vb*
slav-er \ˈsläv-ər\ *n* : a ship or a person engaged in transporting slaves
slav-ery \ˈsläv-(ə-)rē\ *n* 1 : wearisome drudgery 2 : the condition of being a slave 3 : the practice of owning slaves *syn* servitude, bondage, enslavement
Slav-ic \ˈsläv-lik, ˈsläv-ə\ *adj* : of or relating to the Slavs or their languages

Slavic *n* : a branch of the Indo-European language family including various languages (as Russian or Polish) of eastern Europe
slav-ish \ˈslä-vish\ *adj* 1 : SERVILE 2 : obeying or imitating with no freedom of judgment or choice — **slav-ish-ly** *adv*
slaw \ˈslō\ *n* : COLESLAW
slay \ˈslā\ *vb* **slew** \ˈslü\; **slain** \ˈslān\; **slay-ing** : KILL — **slay-er** *n*
sleaze \ˈslēz\ *n* : a sleazy quality or appearance
slea-zy \ˈslē-zē, ˈslä-ə\ *adj* **slea-zi-er**; **-est** 1 : FLIMSY, SHODDY 2 : marked by cheapness of character or quality
sled \ˈsled\ *n* : a vehicle on runners adapted *esp.* for sliding on snow
sled *vb* **sled-ded**, **sled-ding** : to ride or carry on a sled
sledge \ˈslej\ *n* : SLEDGEHAMMER
sledge *n* : a strong heavy sled
sledge-ham-mer \ˈslej-,ham-ər\ *n* : a large heavy hammer usu. wielded with both hands — **sledgehammer** *adj* or *vb*
sleek \ˈslēk\ *vb* 1 : to make smooth or glossy 2 : to gloss over
sleek *adj* : having a smooth well-groomed look
sleep \ˈslēp\ *n* 1 : a natural periodic suspension of consciousness 2 : a state (as death or coma) suggesting sleep — **sleep-less** *adj* — **sleep-less-ness** *n*
sleep *vb* **slept** \ˈslept\; **sleep-ing** 1 : to rest or be in a state of sleep; *also* : to spend in sleep 2 : to have sexual intercourse 3 : to provide sleeping space for
sleep-er \ˈslē-pər\ *n* 1 : one that sleeps 2 : a horizontal beam to support something on or near ground level 3 : SLEEPING CAR 4 : someone or something unpromising or unnoticed that suddenly attains prominence or value
sleeping bag *n* : a warmly lined bag for sleeping *esp.* outdoors
sleeping car *n* : a railroad car with berths for sleeping
sleeping pill *n* : a drug in tablet or capsule form taken to induce sleep
sleeping sickness *n* : a serious disease that is prevalent in tropical Africa, is marked by fever, lethargy, tremors, and loss of weight, and is caused by protozoans transmitted by the tsetse fly
sleep-walk-er \ˈslēp-,wō-kər\ *n* : one who walks in his sleep
sleepy \ˈslē-pē\ *adj* **sleep-i-er**; **-est** 1 : ready for sleep 2 : quietly inactive — **sleep-i-ly** \ˈslē-pə-lē\ *adv* — **sleep-i-ness** \-pē-nəs\ *n*
sleet \ˈslēt\ *n* : frozen or partly frozen rain — **sleet** *vb* — **sleety** *adj*
sleeve \ˈslēv\ *n* 1 : a part of a garment covering an arm 2 : a tubular part designed to fit over another part — **sleeve-less** *adj*
sleigh \ˈslā\ *n* : an open usu. horse-drawn vehicle on runners for use on snow or ice
sleigh *vb* : to drive or travel in a sleigh
sleight \ˈslīt\ *n* 1 : TRICK 2 : DEXTERITY
sleight of hand : a trick requiring skillful manual manipulation
slen-der \ˈslen-dər\ *adj* 1 : SLIM, THIN 2 : WEAK, SLIGHT 3 : MEAGER, INADEQUATE
slen-der-ize \-də-,rīz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to make slender
slenth \ˈslüth\ *n* [short for *slenthound* bloodhound, fr. ME, fr. *slenth* track of an animal or person, fr. ON *slōth*] : DETECTIVE
slew \ˈslü\ *past of SLAY*
slew *vb* : TURN, VEER, SKID
slice \ˈslis\ *n* 1 : a thin flat piece cut from something 2 : a wedge-shaped blade (as for serving fish) 3 : a flight of a ball (as in golf) that curves in the direction of the dominant hand of the player propelling it

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ä\ace \ä\cot, cart
 \au\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- slice** *vb* **sliced**; **slic-ing** 1 : to cut a slice from; *also* : to cut into slices 2 : to hit (a ball) so that a slice results
lick *\slik\ vb* 1 : to make smooth or sleek
lick *adj* 1 : very smooth : SLIPPERY 2 : CLEVER, SMART
lick *n* 1 : a smooth patch of water covered with a film of oil 2 : a popular magazine printed on coated paper
licker *\slik-ər\ n* 1 : a long loose raincoat 2 : a sly tricky person 3 : a city dweller esp. of natty appearance or sophisticated mannerisms
slide *\slid\ vb* **slid** *\slid*; **slid-ing** *\slid-ɪŋ* 1 : to move smoothly along a surface 2 : to fall by a loss of support 3 : to slip along quietly
slide *n* 1 : an act or instance of sliding 2 : something (as a cover or fastener) that operates by sliding 3 : a fall of a mass of earth or snow down a hillside 4 : a surface on which something slides 5 : a glass plate on which a specimen is mounted for examination under a microscope 6 : a small transparent image that can be projected on a screen
slider *\slid-ər\ n* 1 : one that slides 2 : a baseball pitch that looks like a fastball but curves slightly
slide rule *n* : an instrument for calculation consisting of a ruler and a medial slide graduated with logarithmic scales



slide rule

- slider** *comparative of* **SLY**
sliest *superlative of* **SLY**
slight *\slit\ adj* 1 : **SLENDER**; *also* : **FRAIL** 2 : **UNIMPORTANT** 3 : **SCANTY**, **MEAGER** — **slight-ly** *adv*
slight *vb* 1 : to treat as unimportant 2 : to ignore discourteously 3 : to perform or attend to carelessly **syn** neglect, overlook, disregard
slight *n* : a humiliating discourtesy
slim *\slim\ adj* **slim-mer**; **slim-mest** [Dutch, bad, inferior, fr. Middle Dutch *slimp* crooked, bad] 1 : **SLENDER**, **SLIGHT**, **THIN** 2 : **SCANTY**, **MEAGER**
slim *vb* **slimmed**; **slim-ming** : to make or become slender
slime *\slim\ n* 1 : sticky mud 2 : a slippery substance (as on the skin of a slug or catfish) — **slimy** *adj*
slim-jim *\slim-ˈjim, -ˈjim\ adj* : notably slender
sling *\slɪŋ\ vb* **slung** *\slɒŋ*; **sling-ing** *\slɪŋ-ɪŋ* 1 : to throw forcibly : **FLING** 2 : to hurl with a sling
sling *n* 1 : a short strap with strings attached for hurling stones or shot 2 : a strap, rope, or chain for holding securely something being lifted, lowered, or carried
sling-shot *\slɪŋ-ˈʃɒt\ n* : a forked stick with elastic bands for shooting small stones or shot
slink *\sɪŋk\ vb* **slunk** *\slɒŋk\ also* **slinked** *\sɪŋkt*; **slink-ing** *\sɪŋk-ɪŋ* : to move stealthily or furtively 2 : to move sinuously — **slinky** *adj*
slip *\slɪp\ vb* **slipped**; **slip-ping** 1 : to escape quietly or secretly 2 : to slide along or cause to slide along smoothly 3 : to make a mistake 4 : to pass unnoticed or undone 5 : to fall off from a standard or level
slip *n* 1 : a ramp for repairing ships 2 : a ship's berth between two piers 3 : secret or hurried departure, escape, or evasion 4 : **BLUNDER** 5 : a sudden mishap 6 : a woman's one-piece garment worn under a dress 7 : **PILLOWCASE**
slip *n* 1 : a shoot or twig from a plant for planting or grafting 2 : a long narrow strip; *esp.* : one of paper used for a record (deposit ~)
slip *vb* **slipped**; **slip-ping** : to take slips from (a plant)
slip-knot *\slɪp-ˈnɒt\ n* : a knot that slips along the rope around which it is made
slipped disk *n* : a protrusion of one of the disks of cartilage between vertebrae with pressure on spinal nerves resulting esp. in low back pain
slip-per *\ˈslɪp-ər\ n* : a light low shoe that may be easily slipped on and off
slip-pery *\ˈslɪp-(ə-)rē\ adj* **slip-peri-er**; **-est** 1 : icy, wet, smooth, or greasy enough to cause one to fall or lose one's hold 2 : **TRICKY**, **UNRELIABLE** — **slip-peri-ness** *n*
slip-shod *\ˈslɪp-ˈʃɒd\ adj* : **SLOVENLY**, **CARELESS** (~ work)
slip-stream *\ˈslɪp-ˌstrēm\ n* : the stream of air driven aft by the propeller of an aircraft
slip-up *\ˈslɪp-ˌʊp\ n* 1 : **MISTAKE** 2 : **ACCIDENT**
slit *\slɪt\ vb* **slit**; **slit-ting** 1 : **SLASH** 2 : to cut off or away
slit *n* : a long narrow cut or opening
slith-er *\ˈslɪθ-ər\ vb* : to slip or glide along like a snake — **slith-ery** *adj*
sliver *\ˈslɪv-ər\ n* : **SPLINTER**
slob *\slɒb\ n* : a slovenly or boorish person
slob-ber *\ˈslɒb-ər\ vb* **slob-bered**; **slob-ber-ing** *\-(ə-)rɪŋ* : to dribble saliva — **slobber** *n*
sloe *\slɒ\ n* : the fruit of the blackthorn
slog *vb* **slogged**; **slog-ging** 1 : to hit hard : **BEAT** 2 : to work hard and steadily
slo-gan *\ˈslɒ-ɡən\ n* [alter. of earlier *slogorn*, fr. ScGael *sluagh-ghairm* army cry] : a word or phrase expressing the spirit or aim of a party, group, or cause
sloop *\ˈslʊp\ n* : a single-masted sailboat with a jib and a fore-and-aft mainsail
slop *\slɒp\ n* 1 : thin tasteless drink or liquid food — *usu.* used in pl. 2 : food waste or gruel for animal feed 3 : body and toilet waste — *usu.* used in pl.
slop *vb* **slopped**; **slop-ping** 1 : **SPILL** 2 : to feed with slop (~ hogs)
slope *\slɒp\ vb* **sloped**; **slop-ing** : **SLANT**, **INCLINE**
slope *n* 1 : upward or downward slant or degree of slant 2 : ground that forms an incline 3 : the part of a landscape draining into a particular ocean
slop-py *\ˈslɒp-ē\ adj* **slop-pi-er**; **-est** 1 : **MUDDY**, **SLUSHY** 2 : **SLOVENLY**, **MESSY**
slosh *\ˈslɒʃ\ vb* 1 : to flounder through or splash about in or with water, mud, or slush 2 : to move with a splashing motion
slot *\slɒt\ n* 1 : a long narrow opening or groove 2 : a position in a sequence
slot car *n* : an electric toy racing car that runs on a grooved track
sloth *\ˈslɒθ, ˈslɒth\ n, pl* **sloths** *\with ths or thz* 1 : **LAZINESS**, **INDOLENCE** 2 : a slow-moving So. and Central American mammal related to the armadillos — **sloth-ful** *adj*
slot machine *n* 1 : a machine whose operation is begun by dropping a coin into a slot 2 : a coin-operated gambling machine that pays off according to the matching of symbols on wheels spun by a handle
slouch *\ˈslɒtʃ\ n* 1 : a lazy or incompetent person 2 : a loose or drooping gait or posture
slouch *vb* : to walk, stand, or sit with a slouch : **SLUMP**
slough *\ˈslʊ, 2 usu ˈsləʊ\ n* 1 : a wet and marshy or muddy place (as a swamp) 2 : a discouraged state of mind
slough *\ˈslɒf\ or* **sluff** *n* : something (as a snake's skin) that may be shed
slough *\ˈslɒf\ or* **sluff** *vb* : to cast off
slov-en *\ˈslɒv-ən\ n* [ME *slovey*n rascal, perh. fr. Flem *sloovin* woman of low character] : an untidy person
slov-en-ly *\ˈslɒv-ən-lē\ adj* 1 : untidy in dress or person 2 : lazily or carelessly done : **SLIPSHOD**
slow *\slɒ\ adj* 1 : **SLUGGISH**; *also* : dull in mind : **STUPID** 2 : moving, flowing, or proceeding at less than the usual speed 3 : taking more than the usual time 4 : registering behind the correct time 5 : not lively : **BORING** **syn** dilatory, laggard, deliberate, leisurely — **slow** *adv* — **slow-ly** *adv* — **slow-ness** *n*
slow *vb* 1 : to make slow : hold back 2 : to go slower
slow motion *n* : motion-picture action photographed so as

to appear much slower than normal — **slow-motion** *adj*
SLR *abbr* single-lens reflex
sludge \ˈslʌʃ\ *n* : a slushy mass : OOZE; *esp* : solid matter produced by sewage treatment processes
slue *var of* **SLEW**
¹**slug** \ˈslɒɡ\ *n* 1 : a small mass of metal; *esp* : BULLET 2 : a metal disk for use (as in a slot machine) in place of a coin 3 : any of numerous slimy wormlike mollusks related to the snails 4 : a quantity of liquor drunk
²**slug** *vb* **slugged**; **slug-ging** : to strike forcibly and heavily — **slug-ger** *n*
slug-gard \ˈslɒɡ-ərd\ *n* : a lazy person
slug-gish \ˈslɒɡ-ɪʃ\ *adj* 1 : SLOTHFUL, LAZY 2 : slow in movement or flow 3 : STAGNANT, DULL — **slug-gish-ly** *adv* — **slug-gish-ness** *n*
¹**sluice** \ˈslūs\ *n* 1 : an artificial passage for water with a gate for controlling the flow; *also* : the gate so used 2 : a channel that carries off surplus water 3 : an inclined trough or flume for washing ore or floating logs
²**sluice** *vb* **sluiced**; **sluic-ing** 1 : to draw off through a sluice 2 : to wash with running water : FLUSH
sluice-way \ˈslūs-wā\ *n* : an artificial channel into which water is let by a sluice
¹**slum** \ˈsləm\ *n* : a thickly populated area marked by poverty and dirty or deteriorated houses
²**slum** *vb* **slummed**; **slum-ming** : to visit slums *esp.* out of curiosity; *also* : to go somewhere or do something that might be considered beneath one's station
¹**slum-ber** \ˈsləm-bər\ *vb* **slum-bered**; **slum-ber-ing** \-b(ə)-rɪŋ\ 1 : DOZE; *also* : SLEEP 2 : to be in a sluggish or torpid state
²**slumber** *n* : SLEEP
slum-ber-ous or **slum-brous** \ˈsləm-b(ə)-rəs\ *adj* 1 : SLUMBERING, SLEEPY 2 : PEACEFUL, INACTIVE
slum-lord \ˈsləm-lɔrd\ *n* : a landlord who receives unusually large profits from substandard properties
slump \ˈslʌmp\ *vb* 1 : to sink down suddenly : COLLAPSE 2 : SLOUCH 3 : to decline sharply — **slump** *n*
slung *past and past part of* SLING
slunk *past and past part of* SLINK
¹**slur** \ˈslər\ *vb* **slurred**; **slur-ring** 1 : to slide or slip over without due mention or emphasis 2 : to perform two or more successive notes of different pitch in a smooth or connected way
²**slur** *n* : a curved line ∪ or ∩ connecting notes to be slurred; *also* : a group of slurred notes
³**slur** *n* : a slighting remark : ASPERSION
slurp \ˈslɜrp\ *vb* : to eat or drink noisily — **slurp** *n*
slur-ry \ˈslər-ē\ *n, pl slur-ries* : a watery mixture of insoluble matter
slush \ˈsləʃ\ *n* 1 : partly melted or watery snow 2 : soft mud — **slushy** *adj*
slut \ˈslʌt\ *n* 1 : a slovenly woman 2 : PROSTITUTE — **slut-tish** \ˈslʌt-ɪʃ\ *adj*
sly \ˈsli\ *adj* **sly-er** *also* **sly-er** \ˈsli-(ə)r\; **sly-est** *also* **sly-est** \ˈsli-əst\ 1 : CRAFTY, CUNNING 2 : SECRETIVE, FURTIVE 3 : ROGUISH *syn* tricky, wily, artful, foxy, guileful — **sly-ly** *adv* — **sly-ness** *n*
sm *abbr* small
Sm *symbol* samarium
SM *abbr* 1 [NL *scientiae magister*] master of science 2 sergeant major
SMA *abbr* sergeant major of the army
¹**smack** \ˈsmæk\ *n* : characteristic flavor; *also* : a slight trace
²**smack** *vb* 1 : to have a taste 2 : to have a trace or suggestion
³**smack** *vb* 1 : to move (the lips) so as to make a sharp noise 2 : to kiss or slap with a loud noise
⁴**smack** *n* 1 : a sharp noise made by the lips 2 : a noisy slap
⁵**smack** *adv* : squarely and sharply
⁶**smack** *n* : a sailing ship used in fishing
⁷**smack** *n, slang* : HEROIN

SMaj *abbr* sergeant major

¹**small** \ˈsmɒl\ *adj* 1 : little in size or amount 2 : operating on a limited scale 3 : few in number 4 : made up of little things 5 : TRIFLING, UNIMPORTANT 6 : MEAN, PETTY *syn* diminutive, petite, wee, tiny, minute — **small-ish** *adj* — **small-ness** *n*
²**small** *n* : a small part or product (the ~ of the back)
small-pox \ˈsmɒl-,pɒks\ *n* : a contagious virus disease marked by fever and a skin eruption
small-time \ˈsmɒl-tɪm\ *adj* : insignificant in performance and standing : MINOR — **small-tim-er** \-tɪ-mər\ *n*
¹**smart** \ˈsmɑrt\ *vb* 1 : to cause or feel a stinging pain 2 : to feel or endure distress — **smart** *n*
²**smart** *adj* 1 : making one smart (a ~ blow) 2 : mentally quick : BRIGHT 3 : WITTY, CLEVER 4 : STYLISH 5 : being a guided missile 6 : containing a microprocessor for limited computing capability (~ terminal) *syn* knowing, quick-witted, intelligent, brainy, sharp — **smart-ly** *adv* — **smart-ness** *n*
smart al-eck \ˈsmɑrt-,al-ɪk\ *n* : a person given to obnoxious cleverness
¹**smash** \ˈsmæʃ\ *n* 1 : a smashing blow; *esp* : a hard overhand stroke in tennis 2 : the act or sound of smashing 3 : collision of vehicles : CRASH 4 : COLLAPSE, RUIN; *esp* : BANKRUPTCY 5 : a striking success : HIT — **smash** *adj*
²**smash** *vb* 1 : to break or be broken into pieces 2 : to move forward with force and shattering effect 3 : to destroy utterly : WRECK
smat-ter-ing \ˈsmat-ə-rɪŋ\ *n* 1 : superficial knowledge 2 : a small scattered number or amount
¹**smear** \ˈsmiə\ *n* : a spot left by an oily or sticky substance
²**smear** *vb* 1 : to overspread with something oily or sticky 2 : SMUDGE, SOIL 3 : to injure by slander or insults
¹**smell** \ˈsmel\ *vb* **smelled** \ˈsmeld\ or **smelt** \ˈsmelt\; **smell-ing** 1 : to perceive the odor of by sense organs of the nose; *also* : to detect or seek with or as if with these organs 2 : to have or give off an odor
²**smell** *n* 1 : the process or power of perceiving odor; *also* : the, special sense by which one perceives odor 2 : ODOR, SCENT 3 : an act of smelling — **smelly** *adj*
smelling salts *n pl* : an aromatic preparation used as a stimulant and restorative (as to relieve faintness)
¹**smelt** \ˈsmelt\ *n, pl smelts* or **smelt** : any of several small food fishes of coastal or fresh waters that are related to the trouts
²**smelt** *vb* : to melt or fuse (ore) in order to separate the metal; *also* : REFINE
smelt-er \ˈsmel-tər\ *n* 1 : one that smelts 2 : an establishment for smelting
smid-gen *also* **smid-geon** or **smid-gin** \ˈsmɪj-ən\ *n* : a small amount : BIT
smi-lax \ˈsmɪ-læks\ *n* 1 : any of various mostly climbing and prickly plants related to the lilies 2 : an ornamental plant related to the asparagus
¹**smile** \ˈsmɪl\ *vb* **smiled**; **smil-ing** 1 : to look with a smile 2 : to be favorable 3 : to express by a smile
²**smile** *n* : a change of facial expression to express amusement, pleasure, or affection
smirch \ˈsmɜrch\ *vb* 1 : to make dirty or stained 2 : to bring disgrace on — **smirch** *n*
smirk \ˈsmɜrk\ *vb* : to wear a self-conscious or conceited smile : SIMPER — **smirk** *n*
smite \ˈsmɪt\ *vb* **smote** \ˈsmɒt\; **smit-ten** \ˈsmit-ən\ or **smote**; **smit-ing** \ˈsmit-ɪŋ\ 1 : to strike heavily; *also* : to kill by striking 2 : to affect as if by a heavy blow
smith \ˈsmɪθ\ *n* : a worker in metals; *esp* : BLACKSMITH

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\ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ə\easy \ə\go \ə\hit \ə\ice \ə\job
\ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \ə\loot
\ə\foot \ə\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols *page*

smith-er-eens \ˌsmɪθ-ə-ˈrɛnz\ *n pl* [IrGael *smidirín*]: FRAGMENTS, BITS

smithy \ˈsmɪθ-ē\ *n, pl smith-ies*: a smith's workshop

smock \ˈsmäk\ *n*: a loose garment worn over other clothes as a protection

smock vb: to gather (cloth) in regularly spaced tucks — **smock-ing** *n*

smog \ˈsmäg, ˈsmög\ *n* [blend of *smoke* and *fog*]: a thick haze caused by the action of sunlight on air polluted by smoke and automobile exhaust fumes — **smog-gy** *adj*

smoke \ˈsmök\ *n* 1: the gas from burning material (as coal, wood, or tobacco) in which are suspended particles of soot 2: a mass or column of smoke 3: something (as a cigarette) to smoke; *also*: the act of smoking — **smoke-less** *adj* — **smoky** *adj*

smoke vb smoked; smok-ing 1: to emit smoke 2: to inhale and exhale the fumes of burning tobacco; *also*: to use in smoking (~ a pipe) 3: to stupefy or drive away by smoke 4: to discolor with smoke 5: to cure (as meat) with smoke — **smok-er** *n*

smoke detector *n*: an alarm that sounds automatically when it detects smoke

smoke jumper *n*: a forest-fire fighter who parachutes to locations otherwise difficult to reach

smoke-stack \ˈsmök-,stak\ *n*: a pipe or funnel through which smoke and gases are discharged

smol-der or **smoul-der** \ˈsmöl-dər\ *vb smol-dered or smoul-dered; smol-der-ing or smoul-der-ing* \-d(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1: to burn and smoke without flame 2: to burn inwardly — **smolder** *n*

smooch \ˈsmüch\ *vb*: KISS, PET — **smooch** *n*

smooth \ˈsmüth\ *adj* 1: not rough or uneven 2: not jarring or jolting 3: BLAND, MILD 4: fluent in speech and agreeable in manner *syn even, flat, level, plane* — **smooth-ly** *adv* — **smooth-ness** *n*

smooth vb 1: to make smooth 2: to free from trouble or difficulty

smooth muscle *n*: muscle with no cross striations that is typical of visceral organs (as the stomach and bladder) and is not under voluntary control

smor-gas-bord \ˈsmör-gas-,börd\ *n* [Sw *smörgasbord*, fr. *smörgas* open sandwich + *bord* table]: a luncheon or supper buffet consisting of many foods

smote *past and past part of SMITE*

smoth-er \ˈsməth-ər\ *n* 1: thick stifling smoke 2: dense fog, spray, foam, or dust 3: a confused multitude of things: WELTER

smother vb smoth-ered; smoth-er-ing \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1: to kill by depriving of air 2: SUPPRESS 3: to cover thickly **SMSGt** *abbr* senior master sergeant

smudge \ˈsməj\ *vb smudged; smudg-ing*: to soil or blur by rubbing or smearing

smudge *n*: a dirty or blurred spot — **smudgy** *adj*

smug \ˈsmæg\ *adj smug-ger; smug-gest*: conscious of one's virtue and importance: SELF-SATISFIED — **smug-ly** *adv* — **smug-ness** *n*

smug-gle \ˈsmæg-əl\ *vb smug-gled; smug-gling* \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ 1: to import or export secretly, illegally, or without paying the duties required by law 2: to convey secretly — **smug-gler** \ˈsmæg-lər\ *n*

smut \ˈsmət\ *n* 1: something (as soot) that smudges; *also*: SMUDGE, SPOT 2: any of various destructive fungous diseases of plants; *also*: a fungus causing smut 3: indecent language or matter — **smut-ty** *adj*

smutch \ˈsmach\ *n*: SMUDGE

Sn *symbol* [LL *stannum*] tin

snack \ˈsnak\ *n*: a light meal: BITE

snaf-fle \ˈsnaf-əl\ *n*: a simple jointed bit for a horse's bridle

snag \ˈsnag\ *n* 1: a stump or piece of a tree esp. when under water 2: an unexpected difficulty *syn* obstacle, obstruction, impediment, bar

snag vb snagged; snag-ging 1: to become caught on or as if on a snag 2: to seize quickly: SNATCH

snail \ˈsnāl\ *n*: a small mollusk with a spiral shell into which it can withdraw

snake \ˈsnäk\ *n* 1: any of numerous long-bodied limbless crawling reptiles: SERPENT 2: a treacherous person 3: something that resembles a snake — **snaky** *adj*

snake-bird \ˈsnäk-,bærd\ *n*: any of several fish-eating birds related to the cormorants but having a long slender neck and sharp-pointed bill

snake-bite \-ˌbɪt\ *n*: the bite of a snake and esp. a venomous snake

snap \ˈsnap\ *vb snapped; snapping* 1: to grasp or slash at something with the teeth 2: to get or buy quickly 3: to utter sharp or angry words 4: to break suddenly with a sharp sound 5: to give a sharp cracking noise 6: to throw with a quick motion 7: FLASH (her eyes *snapped*) 8: to put a football into play — **snap-per** *n* — **snap-pish** *adj* — **snap-by** *adj*

snap *n* 1: the act or sound of snapping 2: something very easy to do: CINCH 3: a short period of cold weather 4: a catch or fastening that closes with a click 5: a thin brittle cookie 6: ENERGY, VIM; *also*: smartness of movement 7: the putting of the ball into play in football **snap bean** *n*: a bean grown primarily for its young tender pods that are usu. broken in pieces and cooked as a vegetable

snap-drag-on \ˈsnap-,drag-ən\ *n*: any of several garden plants with long spikes of showy 2-lipped flowers

snapping turtle *n*: either of two large edible American turtles with powerful jaws and a strong musky odor

snap-shot \ˈsnap-,shät\ *n*: a photograph taken usu. with an inexpensive hand-held camera

snare \ˈsnaər\ *n*: a trap often consisting of a noose for catching birds or mammals — **snare** *vb*

snarl \ˈsnär\ *n*: TANGLE

snarl vb: to cause to become knotted and intertwined

snarl vb: to growl angrily or threateningly

snarl *n*: an angry ill-tempered growl

snatch \ˈsnach\ *vb* 1: to try to grasp something suddenly 2: to seize or take away suddenly *syn* clutch, seize, grab, nab

snatch *n* 1: a short period 2: an act of snatching 3: something brief or fragmentary (~es of song)

sneak \ˈsnēk\ *vb sneaked* \ˈsnēkt\ or **snuck** \ˈsnæk\; **sneak-ing**: to move, act, or take in a furtive manner — **sneak-ly** *adv*

sneak *n* 1: one who acts in a furtive or shifty manner 2: a stealthy or furtive move or escape — **sneaky** *adj* **sneak-er** \ˈsnē-kər\ *n*: a usu. canvas sports shoe with a pliable rubber sole

sneer \ˈsniər\ *vb*: to show scorn or contempt by curling the lip or by a jeering tone — **sneer** *n*

sneeze \ˈsnez\ *vb sneezed; sneez-ing*: to force the breath out suddenly and violently as a reflex act — **sneeze** *n*

snicker \ˈsnik-ər\ *n*: a partly suppressed laugh — **snicker** *vb*

snide \ˈsnɪd\ *adj* 1: MEAN, LOW (a ~ trick) 2: slyly disparaging (a ~ remark)

sniff \ˈsnɪf\ *vb* 1: to draw air audibly up the nose 2: to show disdain or scorn 3: to detect by or as if by smelling — **sniff** *n*

snif-fle \ˈsnɪf-əl\ *n pl*: a head cold marked by nasal discharge 2: SNUFFLE — **sniffle** *vb*

snip \ˈsnɪp\ *n* 1: a fragment snipped off 2: a simple stroke of the scissors or shears

snip vb snipped; snip-ping: to cut off by bits: CLIP; *also*: to remove by cutting off

snipe \ˈsnɪp\ *n, pl snipes or snipe*: any of several long-billed game birds that occur esp. in marshy areas and resemble the related woodcocks

snipe vb sniped; snip-ing: to shoot at an exposed enemy

from a concealed position usu. at long range — **snip-er** *n*

snip-py \ˈsnip-ē\ *adj* **snip-pi-er**; -**est**: CURT, SNAPPISH

snips \ˈsnips\ *n pl*: hand shears used esp. for cutting sheet metal (tin ~)

snitch \ˈsnɪtʃ\ *vb* 1: INFORM, TATTLE 2~: PILFER, SNATCH

sniv-el \ˈsniv-əl\ *vb* -**eled** or -**elled**; -**el-ing** or -**el-ling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ 1: to have a running nose; also: SNUFFLE 2: to whine in a snuffling manner — **snivel** *n*

snob \ˈsnəb\ *n* [obs. *snob* member of the lower classes, fr. E dial., shoemaker]: one who seeks association with persons of higher social position and looks down on those he considers inferior — **snob-bish** *adj* — **snob-bish-ly** *adv* — **snob-bish-ness** *n*

snob-bery \ˈsnəb-(ə-)rē\ *n, pl* -**ber-ies**: snobbish conduct

snoop \ˈsnuːp\ *vb* [D *snoopen* to buy or eat on the sly]: to pry in a furtive or meddlesome way

snoop *n*: a prying meddlesome person

snooty \ˈsnuːt-ē\ *adj* **snoot-i-er**; -**est**: DISDAINFUL, SNOBBISH

snooze \ˈsnuːz\ *vb* **snoozed**; **snooz-ing**: to take a nap: DOZE — **snooze** *n*

snore \ˈsnɔr\ *vb* **snoored**; **snor-ing**: to breathe with a rough hoarse noise while sleeping — **snore** *n*

snor-kel \ˈsnɔr-kəl\ *n* [G *schnorchel*]: a tube projecting above the water used by swimmers for breathing with the face under water — **snorkel** *vb*

snort \ˈsnɔrt\ *vb*: to force air violently and noisily through the nose (his horse ~ed) — **snort** *n*

snout \ˈsnaʊt\ *n* 1: a long projecting muzzle (as of a pig) 2: a usu. large or grotesque nose

snow \ˈsnoʊ\ *n* 1: crystals of ice formed from the vapor of water in the air 2: a descent or shower of snow crystals — **snowy** *adj*

snow *vb* 1: to fall or cause to fall in or as snow 2: to cover or shut in with or as if with snow

snow-ball \ˈsnoʊ-bɔl\ *vb*: to increase or expand at a rapidly accelerating rate

snow-bank \-,bæŋk\ *n*: a mound or slope of snow

snow-belt \-,bɛlt\ *n, often cap*: a region that receives an appreciable amount of annual snowfall

snow-blow-er \-,blɔʊ-ər\ *n*: a machine in which a rotating spiral blade picks up and propels snow aside

snow-drift \-,drɪft\ *n*: a bank of drifted snow

snow-drop \-,drɒp\ *n*: a plant with narrow leaves and a nodding white flower that blooms early in the spring

snow-fall \-,fɔl\ *n*: a fall of snow

snow fence *n*: a fence across the path of prevailing winds to protect something (as a road) from drifting snow

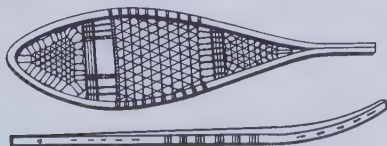
snow-field \ˈsnoʊ-fɛld\ *n*: a mass of perennial snow at the head of a glacier

snow-mo-bile \ˈsnoʊ-mō-,bɛl\ *n*: any of various automotive vehicles for travel on snow — **snow-mo-bil-er** \-,bɛl-ər\ *n* — **snow-mo-bil-ing** \-,bɛl-ɪŋ\ *n*

snow pea *n*: any of a variety of the cultivated pea with edible pods

snow-plow \ˈsnoʊ-plaʊ\ *n*: a device for clearing away snow

snow-shoe \-,shu\ *n*: a light frame of wood strung with thongs that is attached to a shoe or boot to prevent sinking down into soft snow



snowshoe

snowshoe *vb* **snow-shoed**; **snow-shoe-ing**: to travel on snowshoes

snow-storm \-,stɔrm\ *n*: a storm of falling snow

snow thrower *n*: SNOWBLOWER

snowy \ˈsnoʊ-ē\ *adj* **snow-i-er**; -**est** 1: marked by snow 2: white as snow

snub \ˈsnuːb\ *vb* **snubbed**; **snub-bing**: to treat with disdain: SLIGHT — **snub** *n*

snub-nosed \ˈsnuːb-ˈnɔzd\ *adj*: having a nose slightly turned up at the end

snuck *past* and *past part* of SNEAK

snuff \ˈsnʌf\ *vb* 1: to pinch off the charred end of (a candle) 2: to put out (a candle) — **snuff-er** *n*

snuff *vb* 1: to draw forcibly into or through the nose 2: SMELL

snuff *n*: SNIFF

snuff *n*: pulverized tobacco

snuf-*fl*e \ˈsnʌf-əl\ *vb* **snuf-*fl*ed**; **snuf-*fl*ing** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ 1: to snuff or sniff audibly and repeatedly 2: to breathe with a sniffing sound — **snuf-*fl*e** *n*

snug \ˈsnaɡ\ *adj* **snug-ger**; **snug-gest** 1: fitting closely and comfortably 2: CONCEALED — **snug-ly** *adv* — **snug-ness** *n*

snug-*gl*e \ˈsnaɡ-əl\ *vb* **snug-*gl*ed**; **snug-*gl*ing** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ 1: to curl up or draw close comfortably: NESTLE

so \ˈ(ʃ)so\ *adv* 1: in the manner indicated 2: in the same way 3: THUS 4: FINALLY 5: to the extent indicated 6: THEREFORE

so *conj*: for that reason (he wanted it, ~ he took it)

so \,sō, ˈsō\ *pron* 1: the same (became chairman and remained ~) 2: approximately that (I'd like a dozen or ~)

so *abbr* south; southern

SO *abbr* knockout

soak \ˈsoʊk\ *vb* 1: to remain in a liquid 2: WET, SATURATE 3: to draw in by or as if by absorption **syn** drench, steep, impregnate, saturate

soak *n* 1: the act of soaking 2: the liquid in which something is soaked 3: DRUNKARD

soap \ˈsɒp\ *n*: a cleansing substance made usu. by action of alkali on fat — **soap** *vb* — **soapy** *adj*

soap opera *n* [fr. its frequently being sponsored by soap manufacturers]: a radio or television daytime serial drama

soap-stone \ˈsɒp-ˈstɔn\ *n*: a soft stone having a soapy feel and containing talc

soar \ˈsɔr\ *vb*: to fly upward or at a height on as if on wings

sob \ˈsəb\ *vb* **sobbed**; **sob-bing**: to weep with convulsive heavings of the chest or contractions of the throat — **sob** *n*

so-ber \ˈsō-bər\ *adj* **so-ber-er** \-bər-ər\; **so-ber-est** \-b(ə-)rɛst\ 1: temperate in the use of liquor 2: not drunk 3: serious or grave in mood or disposition 4: not affected by passion or prejudice **syn** solemn, earnest, staid, sedate — **so-ber-ly** *adv* — **so-ber-ness** *n*

so-bri-ety \sə-ˈbrɪ-ət-ē, sō-ˈ\ *n*: the quality or state of being sober

so-bri-quet \ˈsō-bri-ˈkā, -ˈket\ *n* [F]: NICKNAME

soc *abbr* social; society

so-called \ˈsō-ˈkɔld\ *adj*: commonly or popularly but often inaccurately so termed

soc-cer \ˈsāk-ər\ *n* [by shortening & alter. fr. *association football*]: a football game played on a field by two teams with a round inflated ball

so-cia-ble \ˈsō-shə-bəl\ *adj* 1: liking companionship: FRIENDLY 2: characterized by pleasant social relations

syn gracious, cordial, affable, genial — **so-cia-bil-i-ty** \,sō-shə-ˈbɪl-ət-ē\ *n* — **so-cia-bly** \ˈsō-shə-blē\ *adv*

sociable *n*: an informal social gathering

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so-cial \sō-shəl/ *adj* **1** : marked by pleasant companionship with one's friends **2** : naturally living or growing in groups or communities (~ insects) **3** : of or relating to human society, the interaction of the group and its members, and the welfare of these members (~ behavior) **4** : of, relating to, or based on rank in a particular society (~ circles); *also* : of or relating to fashionable society — **so-cial-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

social *n* : a social gathering

social disease *n* : VENEREAL DISEASE

so-cial-ism \sō-shə-,līz-əm/ *n* : a theory of social organization based on government ownership, management, and control of the means of production and the distribution and exchange of goods — **so-cial-ist** \sōsh-(ə-)ləst/ *n* or *adj* — **so-cial-is-tic** \sō-shə-'līs-tik/ *adj*

so-cial-ite \sō-shə-,līt/ *n* : a person prominent in fashionable society

so-cial-ize \sō-shə-,līz/ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing **1** : to regulate according to the theory and practice of socialism **2** : to adapt to social needs or uses **3** : to participate actively in a social gathering — **so-cial-iza-tion** \sōsh-(ə-)lə-'zā-shən/ *n*

socialized medicine *n* : medical and hospital services administered by an organized group (as a state agency) and paid for by funds obtained usu. by assessments, taxation, or philanthropy

social science *n* : a science that deals with human society or its elements (as family, state, or race), institutions, and relationships or with a particular aspect of human society — **social scientist** *n*

social work *n* : services, activities, or methods concerned with aiding the economically underprivileged and socially maladjusted — **social worker** *n*

so-ci-ety \sə-'sī-ət-ē/ *n*, *pl* -et-ies [MF *société* fr. L *societas*, fr. *socius* companion] **1** : COMPANIONSHIP **2** : a voluntary association of persons for common ends **3** : a part of a community bound together by common interests and standards; *esp* : a leisure class indulging in social affairs

sociol *abbr* sociologist; sociology

so-ci-ol-o-gy \sō-s(h)ē-'āl-ə-jē/ *n* : the study of the development and structure of society and social relationships — **so-ci-o-log-i-cal** \-ə-'lāj-i-kəl/ *adj* — **so-ci-ol-o-gist** \-'āl-ə-jəst/ *n*

so-ci-o-re-li-gious \sō-s(h)ē-'ō-ri-'lij-əs/ *adj* : of, relating to, or involving both social and religious factors

sock \sāk/ *n*, *pl* socks or sox \sāks/ : a stocking with a short leg

sock *vb* : to hit, strike, or apply forcefully

sock *n* : a vigorous blow : PUNCH

sock-et \sāk-ət/ *n* : an opening or hollow that receives and holds something

socket wrench *n* : a wrench usu. in the form of a bar and removable socket made to fit a bolt or nut

sock *in vb* : to close to takeoffs or landings by aircraft

sol \sād/ *n* : the surface layer of the soil filled with roots (as of grass)

sod *vb* **sod-ded**; **sod-ding** : to cover with sod or turfs

so-da \sōd-ə/ *n* **1** : SODIUM CARBONATE **2** : SODIUM BICARBONATE **3** : SODIUM **4** : SODA WATER **5** : SODA POP **6** : a sweet drink of soda water, flavoring, and often ice cream

soda pop *n* : a carbonated, sweetened, and flavored soft drink

soda water *n* : a beverage of water charged with carbon dioxide

sod-den \sād-n/ *adj* **1** : lacking spirit : DULLED **2** : SOAKED, DRENCHED **3** : heavy or doughy from being improperly cooked (~ biscuits)

so-di-um \sōd-ē-əm/ *n* : a soft waxy silver white metallic chemical element occurring in nature in combined form (as in salt) — *see* ELEMENT table

sodium bicarbonate *n* : a white crystalline salt used in cooking and in medicine

sodium carbonate *n* : a carbonate of sodium used esp. in washing and bleaching textiles

sodium chloride *n* : SALT **1**

sodium hydroxide *n* : a white brittle caustic substance used in making soap and rayon and in bleaching

sodium nitrate *n* : a crystalline salt used as a fertilizer and in curing meat

sodium thiosulfate *n* : a hygroscopic crystalline salt used as a photographic fixing agent

sod-omy \sād-ə-mē/ *n* [ME, fr. OF *sodomie*, fr. LL *Sodoma* Sodom; fr. the homosexual proclivities of the men of the city (Gen 19:1-11)] **1** : copulation with a member of the same sex or with an animal **2** : noncoital and esp. anal or oral copulation with a member of the opposite sex — **sod-om-ize** \sād-ə-'mīz/ *vb*

so-ev-er \sō-'ev-ər/ *adv* **1** : in any degree or manner (how bad ~) **2** : at all : of any kind (any help ~)

so-fa \sō-fə/ *n* [Ar *suffah* long bench] : a couch usu. with upholstered back and arms

soft \sōft/ *adj* **1** : not hard or rough : NONVIOLENT **2** : RESTFUL, GENTLE, SOOTHING **3** : emotionally susceptible **4** : not prepared to endure hardship **5** : not containing certain salts that prevent lathering (~ water) **6** : occurring at such a speed as to avoid destructive impact (~ landing of a spacecraft on the moon) **7** : BIODEGRADABLE (a ~ detergent) **8** : not alcoholic; *also* : less detrimental than a hard narcotic syn bland, mild, gentle, balmy — **soft-ly** \sōft-lē/ *adv* — **soft-ness** \sōft(-nəs)/ *n*

soft-ball \sōft(-),bōl/ *n* : a game similar to baseball played with a ball larger and softer than a baseball; *also* : the ball used in this game

soft-bound \-,baʊnd/ *adj* : not bound in hard covers (~ books)

soft coal *n* : bituminous coal

soft-en \sōf-fən/ *vb* **soft-ened**; **soft-en-ing** \sōf-(ə-)nɪŋ/ : to make or become soft — **soft-en-er** \-(ə-)nər/ *n*

soft palate *n* : the fold at the back of the hard palate that partially separates the mouth and the pharynx

soft-ware \sōft-,wær/ *n* : the entire set of programs, procedures, and related documentation associated with a system; *esp* : computer programs

soft-wood \-,wʊd/ *n* **1** : the wood of a coniferous tree (as a pine or fir) as compared to that of a tree producing enclosed seeds **2** : a tree that yields softwood — **soft-wood** *adj*

sog-gy \säg-ē/ *adj* **sog-gi-er**; -est : heavy with moisture : SOAKED, SODDEN — **sog-gi-ly** \säg-ə-lē/ *adv* — **sog-gi-ness** \-ē-nəs/ *n*

soi-gné or **soi-gnée** \swän-'yā/ *adj* : elegantly maintained; *esp* : WELL-GROOMED

soil \sōil/ *vb* **1** : CORRUPT, POLLUTE **2** : to make or become dirty **3** : STAIN, DISGRACE

soil *n* **1** : STAIN, DEFILEMENT **2** : EXCREMENT, WASTE

soil *n* **1** : firm land : EARTH **2** : the loose surface material of the earth in which plants grow **3** : COUNTRY, REGION

soi-ree or **soi-rée** \swā-'rā/ *n* [F *soirée* evening period, evening party, fr. MF, fr. *soir* evening, fr. L *sero* at a late hour] : an evening party

so-journ \sō-'jɔrn, sō-'jɔrn/ *vb* : to dwell in a place temporarily — **so-journ** *n* — **so-journ-er** *n*

sol \sāl, 'sōl/ *n* : a fluid colloidal system

sol *abbr* **1** solicitor **2** soluble **3** solution

Sol \sāl/ *n* : SUN

sol-ace \sāl-əs/ *n* : COMFORT

solace *vb* **so-laced**; **so-lac-ing** : to give solace to : CONSOLE

so-lar \sō-lər/ *adj* **1** : of, derived from, or relating to the sun **2** : measured by the earth's course in relation to the sun (the ~ year) **3** : operated by or utilizing the sun's heat (~ house)

solar cell *n* : a photoelectric cell that converts sunlight into electrical energy and is used as a power source

solar collector *n* : any of various devices for the absorption of solar radiation for the heating of water or buildings or the production of electricity

solar flare *n* : a sudden temporary outburst of energy from a small area of the sun's surface

so-lar-i-um \sə-ˈlär-ē-əm, sə-ˈl-, pl -i-ä-ē-ə\ *also* -ums : a room exposed to the sun; *esp* : a room (as in a hospital) for exposure of the body to sunshine

solar plexus \ˈsō-lər-ˈplek-səs\ *n* 1 : a network of nerves situated behind the stomach 2 : the general area of the stomach below the sternum

solar system *n* : the sun with the group of celestial bodies that revolve about it

solar wind *n* : the continuous radiation of charged particles from the sun's surface

sold *past and past part of* SELL

sol-der \ˈsäd-ər, ˈsöd-ə\ *n* : a metallic alloy used when melted to mend or join metallic surfaces

solder *vb* **sol-dered**; **sol-der-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to unite or repair with solder 2 : to join securely : CEMENT

soldering iron *n* : a metal device for applying heat in soldering

sol-dier \ˈsöl-jər\ *n* [ME *soudier*, fr. OF, fr. *soulde* pay, fr. LL *solidus* a Roman coin, fr. L, *solid*] : a person in military service; *esp* : an enlisted man — **sol-dier-ly** *adj* or *adv*

soldier *vb* **sol-diered**; **sol-dier-ing** \,sölj-(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to serve as a soldier 2 : to pretend to work while actually doing nothing

soldier of fortune : ADVENTURER

sol-diery \ˈsölj-(ə-)rē\ *n* 1 : a body of soldiers 2 : the profession of soldiering

sole \ˈsöl\ *n* 1 : the undersurface of the foot 2 : the bottom of a shoe

sole *vb* **soled**; **sol-ing** : to furnish (a shoe) with a sole

sole *n* : any of various mostly small-mouthed flatfishes valued as food

sole *adj* : ONLY, SINGLE — **sole-ly** \ˈsöl(l)-lē\ *adv*

so-le-cism \ˈsäl-ə-, siz-əm, ˈsäl-ə-ə\ *n* 1 : a mistake in grammar 2 : a breach of etiquette

sol-emn \ˈsäl-əm\ *adj* 1 : marked by or observed with full religious ceremony 2 : FORMAL, CEREMONIOUS 3 : highly serious : GRAVE 4 : SOMBER, GLOOMY *syn* ceremonial, conventional, stately — **sol-em-ni-ty** \sə-ˈlem-nət-ē\ *n* — **sol-em-n-ly** \ˈsäl-əm-lē\ *adv* — **sol-em-n-ness** *n*

sol-em-nize \ˈsäl-əm-nīz\ *vb* **-nized**; **-niz-ing** 1 : to observe or honor with solemnity 2 : to celebrate (a marriage) with religious rites — **sol-em-ni-za-tion** \ˈsäl-əm-nə-ˈzä-shən\ *n*

so-le-noid \ˈsō-lə-, nōid, ˈsäl-ə\ *n* : a coil of wire usu. in cylindrical form that when carrying a current acts like a magnet

so-lic-it \sə-ˈlɪs-ət\ *vb* 1 : ENTREAT, BEG 2 : to approach with a request or plea 3 : TEMPT, LURE *syn* ask, request, desire — **so-lic-i-ta-tion** \-lɪs-ə-ˈtā-shən\ *n*

so-lic-i-tor \sə-ˈlɪs-ət-ər\ *n* 1 : one that solicits 2 : LAWYER; *esp* : a legal official of a city or state

so-lic-i-tous \sə-ˈlɪs-ət-əs\ *adj* 1 : WORRIED, CONCERNED 2 : EAGER, WILLING *syn* avid, impatient, keen, anxious — **so-lic-i-tous-ly** *adv*

so-lic-i-tude \sə-ˈlɪs-ə-, t(y)üd\ *n* : CONCERN, ANXIETY

sol-id \ˈsäl-əd\ *adj* 1 : not hollow; *also* : written as one word without a hyphen (a ~ compound) 2 : having, involving, or dealing with three dimensions or with solids 3 : not loose or spongy : COMPACT (a ~ mass of rock); *also* : neither gaseous nor liquid : HARD, RIGID (~ ice) 4 : of good substantial quality or kind (~ comfort) 5 : thoroughly dependable : RELIABLE (~ a citizen); *also* : serious in purpose or character (~ reading) 6 : UNANIMOUS, UNITED (~ for pay increases) 7 : of one substance or character — **sol-id** *adv* — **so-lid-i-ty** \sə-ˈlɪd-ət-ē\ *n* — **sol-id-ly** \ˈsäl-əd-lē\ *adv* — **sol-id-ness** *n*

solid *n* 1 : a geometrical figure (as a cube or sphere) having three dimensions 2 : a solid substance

sol-i-dar-i-ty \säl-ə-ˈdär-ət-ē\ *n* : unity based on shared interests, objectives, or standards

solid geometry *n* : a branch of geometry that deals with figures of three-dimensional space

so-lid-i-fy \sə-ˈlɪd-ə-, fɪ\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to make or become solid — **so-lid-i-fi-ca-tion** \-,lɪd-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

solid-state *adj* 1 : relating to the structure and properties of solid material 2 : not using vacuum tubes

so-lil-o-quize \sə-ˈlɪl-ə-, kwɪz\ *vb* **-quized**; **-quiz-ing** : to talk to oneself : utter a soliloquy

so-lil-o-quy \sə-ˈlɪl-ə-kwē\ *n*, pl -quies [LL *soliloquium*, fr. L *solus* alone + *loqui* to speak] 1 : the act of talking to oneself 2 : a dramatic monologue that gives the illusion of being a series of unspoken reflections

sol-i-taire \ˈsäl-ə-, taər\ *n* 1 : a single gem (as a diamond) set alone 2 : a card game played by one person alone

sol-i-tary \ˈsäl-ə-, ter-ē\ *adj* 1 : being or living apart from others 2 : LONELY, SECLUDED 3 : SOLE, ONLY

sol-i-tude \ˈsäl-ə-, t(y)üd\ *n* 1 : the state of being alone : SECLUSION 2 : a lonely place *syn* isolation

soln *abbr* solution

so-lo \ˈsō-lə\ *n*, pl *solos* [It, fr. *solo* alone, fr. L *solus*] 1 : a piece of music for a single voice or instrument with or without accompaniment 2 : an action in which there is only one performer — **solo** *adj* or *vb* — **so-lo-ist** *n*

solo *adv* : without a companion : ALONE

so-lon \ˈsō-lən\ *n* 1 : a wise and skillful lawgiver 2 : a member of a legislative body

sol-stice \ˈsäl-stēs\ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. L *solstitium*, fr. *sol* sun + *status*, pp. of *sistere* to come to a stop, cause to stand] : the time of the year when the sun is farthest north of the equator (**summer solstice**) about June 22 or farthest south (**winter solstice**) about Dec. 22 — **sol-sti-tial** \ˈsäl-ˈstish-əl\ *adj*

sol-u-ble \ˈsäl-yə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : capable of being dissolved in or as if in a fluid 2 : capable of being solved or explained — **sol-u-bil-i-ty** \ˈsäl-yə-ˈbɪl-ət-ē\ *n*

sol-ute \ˈsäl-, yüt\ *n* : a dissolved substance

so-lu-tion \sə-ˈlū-shən\ *n* 1 : an action or process of solving a problem; *also* : an answer to a problem 2 : an act or the process by which one substance is homogeneously mixed with another usu. liquid substance; *also* : a mixture thus formed

solve \ˈsäl-v\ *vb* **solved**; **sol-v-ing** : to find the answer to or a solution for — **sol-v-able** *adj*

sol-ven-cy \ˈsäl-vən-sē\ *n* : the condition of being solvent

sol-vent \-vənt\ *adj* 1 : able or sufficient to pay all legal debts 2 : dissolving or able to dissolve

solvent *n* : a usu. liquid substance capable of dissolving or dispersing one or more other substances

som-ber or **som-bre** \ˈsäm-bər\ *adj* 1 : DARK, GLOOMY 2 : GRAVE, MELANCHOLY — **som-ber-ly** *adv*

som-bre-ro \səm-ˈbrer-ō\ *n*, pl -ros [Sp, fr. *sombra* shade] : a broad-brimmed felt hat worn esp. in the Southwest and in Mexico

some \(ˈ)səm\ *adj* 1 : one unspecified (~ man called) 2 : an unspecified or indefinite number of (~ berries are ripe) 3 : at least a few or a little (~ years ago)

some \səm\ *pron* : a certain number or amount (~ of them are here) (~ of it is missing)

some \səm\ *adj* *suffix* : characterized by a (specified) thing, quality, state, or action (awesome) (burdensome)

some *n* *suffix* : a group of (so many) members and esp. persons (foursome)

some-body \ˈsəm-, bād-ē-, bād-ə\ *pron* : some person

somebody *n* : a person of importance

\əˈbʊt \əˈkɪtən \əˈfɜːrðə \əˈʌʃ \əˈæʃ \əˈkɒt, kɑːt
 \əˈaʊt \tʃˈaɪn \əˈbet \əˈeɪzi \gəˈɡoʊ \ɪˈhɪt \ɪˈvɪs \ɪˈdʒɒb
 \ŋˈsɪŋ \dʒoʊ \dʒəˈlɔː \dʒəˈbɔɪ \tʃˈθɪn \tʃˈθiː \tʃˈθiː
 \əˈfʊt \jəˈtɛt \zəˈvɪʃən see also Pronunciation Symbols page

some-day \ˈsəm-,dā\ *adv* : at some future time

some-how \-,haʊ\ *adv* : by some means

some-one \-(ɹ)wən\ *pron* : some person

som-er-sault \ˈsəm-ər-,sɔlt\ *n* [MF *sombresaut* leap, deriv. of *L* *super* over + *salus* leap, fr. *salire* to jump] : a leap or roll in which a person turns the heels over the head — **somersault** *vb*

som-er-set \-,set\ *n* or *vb* : SOMERSAULT

some-thing \ˈsəm-thɪŋ\ *pron* : some undetermined or unspecified thing

some-time \ˈsəm-,tɪm\ *adv* 1 : at a future time 2 : at an unknown or unnamed time

some-times \ˈsəm-,tɪmz\ *adv* : OCCASIONALLY

some-what \-,hwät-, -,hwət\ *pron* : SOMETHING

2 somewhat *adv* : in some degree

some-where \-,hwēr-, -,hwər\ *in, at, or to* an unknown or unnamed place

som-nam-bu-lism \səm-ˈnam-byə-,liz-əm\ *n* : activity (as walking about) during sleep — **som-nam-bu-list** \-ləst\ *n*

som-no-lent \ˈsəm-nə-lənt\ *adj* : SLEEPY, DROWSY — **som-no-lence** \-ləns\ *n*

son \ˈsɒn\ *n* 1 : a male offspring or descendant 2 *cap* : Jesus Christ 3 : a person deriving from a particular source (as a country, race, or school)

so-nar \ˈsō-,när\ *n* [sound navigation ranging] : an apparatus that detects the presence and location of submerged objects (as submarines) by sound waves

so-na-ta \sə-ˈnāt-ə\ *n* [It] : an instrumental composition with three or four movements differing in rhythm and mood but related in key

son-a-ti-na \sän-ə-ˈtē-nə\ *n* [It, film. of *sonata*] : a short usu. simplified sonata

song \ˈsɒŋ\ *n* 1 : vocal music; *also* : a short composition of words and music 2 : poetic composition 3 : a distinctive or characteristic sound (as of a bird) 4 : a small amount (sold for a ~)

song-bird \ˈsɒŋ-,bærd\ *n* : a bird that utters a series of musical tones

Song of Sol-o-mon \-ˈsäl-ə-mən\ *n* — see BIBLE table

Song of Songs *n* — see BIBLE table

song-ster \-stər\ *n* : one that sings

song-stress \-strəs\ *n* : a female singer

son-ic \ˈsän-ɪk\ *adj* : of or relating to sound waves or the speed of sound

sonic boom *n* : an explosive sound produced by an aircraft traveling at supersonic speed

son-in-law \ˈsɒn-ən-,lə\ *n, pl sons-in-law* : the husband of one's daughter

son-net \ˈsän-ət\ *n* : a poem of 14 lines usu. in iambic pentameter with a definite rhyme scheme

so-no-rous \sə-ˈnɔr-əs-, ˈsän-ə-rəs\ *adj* 1 : giving out sound when struck 2 : loud, deep, or rich in sound : RESONANT 3 : high-sounding : IMPRESSIVE — **so-nor-ity** \sə-ˈnɔr-ət-ē\ *n*

soon \ˈsu:n\ *adv* 1 : before long 2 : PROMPTLY, QUICKLY 3 *archaic* : EARLY 4 : WILLINGLY, READILY

soot \ˈsūt-, ˈsɒt-, ˈsüt\ *n* : a fine black powder consisting chiefly of carbon that is formed when something burns and that colors smoke — **sooty** *adj*

sooth \ˈsūth\ *n, archaic* : TRUTH

soothe \ˈsūth\ *vb* soothed; **sooth-ing** 1 : to please by flattery or attention 2 : to calm down : COMFORT — **sooth-er** *n* — **sooth-ingly** *adv*

sooth-say-er \ˈsūth-,sā-ər\ *n* : one that foretells events — **sooth-say-ing** \-ɪŋ\ *n*

1 sop \ˈsɒp\ *n* : a conciliatory bribe, gift, or concession

2 sop *vb* sopped; **sop-ping** 1 : to steep or dip in or as if in a liquid 2 : to wet thoroughly : SOAK; *also* : to mop up (a liquid)

SOP *abbr* standard operating procedure; standing operating procedure

soph *abbr* sophomore

soph-ism \ˈsäf-,iz-əm\ *n* 1 : an argument correct in form but embodying a subtle fallacy 2 : SOPHISTRY

soph-ist \ˈsäf-əst\ *n* : PHILOSOPHER; *esp* : a captious or fallacious reasoner

so-phis-tic \sə-ˈfɪs-tɪk-, sə- or so-phɪs-ti-kəl\ *adj* : of or characteristic of sophists or sophistry *syn* fallacious, illogical, unreasonable, unreasoned

so-phis-ti-cat-ed \-tə-,kāt-əd\ *adj* 1 : COMPLEX (~ instruments) 2 : made wise or worldly-wise by experience or disillusionment 3 : intellectually appealing (~ novel) — **so-phis-ti-ca-tion** \-,fɪs-tə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

soph-ist-ry \ˈsäf-ə-strē\ *n* : subtly deceptive reasoning or argument

soph-o-more \ˈsäf-(ə-),mɔr\ *n* : a student in his or her second year of college or secondary school

soph-o-mor-ic \ˈsäf-ə-môr-ɪk\ *adj* 1 : being overconfident of knowledge but poorly informed and immature 2 : of, relating to, or characteristic of a sophomore

So-pho-ni-as \ˈsäf-ə-ni-əs-, ˈsɒ-fə-\ *n* — see BIBLE table

sop-o-rific \ˈsɒp-ə-ˈrɪf-ɪk\ *adj* 1 : causing sleep or drowsiness 2 : LETHARGIC

so-pra-no \sə-ˈpran-ə\ *n, pl -nos* [It, fr. *sopra* above, fr. *L supra*] 1 : the highest singing voice; *also* : a part for this voice 2 : a singer with a soprano voice — **soprano** *adj*

sorb \ˈsɔrb\ *vb* : to take up and hold by adsorption or absorption

sor-bet \ˈsɔr-bət\ *n* : ice having a fruit flavor and typically served between courses as a palate refresher

sor-cery \ˈsɔrs-(ə)rē\ *n* [ME *sorterie*, fr. OF, fr. *sortier* sorcerer, fr. (assumed) VL *sortarius*, fr. *L sort-*, *sors* chance, lot] : the use of magic : WITCHCRAFT — **sor-cer-er** \-rər\ *n* — **sor-cer-ess** \-rəs\ *n*

sor-did \ˈsɔrd-əd\ *adj* 1 : FILTHY, DIRTY 2 : marked by baseness or grossness : VILE — **sor-did-ly** *adv* — **sor-did-ness** *n*

1 sore \ˈsɔr\ *adj* **sor-er**; **sor-est** 1 : causing pain or distress (a ~ bruise) 2 : painfully sensitive (~ eyes) 3 : SEVERE, INTENSE 4 : IRRITATED, ANGRY — **sore-ly** *adv* — **sore-ness** *n*

2 sore *n* 1 : a sore spot on the body; *esp* : one (as an ulcer) with the tissues broken and usu. infected 2 : a source of pain or vexation

sore-head \ˈsɔ(ə)r-,hed-, ˈsɒ(ə)r-\ *n* : a person easily angered or discontented

sore throat *n* : painful throat due to inflammation

sor-gum \ˈsɔr-gəm\ *n* : a tall variable Old World tropical grass grown widely for its edible seed, for forage, or for its sweet juice which yields a syrup

so-ror-ity \sə-ˈrɔr-ət-ē\ *n, pl -ties* [ML *sororitas* sisterhood, fr. *L soror* sister] : a club of girls or women *esp.* at a college

sorp-tion \ˈsɔrp-shən\ *n* : the process of sorbing : the state of being sorbed

sor-rel \ˈsɔr-əl\ *n* : any of several sour-juiced herbs

sor-row \ˈsär-ə\ *n* 1 : deep distress and regret 2 : a cause of grief or sadness 3 : a display of grief or sadness — **sor-row** *vb* — **sor-row-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **sor-row-ful-ly** \-f(ə)-lē\ *adv*

sor-ry \ˈsär-ē\ *adj* **sor-ri-er**; **-est** 1 : feeling sorrow, regret, or penitence 2 : MOURNFUL, SAD 3 : causing sorrow, pity, or scorn : WRETCHED

1 sort \ˈsɔrt\ *n* 1 : a group of persons or things that have similar characteristics : CLASS 2 : WAY, MANNER 3 : QUALITY, NATURE — **out of sorts** 1 : somewhat ill 2 : GROUCHY, IRRITABLE

2 sort *vb* 1 : to put in a certain place according to kind, class, or nature 2 : to be in accord : AGREE

sor-tie \ˈsɔrt-ē-, ˈsɔr-tē\ *n* 1 : a sudden issuing of troops from a defensive position against the enemy 2 : one mission or attack by one airplane

SOS \ˈes-(ɹ)ə-es\ *n* : a call or request for help or rescue

so-so \ˈsɒ-ˈsɒ\ *adv* or *adj* : PASSABLY

sot \ˈsɒt\ *n* : a habitual drunkard — **sot-tish** *adj*

sou-brette \sü-¹bret\ *n* [F] : a coquettish maidservant or a frivolous young woman in a comedy

souf-flé \sü-¹flä\ *n* [F, fr. *soufflé*, pp. of *souffler* to blow, puff up, fr. *L* *sufflare*, fr. *sub-* up + *flare* to blow] : a spongy dish made light in baking by stiffly beaten egg whites

sough \¹saü, ¹səf\ *vb* : to make a moaning or sighing sound — **sough** *n*

sought *past and past part of SEEK*

soul \¹söl\ *n* 1 : the immaterial essence of an individual life 2 : the spiritual principle embodied in human beings or the universe 3 : an active or essential part 4 : man's moral and emotional nature 5 : spiritual or moral force 6 : PERSON (a kindly ~) 7 : a strong, positive feeling (as of intense sensitivity and emotional fervor) conveyed esp. by black American performers; *also* : NEGITUDE — **souled** \¹söld\ *adj* — **soul-less** \¹söl-ləs\ *adj*

soul *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or characteristic of black Americans or their culture (~ food) (~ music) 2 : designed for or controlled by blacks (~ radio stations) **soul brother** *n* : a black male

soul-ful \¹söl-fəl\ *adj* : full of or expressing deep feeling — **soul-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

sound \¹saund\ *adj* 1 : not diseased or sickly 2 : free from flaw or defect 3 : FIRM, STRONG 4 : free from error : RIGHT 5 : LEGAL, VALID 6 : THOROUGH 7 : UNDISTURBED (~ sleep) 8 : showing good judgment — **sound-ly** *adv* — **sound-ness** *n*

sound *n* 1 : the sensation of hearing; *also* : mechanical energy transmitted by longitudinal pressure waves (as in air) that is the stimulus to hearing 2 : something heard : NOISE, TONE; *also* : hearing distance : EARSHOT 3 : a musical style — **sound-less** *adj* — **sound-proof** \-,prüf\ *adj* or *vb*

sound *vb* 1 : to make or cause to make a noise 2 : to order or proclaim by a sound (~ the alarm) 3 : to convey a certain impression : SEEM 4 : to examine the condition of by causing to give out sounds

sound *n* : a long passage of water wider than a strait often connecting two larger bodies of water (Long Island ~)

sound *vb* 1 : to measure the depth of (water) esp. by a weighted line dropped from the surface : FATHOM 2 : PROBE 3 : to dive down suddenly (the hooked fish ~ed) — **sound-ing** *n*

sound-er \¹saund-dər\ *n* : one that sounds; *esp* : a device for making soundings

sound-stage \¹saund(d)-,stāj\ *n* : the part of a motion-picture studio in which a production is filmed

soup \¹süp\ *n* 1 : a liquid food with stock as its base and often containing pieces of solid food 2 : something having the consistency of soup 3 : an unfortunate predicament (in the ~)

soup up *vb* : to increase the power of

soup-con \süp-¹sō\ *n* [F] : a little bit : TRACE

soupy \¹sü-pē\ *adj* **soup-ier**; **-est** 1 : having the consistency of soup 2 : densely foggy or cloudy

sour \¹saü(ə)r\ *adj* 1 : having an acid or tart taste (~ as vinegar) 2 : SPOILED, PUTRID (a ~ odor) 3 : UNPLEASANT, DISAGREEABLE (~ disposition) — **sour-ish** *adj* — **sour-ly** *adv* — **sour-ness** *n*

sour *vb* : to become or make sour

source \¹sörs\ *n* 1 : ORIGIN, BEGINNING 2 : the beginning of a stream of water 3 : a supplier of information

souse \¹saüs\ *vb* **soused**; **sous-ing** 1 : PICKLE 2 : to plunge into a liquid 3 : DRENCH 4 : to make drunk

souse *n* 1 : something (as pigs' feet) steeped in pickle 2 : a soaking in liquid 3 : DRUNKARD

south \¹saüth\ *adv* : to or toward the south

south *adj* 1 : situated toward or at the south 2 : coming from the south

south *n* 1 : the direction to the right of one facing east 2 : the compass point directly opposite to north 3 *cap* : regions or countries south of a specified or implied

point; *esp* : the southeastern part of the U.S. — **south-er-ly** \¹səth-ər-lē\ *adj* or *adv* — **south-ern** \¹səth-ərn\ *adj* — **South-ern-er** *n* — **south-ern-most** \-,möst\ *adj* — **south-ward** \¹saüth-wərd\ *adv* or *adj* — **south-wards** \-wərdz\ *adv*

South African *n* : a native or inhabitant of the Republic of South Africa — **South African** *adj*

south-east \¹saüth-¹ēst, *naut* saü-¹ēst\ *n* 1 : the general direction between south and east 2 : the compass point midway between south and east 3 *cap* : regions or countries southeast of a specified or implied point — **southeast** *adj* or *adv* — **south-east-er-ly** *adv* or *adj* — **south-east-ern** \-ərn\ *adj*

south-paw \¹saüth-,pò\ *n* : a left-handed baseball pitcher — **southpaw** *adj*

south pole *n*, often *cap* **S&P** : the southernmost point of the earth

south-west \¹saüth-¹west, *naut* saü-¹west\ *n* 1 : the general direction between south and west 2 : the compass point midway between south and west 3 *cap* : regions or countries southwest of a specified or implied point — **southwest** *adj* or *adv* — **south-west-er-ly** *adv* or *adj* — **south-west-ern** \-ərn\ *adj*

sou-ve-nir \,sü-və-¹nir\ *n* [F] : something serving as a reminder

sou'-west-er \saü-¹wes-tər\ *n* : a waterproof hat worn at sea in stormy weather; *also* : a long waterproof coat

sov-er-eign \¹säv-(ə)-rən\ *n* 1 : one possessing the supreme power and authority in a state 2 : a gold coin of the United Kingdom

sovereign *adj* 1 : EXCELLENT, FINE 2 : supreme in power or authority 3 : CHIEF, HIGHEST 4 : having independent authority **syn** dominant, predominant, paramount, preponderant

sov-er-eign-ty \-tē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** 1 : supremacy in rule or power 2 : power to govern without external control 3 : the supreme political power in a state

so-vi-et \¹söv-ē-,et, ¹säv-, -ē-ət\ *n* 1 : an elected governmental council in a Communist country 2 *pl*, *cap* : the people and esp. the leaders of the U.S.S.R. — **so-vi-et-ism** *n*, often *cap* — **so-vi-et-ize** *vb*, often *cap*

sow \¹saü\ *n* : an adult female swine

sow \¹sö\ *vb* **sowed**; **sown** \¹sön\ or **sowed**; **sow-ing** 1 : to plant seed for growing esp. by scattering 2 : to strew with or as if with seed 3 : to scatter abroad — **sow-er** \¹sö-(ə)r\ *n*

sow bug \¹saü-¹n\ *n* : WOOD LOUSE

sox *pl* of sock

soy \¹söi\ *n* : a sauce made from soybeans fermented in brine

soy-bean \¹söi-,bēn\ *n* : an Asian legume widely grown for forage and for its edible seeds that yield a valuable oil (soybean oil); *also* : its seed

sp *abbr* 1 special 2 species 3 specimen 4 spelling 5 spirit

Sp *abbr* Spain

SP *abbr* 1 shore patrol; shore patrolman 2 shore police 3 specialist

spa \¹spä\ *n* [*Spa*, watering place in Belgium] 1 : a mineral spring; *also* : a resort with mineral springs 2 : a commercial establishment with facilities for healthful exercise

space \¹späs\ *n* 1 : a period of time 2 : some small measurable part of space 3 : the limitless area in which all things exist and move 4 : an empty place 5 : the region beyond the earth's atmosphere 6 : a definite place (as a seat or stateroom on a train or ship)

space *vb* **spaced**; **spacing** : to place at intervals

\ə\abut \¹\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ä\cot, cart \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\vice \j\job \ŋ\sing \o\go \ö\law \ö\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

space-age \ˈspās-āj\ *adj* : of, relating to, or befitting the age of space exploration (~ technology)

space-craft \-ˌkraʃt\ *n* : a vehicle for travel beyond the earth's atmosphere

space-flight \-ˌflīt\ *n* : flight beyond the earth's atmosphere

space heater *n* : a device for heating an enclosed space

space-man \ˈspās-,man, -mən\ *n* : one who travels outside the earth's atmosphere

space-ship \ˈspās(h)-,ship\ *n* : a spacecraft designed to carry one or more passengers

space shuttle *n* : a reusable spacecraft designed to transport people and cargo between earth and space

space station *n* : a manned artificial satellite in a fixed orbit serving as a base (as for scientific observation)

space suit *n* : a suit equipped to make life in space possible for its wearer

space walk *n* : a period of movement in space outside a spacecraft by an astronaut — **space walk** *vb* — **space-walk-er** \ˈspās-,wō-kər\ *n* — **space-walk-ing** \-kɪŋ\ *n*

spacious \ˈspā-shəs\ *adj* : very large in extent : ROOMY *syn* commodious, capacious, ample — **spacious-ly** *adv* — **spacious-ness** *n*

spade \ˈspād\ *n* : a shovel with a flat blade — **spade-ful** *n*

spade *vb* **spad-ed**; **spad-ing** : to dig with a spade

spade *n* : any of a suit of playing cards marked with a black figure resembling an inverted heart with a short stem at the bottom

spa-dix \ˈspād-iks\ *n*, *pl* **spa-di-ces** \ˈspād-ə-,sēz\ : a floral spike with a fleshy or succulent axis usu. enclosed in a spathe

spaghet-ti \spə-ˈget-ē\ *n* [It, fr. pl. of *spaghetto*, dim. of *spago* cord, string] : a dough made chiefly from wheat flour and formed in thin solid strings

span \ˈspan\ *n* **1** : an English unit of length equal to nine inches (about 23 centimeters) **2** : a limited portion of time **3** : the spread (as of an arch) from one support to another

span *vb* **spanned**; **span-ning** **1** : MEASURE **2** : to extend across

span *n* : a pair of animals (as mules) driven together **Span** *abbr* Spanish

span-dex \ˈspan-,deks\ *n* : an elastic synthetic textile fiber

span-gle \ˈspæn-gəl\ *n* : a small disk of shining metal used esp. on a dress for ornament — **spangle** *vb*

Span-iard \ˈspan-yərd\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Spain **span-iel** \ˈspan-yəl\ [ME *spaniell*, fr. MF *espaagnol*, lit., Spaniard, fr. L *Hispania* Spain] : any of numerous mostly small and short-legged dogs usu. with long wavy hair and large drooping ears

Span-ish \ˈspan-ish\ *n* **1** : the chief language of Spain and of many countries colonized by the Spanish **2** **Spanish** *pl* : the people of Spain — **Spanish** *adj*

Spanish American *n* : a native or inhabitant of one of the countries of America in which Spanish is the national language; *also* : a resident of the U.S. whose native language is Spanish — **Spanish-American** *adj*

Spanish fly *n* : a dried preparation of green European beetles with diuretic and aphrodisiac effects produced by irritating the urinary tract; *also* : this beetle

Spanish moss *n* : a plant related to the pineapple that grows in pendent tufts of grayish green filaments on trees in the southern U.S. and the West Indies

spank \ˈspæŋk\ *vb* : to strike the buttocks of with the open hand — **spank** *n*

spank-ing \ˈspæn-kɪŋ\ *adj* : BRISK, LIVELY (~ breeze)

spar \ˈspär\ *n* : a rounded wood or metal piece (as a mast, yard, boom, or gaff) for supporting sail rigging

spar *vb* **sparred**; **spar-ring** : to box for practice without serious hitting; *also* : SKIRMISH, WRANGLE

SPAR \ˈspär\ *n* : a member of the women's reserve of the U.S. Coast Guard

spare \ˈspaər\ *vb* **spared**; **spar-ing** **1** : to refrain from punishing or injuring : show mercy to **2** : to exempt from something **3** : to get along without **4** : to use frugally or rarely

spare *adj* **spar-er**; **spar-est** **1** : held in reserve **2** : SUPERFLUOUS **3** : not liberal or profuse **4** : LEAN, THIN **5** : SCANTY *syn* meager, sparse, skimpy, exiguous, scant **spare** *n* **1** : a duplicate kept in reserve; *esp* : a spare tire **2** : the knocking down of all the bowling pins with the first two balls

spar-ing \ˈspar-ɪŋ\ *adj* : SAVING, FRUGAL *syn* thrifty, economical, provident — **spar-ing-ly** *adv*

spark \ˈspärk\ *n* **1** : a small particle of a burning substance or a hot glowing particle struck from a mass (as by steel on flint) **2** : a short bright flash of electricity between two points **3** : SPARKLE **4** : a particle capable of being kindled or developed : GERM

spark *vb* **1** : to emit or produce sparks **2** : to stir to activity : INCITE

spark *vb* : WOO, COURT

spark-kle \ˈspär-kəl\ *vb* **spark-kled**; **spar-king** \-k(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : FLASH, GLEAM **2** : to perform brilliantly **3** : EFFERVESCE — **spark-ler** \-k(ə-)lər\ *n*

sparkle *n* **1** : GLEAM **2** : ANIMATION

spark plug *n* : a device that produces a spark to ignite the fuel mixture in an engine cylinder

spar-row \ˈspar-ə\ *n* : any of several small dull singing birds

sparrow hawk *n* : any of various small hawks or falcons **sparse** \ˈspärs\ *adj* **spars-er**; **spars-est** : thinly scattered : SCANTY *syn* meager, spare, skimpy, exiguous, scant — **sparse-ly** *adv*

spasm \ˈspaz-əm\ *n* **1** : an involuntary and abnormal muscular contraction **2** : a sudden, violent, and temporary effort or feeling — **spas-mod-ic** \ˈspaz-ˈmäd-ik\ *adj* — **spas-mod-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

spas-tic \ˈspas-tik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or marked by muscular spasm (~ paralysis) — **spastic** *n*

spat \ˈspat\ *past* and *past part* of SPIT

spat *n*, *pl* **spat** or **spats** : a young bivalve mollusk (as an oyster)

spat *n* : a gaiter covering instep and ankle

spat *n* : a brief petty quarrel : DISPUTE

spat *vb* **spat-ted**; **spat-ting** : to quarrel briefly

spate \ˈspāt\ *n* : a sudden outburst

spathe \ˈspäth\ *n* : a sheathing bract or pair of bracts enclosing an inflorescence (as of the calla lily) and esp. a spadix on the same axis

spa-tial \ˈspā-shəl\ *adj* : of or relating to space — **spa-tial-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

spat-ter \ˈspat-ər\ *vb* **1** : to splash with drops of liquid **2** : to sprinkle around — **spatter** *n*

spat-u-la \ˈspach-ə-lə\ *n* : a flexible knifelike implement for scooping, spreading, or mixing soft substances

spav-in \ˈspav-ən\ *n* : a bony enlargement of the hock of a horse — **spav-ined** \-ənd\ *adj*

spawn \ˈspɔn\ *vb* [ME *spawnen*, fr. OF *espandre* to spread out, expand; fr. L *expandere*, fr. *ex-* out + *pandere* to spread] **1** : to produce eggs or offspring esp. in large numbers **2** : GENERATE

spawn *n* **1** : the eggs of water animals (as fishes or oysters) that lay many small eggs **2** : offspring esp. when produced in great quantities

spay \ˈspā\ *vb* **spayed**; **spay-ing** : to remove the ovaries from (a female animal)

SPCA *abbr* Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

SPCC *abbr* Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

speak \ˈspēk\ *vb* **spoke** \ˈspök\; **spo-ken** \ˈspō-kən\; **speak-ing** **1** : to utter words **2** : to express orally **3** : to mention in speech or writing **4** : to address an audience **5** : to use or be able to use (a language) in speech

speak-easy \ˈspē-,kē-zē\ *n*, *pl* **-eas-ies** : an illicit drinking place

speak-er \ˈspē-kər\ *n* **1** : one that speaks **2** : the presiding officer of a deliberative assembly **3** : LOUDSPEAKER

spear \ˈspɪər\ *n* **1** : a long-shafted weapon with a sharp point for thrusting or throwing **2** : a sharp-pointed instrument with barbs (as for spearing fish) — **spear-man** \-mən\ *n*

spear *vb* : to strike or pierce with or as if with a spear

spear *n* : a young shoot (as of asparagus)

spear-head \-hed\ *n* : a leading force, element, or influence — **spearhead** *vb*

spear-mint \-mint\ *n* : a common highly aromatic garden mint

spec *abbr* **1** special **2** specifically

special \ˈspesh-əl\ *adj* **1** : UNCOMMON, NOTEWORTHY **2** : particularly favored **3** : INDIVIDUAL, UNIQUE **4** : EXTRA, ADDITIONAL **5** : confined to or designed for a definite field of action, purpose, or occasion — **special** *n* — **spe-cial-ly** \-lī\ *adv*

special delivery *n* : delivery of mail by messenger for an extra fee

Special Forces *n pl* : a branch of the army composed of men specially trained in guerrilla warfare

spe-cial-ist \ˈspesh-(ə)-ləst\ *n* **1** : one who devotes himself to some special branch of learning or activity **2** : any of four enlisted ranks in the army corresponding to the grades of corporal through sergeant first class

spe-cial-ize \ˈspesh-ə-,līz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to concentrate one's efforts in a special activity or field; *also* : to change in an adaptive manner — **spe-cial-iza-tion** \-shən\ *n*

spe-cial-ty \ˈspesh-əl-tē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : a particular quality or detail **2** : a product of a special kind or of special excellence **3** : a branch of knowledge, business, or professional work in which one specializes

spe-cie \ˈspē-shē-, -sē\ *n* : money in coin

spe-cies \ˈspē-shēz-, -sēz\ *n*, *pl* **spe-cies** [L, appearance, kind, species, fr. *specere* to look] **1** : SORT, KIND **2** : a category of biological classification ranking just below the genus or subgenus and comprising closely related organisms potentially able to breed with one another

specif *abbr* specific; specifically

spe-cif-ic \spi-ˈsif-ik\ *adj* **1** : DEFINITE, EXACT **2** : having a unique relation to something (~ antibodies); *esp* : exerting a distinctive and usu. curative or causative influence **3** : of, relating to, or constituting a species — **spe-cif-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

specific *n* : a specific remedy

spe-cif-i-ca-tion \-spes-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* **1** : the act or process of specifying **2** : a description of work to be done and materials to be used (as in building) — *usu.* used in *pl*

specific gravity *n* : the ratio of the density of a substance to the density of some substance (as water) taken as a standard when both densities are obtained by weighing in air

spe-cif-ic-ly \ˈspes-ə-, fī\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to mention or name explicitly

spe-c-i-men \ˈspes-ə-mən\ *n* : an item or part typical of a group or whole

spe-cious \ˈspē-shəs\ *adj* : seeming to be genuine, correct, or beautiful but not really so (~ reasoning)

speck \ˈspek\ *n* **1** : a small spot or blemish **2** : a small particle : BIT — **speck** *vb*

speck-le \ˈspek-əl\ *n* : a little speck — **speck-le** *vb*

speck-ta-cle \ˈspek-ti-kəl\ *n* **1** : something exhibited to view; *esp* : an impressive public display **2 pl** : GLASSES — **speck-ta-cled** \-kəld\ *adj*

spe-c-tac-u-lar \ˈspek-ˈtak-yə-lər\ *adj* : SENSATIONAL, STRIKING, SHOWY

spectacular *n* : an elaborate spectacle

spec-ta-tor \ˈspek-ˈtāt-ər\ *n* : one who looks on (as at a

sports event) **syn** observer, witness, bystander, onlooker, eyewitness

spec-ter or **spec-tre** \ˈspek-tər\ *n* : a visible disembodied spirit : GHOST

spec-tral \ˈspek-trəl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or resembling a specter **2** : of, relating to, or made by a spectrum

spec-tro-gram \ˈspek-trə-,gram\ *n* : a photograph or diagram of a spectrum

spec-tro-graph \-ˌgrəf\ *n* : an instrument for dispersing radiation into a spectrum and photographing or mapping the spectrum — **spec-tro-graph-ic** \ˈspek-trə-ˈgrəf-ik\ *adj* — **spec-tro-graph-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

spec-trom-e-ter \ˈspek-ˈtrām-ət-ər\ *n* : a spectroscope fitted for measuring spectra — **spec-tro-met-ric** \ˈspek-trə-ˈme-trik\ *adj*

spec-tro-scope \ˈspek-trə-,skōp\ *n* : an optical instrument that produces spectra from or by the use of electromagnetic radiation — **spec-tro-scop-ic** \ˈspek-trə-ˈsköp-ik\ *adj* — **spec-tro-scop-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **spec-tros-cop-ist** \ˈspek-ˈtrās-kə-pəst\ *n* — **spec-tros-co-py** \-pē\ *n*

spec-trum \ˈspek-trəm\ *n*, *pl* **spec-tra** \-trə\ or **spectrums** [NL, fr. L, appearance, specter, fr. *specere* to look] **1** : a series of colors formed when a beam of white light is dispersed (as by a prism) so that its parts are arranged in the order of their wavelengths **2** : a series of radiations arranged in regular order **3** : a continuous sequence or range (a wide ~ of political opinions)

spec-u-late \ˈspek-yə-,lāt\ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** [L *speculari* to spy out, examine, fr. *specula* watchtower, fr. *specere* to look, look at] **1** : REFLECT, MEDITATE **2** : to engage in a business deal where a good profit may be made at considerable risk *syn* reason, think, deliberate, cogitate — **spec-u-la-tion** \ˈspek-yə-ˈlā-shən\ *n* — **spec-u-la-tive** \ˈspek-yə-,lāt-iv\ *adj* — **spec-u-la-tive-ly** *adv* — **spec-u-la-tor** \-lāt-ər\ *n*

speech \ˈspēç\ *n* **1** : the act of speaking **2** : TALK, CONVERSATION **3** : a public discourse **4** : LANGUAGE, DIALECT **5** : an individual manner of speaking **6** : the power of speaking — **speech-less** *adj*

speed \ˈspēd\ *n* **1** *archaic* : SUCCESS **2** : SWIFTNESS, RAPIDITY **3** : rate of motion or performance **4** : a transmission gear in an automotive vehicle or bicycle **5** : METHAMPHETAMINE; *also* : a related drug *syn* haste, hurry, dispatch, celerity — **speed-i-ly** \ˈspēd-ī-lē\ *adv* — **speedy** *adj*

speed *vb* **sped** \ˈsped\ or **speed-ed**; **speed-ing** **1** *archaic* : PROSPER; *also* : GET ALONG, FARE **2** : to go fast; *esp* : to go at an excessive or illegal speed **3** : to cause to go faster — **speed-er** *n*

speed-boat \-bōt\ *n* : a fast motorboat

speed-om-e-ter \spi-ˈdām-ət-ər\ *n* : an instrument for indicating speed or speed and distance traveled

speed-up \ˈspēd-,əp\ *n* **1** : ACCELERATION **2** : an employer's demand for accelerated output without increased pay

speed-way \ˈspēd-,wā\ *n* : a racecourse for motor vehicles

speed-well \ˈspēd-,wel\ *n* : a low creeping plant that bears spikes of small usu. bluish flowers and is related to the snapdragon

spell \ˈspel\ *n* [ME, talk, tale, fr. OE] **1** : a magic formula : INCANTATION **2** : a controlling influence

spell *vb* **spelled** \ˈspeld\; **spell-ing** : to take the place of for a time in work or duty : RELIEVE

spell *vb* **spelled** \ˈspeld, ˈspelt\; **spell-ing** **1** : to name, write, or print in order the letters of a word **2** : MEAN

spell *n* **1** *archaic* : the relief of one person by another in any work or duty **2** : one's turn at work or duty **3** : a

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
 \əʊˈout \chˈchin \əˈbet \əˈeasy \gˈgo \iˈhit \iˈice \iˈjob
 \ɪˈsing \oˈgo \oˈlaw \oɪˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \uˈfoot
 \uˈfoot \yˈet \zhˈvision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

stretch of a specified kind of weather **4** : a period of bodily or mental distress or disorder : **ATTACK**

spell-bind-er \-j,bin-dər\ *n* : a speaker of compelling eloquence

spell-bound \-,baund\ *adj* : held by or as if by a spell : FASCINATED

spell-er \ˈspel-ər\ *n* **1** : one who spells words **2** : a book with exercises for teaching spelling

spe-lunk-er \spi-ˈlŋ-kər, ˈspē-,lŋ-kər\ *n* : one who makes a hobby of exploring caves — **spe-lunk-ing** \-kiŋ\ *n*

spend \ˈspend\ *vb* **spent** \ˈspent\; **spend-ing** **1** : to pay out : **USE UP** **2** : **WEAR OUT**, **EXHAUST**; *also* : to consume wastefully **3** : to cause or permit to elapse : **PASS** **4** : to make use of — **spend-er** *n*

spend-thrift \ˈspen(d)-,θrift\ *n* : one who spends wastefully or recklessly

spent \ˈspent\ *adj* : drained of energy

sperm \ˈspɜrm\ *n*, *pl* **sperm** or **sperms** **1** : **SEMEN** **2** : a male gamete

sper-ma-to-zo-on \(\,)spər-,mat-ə-ˈzō-,än, -ˈzō-ən\ *n*, *pl* **-zoa** \-ˈzō-ə\ : a motile male gamete of an animal usu. with a rounded or elongated head and a long posterior flagellum

sperm cell *n* : **SPERM** **2**

sperm whale \ˈspɜrm-\ *n* : a whale with conical teeth, no whalebone, and a large fluid-containing cavity in the head



sperm whale

spew \ˈspyū\ *vb* : **VOMIT**

sp gr *abbr* specific gravity

sphag-num \ˈsfag-nəm\ *n* : any of a genus of atypical mosses that grow in wet acid areas where their remains become compacted with other plant debris to form peat; *also* : a mass of these mosses

sphere \ˈsfɪər\ *n* [**ME** *sphere* globe, celestial sphere, fr. **MF** *esphere*, fr. **L** *sphaera*, fr. **Gk** *sphaira*, lit., ball] **1** : a globular body **2** : a celestial body **3** : a solid figure so shaped that every point on its surface is an equal distance from the center **4** : range of action or influence : **FIELD** — **spher-i-cal** \ˈsfɪr-i-kəl, ˈsfer-\ *adj* — **spher-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

spher-oid \ˈsfɪ(ə)r-,oid, ˈsfe(ə)r-\ *n* : a figure similar to a sphere but not perfectly round — **spe-roi-dal** \ˈsfɪr-oid-\ *adj*

sphinc-ter \ˈsfɪŋk-tər\ *n* : a muscular ring that closes a bodily opening

sphinx \ˈsfɪŋks\ *n*, *pl* **sphinx-es** or **sphin-ges** \ˈsfɪn-jēz\ **1** : a winged monster in Greek mythology having a woman's head and a lion's body and noted for killing anyone unable to answer its riddle **2** : an enigmatic or mysterious person **3** : an ancient Egyptian image having the body of a lion and the head of man, ram, or hawk

spice \ˈspɪs\ *n* **1** : any of various aromatic plant products (as pepper or nutmeg) used to season or flavor foods **2** : something that adds interest and relish — **spice** *vb* — **spicy** *adj*

spice-bush \ˈspɪs-,bʊʃ\ *n* : an aromatic shrub related to the laurels that bears dense clusters of small yellow flowers followed by scarlet or yellow berries

spick-and-span or **spic-and-span** \,spɪk-ən-ˈspan\ *adj* : quite new; *also* : spotlessly clean

spic-ule \ˈspɪk-yūl\ *n* : a slender pointed body esp. of calcium or silica (sponge ~s)

spi-der \ˈspɪd-ər\ *n* **1** : any of numerous arachnids that

have a 2-part body, eight legs, and two or more pairs of abdominal organs for spinning threads of silk used esp. in making webs for catching prey **2** : a cast-iron frying pan — **spi-dery** *adj*

spider plant *n* : a houseplant of the lily family having long green leaves usu. striped with white and producing tufts of small plants on long hanging stems

spiderweb *n* : the web spun by a spider

spiel \ˈspɛl\ *vb* : to talk volubly or extravagantly — **spiel** *n*

spig-ot \ˈspɪg-ət, ˈspɪk-ət\ *n* : **FAUCET**

spike \ˈspɪk\ *n* **1** : a very large nail **2** : any of various pointed projections (as on the sole of a shoe to prevent slipping) — **spiky** *adj*

spike *vb* **spiked**; **spik-ing** **1** : to fasten with spikes **2** : to put an end to : **QUASH** (~ a rumor) **3** : to pierce with or impale on a spike **4** : to add alcoholic liquor to (a drink)

spike *n* **1** : an ear of grain **2** : a long cluster of usu. stemless flowers

spill \ˈspɪl\ *vb* **spilled** \ˈspɪld, ˈspɪlt\ *also* **spilt** \ˈspɪlt\; **spill-ing** **1** : to cause or allow esp. unintentionally to fall, flow, or run out **2** : to lose or allow to be scattered **3** : to cause (blood) to flow **4** : to run out or over with resulting loss or waste — **spill-able** *adj*

spill *n* **1** : an act of spilling; *also* : a fall from a horse or vehicle or in running **2** : something spilled **3** : **SPILLWAY**

spill-way \-,wā\ *n* : a passage for surplus water to run over or around an obstruction (as a dam)

spin \ˈspɪn\ *vb* **spun** \ˈspʊn\; **spin-ning** **1** : to draw out (fiber) and twist into thread; *also* : to form (thread) by such means **2** : to form thread by extruding a sticky quickly hardening fluid; *also* : to construct from such thread (spiders ~ their webs) **3** : to produce slowly and by degrees (~ a story) **4** : **TWIRL** **5** : **WHIRL**, **REEL** (my head is *spinning*) **6** : to move rapidly along — **spin-ner** *n*

spin *n* **1** : a rapid rotating motion **2** : an excursion in a wheeled vehicle

spin-ach \ˈspɪn-ɪç\ *n* : a dark green herb grown for its edible leaves

spi-nal \ˈspɪn-əl\ *adj* : of or relating to the backbone or spinal cord — **spi-nal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

spinal column *n* : **BACKBONE**

spinal cord *n* : the thick cord of nervous tissue that extends from the brain along the back in the cavity of the backbone and carries nerve impulses to and from the brain

spinal nerve *n* : any of the paired nerves which arise from the spinal cord and pass to various parts of the body and of which there are normally 31 pairs in human beings

spin-dle \ˈspɪn-dəl\ *n* **1** : a round tapering stick or rod by which fibers are twisted in spinning **2** : a turned part of a piece of furniture (the ~s of a chair) **3** : a slender pin or rod which turns or on which something else turns

spin-dling \ˈspɪn-(d)lɪŋ\ *adj* : **SPINDLY**

spin-dly \ˈspɪn-(d)lē\ *adj* : being long or tall and thin and usu. weak

spin-drift \ˈspɪn-,drɪft\ *n* : spray blown from waves

spine \ˈspɪn\ *n* **1** : **BACKBONE** **2** : a stiff sharp process esp. on a plant or animal — **spine-less** *adj* — **spiny** *adj*

spi-nel \ˈspə-neɪl\ *n* : a hard crystalline mineral of variable color used as a gem

spin-et \ˈspɪn-ət\ *n* **1** : an early harpsichord having a single keyboard and only one string for each note **2** : a small upright piano

spin-na-ker \ˈspɪn-i-kər\ *n* : a large triangular sail set on a long light pole

spinning jen-ny \-,jen-ē\ *n* : an early multiple-spindle machine for spinning wool or cotton

spinning wheel *n* : a small machine for spinning thread or yarn in which a large wheel drives a single spindle

spin-off \ˈspɪn-,ɔf\ *n* **1** : the distribution by a business to its stockholders of particular assets and esp. of stock of

another company 2 : a usu. useful by-product (←s from missile research) — **spin off** *vb*

spin-ster \ˈspɪn-stər\ *n* : an unmarried woman past the common age for marrying — **spin-ster-hood** \-,hüd\ *n*

spiny lobster *n* : an edible crustacean differing from the related lobster in lacking the large front claws and in having a very spiny carapace

spi-ral \ˈspi-rəl\ *adj* 1 : circling around a center like the thread of a screw 2 : winding or coiling around a center or pole in gradually enlarging circles — **spi-ral-ly** \-əl\ *adv*

spiral *n* 1 : something that has a spiral form; *also* : a single turn in a spiral object 2 : a continuously spreading and accelerating increase or decrease

spiral *vb* — **raled** or **-ralled**; **-ral-ing** or **-ral-ling** 1 : to move in a spiral course 2 : to form into a spiral

spi-rant \ˈspi-rənt\ *n* : a consonant (as \f/, \s/, \ʃh/) uttered with decided friction of the breath against some part of the oral passage — **spirant** *adj*

spire \ˈspi(ə)r\ *n* 1 : a slender tapering stalk (as of grass) 2 : a pointed tip (as of a tree or antler) 3 : STEEPLE — **spiry** *adj*

spi-rea or **spi-raea** \ˈspi-rē-ə\ *n* : any of a genus of shrubs related to the roses with dense clusters of small white or pink flowers

spir-it \ˈspir-ət\ *n* [ME, fr. OF or L; OF, fr. L *spiritus*, lit., breath] 1 : a life-giving force; *also* : the animating principle : SOUL 2 *cap* : HOLY SPIRIT 3 : SPECTER, GHOST 4 : PERSON 5 : DISPOSITION, MOOD 6 : VIVACITY, ARDOR 7 : essential or real meaning : INTENT 8 : distilled alcoholic liquor 9 : LOYALTY (school ~) — **spir-it-less** *adj*

spirit *vb* : to carry off secretly or mysteriously

spir-it-ed \ˈspir-ət-əd\ *adj* 1 : ANIMATED, LIVELY 2 : COURAGEOUS

spir-i-tu-al \ˈspir-ich-(ə-w)əl\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, consisting of, or affecting the spirit : INCORPOREAL 2 : of or relating to sacred matters 3 : ecclesiastical rather than lay or temporal — **spir-i-tu-al-i-ty** \,spir-i-chə-ˈwəl-ət-ē\ *n* — **spir-i-tu-al-ize** \ˈspir-ich-(ə-w)-ə-,līz\ *vb* — **spir-i-tu-al-ly** \-lē\ *adv*

spiritual *n* : a religious song originating among blacks of the southern U.S.

spir-i-tu-al-ism \ˈspir-ich-(ə-w)-ə-,līz-əm\ *n* : a belief that spirits of the dead communicate with the living usu. through a medium — **spir-i-tu-al-ist** \-ləst\ *n*, *often cap* — **spir-i-tu-al-is-tic** \,spir-ich-(ə-w)-ə-ˈlīs-tik\ *adj*

spir-i-tu-ous \ˈspir-ich-(ə-w)əs, ˈspir-ət-əs\ *adj* : containing alcohol (← liquors)

spi-ro-chete *also* **spi-ro-chaete** \ˈspi-rə-,kēt\ *n* : any of an order of spiral bacteria including one that causes syphilis

spirt *var of* SPURT

spit \ˈspɪt\ *n* 1 : a thin pointed rod for holding meat over a fire 2 : a point of land that runs out into the water

spit *vb* **spit-ted**; **spit-ting** : to pierce with or as if with a spit

spit *vb* **spit** or **spat** \ˈspat\; **spit-ting** 1 : to eject (saliva) from the mouth 2 : to send forth forcefully, defiantly, or disgustfully 3 : to rain or snow lightly

spit *n* 1 : SALIVA 2 : perfect likeness (← and image of his father) 3 : a sprinkle of rain or flurry of snow

spit-ball \ˈspɪt-,bɒl\ *n* 1 : paper chewed and rolled into a ball to be thrown as a missile 2 : a baseball pitch delivered after the ball has been moistened with saliva or sweat

spite \ˈspɪt\ *n* : ill will with a wish to annoy, anger, or defeat : petty malice *syn* malignity, spleen, grudge, malevolence — **spite-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **spite-ful-ly** \-əl\ *adv* — **spite-ful-ness** *n* — *in spite of* : in defiance or contempt of : NOTWITHSTANDING

spite *vb* **spit-ed**; **spit-ing** : to treat maliciously (as by insulting or thwarting)

spit-tle \ˈspɪt-əl\ *n* : SALIVA

spit-tle-bug \-,bæg\ *n* : any of numerous leaping insects

with froth-secreting larvae that are related to the aphids

spit-toon \ˈspi-tūn\ *n* : a receptacle for spit

splash \ˈsplʌʃ\ *vb* 1 : to dash a liquid about 2 : to scatter a liquid on : SPATTER 3 : to fall or strike with a splashing noise *syn* sprinkle, bespatter, douse, splatter — **splash** *n*

splash-down \ˈsplʌʃ-,daʊn\ *n* : the landing of a manned spacecraft in the ocean — **splash down** \(\)ˈsplʌʃ-ˈdaʊn\ *vb*

splat-ter \ˈsplat-ər\ *vb* : SPATTER — **splatter** *n*

splay \ˈsplʌ\ *vb* 1 : to spread out 2 : to slope or slant outward (←ed doorway) — **splay** *n*

splay *adj* 1 : spread out : turned outward 2 : AWKWARD, CLUMSY

spleen \ˈsplēn\ *n* 1 : a vascular organ located near the stomach in most vertebrates that is concerned esp. with the storage, formation, and destruction of blood cells 2 : SPITE, MALICE *syn* malignity, grudge, malevolence, ill will, spitefulness

splen-did \ˈsplen-dəd\ *adj* [L *splendidus*, fr. *splendēre* to shine] 1 : SHINING, BRILLIANT 2 : SHOWY, GORGEOUS 3 : ILLUSTRIOUS 4 : EXCELLENT *syn* resplendent, glorious, sublime, superb — **splen-did-ly** *adv*

splen-dor \ˈsplen-dər\ *n* 1 : BRILLIANCE 2 : POMP, MAGNIFICENCE

sple-net-ic \ˈspli-net-ik\ *adj* : marked by bad temper or spite

splen-ic \ˈsplen-ik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or located in the spleen

splice \ˈsplɪs\ *vb* **spliced**; **splic-ing** 1 : to unite (as two ropes) by weaving the strands together 2 : to unite (as two timbers or pieces of film) by connecting the ends together — **splice** *n*

splint \ˈsplɪnt\ *n* 1 : a thin strip of wood interwoven with others to make something (as a basket) 2 : material or a device used to protect and keep in place an injured body part (as a broken arm)

splint-ter \ˈsplɪnt-ər\ *n* : a thin piece of something split off lengthwise : SLIVER

splinter *vb* : to split into splinters

split \ˈsplɪt\ *vb* **split**; **split-ting** 1 : to divide lengthwise or along a grain or seam 2 : to burst or break in pieces 3 : to divide into parts or sections 4 : LEAVE *syn* rend, cleave, rip, tear — **split** *n*

split-lev-el \ˈsplɪt-ˈlev-əl\ *n* : a house divided so that the floor in one part is about halfway between two floors in the other

split personality *n* : SCHIZOPHRENIA; *also* : a mental and emotional disorder which is a neurosis and in which the personality becomes separated into two or more parts each of which controls behavior part of the time

split-ting \ˈsplɪt-ɪŋ\ *adj* : causing a piercing sensation (← headache)

splotch \ˈsplɒtʃ\ *n* : BLOTCH

splurge \ˈsplɜrj\ *n* : a showy display or expense — **splurge** *vb*

sput-ter \ˈspʌt-ər\ *n* : SPUTTER — **splutter** *vb*

spoil \ˈspɔɪl\ *n* : PLUNDER, BOOTY

spoil *vb* **spoiled** \ˈspɔɪld, ˈspɔɪlt\ or **spoilt** \ˈspɔɪlt\; **spoiling** 1 : ROB, PILLAGE 2 : to damage seriously : RUIN 3 : to impair the quality or effect of 4 : to damage the disposition of by pampering; *also* : INDULGE, CODDLE 5 : DECAY, ROT 6 : to have an eager desire (←ing for a fight) *syn* injure, harm, hurt, mar — **spoil-age** \ˈspɔɪ-lɪj\ *n*

spoil-er \ˈspɔɪ-lər\ *n* 1 : one that spoils 2 : a device (as on an airplane or automobile) used to disrupt airflow and decrease lift

\ə\abut \əˈkitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \aʊ\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \j\sing \ɔ\go \ɔ\law \ɔɪ\boy \th\thin \th\the \ʊ\loot
 \ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

spoil-sport \ˈspɔɪl-,spɔrt\ *n* : one who spoils the sport or pleasure of others

¹**spoke** \ˈspɒk\ *past & archaic past part of SPEAK*

²**spoke** *n* 1 : any of the rods extending from the hub of a wheel to the rim 2 : a rung of a ladder

spo-ken \ˈspō-kən\ *past part of SPEAK*

spokes-man \ˈspɒks-mən\ *n* : one who speaks as the representative of another or others

spokes-per-son \-,pɜr-sən\ *n* : SPOKESMAN

spokes-wom-an \-,wʊm-ən\ *n* : a woman who speaks as the representative of another or others

spo-li-a-tion \,spō-lē-ā-shən\ *n* : the act of plundering : the state of being plundered

¹**sponge** \ˈspənʃ\ *n* 1 : the elastic porous mass of fibers that forms the skeleton of any of a phylum of primitive sea animals; *also* : one of the animals 2 : the act of washing or wiping with a sponge 3 : a spongelike or porous mass or material (as used for sponging) — **spongy** \ˈspən-jē\ *adj*

²**sponge** *vb* **sponged**; **spong-ing** 1 : to gather sponges 2 : to bathe or wipe with a sponge 3 : to live at another's expense — **spong-er** *n*

sponge cake *n* : a cake made without shortening

sponge rubber *n* : a cellular rubber resembling natural sponge

spōn-sor \ˈspān-sər\ *n* [LL, fr. L, guarantor, surety, fr. *sponsus*, pp. of *spondere* to promise] 1 : one who takes the responsibility for some other person or thing : SURETY 2 : GODPARENT 3 : a business firm that pays the cost of a radio or television program usu. in return for advertising time during its course *syn* patron, guarantor, backer — **sponsor** *vb* — **spon-sor-ship** *n*

spōn-ta-ne-ous \spān-ˈtā-nē-əs\ *adj* [LL *spontaneus*, fr. L *sponte* of one's free will, voluntarily] 1 : done or produced freely or naturally 2 : acting or taking place without external force or cause *syn* impulsive, instinctive, automatic, unpremeditated — **spōn-ta-ne-ity** \,spānt-ən-ˈē-ət-ē\ *n* — **spōn-ta-ne-ous-ly** \spān-ˈtā-nē-əs-lē\ *adv*

spontaneous combustion *n* : a bursting into flame of material through heat produced within itself by chemical action (as oxidation)

spoof \ˈspʊf\ *vb* 1 : DECEIVE, HOAX 2 : to make good-natured fun of — **spoof** *n*

¹**spook** \ˈspʊk\ *n* : GHOST, APPARITION — **spooky** *adj*

²**spook** *vb* : FRIGHTEN

spool \ˈspʊl\ *n* : a cylinder on which flexible material (as thread) is wound

spoon \ˈspʊn\ *n* [ME, fr. OE *spōn* splinter, chip] 1 : an eating or cooking implement consisting of a shallow bowl with a handle 2 : a metal piece used on a fishing line as a lure — **spoon** *vb* — **spoon-ful** *n*

spoon-bill \ˈspʊn-,bil\ *n* : any of several wading birds related to the ibises that have a bill with a broad flat tip **spoon-feed** \ˈspʊn-,fed\ *vb* -fed \-,fed\; -**feed-ing** 1 : to feed by means of a spoon 2 : to present (information) so completely as to preclude independent thought

spoor \ˈspʊr, ˈspɔr\ *n* : a track, a trail, a scent, or droppings esp. of a wild animal

spo-rad-ic \spə-ˈrad-ik\ *adj* : occurring in scattered single instances *syn* occasional, rare, scarce, infrequent, uncommon — **spo-rad-ic-al-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

spore \ˈspɔr\ *n* : a primitive usu. one-celled reproductive body produced by plants and some lower animals

¹**sport** \ˈspɔrt\ *vb* [ME *sporten* to divert, disport, short for *disporten*, fr. MF *desporter*, fr. *des-* (fr. L *dis-* apart) + *porter* to carry, fr. L *portare*] 1 : to amuse oneself : FROLIC 2 : to wear or display ostentatiously — **sport-ive** *adj*

²**sport** *n* 1 : a source of diversion : PASTIME 2 : physical activity engaged in for pleasure 3 : JEST 4 : MOCKERY (make ~ of his efforts) 5 : BUTT, LAUGHINGSTOCK 6 : one who accepts results cheerfully whether favoring his in-

terests or not 7 : an individual distinguished by a mutation *syn* play, frolic, fun, recreation — **sporty** *adj*

³**sport or sports** *adj* : of, relating to, or suitable for sport or casual wear (~ coats)

sport fish *n* : a fish important for the sport it affords anglers

sports-cast \ˈspɔrts-,kast\ *n* : a broadcast dealing with sports events — **sports-cast-er** \-,kas-tər\ *n*

sports-man \ˈspɔrts-mən\ *n* 1 : a person who engages in sports and esp. in hunting and fishing 2 : one who plays fairly and wins or loses gracefully — **sports-man-ship** *n*

sports-wom-an \-,wʊm-ən\ *n* : a woman who engages in sports

sports-writ-er \-,rit-ər\ *n* : one who writes about sports esp. for a newspaper — **sports-writ-ing** \-ɪŋ\ *n*

¹**spot** \ˈspɒt\ *n* 1 : STAIN, BLEMISH 2 : a small part different (as in color) from the main part 3 : LOCATION, SITE — **spot-less** *adj* — **spot-less-ly** *adv* — **on the spot** : in difficulty or danger

²**spot** *vb* **spot-ted**; **spot-ting** 1 : to mark or disfigure with spots 2 : to pick out : RECOGNIZE, IDENTIFY

³**spot** *adj* 1 : being, done, or originating on the spot (a ~ broadcast) 2 : paid upon delivery 3 : made at random or at a few key points (a ~ check)

spot-check \ˈspɒt-,chek\ *vb* : to make a spot check of **spot-light** \-,lɪt\ *n* 1 : a circle of brilliant light projected upon a particular area, person, or object (as on a stage); *also* : the device that produces this light 2 : public notice — **spotlight** *vb*

spot-ter \ˈspɒt-ər\ *n* 1 : one that keeps watch : OBSERVER 2 : one that removes spots

spot-ty \ˈspɒt-ē\ *adj* **spot-tier**; -**est** : uneven in quality; *also* : sparsely distributed (~ attendance)

spou-sal \ˈspau-zəl, -səl\ *n* : NUPTIALS — *usu.* used in pl.

spouse \ˈspaus\ *n* : one's husband or wife

¹**spout** \ˈspaut\ *vb* 1 : to eject or issue forth forcibly and freely (wells ~ing oil) 2 : to speak pompously

²**spout** *n* 1 : a pipe or hole through which liquid spouts 2 : a jet of liquid; *esp.* : WATERSPOUT

spp *abbr*, pl species

¹**sprain** \ˈspræn\ *n* : a sudden or severe twisting of a joint with stretching or tearing of ligaments; *also* : a sprained condition

²**sprain** *vb* : to subject to sprain

sprat \ˈsprat\ *n* : a small European herring; *also* : a young herring

sprawl \ˈsprɒl\ *vb* 1 : to lie or sit with limbs spread out awkwardly 2 : to spread out irregularly — **sprawl** *n*

¹**spray** \ˈspræ\ *n* : a usu. flowering branch or a decorative arrangement of flowers and foliage

²**spray** *n* 1 : liquid flying in small drops like water blown from a wave 2 : a jet of fine vapor (as from an atomizer)

3 : an instrument (as an atomizer) for scattering fine liquid

³**spray** *vb* 1 : to scatter or let fall in a spray 2 : to discharge spray on or into — **spray-er** *n*

spray can *n* : a pressurized container from which aerosols are sprayed

spray gun *n* : a device for spraying liquids (as paint or insecticide)

¹**spread** \ˈspred\ *vb* **spread**; **spread-ing** 1 : to scatter over a surface 2 : to flatten out : open out 3 : to stretch, force, or push apart 4 : to distribute over a period of time or among many persons 5 : to pass on from person to person 6 : to cover with something (~ a floor with rugs) 7 : to prepare for a meal (~ a table) — **spread-er** *n*

²**spread** *n* 1 : the act or process of spreading 2 : EXPANSE, EXTENT 3 : a prominent display in a magazine or newspaper 4 : a food to be spread on bread or crackers 5 : a cloth cover for a bed 6 : distance between two points : GAP

- square dance** *n* : a dance for four couples arranged to form a square
- square measure** *n* : a unit or system of units for measuring area — see METRIC SYSTEM table, WEIGHT table
- square-rigged** \ˈskwær-ˈrɪgd\ *adj* : having the chief sails extended on yards that are fastened to the masts horizontally and at their center
- square-rig-ger** \-ˈrɪg-ər\ *n* : a square-rigged craft
- square root** *n* : either of the two numbers whose squares are equal to a given number (either +3 or -3 is the square root of 9)
- squash** \ˈskwəʃ, ˈskwɒʃ\ *vb* **1** : to beat or press into a pulp or flat mass **2** : QUASH, SUPPRESS
- squash** *n* **1** : the impact of something soft and heavy; *also* : the sound of such impact **2** : a crushed mass **3** : SQUASH RACQUETS
- squash** *n*, *pl* **squash-es** or **squash** : a fruit of any of various plants related to the gourds that is used esp. as a vegetable; *also* : a plant bearing squashes
- squash racquets** *n* : a game played on a 4-wall court with a racket and rubber ball
- squat** \ˈskwät\ *vb* **squat-ted**; **squat-ting** **1** : to sit down upon the hams or heels **2** : to settle on land without right or title; *also* : to settle on public land with a view to acquiring title — **squat-ter** *n*
- squat** *n* : the act or posture of squatting
- squat** *adj* **squat-ter**; **squat-test** : low to the ground; *also* : short and thick in stature *syn* thickset, stocky, heavy-set, stubby
- squaw** \ˈskwə\ *n* : an American Indian woman
- squawk** \ˈskwɒk\ *n* : a harsh loud cry; *also* : a noisy protest — **squawk** *vb*
- squeak** \ˈskwæk\ *vb* **1** : to utter or speak in a weak shrill tone **2** : to make a thin high-pitched sound — **squeak** *n* — **squeaky** *adj*
- squeal** \ˈskwæl\ *vb* **1** : to make a shrill sound or cry **2** : COMPLAIN, PROTEST **3** : to betray a secret or turn informer
- squeal** *n* : a shrill sharp somewhat prolonged cry
- squea-mish** \ˈskwē-mɪʃ\ *adj* **1** : easily nauseated; *also* : NAUSEATED **2** : easily disgusted *syn* fussy, nice, dainty, fastidious, persnickety — **squea-mish-ness** *n*
- squee-gee** \ˈskwē-jē\ *n* : a blade set crosswise on a handle and used for spreading or wiping liquid on, across, or off a surface — **squeegee** *vb*
- squeeze** \ˈskwēz\ *vb* **squeezed**; **squeeze-ing** **1** : to exert pressure on the opposite sides or parts of **2** : to obtain by pressure (~ juice from a lemon) **3** : to force, thrust, or cause to pass by pressure — **squeeze-er** *n*
- squeeze** *n* **1** : an act of squeezing **2** : a quantity squeezed out
- squeeze bottle** *n* : a flexible plastic bottle that dispenses its contents by being pressed
- squelch** \ˈskwelch\ *vb* **1** : to suppress completely : CRUSH **2** : to move in soft mud — **squelch** *n*
- squib** \ˈskwɪb\ *n* **1** : a small firecracker; *esp* : one that fizzes instead of exploding **2** : a brief witty writing or speech
- squid** \ˈskwɪd\ *n*, *pl* **squid** or **squids** : any of numerous 10-armed long-bodied sea mollusks usu. having a slender internal shell
- squint** \ˈskwɪnt\ *vb* **1** : to look or aim obliquely **2** : to close the eyes partly (the glare made him ~) **3** : to be cross-eyed — **squint** *n* or *adj*
- squire** \ˈskwɪ(ə)r\ *n* [ME *squier*, fr. OF *esquier*, fr. LL *scutarius*, fr. L *scutum* shield] **1** : an armor-bearer of a knight **2** : a man gallantly devoted to a lady **3** : a member of the British gentry ranking below a knight and above a gentleman; *also* : a prominent landowner **4** : a local magistrate
- squire** *vb* **squired**; **squir-ing** : to attend as a squire or escort
- squirm** \ˈskwɜrm\ *vb* : to twist about like a worm : WRIGGLE
- squir-rel** \ˈskwɜr(ə)\ *n*, *pl* **squirrels** *also* **squirrel** [ME *squirel*, fr. MF *esquireul*, fr. VL *scurius*, alter. of L *sciurus*, fr. Gk *skiouros*, fr. *skia* shadow + *oura* tail] : any of various rodents usu. with a long bushy tail and strong hind legs; *also* : the fur of a squirrel
- squirt** \ˈskwɜrt\ *vb* : to eject liquid in a thin spurt
- squirt** *n* **1** : an instrument (as a syringe) for squirting **2** : a small forcible jet of liquid
- Sr** *abbr* **1** senior **2** sister
- Sr** *symbol* strontium
- SR** *abbr* seaman recruit
- SRO** *abbr* **1** single-room occupancy **2** standing room only
- SS** *abbr* **1** saints **2** Social Security **3** steamship **4** sworn statement
- SSA** *abbr* Social Security Administration
- SSE** *abbr* south-southeast
- SSG** or **SSgt** *abbr* staff sergeant
- ssp** *abbr* subspecies
- SSR** *abbr* Soviet Socialist Republic
- SSS** *abbr* Selective Service System
- SST** \ˈes-ˈes-ˈtē\ *n* [supersonic transport] : a supersonic passenger airplane
- SSW** *abbr* south-southwest
- st** *abbr* **1** stanza **2** state **3** stitch **4** stone **5** street
- St** *abbr* saint
- ST** *abbr* **1** short ton **2** standard time
- st** — see **-EST**
- sta** *abbr* station; stationary
- stab** \ˈstab\ *n* **1** : a wound given by a pointed weapon **2** : a quick thrust; *also* : a brief attempt
- stab** *vb* **stabbed**; **stab-bing** : to pierce or wound with or as if with a pointed weapon; *also* : THRUST, DRIVE
- sta-bile** \ˈstā-bēl\ *n* : a stable abstract sculpture or construction typically made of sheet metal, wire, and wood
- sta-bi-lize** \ˈstā-bə-ˈlīz\ *vb* **-lized**; **-liz-ing** **1** : to make stable **2** : to hold steady (~ prices) *syn* steady — **sta-bi-li-za-tion** \ˈstā-bə-lə-ˈzā-shən\ *n* — **sta-bi-liz-er** \ˈstā-bə-ˈlī-zər\ *n*
- sta-ble** \ˈstā-bəl\ *n* : a building in which livestock is sheltered and fed — **sta-ble-man** \-ˈmən, -ˈmæn\ *n*
- stable** *vb* **sta-bled**; **sta-bling** \-b(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to put or keep in a stable
- stable** *adj* **sta-bler** \-b(ə-)lər\; **sta-blest** \-b(ə-)ləst\ **1** : firmly established; *also* : mentally healthy and well-balanced **2** : steady in purpose : CONSTANT **3** : DURABLE, ENDURING **4** : resistant to chemical or physical change *syn* lasting, permanent, perpetual, perdurable — **sta-bil-i-ty** \stə-ˈbɪl-ət-ē\ *n*
- stac-ca-to** \stə-ˈkāt-ə\ *adj* [It] : cut short so as not to sound connected (~ notes)
- stack** \ˈstak\ *n* **1** : a large pile (as of hay) **2** : a large quantity **3** : a vertical pipe : SMOKESTACK **4** : an orderly pile (as of poker chips) **5** : a rack with shelves for storing books
- stack** *vb* **1** : to pile up **2** : to arrange (cards) secretly for cheating
- stack up** *vb* : MEASURE UP
- sta-di-um** \ˈstād-ē-əm\ *n*, *pl* **-dia** \-ē-ə\ or **-di-ums** : a structure with tiers of seats for spectators built around a field for sports events
- staff** \ˈstaf\ *n*, *pl* **staffs** \ˈstafs, ˈstavz\ or **staves** \ˈstavz, ˈstävz\ **1** : a pole, stick, rod, or bar used for supporting, for measuring, or as a symbol of authority; *also* : CLUB, CUDGEL **2** : something that sustains (bread is the ~ of life) **3** : the five horizontal lines on which music is written **4** : a body of assistants to an executive **5** : a group of officers holding no command but having duties concerned with planning and managing
- staff** *vb* : to supply with a staff or with workers

staff-er \ˈstaf-ər\ *n* : a member of a staff (as of a newspaper)

staff sergeant *n* : a noncommissioned officer ranking in the army next below a sergeant first class, in the air force next below a technical sergeant, and in the marine corps next below a gunnery sergeant

stag \ˈstæg\ *n*, *pl* **stags** or **stag** : an adult male of various large deer

stag *adj* : restricted to or intended for men (a ~ party) (< movies)

stag *adv* : unaccompanied by a date

stage \ˈstāj\ *n* **1** : a raised platform on which an orator may speak or a play may be presented **2** : the acting profession : THEATER **3** : the scene of a notable action or event **4** : a station or resting place on a traveled road **5** : STAGECOACH **6** : a degree of advance in an undertaking, process, or development **7** : a propulsion unit in a rocket — **stager** \ˈstā-jē\ *adj*

stage *vb* **staged**; **stage-ing** : to produce or perform on or as if on a stage — **stage-able** *adj*

stage-coach \ˈstāj-,kōch\ *n* : a horse-drawn coach that runs regularly between stations

stag-fla-tion \ˈstæg-ˈflā-shən\ *n* : inflation with stagnant economic activity and high unemployment

stag-ger \ˈstæg-ər\ *vb* **stag-gered**; **stag-ger-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to reel from side to side : TOTTER **2** : to begin to doubt : WAVER **3** : to cause to reel or waver **4** : to arrange in overlapping or alternating positions or times (< working hours) **5** : ASTONISH — **stag-ger-ing-ly** *adv*

stagger *n* **1 pl** : an abnormal condition of domestic mammals and birds associated with damage to the central nervous system and marked by lack of coordination and a reeling unsteady gait **2** : a reeling or unsteady gait or stance

stag-ing \ˈstā-jɪŋ\ *n* **1** : SCAFFOLDING **2** : the assembling of troops and matériel in transit in a particular place

stag-nant \ˈstæg-nənt\ *adj* **1** : not flowing : MOTIONLESS (< water in a pond) **2** : DULL, INACTIVE (< business)

stag-nate \ˈstæg-,nāt\ *vb* **stag-nat-ed**; **stag-nat-ing** : to be or become stagnant — **stag-na-tion** \ˈstæg-nā-shən\ *n*

staid \ˈstād\ *adj* : SOBER, SEDATE *syn* grave, serious, earnest

stain \ˈstān\ *vb* **1** : DISCOLOR, SOIL **2** : to color (as wood, paper, or cloth) by processes affecting the material itself **3** : TAIN, CORRUPT **4** : DISGRACE

stain *n* **1** : SPOT, DISCOLORATION **2** : a taint of guilt : STIGMA **3** : a preparation (as a dye or pigment) used in staining — **stain-less** *adj*

stainless steel *n* : steel alloyed with chromium that is highly resistant to stain, rust, and corrosion

stair \ˈstær\ *n* **1** : a series of steps or flights of steps for passing from one level to another — often used in *pl.* **2** : one step of a stairway

stair-case \-,kās\ *n* : a flight of steps with their supporting framework, casing, and balusters

stair-way \-,wā\ *n* : one or more flights of stairs with connecting landings

stair-well \-,wel\ *n* : a vertical shaft in which stairs are located

stake \ˈstāk\ *n* **1** : a pointed piece of material (as of wood) driven into the ground as a marker or a support **2** : a post to which a person is bound for death by burning; *also* : such a death **3** : something that is staked for gain or loss **4** : the prize in a contest

stake *vb* **staked**; **stak-ing** **1** : to mark the limits of with stakes **2** : to tether to a stake **3** : to support or secure with stakes **4** : to place as a bet

stake-out \ˈstāk-,aʊt\ *n* : a surveillance by police (as of an area)

sta-lac-tite \stə-ˈlak-,tīt\ *n* [NL *stalactites*, fr. Gk *stalaktos* dripping] : an icicle-shaped deposit hanging from the roof or sides of a cavern

sta-lag-mite \stə-ˈlag-,mīt\ *n* [NL *stalagmites*, fr. Gk *sta-*

lagma drop or *stalagmos* dripping] : a deposit resembling an inverted stalactite rising from the floor of a cavern

stale \ˈstāl\ *adj* **stal-er**; **stal-est** **1** : flat and tasteless from age (< beer) **2** : not freshly made (< bread) **3** : COMMONPLACE, TRITE — **stale** *vb*

stale-mate \ˈstāl-,māt\ *n* : a drawn contest : DEADLOCK — **stalemate** *vb*

stalk \ˈstɔk\ *vb* **1** : to approach (game) stealthily **2** : to walk stiffly or haughtily

stalk *n* : a plant stem; *also* : any slender usu. upright supporting or connecting part — **stalked** \ˈstɔkt\ *adj*

stall \ˈstɔl\ *n* **1** : a compartment in a stable or barn for one animal **2** : a booth or counter where articles may be displayed for sale **3** : a seat in a church choir; *also* : a church pew **4 Brit** : a front orchestra seat in a theater

stall *vb* : to bring or come to a standstill unintentionally (< an engine)

stall *n* : the condition of an airfoil or aircraft in which lift is lost and the airfoil or aircraft tends to drop

stal-lion \ˈstal-yən\ *n* : a male horse

stal-wart \ˈstɔl-wɔrt\ *adj* : STOUT, STRONG; *also* : BRAVE, VALIANT

sta-men \ˈstā-mən\ *n* : an organ of a flower that produces pollen

stam-i-na \ˈstam-ə-nə\ *n* [L, *pl.* of *stamen* warp, thread of life spun by the Fates] : VIGOR, ENDURANCE

sta-mi-nate \ˈstā-mə-nət, ˈstam-ə-, -nāt\ *adj* **1** : having or producing stamens **2** : having stamens but no pistils

stam-mer \ˈstam-ər\ *vb* **stam-mered**; **stam-mer-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to hesitate or stumble in speaking — **stammer** *n* — **stam-mer-er** *n*

stamp \ˈstæmp\ *stamp*; *for 2 also* **stämp** or **stômp** \ˈstɔmp\ *vb* **1** : to pound or crush with a heavy instrument **2** : to strike or beat with the bottom of the foot **3** : to impress or imprint with a mark **4** : to cut out or indent with a stamp or die **5** : to attach a postage stamp to

stamp *n* **1** : a device or instrument for stamping **2** : the mark made by stamping; *also* : a distinctive mark or quality **3** : the act of stamping **4** : a paper or a mark put on a thing to show that a required charge has been paid

stam-pede \ˈstam-ˈped\ *n* : a wild headlong rush or flight esp. of frightened animals

stampede *vb* **stamp-ped-ed**; **stam-ped-ing** **1** : to flee or cause to flee in panic **2** : to act or cause to act together suddenly and heedlessly

stance \ˈstæns\ *n* : a way of standing

stanch \ˈstɔnch, ˈstæŋch\ *vb* : to check the flowing of (as blood); *also* : to cease flowing or bleeding

stanch *var of* **STANCH**

stan-chion \ˈstan-ˈtʃɪən\ *n* : an upright bar, post, or support

stand \ˈstænd\ *vb* **stood** \ˈstʊd\; **stand-ing** **1** : to take or be at rest in an upright or firm position **2** : to assume a specified position **3** : to remain stationary or unchanged **4** : to be steadfast **5** : to act in resistance (< against a foe) **6** : to maintain a relative position or rank **7** : to gather slowly and remain briefly (tears *stood* in her eyes) **8** : to set upright **9** : ENDURE, TOLERATE (I won't ~ for that) **10** : to submit to (< trial) — **stand pat** : to oppose or resist change

stand *n* **1** : an act of standing, staying, or resisting **2** : a stop made to give a performance **3** : POSITION, VIEW-POINT **4** : a place taken by a witness to testify in court **5 pl** : tiered seats for spectators **6** : a raised platform (as for speakers) **7** : a structure for a small retail business **8** : a structure for supporting or holding something up-

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈvash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
 \aʊˈout \chˈeɪn \eɪˈbet \eɪˈeasy \gˈgo \iˈhit \iˈvice \iˈjob
 \ŋˈsing \dʒoˈgo \dʒˈlaw \dʒˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \uˈloot
 \uˈfoot \yˈyet \zhˈvision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

right (music ~) 9 : a group of plants growing in a continuous area

stand-alone \ˈstænd-ə-,lən\ *adj* : SELF-CONTAINED; *esp* : capable of operation independent of a computer

stand-ard \ˈstænd-ərd\ *n* 1 : a figure adopted as an emblem by a people 2 : the personal flag of a ruler; *also* : FLAG 3 : something set up as a rule for measuring or as a model to be followed 4 : an upright support (lamp ~) — **standard** *adj*

stand-ard-bear-er \-,bær-ər\ *n* : the leader of a cause

stand-ard-ize \ˈstænd-ərd-,īz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to make standard or uniform — **stand-ard-iza-tion** \,stænd-ərd-ə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*

standard of living : the necessities, comforts, and luxuries that a person or group is accustomed to

standard time *n* : the time established by law or by general usage over a region or country

stand-by \ˈstænd(-)bi\ *n, pl stand-bys* \-,biːz\ 1 : one that can be relied on 2 : a substitute in reserve — **on standby** : ready or available for immediate action or use

stand-in \ˈstæn-,dɪn\ *n* 1 : someone employed to occupy an actor's place while lights and camera are readied 2 : SUBSTITUTE

stand-ing \ˈstænd-ɪŋ\ *adj* 1 : ERECT 2 : not flowing : STAGNANT 3 : remaining at the same level or amount for an indefinite period (~ offer) 4 : PERMANENT 5 : done from a standing position (~ jump)

standing *n* 1 : length of service; *also* : relative position in society or in a profession : RANK 2 : DURATION

stand-off \ˈstænd-,ɒf\ *n* : TIE, DRAW

stand-out \ˈstænd-,aʊt\ *n* : something conspicuously excellent

stand-pipe \ˈstænd(-)piːp\ *n* : a high vertical pipe or reservoir for water used to produce a uniform pressure

stand-point \-,pɔɪnt\ *n* : a position from which objects or principles are judged

stand-still \-,stil\ *n* : a state of rest

stank \ˈstæŋk\ *past of* STINK

stan-za \ˈstæn-zə\ *n* [It] : a group of lines forming a division of a poem

sta-pes \ˈstā-,pēz\ *n, pl stapes or sta-pe-des* \ˈstā-pə-,dēz\ : the small innermost bone of the ear of mammals

staph-y-lo-coc-cus \ˈstaf-ə-lō-ˈkāk-əs\ *n, pl -coc-ci* \-ˈkāk-(s)ɪ\ : any of various spherical bacteria including some that cause purulent infections — **staph-y-lo-coc-cal** \-ˈkāk-əl\ *adj*

sta-ple \ˈstā-pəl\ *n* : a U-shaped piece of metal or wire with sharp points to be driven into or through objects and sometimes bent at the ends to hold or fasten one object to another — **staple** *vb* — **sta-pler** \-p(ə-)lər\ *n*

staple *n* 1 : a chief commodity or product 2 : the main part of a thing : chief item 3 : unmanufactured or raw material 4 : a textile fiber suitable for spinning into yarn

staple *adj* 1 : regularly produced in large quantities 2 : PRINCIPAL, MAIN

star \ˈstär\ *n* 1 : a celestial body that appears as a fixed point of light; *esp* : such a body that is gaseous, self-luminous, and of great mass 2 : a planet or configuration of planets that is held in astrology to influence one's fortune — *usu.* used in pl. 3 *obs* : DESTINY, FORTUNE 4 : a conventional figure representing a star; *esp* : ASTERISK 5 : an actor or actress playing the leading role 6 : a brilliant performer — **star-dom** \ˈstär-dəm\ *n* — **star-less** *adj* — **star-like** *adj* — **star-ry** *adj*

star *vb* **starred**; **star-ring** 1 : to adorn with stars 2 : to mark with an asterisk 3 : to play the leading role

star-board \ˈstär-bōrd\ *n* [ME *sterbord*, fr. OE *stēorbord*, fr. *stēor-* steering or + *bord* ship's side] : the right side of a ship or airplane looking forward — **starboard** *adj*

starch \ˈstärch\ *vb* : to stiffen with starch

starch *n* : a complex carbohydrate that is stored in plants, is an important foodstuff, and is used in adhe-

sives and sizes, in laundering, and in pharmacy — **starchy** *adj*

stare \ˈstær\ *vb* **stared**; **star-ing** : to look fixedly with wide-open eyes — **stare** *n* — **star-er** *n*

star-fish \ˈstär-,fɪʃ\ *n* : any of a class of echinoderms *usu.* having five arms arranged around a central disk and feeding largely on mollusks

stark \ˈstärk\ *adj* 1 *archaic* : STRONG, ROBUST 2 : rigid as if in death; *also* : STRICT 3 : SHEER, UTTER 4 : BARREN, DESOLATE (~ landscape); *also* : UNADORNED (~ realism) 5 : sharply delineated — **stark** *adv* — **stark-ly** *adv*

star-light \ˈstär-,lɪt\ *n* : the light given by the stars

star-ling \ˈstär-liŋ\ *n* : a dark brown or in summer glossy greenish black European bird related to the crows that is naturalized and often a pest in No. America

start \ˈstɑrt\ *vb* 1 : to give an involuntary twitch or jerk (as from surprise) 2 : BEGIN, COMMENCE 3 : to set going 4 : to enter (as a horse) in a contest 5 : TAP (~ a cask) — **start-er** *n*

start *n* 1 : a sudden involuntary motion : LEAP 2 : a spasmodic and brief effort or action 3 : BEGINNING; *also* : the place of beginning

star-tle \ˈstɑrt-əl\ *vb* **star-tled**; **star-ting** \ˈstɑrt-(ə-)liŋ\ : to frighten or surprise suddenly : cause to start

star-ting *adj* : causing sudden fear, surprise, or anxiety

starve \ˈstärv\ *vb* **starved**; **star-ving** [ME *sterven* to die, fr. OE *steorfan*] 1 : to perish from hunger 2 : to suffer extreme hunger 3 : to kill with hunger; *also* : to distress or subdue by famine — **star-va-tion** \ˈstär-ˈvā-shən\ *n*

starve-ling \ˈstärv-liŋ\ *n* : one that is thin from lack of nourishment

stash \ˈstæʃ\ *vb* : to store in a secret place — **stash** *n*

stat *abbr* 1 [L *statim*] immediately 2 statute

state \ˈstæt\ *n* [ME *stat*, fr. OF & L; OF *estat*, fr. L *status*, fr. *stare* to stand] 1 : mode or condition of being (gaseous ~ of water) 2 : condition of mind 3 : social position 4 : a body of people occupying a definite territory and organized under one government; *also* : the government of such a body of people 5 : one of the constituent units of a nation having a federal government — **state-hood** \-,hüd\ *n*

state *vb* **stated**; **stat-ing** 1 : FIX (stated intervals) 2 : to express in words

state-craft \ˈstæt-,kraɪt\ *n* : state management : STATESMANSHIP

state-house \-,haʊs\ *n* : the building in which a state legislature meets

state-ly \ˈstæt-lē\ *adj* **state-li-er**; -est 1 : having lofty dignity : HAUGHTY 2 : IMPRESSIVE, MAJESTIC *syn* magnificent, imposing, august — **state-li-ness** *n*

state-ment \ˈstæt-mənt\ *n* 1 : the act or result of presenting in words 2 : a summary of a financial account

state-room \ˈstæt-,rüm, -rüm\ *n* : a private room on a ship or railroad car

state-side \ˈstæt-,sɪd\ *adj* : of or relating to the U.S. as regarded from outside its continental limits (~ mail) — **stateside** *adv*

states-man \ˈstæts-mən\ *n* : one skilled in government and wise in handling public affairs; *also* : one influential in shaping public policy — **states-man-like** *adj* — **states-man-ship** *n*

stat-ic \ˈstæt-ɪk\ *adj* 1 : acting by mere weight without motion (~ pressure) 2 : relating to bodies or forces at rest or in equilibrium 3 : not moving : not active 4 : of or relating to stationary charges of electricity 5 : of, relating to, or caused by radio static

static *n* : noise produced in a radio or television receiver by atmospheric or other electrical disturbances

sta-tion \ˈstā-shən\ *n* 1 : the place where a person or thing stands or is appointed to remain 2 : a regular stopping place on a transportation route (a railroad ~) (a bus ~); *also* : DEPOT 3 : a place where a fleet is assigned for duty 4 : a stock farm or ranch in Australia or New Zealand 5

: social standing **6** : a complete assemblage of radio or television equipment for sending or receiving

station *vb* **sta-tioned**; **station-ing** \ˈstā-sh(ə)-nɪŋ\ : to assign to a station

station-ary \ˈstā-shə-,ner-ē\ *adj* **1** : fixed in a certain place or position **2** : not changing condition : neither improving nor getting worse

station break *n* : a pause in a radio or television broadcast for announcement of the identity of the network or station

sta-tio-ner \ˈstā-sh(ə)-nər\ *n* : one that sells stationery

sta-tio-ner-y \ˈstā-shə-,ner-ē\ *n* : materials (as paper, pens, or ink) for writing; *esp* : letter paper with envelopes

station wagon *n* : an automobile having an interior longer than a sedan's, one or more folding or removable seats to make carrying light cargo easier, and no trunk

sta-tis-tic \ˈstā-tis-tik\ *n* **1** : a single term or datum in a collection of statistics **2** : a quantity (as the mean) that is computed from a sample

sta-tis-tics \ˈstā-tis-tiks\ *n pl* [G *statistik* study of political facts and figures, fr. NL *statisticus* of politics, fr. L *status* state] **1** : a branch of mathematics dealing with the analysis and interpretation of masses of numerical data **2** : facts collected and arranged in an orderly way for study — **sta-tis-ti-cal** \-ti-kəl\ *adj* — **sta-tis-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **stat-is-ti-cian** \,stat-ə-ˈstish-ən\ *n*

stat-u-ary \ˈstach-ə-,wer-ē\ *n, pl-ar-ies* **1** : the art of making statues **2** : STATUES

stat-ue \ˈstach-ü\ *n* : a likeness of a living being sculptured in a solid substance

stat-u-esque \,stach-ə-ˈwes\ *adj* : resembling a statue *esp.* in well-proportioned or massive dignity

stat-u-ette \,stach-ə-ˈwet\ *n* : a small statue

stat-ure \ˈstach-ər\ *n* **1** : natural height (as of a person) **2** : quality or status gained (as by achievement)

sta-tus \ˈstāt-əs, ˈstat-\ *n* **1** : the state or condition of a person in the eyes of others **2** : condition of affairs

sta-tus quo \-ˈkwō\ *n* [L, state in which] : the existing state of affairs

stat-ute \ˈstach-üt\ *n* : a law enacted by a legislative body

stat-u-to-ry \ˈstach-ə-,tör-ē\ *adj* : imposed by statute : LAWFUL

staunch \ˈstōnch\ *var of* STANCH

staunch *adj* **1** : WATERTIGHT (a ~ ship) **2** : FIRM, STRONG; *also* : STEADFAST, LOYAL *syn* resolute, constant, true, faithful — **staunch-ly** *adv*

stave \ˈstāv\ *n* **1** : CUDGEL, STAFF **2** : any of several narrow strips of wood placed edge to edge to make something (as a barrel or bucket) **3** : STANZA

stave *vb* **staved** or **stove** \ˈstöv\; **staving** **1** : to break in the staves of; *also* : to break a hole in **2** : to drive or thrust away (~ off trouble)

staves *pl of* STAFF

stay \ˈstā\ *n* : a strong rope or wire used to support or steady something (as a ship's mast)

stay *vb* **stayed** \ˈstād\ *also* **staid** \ˈstād\; **stay-ing** **1** : PAUSE, WAIT **2** : to stand firm **3** : LIVE, DWELL **4** : DELAY, POSTPONE **5** : to last out (as a race) **6** : STOP, CHECK **7** : to satisfy (as hunger) for a time *syn* remain, abide, linger, tarry

stay *n* **1** : STOP, HALT **2** : a residence or sojourn in a place

stay *n* **1** : PROP, SUPPORT **2** : CORSET — *usu.* used in pl.

stay *vb* : to hold up : PROP

staying power *n* : STAMINA

stbd *abbr* starboard

std *abbr* standard

STD \ˈes-ˈtē-ˈdē\ *n* : SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE

Ste *abbr* [F *sainte*] saint (female)

stead \ˈsted\ *n* **1** : ADVANTAGE, AVAIL (stood him in good ~) **2** : the place or function ordinarily occupied or carried out by another (her brother served in her ~)

stead-fast \ˈsted-,fast\ *adj* **1** : firmly fixed in place **2** : not

subject to change **3** : firm in belief, determination, or adherence : LOYAL *syn* resolute, true, faithful, staunch — **stead-fast-ly** *adv* — **stead-fast-ness** *n*

steady \ˈsted-ē\ *adj* **stead-i-er**; **-est** **1** : FIRM, FIXED **2** : not faltering or swerving; *also* : CALM **3** : STABLE **4** : CONSTANT, RESOLUTE **5** : REGULAR **6** : RELIABLE, SOBER *syn* uniform, even, stable, constant — **stead-i-ly** \ˈsted-ē-lē\ *adv* — **stead-i-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n* — **steady** *adv*

steady *vb* **stead-ied**; **stead-y-ing** : to make or become steady

steak \ˈstāk\ *n* : a slice of meat cut from a fleshy part *esp.* of a beef carcass

steal \ˈstēl\ *vb* **stole** \ˈstōl\; **sto-len** \ˈstō-lən\; **steal-ing** **1** : to come or go secretly or gradually **2** : to take and carry away without right or permission **3** : to get for oneself slyly or secretly **4** : to gain a base in baseball by running without the aid of a hit or an error *syn* pilfer, filch, purloin, swipe

steal *n* **1** : an act of stealing **2** : BARGAIN

stealth \ˈstelth\ *n* : secret or underhanded procedure

: FURTIVENESS

stealthy \ˈstel-thē\ *adj* **stealth-i-er**; **-est** : done by stealth : FURTIVE, SLY *syn* secret, covert, clandestine, surreptitious, underhanded — **stealth-i-ly** \ˈstel-thə-lē\ *adv*

steam \ˈstēm\ *n* **1** : the vapor into which water is changed when heated to the boiling point **2** : water vapor when compressed so that it supplies heat and power **3** : POWER, FORCE, ENERGY — **steam-y** *adj*

steam *vb* **1** : to pass off as vapor **2** : to emit vapor **3** : to move by or as if by the agency of steam — **steam-er** *n*

steam-boat \ˈstēm-,bōt\ *n* : a boat driven by steam power

steam engine *n* : a reciprocating engine having a piston driven in a closed cylinder by steam

steam-fit-ter \ˈstēm-,fit-ər\ *n* : a workman who puts in or repairs equipment (as steam pipes) for heating, ventilating, or refrigerating systems — **steam fitting** *n*

steam-roll-er \-ˈrō-lər\ *n* : a machine for compacting roads or pavements — **steam-roll-er** *also* **steam-roll** \-,rōl\ *vb*

steam-ship \-,ship\ *n* : a ship driven by steam

steed \ˈstēd\ *n* : HORSE

steel \ˈstēl\ *n* **1** : iron treated with intense heat and mixed with carbon to make it hard and tough **2** : an article made of steel **3** : a quality (as hardness of mind) that suggests steel — **steel** *adj* — **steely** *adj*

steel *vb* **1** : to sheathe, point, or edge with steel **2** : to make able to resist

steel wool *n* : long fine steel shavings used *esp.* for scouring and smoothing

steel-yard \ˈstēl-,yārd\ *n* : a balance in which the object to be weighed is hung from the shorter arm of a lever and is balanced by a weight that slides along the longer arm

steep \ˈstēp\ *adj* **1** : having a very sharp slope : PRECIPITOUS **2** : too great or too high (~ prices) — **steep-ly** *adv* — **steep-ness** *n*

steep *n* : a steep slope

steep *vb* **1** : to soak in a liquid; *esp* : to extract the essence of by soaking (~ tea) **2** : SATURATE (~ed in learning)

stee-ple \ˈstē-pəl\ *n* : a tall tapering structure built on top of a church tower; *also* : a church tower

stee-ple-chase \-,chās\ *n* [fr. the use of church steeples as landmarks to guide the riders] : a race across country by horsemen; *also* : a race over a course obstructed by hurdles

steer \ˈstīər\ *n* : a male bovine animal castrated before sexual maturity and *usu.* raised for beef

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\əˈsing \əˈgo \əˈlaw \əˈboy \əˈthin \əˈth \əˈlout
\əˈfoot \əˈyet \əˈzh\ *vision see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

steer *vb* **1** : to direct the course of (as by a rudder or wheel) **2** : GUIDE, CONTROL **3** : to pursue a course of action **4** : to be subject to guidance or direction — **steers-man** \ˈstīərz-mən\ *n*

steer-age \ˈsti(ə)r-ij\ *n* **1** : DIRECTION, GUIDANCE **2** : a section in a passenger ship for passengers paying the lowest fares

stein \ˈstīn\ *n* : an earthenware mug

stel-lar \ˈstel-ər\ *adj* : of or relating to stars : resembling a star

stem \ˈstem\ *n* **1** : the main stalk of a plant; *also* : a plant part that supports another part (as a leaf or fruit) **2** : the bow of a ship **3** : a line of ancestry : STOCK **4** : that part of an inflected word which remains unchanged throughout a given inflection **5** : something resembling the stem of a plant — **stem-less** *adj*

stem *vb* **stemmed**; **stem-ming** : to have a specified source : DERIVE

stem *vb* **stemmed**; **stem-ming** : to make headway against (~ the tide)

stem *vb* **stemmed**; **stem-ming** : to stop or check by or as if by damming

stemmed \ˈstemd\ *adj* : having a stem

stench \ˈstentʃ\ *n* : STINK

sten-cil \ˈsten-səl\ *n* [ME *stanseler*, fr. *estanceler*, fr. *estancele* spark, fr. (assumed) VL *scintilla*, fr. L *scintilla*] : a piece of thin impervious material (as metal or paper) that is perforated with lettering or a design through which a substance (as ink or paint) is applied to a surface to be printed — **stencil** *vb*



stencil

ste-nog-ra-phy \stə-ˈnäg-rə-fē\ *n* : the art or process of writing in shorthand — **ste-nog-ra-pher** \-fər\ *n* — **steno-graphic** \ˈsten-ə-ˈgräf-ik\ *adj*

sten-to-ri-an \ˈsten-ˈtōr-ē-ən\ *adj* : extremely loud

step \ˈstep\ *n* **1** : a rest for the foot in ascending or descending : STAIR **2** : an advance made by raising one foot and putting it down in a different spot **3** : manner of walking **4** : a small space or distance **5** : a degree, rank, or plane in a series **6** : a sequential measure leading to a result

step *vb* **stepped**; **step-ping** **1** : to advance or recede by steps **2** : to go on foot : WALK **3** : to move along briskly **4** : to press down with the foot **5** : to measure by steps **6** : to construct or arrange in or as if in steps

step-broth-er \ˈstep-,brəth-ər\ *n* : the son of one's step-parent by a former marriage

step-child \-,child\ *n* : a child of one's husband or wife by a former marriage

step-daugh-ter \-,dōt-ər\ *n* : a daughter of one's wife or husband by a former marriage

step down *vb* **1** : to lower the voltage of (a current) by means of a transformer **2** : RETIRE, RESIGN

step-fa-ther \-,fäth-ər\ *n* : the husband of one's mother by a subsequent marriage

step-lad-der \ˈstep-,lad-ər\ *n* : a light portable set of steps in a hinged frame

step-moth-er \-,mōth-ər\ *n* : the wife of one's father by a subsequent marriage

step-par-ent \-,par-ənt\ *n* : the husband or wife of one's mother or father by a subsequent marriage

steppe \ˈstep\ *n* [Russ *step'*] : dry level grass-covered

land in regions of wide temperature range esp. in southeastern Europe and Asia

step-sis-ter \ˈstep-,sis-tər\ *n* : the daughter of one's step-parent by a former marriage

step-son \-,sən\ *n* : a son of one's wife or husband by a former marriage

step up \ˈstep-ˈəp\ *vb* **1** : to increase the voltage of (a current) by means of a transformer **2** : INCREASE, ACCELERATE — **step-up** \ˈstep-,əp\ *n*

ster *abbr* sterling

ste-reo \ˈster-ē-,ō-,ˈstīr-\ *n*, *pl* **ste-re-os** **1** : stereophonic reproduction **2** : a stereophonic sound system — **stereo** *adj*

ste-reo-phon-ic \ˈster-ē-ə-ˈfän-ik-,ˈstīr-\ *adj* : of or relating to sound reproduction designed to create the effect of listening to the original — **ste-reo-phon-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

ster-e-o-scope \ˈster-ē-ə-,sköp-,ˈstīr-\ *n* [Gk *stereos* solid + *skopein* to look at] : an optical instrument that blends two slightly different pictures of the same subject to give the effect of depth

ste-reo-scop-ic \ˈster-ē-ə-ˈskäp-ik-,ˈstīr-\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to the stereoscope **2** : characterized by stereoscopy (~ vision) — **ste-reo-scop-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

ste-re-os-co-py \ˈster-ē-ˈäs-kə-pē-,ˈstīr-\ *n* : the seeing of objects in three dimensions

ste-reo-type \ˈster-ē-ə-,tīp-,ˈstīr-\ *n* **1** : a metal printing plate cast from a mold made from set type **2** : something agreeing with a pattern; *esp* : an idea that many people have about a thing or a group and that may often be untrue or only partly true

ster-eo-typed \-,tīpt\ *adj* : repeated without variation : lacking originality or individuality *syn* trite, clichéd, commonplace, hackneyed, stale, threadbare

ster-ile \ˈster-əl\ *adj* **1** : unable to bear fruit, crops, or offspring **2** : free from living things and esp. germs — **ster-il-i-ty** \stə-ˈril-ət-ē\ *n*

ster-il-ize \ˈster-ə-,līz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to make sterile; *esp* : to free from germs — **ster-il-iza-tion** \ˈster-ə-lə-ˈzā-shən\ *n* — **ster-il-iz-er** \ˈster-ə-,lī-zər\ *n*

ster-ling \ˈstər-līŋ\ *n* **1** : British money **2** : sterling silver

sterling *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or calculated in terms of British sterling **2** : having a fixed standard of purity represented by an alloy of 925 parts of silver with 75 parts of copper **3** : made of sterling silver **4** : EXCELLENT

stern \ˈstɜrn\ *adj* **1** : SEVERE, AUSTERE **2** : STOUT, STURDY (~ resolve) — **stern-ly** *adv* — **stern-ness** *n*

stern *n* : the rear end of a boat

ster-num \ˈstər-nəm\ *n*, *pl* **sternums** or **ster-na** \-nə\ : a long flat bone or cartilage at the center front of the chest connecting the ribs of the two sides

ste-roid \ˈstīr-,ōid\ *n* : any of numerous compounds containing a 17-carbon 4-ring system and including various hormones and sugar derivatives — **steroid** or **ste-roi-dal** \stə-ˈrōid-əl\ *adj*

stetho-scope \ˈsteth-ə-,sköp\ *n* : an instrument for listening to sounds produced in the body and esp. in the chest

ste-ve-dore \ˈstē-və-,dör\ *n* [Sp *estibador*, fr. *estibar* to pack, fr. L *stipare* to press together] : one who works at loading and unloading ships

stew \ˈst(y)ü\ *n* **1** : a dish of stewed meat and vegetables served in gravy **2** : a state of excitement, worry, or confusion

stew *vb* **1** : to boil slowly : SIMMER **2** : to become excited or worried

stew-ard \ˈst(y)ü-ərd\ *n* [ME, fr. OE *stīweard*, fr. *stī* hall, *sty* + *weard* ward] **1** : one employed on a large estate to manage domestic concerns (as keeping accounts and directing servants) **2** : one actively concerned with the direction of the affairs of an organization **3** : one who supervises the provision and distribution of food (as on a ship); *also* : an employee on a ship or airplane who serves passengers — **stew-ard-ship** *n*

stew-ard-ess \-əs\ *n* : a woman who is a steward

stg *abbr* sterling

stick \stik\ *n* **1** : a cut or broken branch or twig; *also* : a long slender piece of wood **2** : ROD, STAFF **3** : something resembling a stick **4** : a dull uninteresting person

stick *vb* **stuck** \stək\; **stick-ing** **1** : STAB, PRICK **2** : IMPALE **3** : ATTACH, FASTEN **4** : to thrust or project in some direction or manner **5** : to be unable to proceed or move freely **6** : to hold fast by or as if by gluing : ADHERE **7** : to hold to something firmly or closely : CLING **8** : to become jammed or blocked

stick-er \stik-ər\ *n* : one that sticks (as a bur) or causes sticking (as glue); *esp* : a gummed label

stick insect *n* : any of various usu. wingless insects (as a walkingstick) with a long round body resembling a stick

stick-ler \stik-(ə-)lər\ *n* : one who insists on exactness or completeness

stick shift *n* : a manually operated gearshift mounted on the steering-wheel column or floor of an automobile

stick-to-it-ive-ness \stik-ət-iv-nəs\ *n* : dogged perseverance : TENACITY

stick up \(\stik-əp\ *vb* : to rob at gunpoint — **stick-up** \stik-əp\ *n*

sticky \stik-ē\ *adj* **stick-i-er**; **-est** **1** : ADHESIVE **2** : VISCOUS, GLUEY **3** : tending to stick (~ valve)

stiff \stif\ *adj* **1** : not pliant : RIGID **2** : not limber (~ joints); *also* : TENSE, TAUT **3** : not flowing or working easily (~ paste) **4** : not natural and easy : FORMAL **5** : STRONG, FORCEFUL (~ breeze) **6** : HARSH, SEVERE *syn* inflexible, rigid, inelastic — **stiff-ly** *adv* — **stiff-ness** *n*

stiff *vb* : to refrain from tipping (~ a waiter)

stiff-en \stif-ən\ *vb* **stiff-ened**; **stiff-en-ing** \-(ə-)nɪŋ\ : to make or become stiff — **stiff-en-er** \-(ə-)nər\ *n*

stiff-necked \-ˈnekt\ *adj* : STUBBORN, HAUGHTY

sti-fle \stī-fəl\ *vb* **sti-fled**; **sti-pling** \-f(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : SUFFOCATE **2** : QUENCH, SUPPRESS **3** : SMOTHER, MUFFLE **4** : to die because of obstruction of the breath

stig-ma \stīg-mə\ *n*, *pl* **stig-ma-ta** \stīg-ˈmāt-ə, ˈstīg-mət-ə\ or **stigmas** [L] **1** : a mark of disgrace or discredit **2** *pl* : bodily marks resembling the wounds of the crucified Christ **3** : the upper part of the pistil of a flower that receives the pollen in fertilization — **stig-mat-ic** \stīg-ˈmat-ik\ *adj*

stig-ma-tize \stīg-mə-tīz\ *vb* **-tized**; **-tiz-ing** **1** : to mark with a stigma **2** : to set a mark of disgrace upon

stile \stīl\ *n* : steps used for crossing a fence or wall

sti-let-to \stī-ˈlet-ō\ *n*, *pl* **-tos** or **-toes** [It, dim. of *stilo* stylus, dagger] : a slender dagger

still \stīl\ *adj* **1** : MOTIONLESS **2** : making no sound : QUIET, SILENT — **still-ness** *n*

still *vb* : to make or become still : QUIET

still *adv* **1** : without motion (sit ~) **2** : up to and during this or that time **3** : in spite of that : NEVERTHELESS **4** : EVEN (ran ~ faster) **5** : BESIDES, YET

still *n* **1** : STILLNESS, SILENCE **2** : a static photograph *esp.* of an instant in a motion picture

still *n* **1** : DISTILLERY **2** : apparatus used in distillation

still-birth \stīl-ˈbərth\ *n* : the birth of a dead fetus

still-born \-ˈbɔrn\ *adj* : born dead

still life *n*, *pl* **still lifes** : a picture of inanimate objects

stilt \stīlt\ *n* : one of a pair of poles for walking with each having a step or loop for the foot; *also* : a polelike support of a structure above ground or water level

stilt-ed \stīl-təd\ *adj* : FORMAL, POMPOUS (~ writing)

Stil-ton \stīlt-n\ *n* : a blue-veined cheese with wrinkled rind

stim-u-lant \stīm-yə-lənt\ *n* **1** : an agent (as a drug) that temporarily increases the activity of an organism or any of its parts **2** : STIMULUS **3** : an alcoholic beverage — **stimulant** *adj*

stim-u-late \-,lāt\ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** : to make active or more active : ANIMATE, AROUSE *syn* excite, provoke,

motivate, quicken — **stim-u-la-tion** \stīm-yə-ˈlā-shən\ *n* — **stim-u-la-tive** \stīm-yə-,lāt-iv\ *adj*

stim-u-lus \stīm-yə-ləs\ *n*, *pl* **-li** \-,lɪ\ [L] : something that stimulates : SPUR

sting \stɪŋ\ *vb* **stung** \stəŋ\; **sting-ing** \stɪŋ-ɪŋ\ **1** : to prick painfully *esp.* with a sharp or poisonous process **2** : to cause to suffer acutely — **sting-er** *n*

sting *n* **1** : an act of stinging; *also* : a resultant sore, pain, or mark **2** : a pointed often venom-bearing organ (as of a bee)

sting-y \stɪn-jē\ *adj* **stin-gi-er**; **-est** : not generous : SPARING, NIGGARDLY — **stin-gi-ness** *n*

stink \stɪŋk\ *vb* **stank** \stəŋk\ or **stunk** \stəŋk\; **stunk**; **stink-ing** : to give forth a strong and offensive smell; *also* : to be extremely bad in quality or repute — **stink** *n* — **stink-er** *n*

stink-bug \stɪŋk-,bʊg\ *n* : any of various true bugs that emit a disagreeable odor

stint \stɪnt\ *vb* **1** : to be sparing or frugal **2** : to restrict to a scant allowance : cut short in amount

stint *n* **1** : RESTRAINT, LIMITATION **2** : an assigned amount of work **3** : a period of time spent at a particular activity

sti-pend \stī-,pɛnd-,pənd\ *n* [alter. of ME *stipendy*, fr. L *stipendium*, fr. *stips* gift + *pendere* to weigh, pay] : a fixed sum of money paid periodically for services or to defray expenses

stip-ple \stip-əl\ *vb* **stip-pled**; **stip-pling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to engrave by means of dots and light strokes instead of by lines **2** : to apply (as paint or ink) with small short touches that together produce an even and softly graded shadow — **stipple** *n*

stip-u-late \stip-yə-,lāt\ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** : to make an agreement; *esp* : to make a special demand for something as a condition in an agreement — **stip-u-la-tion** \stip-yə-ˈlāsh-ən\ *n*

stir \stər\ *vb* **stirred**; **stir-ring** **1** : to move slightly **2** : AROUSE, EXCITE **3** : to mix, dissolve, or make by continued circular movement (~ eggs into cake batter) **4** : to move to activity (as by pushing, beating, or prodding)

stir *n* **1** : a state of agitation or activity **2** : an act of stirring

stir *n*, *slang* : PRISON

stir-fry \stər-,frɪ\ *vb* : to fry quickly over high heat while stirring continuously

stir-ring \stər-ɪŋ\ *adj* **1** : ACTIVE, BUSTLING **2** : ROUSING, INSPIRING

stir-rup \stər-əp\ *n* [OE *stigrāp*, lit., mounting rope] **1** : a light frame hung from a saddle to support the foot of a horseback rider **2** : STAPES

stitch \stɪtʃ\ *n* **1** : a sudden sharp pain *esp.* in the side **2** : one of the series of loops formed by or over a needle in sewing *syn* twinge, pang, throe

stitch *vb* **1** : to fasten or join with stitches **2** : to decorate with stitches **3** : SEW

stk *abbr* stock

stoat \stōt\ *n*, *pl* **stoats** *also* **stoat** : the European ermine *esp.* in its brown summer coat

stock \stāk\ *n* **1** *archaic* : a block of wood **2** : a stupid person **3** : a wooden part of a thing serving as its support, frame, or handle **4** *pl* : a device for publicly punishing offenders consisting of a wooden frame with holes in which the feet and hands can be locked **5** : the original from which others derive; *also* : a group having a common origin : FAMILY **6** : farm animals **7** : the supply of goods kept by a merchant **8** : the proprietorship element in a corporation divided to give the owners an interest and usu. voting power **9** : a company of actors playing at a particular theater and presenting a series of

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- plays **10** : liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been simmered that is used as a basis for soup, gravy, or sauce **11** : raw material
- 2stock** *vb* : to provide with stock
- 3stock** *adj* : kept regularly for sale or use; *also* : used regularly : **STANDARD**
- stock-ade** \stāk-ˈkād\ *n* [Sp *estacada*, fr. *estaca* stake, pale] : an enclosure of posts and stakes for defense or confinement
- stock-bro-ker** \-,brō-kər\ *n* : one who executes orders to buy and sell securities
- stock car** *n* : a racing car having the basic chassis of a commercially produced regular model
- stock exchange** *n* **1** : a place where trading in securities is accomplished under an organized system **2** : an association of stockbrokers
- stock-hold-er** \ˈstāk-,hōl-dər\ *n* : one who owns corporate stock
- stock-i-nette** or **stock-i-net** \stāk-ə-ˈnet\ *n* : an elastic knitted textile fabric used esp. for infants' wear and bandages
- stock-ing** \ˈstāk-ɪŋ\ *n* : a close-fitting knitted covering for the foot and leg
- stock market** *n* **1** : STOCK EXCHANGE **2** : a market for stocks
- stock-pile** \ˈstāk-,pīl\ *n* : a reserve supply esp. of something essential — **stockpile** *vb*
- stocky** \ˈstāk-ē\ *adj* **stock-i-er**; **-est** : being short and relatively thick : **STURDY** *syn* thickset, squat, heavysset, stubby
- stock-yard** \ˈstāk-,yārd\ *n* : a yard for stock; *esp* : one for livestock about to be slaughtered or shipped
- stodgy** \stāj-ē\ *adj* **stodg-i-er**; **-est** : HEAVY, DULL, UNINSPIRED
- 5sto-ic** \stō-ik\ *n* [ME, fr. L *stoicus*, fr. Gk *stōikos*, lit., of the portico, fr. *Stoa* (Poikilē) the Painted Portico, portico at Athens where Zeno taught] : one who suffers without complaining
- 2stoic** or **sto-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* : not affected by passion or feeling; *esp* : showing indifference to pain *syn* impassive, phlegmatic, apathetic, stolid — **sto-ical-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv* — **sto-icism** \stō-ə-,siz-əm\ *n*
- stoke** \stōk\ *vb* **stoked**; **stok-ing** **1** : to stir up a fire **2** : to tend and supply fuel to a furnace — **stok-er** *n*
- STOL** *abbr* short takeoff and landing
- 1stole** \stōl\ *past of* STEAL
- 2stole** *n* **1** : a long narrow band worn round the neck by some clergymen **2** : a long wide scarf or similar covering worn by women
- stolen** *past part of* STEAL
- stol-id** \stāl-əd\ *adj* : not easily aroused or excited : showing little or no emotion *syn* phlegmatic, apathetic, impassive, stoic — **sto-lid-i-ty** \stā-ˈlīd-ət-ē\ *n* — **sto-lid-ly** \stāl-əd-lē\ *adv*
- sto-lon** \stō-lən-,lən\ *n* : **RUNNER** **6**
- 1stom-ach** \stəm-ək\ *n* **1** : a saclike digestive organ of a vertebrate into which food goes from the mouth by way of the throat and which opens below into the intestine **2** : a cavity in an invertebrate animal that is analogous to a stomach **3** : **ABDOMEN** **4** : desire for food caused by hunger : **APPETITE** **5** : **INCLINATION, DESIRE**
- 2stomach** *vb* : to bear without overt resentment : **BROOK**
- stom-ach-ache** \-,āk\ *n* : pain in or in the region of the stomach
- stom-ach-er** \stəm-i-kər-,i-chər\ *n* : the front of a bodice often appearing between the laces of an outer garment (as in 16th century costume)
- 1stomp** \stāmp-,stōmp\ *vb* : **STAMP**
- 2stomp** *n* **1** : **STAMP** **3** **2** : a jazz dance marked by heavy stamping
- 1stone** \stōn\ *n* **1** : hardened earth or mineral matter : **ROCK** **2** : a small piece of rock **3** : a precious stone : **GEM** **4** : a hard abnormal mass in a bodily cavity or duct
- 5** : a hard stony seed or one (as of a plum) with a stony covering **6** *pl usu* **stone** : a British unit of weight equal to 14 pounds — **stony** *also* **ston-ey** \ˈstō-nē\ *adj*
- 2stone** *vb* **stoned**; **ston-ing** **1** : to pelt or kill with stones **2** : to remove the stones of (a fruit)
- Stone Age** *n* : the first known period of prehistoric human culture characterized by the use of stone tools
- stoned** \ˈstōnd\ *adj* **1** : **DRUNK** **2** : being under the influence of a drug
- stood** *past and past part of* **STAND**
- stooge** \ˈstūj\ *n* **1** : a person who plays a subordinate or compliant role to a principal **2** : **STRAIGHT MAN**
- stool** \stūl\ *n* **1** : a seat usu. without back or arms **2** : **FOOTSTOOL** **3** : a seat used while urinating or defecating **4** : a discharge of fecal matter
- stool pigeon** *n* : **DECOY, INFORMER**
- 1stoop** \stūp\ *vb* **1** : to bend over **2** : **CONDESCEND** **3** : to humiliate or lower oneself socially or morally
- 2stoop** *n* **1** : an act of bending over **2** : a bent position of head and shoulders
- 3stoop** *n* : a porch or platform at a house door
- 1stop** \stāp\ *vb* **stopped**; **stop-ping** **1** : to close (an opening or hole) by filling or covering closely **2** : **BLOCK, HALT** **3** : to cease to go on **4** : to cease activity or operation **5** : **STAY, TARRY** *syn* quit, discontinue, desist, halt, cease
- 2stop** *n* **1** : **END, CESSATION** **2** : a set of organ pipes of one tone quality; *also* : a control knob for such a set **3** : **OBSTRUCTION** **4** : **PLUG, STOPPER** **5** : an act of stopping : **CHECK** **6** : a delay in a journey : **STAY** **7** : a place for stopping **8** *chiefly Brit* : any of several punctuation marks
- stop-gap** \ˈstāp-,gap\ *n* : something that serves as a temporary expedient
- stop-light** \-,līt\ *n* : **TRAFFIC LIGHT**
- stop-page** \ˈstāp-ij\ *n* : the act of stopping : the state of being stopped
- stop-per** \ˈstāp-ər\ *n* : something (as a cork or plug) for sealing an opening
- stop-watch** \ˈstāp-,wäch\ *n* : a watch having a component (as a hand) that can be started or stopped at will for exact timing
- stor-age** \ˈstōr-ij\ *n* **1** : space for storing; *also* : cost of storing **2** : the act of storing; *esp* : the safekeeping of goods (as in a warehouse)
- storage battery** *n* : a group of connected cells that converts chemical energy into electrical energy by reversible chemical reactions and that may be recharged by electrical means
- 1store** \stōr\ *vb* **stored**; **stor-ing** **1** : to provide esp. for a future need **2** : to place or leave in a safe location for preservation or future use
- 2store** *n* **1** : something accumulated and kept for future use **2** : a large or ample quantity **3** : **STOREHOUSE** **4** : a retail business establishment
- store-house** \-,haüs\ *n* : a building for storing goods or supplies; *also* : an abundant source or supply
- store-keep-er** \-,kē-pər\ *n* : one who operates a retail store
- store-room** \-,rüm-,rüm\ *n* : a room for storing goods or supplies
- sto-ried** \ˈstōr-ēd\ *adj* : celebrated in story or history
- stork** \stōrk\ *n* : any of various large stout-billed Old World wading birds related to the herons and ibises
- 1storm** \stōrm\ *n* **1** : a heavy fall of rain, snow, or hail with high wind **2** : a violent outbreak or disturbance **3** : a mass attack on a defended position — **storm-i-ly** \ˈstōrm-ə-lē\ *adv* — **storm-i-ness** \-mē-nəs\ *n* — **stormy** *adj*
- 2storm** *vb* **1** : to blow with violence; *also* : to rain, snow, or hail heavily **2** : to make a mass attack against **3** : to be violently angry : **RAGE** **4** : to rush along furiously
- 1sto-ry** \stōr-ē\ *n, pl* **stories** **1** : **NARRATIVE, ACCOUNT** **2** : **REPORT, STATEMENT** **3** : **ANECDOTE** **4** : **LIE, FALSEHOOD** *syn* lie, falsehood, untruth, tale, canard

2story also **sto-rey** \ˈstōr-ē\ *n*, *pl* **stories** also **storeys** : a floor of a building or the space between two adjacent floor levels
sto-ry-tell-er \-,tel-ər\ *n* : a teller of stories
sto-tin-ka \stō-ˈtɪŋ-kə, stə-, *n*, *pl* **-tin-ki** \-kē\ — see **lev** at MONEY table
1stout \ˈstaʊt\ *adj* **1** : BRAVE **2** : FIRM **3** : STURDY **4** : STAUNCH, ENDURING **5** : SOLID **6** : FORCEFUL **7** : BULKY, THICKEST **syn** fleshy, fat, portly, corpulent, obese, plump — **stout-ly** *adv* — **stout-ness** *n*
2stout *n* : a dark heavy alcoholic beverage brewed from roasted malt and hops
1stove \ˈstōv\ *n* : an apparatus that burns fuel or uses electricity to provide heat (as for cooking or heating)
2stove *past and past part* of STAVE
stow \stō\ *vb* **1** : HIDE, STORE **2** : to pack in a compact mass
stow-away \ˈstō-ə-, wə\ *n* : one who hides on a vehicle to ride free
1STP \-,es-,tē-ˈpē\ *n* : a psychotropic drug chemically related to amphetamine
2STP *abbr* standard temperature and pressure
strad-dle \ˈstrad-əl\ *vb* **strad-dled**; **strad-dling** \ˈstrad-(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to stand, sit, or walk with legs spread apart **2** : to favor or seem to favor two apparently opposite sides — **straddle** *n*
strafe \ˈstrāf\ *vb* **strafed**; **straf-ing** : to fire upon with machine guns from a low-flying airplane
strag-gle \ˈstrag-əl\ *vb* **strag-gled**; **strag-gling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to wander from the direct course : ROVE, STRAY **2** : to become separated from others of the same kind — **strag-gler** \-(ə-)lər\ *n* — **strag-gly** \-(ə-)lē\ *adj*
1straight \ˈstrāt\ *adj* **1** : free from curves, bends, angles, or irregularities : DIRECT **2** : not wandering from the main point or proper course (~ thinking) **3** : HONEST, UPRIGHT **4** : not marked by confusion : correctly arranged or ordered **5** : UNMIXED, UNDILUTED (~ whiskey) **6** : CONVENTIONAL, SQUARE; *also* : HETEROSEXUAL
2straight *adv* : in a straight manner
3straight *n* **1** : a straight line, course, or arrangement **2** : the part of a racetrack between the last turn and the finish **3** : a sequence of five cards in a poker hand
straight-arm \ˈstrāt-ˈärm\ *vb* : to ward off an opponent with the arm held straight — **straight-arm** *n*
straight-away \ˈstrāt-ə-, wə\ *n* : a straight stretch (as at a racetrack)
straight-edge \ˈstrāt-,ej\ *n* : a piece of material with a straight edge for testing straight lines and surfaces or drawing straight lines
straight-en \ˈstrāt-n\ *vb* **straight-ened**; **straight-en-ing** \ˈstrāt-(ə-)nɪŋ\ : to make or become straight
straight flush *n* : a poker hand containing five cards of the same suit in sequence
straight-for-ward \strāt-ˈfōr-wərd\ *adj* **1** : CANDID, HONEST **2** : proceeding in a straight course or manner
straight man *n* : an entertainer who feeds lines to a comedian
straight-away \ˈstrāt-ˈwā, -,wə\ *adv* : IMMEDIATELY
1strain \ˈstrān\ *n* [ME *streēn* progeny, lineage, fr. OE *strēon* gain, acquisition] **1** : LINEAGE, ANCESTRY **2** : a group (as of people or plants) of presumed common ancestry **3** : an inherited or inherent character or quality (a ~ of madness in the family) **4** : STREAK, TRACE **5** : MELODY **6** : the general style or tone
2strain *vb* [ME *strainen*, fr. MF *estraindre*, fr. L *stringere* to bind or draw tight, press together] **1** : to draw taut **2** : to exert to the utmost **3** : to strive violently **4** : to injure by improper or excessive use **5** : to filter or remove by filtering **6** : to stretch beyond a proper limit — **strain-er** *n*
3strain *n* **1** : excessive tension or exertion (as of body or mind) **2** : bodily injury from excessive tension, effort, or use; *esp* : one in which muscles or ligaments are

unduly stretched usu. from a wrench or twist **3** : deformation of a material body under the action of applied forces
1strait \ˈstrāt\ *adj* [ME, fr. OF *estreit*, fr. L *strictus* strait, strict] **1** *archaic* : NARROW **2** *archaic* : CONSTRICTED **3** *archaic* : STRICT **4** : DIFFICULT, STRAITENED
2strait *n* **1** : a narrow channel connecting two bodies of water **2** *pl* : DISTRESS
strait-en \ˈstrāt-n\ *vb* **strait-ened**; **strait-en-ing** \ˈstrāt-(ə-)nɪŋ\ **1** : to hem in : CONFINE **2** : to make distressing or difficult
strait-jack-et or **straight-jack-et** \ˈstrāt-,jak-ət\ *n* : a cover or garment of strong material (as canvas) used to bind the body and esp. the arms closely in restraining a violent prisoner or patient — **straitjacket** or **straight-jacket** *vb*
strait-laced or **straight-laced** \-ˈlāst\ *adj* : strict in observing moral or religious laws
1strand \ˈstrænd\ *n* : SHORE; *esp* : a shore of a sea or ocean
2strand *vb* **1** : to run, drift, or drive upon the shore (a ~ed ship) **2** : to place or leave in a helpless position
3strand *n* **1** : one of the fibers twisted or plaited together into a cord, rope, or cable; *also* : a cord, rope, or cable made up of such fibers **2** : a twisted or plaited ropelike mass (a ~ of pearls) — **strand-ed** \ˈstran-dəd\ *adj*
strange \ˈstræn\ *adj* **stranger**; **strang-est** [ME, fr. OF *estrange*, fr. L *extraneus*, lit., external, fr. *extra* outside] **1** : of external origin, kind, or character **2** : NEW, UNFAMILIAR **3** : SHY **4** : UNACUSTOMED, INEXPERIENCED **syn** singular, peculiar, eccentric, erratic, odd, queer, quaint, curious — **strange-ly** *adv* — **strange-ness** *n*
strang-er \ˈstræn-jər\ *n* **1** : FOREIGNER **2** : INTRUDER **3** : a person with whom one is unacquainted
stran-gle \ˈstran-ɡəl\ *vb* **stran-gled**; **stran-gling** \-ɡ-(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to choke to death : THROTTLE **2** : STIFLE, SUFFOCATE — **stran-gler** \-ɡ-(ə-)lər\ *n*
stran-gu-late \ˈstran-ɡyə-,lāt\ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** **1** : STRANGLE, CONSTRICT **2** : to become so constricted as to stop circulation
stran-gu-la-tion \,stran-ɡyə-ˈlā-shən\ *n* : the act or process of strangling or strangulating : the state of being strangled or strangulated
1strap \ˈstrap\ *n* : a narrow strip of flexible material used esp. for fastening, holding together, or wrapping
2strap *vb* **strapped**; **strap-ping** **1** : to secure with a strap **2** : BIND, CONSTRICT **3** : to flog with a strap **4** : STROP
strap-less \-ləs\ *adj* : having no straps; *esp* : having no shoulder straps
1strap-ping \ˈstrap-ɪŋ\ *adj* : LARGE, STRONG, HUSKY
2strap-ping *n* : material for a strap
strat-a-gem \ˈstrat-ə-ʒəm, -jəm\ *n* **1** : a trick in war to deceive or outwit the enemy; *also* : a deceptive scheme **2** : skill in deception
strat-e-gy \ˈstrat-ə-jē\ *n*, *pl* **-gies** [Gk *stratēgia* generalship, fr. *stratēgos* general, fr. *stratos* army + *agein* to lead] **1** : the science and art of military command aimed at meeting the enemy under conditions advantageous to one's own force **2** : a careful plan or method esp. for achieving an end — **stra-te-gic** \ˈstrə-ˈtē-jik\ *adj* — **strat-e-gist** \ˈstrat-ə-jəst\ *n*
strat-i-fy \ˈstrāt-ə-,fɪ\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to form or arrange in layers — **strat-i-fi-ca-tion** \,strāt-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*
strat-tig-ra-phy \ˈstrə-ˈtɪɡ-rə-fē\ *n* : geology that deals with rock strata — **strati-graph-ic** \,strāt-ə-ˈɡraf-ik\ *adj*
strato-sphere \ˈstrāt-ə-,sfɪər\ *n* : the portion of the earth's atmosphere higher than 7 miles (11 kilometers) above the earth — **strato-spher-ic** \,strāt-ə-ˈsfɪ(ə)r-ik, -ˈsfər-\ *adj*

\ə\abut \ˈkitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
\ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

stra-tum \ˈstrāt-əm, ˈstrat-ə\ *n*, *pl* **stra-ta** \ˈstrāt-ə, ˈstrat-ə\ [NL, fr. L, spread, bed, fr. neut. of *stratus*, pp. of *sternere* to spread out] **1** : a bed, layer, or sheetlike mass (as of one kind of rock lying between layers of other kinds of rock) **2** : a level of culture; *also* : a group of people representing one stage in cultural development

1 **straw** \ˈstrō\ *n* **1** : stalks of grain after threshing; *also* : a single coarse dry stem (as of a grass) **2** : a thing of small worth : TRIFLE **3** : a prepared tube for sucking up a beverage

2 **straw** *adj* **1** : made of straw **2** : having no real force or validity (a ~ vote)

straw-ber-ry \ˈstrō-,ber-ē, -b(ə-)rē\ *n* : an edible juicy usu. red pulpy fruit borne by a low herb with white flowers and long slender runners; *also* : this plant

straw boss *n* : a foreman of a small gang of workers

straw-flow-er \ˈstrō-,flau(-ə)r\ *n* : any of several plants whose flowers can be dried with little loss of form or color

1 **stray** \ˈstrā\ *n* **1** : a domestic animal wandering at large or lost **2** : WAIF

2 **stray** *vb* **1** : ROVE, ROAM **2** : to wander from a course : DEVIATE

3 **stray** *adj* **1** : having strayed : separated from the group or the main body **2** : occurring at random (~ remarks)

1 **streak** \ˈstrēk\ *n* **1** : a line or mark of a different color or texture from its background **2** : a narrow band of light; *also* : a lightning bolt **3** : a slight admixture : TRACE **4** : a brief run (as of luck); *also* : an unbroken series

2 **streak** *vb* **1** : to form streaks in or on **2** : to move very swiftly

1 **stream** \ˈstrēm\ *n* **1** : a body of water (as a river) flowing on the earth; *also* : any body of flowing fluid (as water or gas) **2** : a continuous procession (the ~ of history)

2 **stream** *vb* **1** : to flow in or as if in a stream **2** : to pour out streams of liquid **3** : to trail out in length **4** : to move forward in a steady stream

stream-bed \ˈstrēm-,bed\ *n* : the channel occupied or formerly occupied by a stream

stream-er \ˈstrē-mər\ *n* **1** : a long narrow ribbonlike flag **2** : a long ribbon on a dress or hat **3** : a newspaper headline that runs across the entire sheet **4** *pl* : AURORA

stream-let \ˈstrēm-lət\ *n* : a small stream

stream-lined \-,lind\ *adj* **1** : made with contours to reduce resistance to motion through water or air **2** : SIMPLIFIED **3** : MODERNIZED — **streamline** *vb*

street \ˈstrēt\ *n* [ME *strete*, fr. OE *stræt*, fr. LL *strata* paved road, fr. L, fem. of *stratus*, pp. of *sternere* to spread out] **1** : a thoroughfare esp. in a city, town, or village **2** : the occupants of the houses on a street

street-car \-,kār\ *n* : a passenger vehicle running on rails on city streets

street railway *n* : a company operating streetcars or buses

street-walk-er \ˈstrēt-,wō-kər\ *n* : PROSTITUTE

strength \ˈstreŋθ\ *n* **1** : the quality of being strong : ability to do or endure : POWER **2** : TOUGHNESS, SOLIDITY **3** : power to resist attack **4** : INTENSITY **5** : force as measured in numbers (the ~ of an army)

strength-en \ˈstreŋ-thən\ *vb* **strength-ened**; **strength-en-ing** \ˈstreŋθ-(ə-)nɪŋ\ : to make, grow, or become stronger — **strength-en-er** \ˈstreŋθ-(ə-)nər\ *n*

stren-u-ous \ˈstren-yə-wəs\ *adj* **1** : VIGOROUS, ENERGETIC **2** : requiring energetic effort or stamina — **stren-u-ous-ly** *adv*

strep throat \ˈstrep-\ *n* : an inflammatory sore throat cause by streptococci and marked by fever, prostration, and toxemia

strep-to-coc-cus \ˌstrep-tə-ˈkāk-əs\ *n*, *pl* **-coc-ci** \-ˈkāk-(s)i/, **-kāk-(s)ɪ** : any of various spherical bacteria that usu. grow in chains and include some causing serious diseases — **strep-to-coc-cal** \-əl\ *adj*

strep-to-my-cin \-ˈmīs-ən\ *n* : an antibiotic produced by soil bacteria and used esp. in treating tuberculosis

1 **stress** \ˈstres\ *n* **1** : PRESSURE, STRAIN; *esp* : a force that tends to distort a body **2** : a factor that induces bodily or mental tension; *also* : a state induced by such a stress **3** : URGENCY, EMPHASIS **4** : relative prominence of sound **5** : ACCENT; *also* : any syllable carrying the accent

2 **stress** *vb* **1** : to put pressure or strain on **2** : to put emphasis on : ACCENT

1 **stretch** \ˈstretʃ\ *vb* **1** : to spread or reach out : EXTEND **2** : to draw out in length or breadth : EXPAND **3** : to make tense : STRAIN **4** : EXAGGERATE **5** : to become extended without breaking (rubber ~es easily)

2 **stretch** *n* **1** : an act of extending or drawing out beyond ordinary or normal limits **2** : a continuous extent in length, area, or time **3** : the extent to which something may be stretched **4** : either of the straight sides of a racecourse

3 **stretch** *adj* : easily stretched (~ pants)

stretch-er \ˈstretʃ-ər\ *n* **1** : one that stretches **2** : a litter (as of canvas) esp. for carrying a disabled person

stretch-er-bear-er \-,bar-ər\ *n* : one who carries one end of a stretcher

strew \ˈstrū\ *vb* **strewed**; **strewed or strewn** \ˈstrūn\; **strew-ing** *n* **1** : to spread by scattering **2** : to cover by or as if by scattering something over or on **3** : DISSEMINATE

stria \ˈstri-ə\ *n*, *pl* **striae** \ˈstri-ē\ **1** : STRIATION **3** **2** : a stripe or line (as in the skin)

stri-at-ed muscle \ˈstri-,āt-əd-\ *n* : muscle tissue made up of long thin cells with many nuclei and alternate light and dark stripes that usually connects to and moves the vertebrate skeleton and is mostly under voluntary control

stri-a-tion \ˈstri-ˈā-shən\ *n* **1** : the state of being marked with stripes or lines **2** : arrangement of striations or striae **3** : a minute groove, scratch, or channel esp. when one of a parallel series

strick-en \ˈstri-kən\ *adj* **1** : WOUNDED **2** : afflicted with disease, misfortune, or sorrow

strict \ˈstrikt\ *adj* **1** : allowing no evasion or escape : RIGOROUS (~ discipline) **2** : ACCURATE, PRECISE *syn* stringent, rigid, rigorous — **strict-ly** \ˈstrikt-(t)lē\ *adv* — **strict-ness** \ˈstrikt(t)-nəs\ *n*

stric-ture \ˈstri-kʃər\ *n* **1** : an abnormal narrowing of a bodily passage; *also* : the narrowed part **2** : hostile criticism : a critical remark

1 **stride** \ˈstrɪd\ *vb* **strode** \ˈstrōd\; **strid-den** \ˈstrɪd-ən\; **strid-ing** \ˈstrɪd-ɪŋ\ : to walk or run with long regular steps — **stride** *n*

2 **stride** *n* **1** : a long step; *also* : the distance covered by such a step **2** : manner of striding : GAIT

stri-dent \ˈstrɪd-nt\ *adj* : harsh sounding : GRATING, SHRILL

strife \ˈstrɪf\ *n* : CONFLICT, FIGHT, STRUGGLE *syn* discord, contention, dissension

1 **strike** \ˈstri:k\ *vb* **struck** \ˈstræk\; **struck** *also* **strick-en** \ˈstri-kən\; **stri-king** \ˈstri-kiŋ\ **1** : to take a course : GO (~ out for home) **2** : to touch or hit sharply; *also* : to deliver a blow **3** : to produce by or as if by a blow (struck terror in the foe) **4** : to lower (as a flag or sail) **5** : to collide with; *also* : to injure or destroy by collision **6** : DELETE, CANCEL **7** : to produce by impressing (struck a medal); *also* : COIN (~ a new cent) **8** : to cause to sound (~ a bell) **9** : to afflict suddenly : lay low (stricken with a high fever) **10** : to appear to; *also* : to appear to as remarkable : IMPRESS **11** : to reach by reckoning (~ an average) **12** : to stop work in order to obtain a change in conditions of employment **13** : to cause (a match) to ignite by rubbing **14** : to come upon (~ a detour from the main road) **15** : TAKE ON, ASSUME (~ a pose) — **strike** *er* *n*

2 **strike** *n* **1** : an act or instance of striking **2** : a sudden discovery of rich ore or oil deposits **3** : a pitched base-

ball recorded against a batter **4** : the knocking down of all the bowling pins with the 1st ball **5** : a military attack
strike-break-er \-brā-kər\ *n* : one hired to replace a striking worker

strike-out \-aʊt\ *n* : an out in baseball as a result of a batter's being charged with three strikes

strike out \('stri:k-'aʊt\ *vb* **1** : to enter upon a course of action **2** : to start out vigorously **3** : to make an out in baseball by a strikeout

strike up *vb* **1** : to begin or cause to begin to sing or play **2** : BEGIN

strike zone *n* : the area over home plate through which a pitched baseball must pass to be called a strike

strike-ing \('stri-kiŋ\ *adj* : attracting attention : very noticeable *syn* arresting, salient, conspicuous, outstanding, remarkable, prominent — **strike-ing-ly** *adv*

'string \('striŋ\ *n* **1** : a line usu. composed of twisted threads **2** : a series of things arranged as if strung on a cord **3** : a plant fiber (as a leaf vein) **4** *pl* : the stringed instruments of an orchestra *syn* succession, progression, sequence, chain, train

²string *vb* **strung** \('strŋŋ\; **string-ing** \('striŋ-iŋ\ **1** : to provide with strings (~ a racket) **2** : to thread on or as if on a string (~ pearls) **3** : to take the strings out of (~ beans) **4** : to hang, tie, or fasten by a string **5** : to make taut **6** : to extend like a string

string bean *n* : a bean of one of the older varieties of kidney bean that have stringy fibers on the lines of separation of the pods; *also* : SNAP BEAN

stringed instrument *n* : a musical instrument (as a violin, guitar, or piano) sounded by plucking or striking or by drawing a bow across tense strings

strin-gen-cy \('strin-ŋən-sē\ *n* **1** : STRICTNESS, SEVERITY **2** : SCARCITY (~ of money) — **strin-ŋent** \-jənt\ *adj*

string-er \('striŋ-ər\ *n* **1** : a long horizontal member in a framed structure or a bridge **2** : a news correspondent paid by the amount of copy

stringy \('striŋ-ē\ *adj* **string-i-er**; **-est** **1** : resembling string esp. in tough, fibrous, or disordered quality (~ meat) (~ hair) **2** : lean and sinewy in build

'strip \('stri:p\ *vb* **stripped** \('stript\ *also* **strip**; **strip-ping** **1** : to take the covering or clothing from **2** : to take off one's clothes **3** : to pull or tear off **4** : to make bare or clear (as by cutting or grazing) **5** : PLUNDER, PILLAGE *syn* divest, denude, deprive, dismantle — **strip-per** *n*

²strip *n* **1** : a long narrow flat piece **2** : AIRSTRIP

'stripe \('stri:p\ *vb* **striped** \('stript\; **strip-ing** : to make stripes on

²stripe *n* **1** : a line or long narrow division having a different color from the background **2** : a strip of braid (as on a sleeve) indicating military rank or length of service **3** : TYPE, CHARACTER *syn* description, nature, kind, sort **striped bass** \('stript-, 'stri-pəd-\ *n* : a large marine food and sport fish of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the U.S.

strip-ling \('stri:p-liŋ\ *n* : YOUTH, LAD

strip mine *n* : a mine that is worked from the earth's surface by the stripping of the topsoil — **strip-mine** *vb*

strip-tease \('stri:p-tēz\ *n* : a burlesque act in which a performer removes his or her clothing piece by piece — **strip-teas-er** *n*

strive \('stri:v\ *vb* **strove** \('ströv\ *also* **strived** \('strivd\; **striv-en** \('striv-ən\ *or* **strived**; **striv-ing** \('stri-viŋ\ **1** : to struggle in opposition : CONTEND **2** : to make effort : labor hard *syn* endeavor, attempt, try, assay

strobe \('ströb\ *n* **1** : STROBOSCOPE **2** : a device for high-speed intermittent illumination

stro-bo-scope \('strö-bə-, sköp\ *n* : an instrument for studying rapid motion by means of a rapidly flashing light

strobe past of STRIDE

'stroke \('strök\ *vb* **stroked**; **stroking** **1** : to rub gently **2** : to flatter in a manner designed to persuade

²stroke *n* **1** : the act of striking : BLOW, KNOCK **2** : a sudden action or process producing an impact (~ of lightning) **3** : sudden weakening or loss of consciousness or the power to feel caused by rupture or obstruction of an artery of the brain **4** : a vigorous effort **5** : the sound of striking (as of a clock) **6** : one of a series of movements against air or water to get through or over it (the ~ of a bird's wing) **7** : a single movement with or as if with a tool or implement (as a pen) **8** : a rower who sets the pace for a crew

stroll \('ströl\ *vb* : to walk in a leisurely or idle manner *syn* saunter, amble, mosey — **stroll** *n* — **stroll-er** *n*

strong \('strŋŋ\ *adj* **stron-ger** \('strŋŋ-gər\; **stron-gest** \('strŋŋ-gəst\ **1** : POWERFUL, VIGOROUS **2** : HEALTHY, ROBUST **3** : of a specified number (an army 10 thousand ~) **4** : not mild or weak **5** : VIOLENT (~ wind) **6** : ZEALOUS **7** : not easily broken **8** : FIRM, SOLID *syn* stout, sturdy, stalwart, tough — **strong-ly** *adv*

strong-arm \('strŋŋ-'ärm\ *adj* : having or using undue force (~ methods)

strong-hold \('strŋŋ-'höld\ *n* : a fortified place : FORTRESS

strong-man \('strŋŋ-'man\ *n* : one who leads or controls by force of will and character or by military strength

stron-tium \('strän-ch(ē)-əm, 'stränt-ē-əm\ *n* : a soft malleable metallic chemical element — see ELEMENT table

'strop \('sträp\ *n* : STRAP; *esp* : one for sharpening a razor

²strop *vb* **stropped**; **strop-ping** : to sharpen a razor on a strop

stro-phe \('strö-fē\ *n* [Gk *strophē*, lit., act of turning] : a division of a poem — **stroph-ic** \('sträf-ik\ *adj*

strove past of STRIVE

struck past and past part of STRIKE

'struc-ture \('strək-chər\ *n* [ME, fr. L *structura*, fr. *stru-*, pp. of *struere* to heap up, build] **1** : the manner of building : CONSTRUCTION **2** : something built (as a house or a dam); *also* : something made up of interdependent parts in a definite pattern of organization **3** : arrangement or relationship of elements in a substance, body, or system — **struc-tur-al** *adj*

²structure *vb* **struc-tured**; **struc-tur-ing** : to make into a structure

stru-del \('s(h)trüd-əl\ *n* [G] : a pastry made of a thin sheet of dough rolled up with filling and baked (apple ~)

'strug-gle \('sträg-əl\ *vb* **strug-gled**; **strug-gling** \-(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : to make strenuous efforts against opposition : STRIVE **2** : to proceed with difficulty or with great effort *syn* endeavor, attempt, try, assay

²struggle *n* **1** : CONTEST, STRIFE **2** : a violent effort or exertion

strum \('strəm\ *vb* **strummed**; **strum-ming** : to play on a stringed instrument by brushing the strings with the fingers (~ a guitar)

strum-pet \('strəm-pət\ *n* : PROSTITUTE

strung \('strŋŋ\ *past and past part of* STRING

'strut \('strət\ *vb* **strut-ted**; **strut-ting** : to walk with an affectedly proud gait *syn* swagger

²strut *n* **1** : a haughty or pompous gait **2** : a bar or rod for resisting lengthwise pressure

strych-nine \('stri:k-, nin-, -nən-, -nēn\ *n* : a bitter poisonous alkaloid from some plants used as a poison (as for rats) and medicinally as a stimulant to the central nervous system

'stub \('stəb\ *n* **1** : STUMP **2** : a short blunt end **3** : a small part of each leaf (as of a checkbook) kept as a memorandum of the items on the detached part

²stub *vb* **stubbed**; **stub-bing** : to strike (as one's toe) against something

\ə'but \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'vash \ə'vace \ə'vot, cart
 \ə'u'out \ch'chin \e'bet \e'easy \g'o \i'hlt \i'ice \j'job
 \ŋ'sing \ŋ'go \ŋ'law \ŋ'boy \th'thin \th'the \u'loot
 \u'foot \y'yet \zh'vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

stub-ble \ˈstəb-əl\ *n* 1 : the cut stem ends of herbs and esp. grasses left in the soil after harvest 2 : a rough surface or growth resembling stubble — **stub-bly** \-(ə-)lē\ *adj*

stub-born \ˈstəb-ərn\ *adj* 1 : FIRM, DETERMINED 2 : done or continued in a willful, unreasonable, or persistent manner 3 : not easily controlled or remedied (a ~ fever) — **stub-born-ly** *adv* — **stub-born-ness** *n*

stub-by \ˈstəb-ē\ *adj* : short, blunt, and thick like a stub

stucc-co \ˈstək-ō\ *n, pl* **stuccos** or **stuccoes** [It] : plaster for coating exterior walls

stucco *vb* : to coat with stucco

stuck *past and past part of STICK*

stuck-up \ˈstək-əp\ *adj* : CONCEITED

stud \ˈstəd\ *n* : a male animal and esp. a horse (stud-horse \-ˈhɔrs\ kept for breeding)

stud *n* 1 : one of the smaller uprights in a building to which the wall materials are fastened 2 : a removable device like a button used as a fastener or ornament (shirt ~s) 3 : a projecting nail, pin, or rod

stud *vb* **stud-ded**; **stud-ding** 1 : to supply with or adorn with studs 2 : *DOT*

stud *abbr* student

stud-book \ˈstəd-,buk\ *n* : an official record of the pedigree of purebred animals

stud-ding \ˈstəd-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : the studs in a building or wall 2 : material for studs

stu-dent \st(y)üd-nt\ *n* : SCHOLAR, PUPIL; *esp* : one who attends a school

stud-ied \ˈstəd-əd\ *adj* : INTENTIONAL (a ~ insult) *syn* deliberate, considered, premeditated, designed

stu-dio \st(y)üd-ē-,ō\ *n, pl* **-dios** 1 : a place where an artist works; *also* : a place for the study of an art 2 : a place where motion pictures are made 3 : a place equipped for the transmission of radio or television programs

stu-di-ous \st(y)üd-ē-əs\ *adj* : devoted to study — **stu-di-ous-ly** *adv*

study \ˈstəd-ē\ *n, pl* **stud-ies** 1 : the use of the mind to gain knowledge 2 : the act or process of learning about something 3 : careful examination 4 : INTENT, PURPOSE 5 : a branch of learning 6 : a room *esp.* for reading and writing

study *vb* **stud-ied**; **study-ing** 1 : to engage in study or the study of 2 : to consider attentively or in detail *syn* consider, contemplate, weigh

stuff \stəf\ *n* 1 : personal property 2 : raw material 3 : a finished textile fabric; *esp* : a worsted fabric 4 : writing, talk, or ideas of little or transitory worth 5 : an aggregate of matter; *also* : matter of a particular often unspecified kind 6 : fundamental material 7 : special knowledge or capability

stuff *vb* 1 : to fill by packing something into : CRAM 2 : to eat greedily : GORGE 3 : to prepare (as meat) by filling with seasoned bread crumbs and spices 4 : to stop up : PLUG

stuffed shirt \ˈstəft-\ *n* : a smug, conceited, and usu. pompous and inflexibly conservative person

stuff-ing \ˈstəf-ɪŋ\ *n* : material used to fill tightly; *esp* : a mixture of bread crumbs and spices used to stuff meat and poultry

stuff-y \ˈstəf-ē\ *adj* **stuff-i-er**; **-est** 1 : lacking fresh air : CLOSE; *also* : blocked up (a ~ nose) 2 : STODGY

stul-ti-fy \stəl-tə-,fī\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** 1 : to cause to appear foolish or stupid 2 : to make untrustworthy; *also* : to make ineffective 3 : to have a dulling effect on — **stul-ti-fi-ca-tion** \stəl-tə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

stum-ble \stəm-bəl\ *vb* **stum-bled**; **stum-bling** \-b(ə-)lɪŋ\ 1 : to trip in walking or running 2 : to walk unsteadily; *also* : to speak or act in a blundering or clumsy manner 3 : to blunder morally; *also* : to come or happen by chance — **stumble** *n*

stumbling block *n* : an obstacle to belief, understanding, or progress

stump \ˈstəmp\ *n* 1 : the base of a bodily part (as a leg or tooth) left after the rest is removed 2 : the part of a plant and esp. a tree remaining with the root after the top is cut off 3 : a place or occasion for political public speaking — **stumpy** *adj*

stump *vb* 1 : to clear (land) of stumps 2 : to tour (a region) making political speeches 3 : Baffle, PERPLEX 4 : to walk clumsily and heavily

stun \ˈstən\ *vb* **stunned**; **stun-ning** 1 : to make senseless or dizzy by or as if by a blow 2 : BEWILDER, STUPEFY

stung *past and past part of STING*

stunk *past and past part of STINK*

stun-ning \ˈstən-ɪŋ\ *adj* : strikingly beautiful — **stun-ning-ly** *adv*

stunt \ˈstənt\ *vb* : to hinder the normal growth of : DWARF

stunt *n* : an unusual or spectacular feat

stu-pe-fy \st(y)ü-pə-,fī\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** 1 : ASTONISH 2 : to make stupid, groggy, or insensible — **stu-pe-fac-tion** \st(y)ü-pə-ˈfak-shən\ *n*

stu-pen-dous \st(y)ü-ˈpen-dəs\ *adj* : causing astonishment *esp.* because of great size or height *syn* tremendous, prodigious, monumental, monstrous — **stu-pen-dous-ly** *adv*

stu-pid \st(y)ü-pəd\ *adj* [MF *stupide*, fr. L *stupidus*, fr. *stupere* to be benumbed, be astonished] 1 : very dull in mind 2 : showing or resulting from dullness of mind — **stu-pid-i-ty** \st(y)ü-ˈpid-ət-ē\ *n* — **stu-pid-ly** \st(y)ü-pə-dlē\ *adv*

stu-por \st(y)ü-pər\ *n* 1 : a condition of greatly dulled or completely suspended sense or feeling 2 : a torpid state often following stress or shock — **stu-por-ous** *adj*

stur-dy \ˈstərd-ē\ *adj* **stur-di-er**; **-est** [ME, reckless, brave, fr. OF *estourdi* stunned, fr. pp. of *estourdir* to stun] 1 : RESOLUTE, UNYIELDING 2 : STRONG, ROBUST *syn* stout, stalwart, tough, tenacious — **stur-di-ly** \ˈstərd-ē\ *adv* — **stur-di-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*

stur-geon \stər-jən\ *n* : any of various large food fishes whose roe is made into caviar



sturgeon

stut-ter \ˈstət-ər\ *vb* : to speak with involuntary disruption or blocking of sounds — **stutter** *n*

STV *abbr* subscription television

sty \ˈsti\ *n, pl* **sties** : a pen or housing for swine

sty or **stye** \ˈsti\ *n, pl* **sties** or **styes** : an inflamed swelling of a skin gland on the edge of an eyelid

style \sti\ *n* 1 : a slender pointed instrument or process; *esp* : STYLUS 2 : a way of speaking or writing; *esp* : one characteristic of an individual, period, school, or nation (ornate ~) 3 : the custom followed in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and typography 4 : mode of address : TITLE 5 : manner or method of acting, making, or performing; *also* : a distinctive or characteristic manner 6 : a fashionable manner or mode 7 : overall excellence, skill, or grace in performance, manner, or appearance — **sty-lis-tic** \sti-ˈlis-tik\ *adj*

style *vb* **styled**; **styl-ing** 1 : NAME, DESIGNATE 2 : to make or design in accord with a prevailing mode

styl-ing \sti-lɪŋ\ *n* : the way in which something is styled

styl-ish \ˈsti-lɪsh\ *adj* : conforming to an accepted standard of style : FASHIONABLE *syn* modish, smart, chic — **styl-ish-ly** *adv* — **styl-ish-ness** *n*

styl-ist \ˈsti-ləst\ *n* 1 : a master of style *esp.* in writing 2 : a developer or designer of styles

styl-ize \ˈstīl-īz\ *vb* **styl-ized**; **styl-iz-ing** : to conform to a style; *esp* : to represent or design according to a pattern or style rather than according to nature
sty-lus \ˈstī-ləs\ *n*, *pl* **sty-li** \ˈstī(ə)l-i\ *also* **sty-lus-es** \ˈstī-lə-səz\ [modif. of *L* *stilus* stake, stylus] **1** : a pointed implement used by the ancients for writing on wax **2** : a phonograph needle
sty-mie \ˈstī-mē\ *vb* **sty-mied**; **sty-mie-ing** : BLOCK, FRUSTRATE
styptic \ˈstip-tik\ *adj* : tending to check bleeding — **styptic** *n*
suave \ˈswäv\ *adj* [MF, pleasant, sweet, fr. *L* *suavis*] : persuasively pleasing : smoothly agreeable **syn** urbane, smooth, bland — **suave-ly** *adv* — **sua-vi-ty** \ˈswäv-ət-ē\ *n*
¹**sub** \ˈsəb\ *n* : SUBSTITUTE — **sub** *vb*
²**sub** *n* : SUBMARINE
³**sub** *abbr* **1** subtract **2** suburb
sub- \ˈsəb, ˈsəb\ *prefix* **1** : under : beneath **2** : subordinate : secondary **3** : subordinate portion of : subdivision of **4** : with repetition of a process described in a simple verb so as to form, stress, or deal with subordinate parts or relations **5** : somewhat **6** : falling nearly in the category of : bordering on
 subacute
 subagency
 subagent
 subaqueous
 subarctic
 subarea
 subatmospheric
 subaverage
 subbasement
 subcategory
 subclass
 subclassify
 subclinal
 subcontract
 subcontractor
 subculture
 subdeacon
 subdean
 subdiscipline
 subentry
 subfamily
 subfreezing
 subgenus
 subgroup
 subhead
 subheading
 subhuman
 subindex
 subinterval
 subkingdom
 sublease
 sublethal
 subliterate
 sub-as-se-m-bly \ˈsəb-ə-ˈsem-blē\ *n* : an assembled unit to be incorporated with other units in a finished product
 sub-atom-ic \ˈsəb-ə-ˈtām-ik\ *adj* : of or relating to the inside of the atom or to particles smaller than atoms
 sub-com-mit-tee \ˈsəb-kə-mit-ē, ˈsəb-kə-mit-ē\ *n* : a subordinate division of a committee
 sub-com-pact \ˈsəb-ˈkām-pakt\ *n* : an automobile smaller than a compact
¹**sub-con-scious** \ˈsəb-ˈkän-chəs, ˈsəb-ˈ\ *adj* : existing in the mind and affecting thought and behavior without enter-

ing conscious awareness — **sub-con-scious-ly** *adv* — **sub-con-scious-ness** *n*
²**subconscious** *n* : mental activities just below the threshold of consciousness
sub-con-ti-nent \ˈsəb-ˈkánt-(ə-)nənt\ *n* : a vast subdivision of a continent — **sub-con-ti-nen-tal** \ˈsəb-,kánt-ən-ˈent-əl\ *adj*
sub-cu-ta-ne-ous \ˈsəb-kyü-ˈtā-nē-səs\ *adj* : located, made, or used under the skin (~ fat) (~ needle)
sub-di-vid-e \ˈsəb-də-ˈvid, ˈsəb-də-,vid\ *vb* : to divide into several parts; *esp* : to divide (a tract of land) into building lots — **sub-di-vi-sion** \ˈvīzh-ən, -,vīzh-ən\ *n*
sub-duc-tion \ˈsəb-ˈdök-shən\ *n* : the descent of the edge of one crustal plate beneath the edge of an adjacent plate
sub-due \ˈsəb-ˈd(y)ü\ *vb* **sub-dued**; **sub-du-ing** **1** : to bring into subjection : VANQUISH **2** : to bring under control : CURB **3** : to reduce the intensity of
subj *abbr* **1** subject **2** subjunctive
¹**sub-ject** \ˈsəb-jekt\ *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. *L* *subjectus* one under authority & *subjectum* subject of a proposition, fr. *subicere* to subject, lit., to throw under, fr. *sub-* under + *jacere* to throw] **1** : a person under the authority of another **2** : a person subject to a sovereign **3** : an individual subjected to an operation or process **4** : the person or thing discussed or treated : TOPIC, THEME **5** : a word or word group denoting that of which something is predicated
²**subject** *adj* **1** : being under the power or rule of another **2** : LIABLE, EXPOSED (~ to floods) **3** : dependent on some act or condition (appointment ~ to senate approval) **syn** subordinate, secondary, tributary, collateral, dependent
³**sub-ject** \ˈsəb-ˈjekt\ *vb* **1** : to bring under control : CONQUER **2** : to make liable **3** : to cause to undergo or submit to — **sub-jec-tion** \-ˈjek-shən\ *n*
sub-jec-tive \ˈsəb-ˈjek-tiv\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or constituting a subject **2** : of, relating to, or arising within one's self or mind in contrast to what is outside : PERSONAL — **sub-jec-tive-ly** *adv* — **sub-jec-tiv-i-ty** \-ˈjek-tiv-ət-ē\ *n*
subject matter *n* : matter presented for consideration, discussion, or study
sub-join \ˈsəb-ˈjōin\ *vb* : APPEND
sub-ju-di-ce \ˈsəb-ˈjüd-i-,kə, ˈsəb-ˈjüd-ə-(,)-sē\ *adv* [L] : before a judge or court : not yet legally decided
sub-ju-gate \ˈsəb-ji-,gāt\ *vb* -**gat-ed**; -**gat-ing** : CONQUER, SUBDUE; *also* : ENSLAVE **syn** reduce, overcome, overthrow, vanquish, defeat, beat — **sub-ju-ga-tion** \ˈsəb-ji-ˈgā-shən\ *n*
sub-junc-tive \ˈsəb-ˈjənk-tiv\ *adj* : of, relating to, or constituting a verb form that represents an act or state as contingent or possible or viewed emotionally (as with desire) (~ mood) — **subjunctive** *n*
sub-let \ˈsəb-ˈlet\ *vb* -**let**; -**let-ting** : to let all or a part of (a leased property) to another; *also* : to rent (a property) from a lessee
sub-li-mate \ˈsəb-lə-,māf\ *vb* -**mat-ed**; -**mat-ing** **1** : SUB-LIME **2** : to direct the expression of (as an instinctual desire or impulse) from a primitive to a more socially and culturally acceptable form — **sub-li-ma-tion** \ˈsəb-lə-ˈmā-shən\ *n*
¹**sub-lime** \ˈsə-ˈblīm\ *vb* **sub-limed**; **sub-lim-ing** : to pass or cause to pass directly from the solid to the vapor state
²**sublime** *adj* **1** : EXALTED, NOBLE **2** : having awe-inspiring beauty or grandeur **syn** glorious, splendid, superb, resplendent, gorgeous — **sub-lim-i-ty** \-ˈblīm-ət-ē\ *n*
sub-lim-i-nal \ˈsəb-ˈlim-ən-əl, ˈsəb-ˈ\ *adj* **1** : inadequate

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \i\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

to produce a sensation or a perception (∼ stimuli) **2** : existing or functioning below the threshold of conscious awareness (the ∼ mind) (∼ techniques in advertising)

sub-machine gun \səb-mə-ʃhən-gən/ *n* : an automatic firearm fired from the shoulder or hip

sub-ma-rine \səb-mə-rēn, səb-mə-rən/ *adj* : UNDER-WATER; *esp* : UNDERSEA

submarine **1** : a naval vessel designed to operate underwater **2** : a large sandwich made from a long split roll with any of a variety of fillings

sub-merge \səb-ˈmərj/ *vb* **sub-merged**; **sub-merg-ing** **1** : to put or plunge under the surface of water **2** : INUNDATE *syn* immerse, duck, dip, dunk — **sub-mer-gence** \-ˈmər-jəns/ *n*

sub-merge \səb-ˈmərs/ *vb* **sub-mersed**; **sub-mers-ing** : SUB-MERGE — **sub-mer-sion** \-ˈmər-zhən/ *n*

sub-mers-ible \səb-ˈmər-sə-bəl/ *adj* : capable of being submerged

submersible *n* : something that is submersible; *esp* : SUB-MARINE **1**

sub-mi-cro-sco-pic \səb-,mī-krə-ˈskäp-ik/ *adj* : too small to be seen in an ordinary microscope

sub-min-i-ature \səb-ˈmīn-ē-ə-ˈchūr, ˈsəb-, -ˈmīn-i-ˈchūr, -chər/ *adj* : very small

sub-mit \səb-ˈmīt/ *vb* **sub-mit-ted**; **sub-mit-ting** **1** : to commit to the discretion or decision of another or of others **2** : YIELD, SURRENDER **3** : to put forward as an opinion — **sub-mis-sion** \-ˈmish-ən/ *n* — **sub-mis-sive** \-ˈmis-iv/ *adj*

sub-nor-mal \səb-ˈnôr-məl/ *adj* : falling below what is normal — **sub-nor-mal-i-ty** \səb-ˈnôr-mal-ē-ē/ *n*

sub-or-bit-al \səb-ˈôr-bət-l, ˈsəb-/ *adj* : being or involving less than one orbit

sub-or-di-nate \sə-ˈbôrd-(ə-)nət/ *adj* **1** : of lower class or rank **2** : INFERIOR **3** : submissive to authority **4** : subordinated to other elements in a sentence : DEPENDENT (∼ clause) *syn* secondary, subject, tributary, collateral

subordinate *n* : one that is subordinate

sub-or-di-nate \sə-ˈbôrd-n-,āt/ *vb* **-nat-ed**; **-nat-ing** **1** : to place in a lower rank or class **2** : SUBDUE — **sub-or-di-na-tion** \-,bôrd-n-ˈā-shən/ *n*

sub-orn \sə-ˈbôrn/ *vb* **1** : to induce secretly to do an unlawful thing **2** : to induce to commit perjury — **sub-or-na-tion** \səb-,ôr-ˈnā-shən/ *n*

sub-poe-na \sə-ˈpē-nə/ *n* [ME *suppena*, fr. L *sub poena* under penalty] : a writ commanding the person named in it to attend court under penalty for failure to do so

subpoena *vb* **-naed**; **-na-ing** : to summon with a subpoena **sub-scribe** \səb-ˈskrib/ *vb* **sub-scribed**; **sub-scrib-ing** **1** : to sign one's name to a document **2** : to give consent by or as if by signing one's name **3** : to promise to contribute by signing one's name with the amount promised **4** : to place an order by signing **5** : FAVOR, APPROVE *syn* agree, acquiesce, assent, accede — **sub-scrib-er** *n*

sub-script \səb-,skript/ *n* : a symbol (as a letter or number) immediately below or below and to the right or left of another written character — **subscript** *adj*

sub-scrip-tion \səb-ˈskrip-shən/ *n* **1** : the act of subscribing : SIGNATURE **2** : a purchase by signed order

sub-se-quent \səb-si-kwənt, -sə-,kwənt/ *adj* : following after : SUCCEEDING — **sub-se-quent-ly** \-,kwənt-lē, -kwənt/ *adv*

sub-ser-vi-ence \səb-ˈsər-vē-əns/ *n* **1** : a subordinate place or condition; *also* : willingness to serve in a subordinate capacity **2** : SERVILITY — **sub-ser-vi-en-cy** \-ən-sē/ *n* — **sub-er-vi-ent** \-ənt/ *adj*

sub-set \səb-,set/ *n* : a set each of whose elements is an element of an inclusive set

sub-side \səb-ˈsid/ *vb* **sub-sid-ed**; **sub-sid-ing** [L *subsidere*, fr. *sub-* under + *sidere* to sit down, sink] **1** : to settle to the bottom of a liquid **2** : to tend downward : DESCEND **3** : SINK, SUBMERGE **4** : to become quiet and tranquil *syn*

abate, wane, moderate, slacken — **sub-sid-ence** \səb-ˈsid-əns, ˈsəb-səd-əns/ *n*

sub-sid-i-ary \səb-ˈsid-ē-,er-ē/ *adj* **1** : furnishing aid or support; *also* : owned or controlled by some main company **2** : of or relating to a subsidy *syn* auxiliary, contributory, subservient, accessory

subsidary *n*, *pl* **-lar-ies** : one that is subsidiary; *esp* : a company controlled by another

sub-si-dize \səb-sə-,diz/ *vb* **-dized**; **-diz-ing** : to aid or furnish with a subsidy

sub-si-dy \səb-səd-ē/ *n*, *pl* **-dies** [ME, fr. L *subsidium* reserve troops, support, assistance, fr. *sub-* near + *sedere* to sit] : a gift of public money to a private person or company or to another government *syn* grant, appropriation, subvention

sub-sist \səb-ˈsist/ *vb* **1** : EXIST, PERSIST **2** : to receive the means (as food and clothing) of maintaining life

sub-sis-tence \səb-ˈsis-təns/ *n* **1** : EXISTENCE **2** : means of subsisting : the minimum (as of food and clothing) necessary to support life

sub-soil \səb-,soil/ *n* : a layer of weathered material just under the surface soil

sub-son-ic \səb-ˈsän-ik, ˈsəb-/ *adj* **1** : being or relating to a speed less than that of sound; *also* : moving at such a speed **2** : INFRASONIC

sub-stance \səb-stəns/ *n* **1** : essential nature : ESSENCE (divine ∼); *also* : the fundamental or essential part or quality (the ∼ of his speech) **2** : physical material from which something is made or which has discrete existence; *also* : matter of particular or definite chemical constitution **3** : material possessions : PROPERTY, WEALTH

sub-stand-ard \səb-ˈstan-dərd, ˈsəb-/ *adj* : falling short of a standard or norm

sub-stan-tial \səb-ˈstan-chəl/ *adj* **1** : existing as or in substance : MATERIAL; *also* : not illusory : REAL **2** : IMPORTANT, ESSENTIAL **3** : NOURISHING, SATISFYING (∼ meal) **4** : having means : WELL-TO-DO **5** : CONSIDERABLE (∼ profit) **6** : STRONG, FIRM — **sub-stan-tial-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

sub-stan-ti-ate \səb-ˈstan-chē-,āt/ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** **1** : to give substance or body to **2** : VERIFY, PROVE — **sub-stan-ti-a-tion** \-,stan-chē-ˈā-shən/ *n*

sub-stan-tive \səb-stən-tiv/ *n* : NOUN; *also* : a word or phrase used as a noun

sub-sta-tion \səb-,stā-shən/ *n* : a station (as a post-office branch) subordinate to another station

sub-sti-tute \səb-stə-,t(y)ūt/ *n* : a person or thing replacing another — **substitute** *adj*

substitute *vb* **-tut-ed**; **-tut-ing** **1** : to put or use in the place of another **2** : to serve as a substitute — **sub-sti-tu-tion** \səb-stə-,t(y)ü-shən/ *n*

sub-stra-tum \səb-,strät-əm, -,strat-/ *n*, *pl* **-stra-ta** \-ə/ : the layer or structure lying underneath

sub-struc-ture \səb-,strək-chər/ *n* : FOUNDATION, GROUNDWORK

sub-surf-ace \səb-,sər-fəs/ *n* : earth material near the surface of the ground — **subsurface** *adj*

sub-ter-fuge \səb-tər-,fyū/ *n* : a trick or device used in order to conceal, escape, or evade *syn* fraud, deception, trickery

sub-ter-ra-ne-an \səb-tə-ˈrā-nē-ən/ *adj* **1** : lying or being underground **2** : SECRET, HIDDEN

sub-tile \sət-əl/ *adj* **sub-til-er** \sət-lər, -l-ər/; **sub-til-est** \sət-ləst, -l-əst/ : SUBTLE

sub-ti-tle \səb-,tit-əl/ *n* **1** : a secondary or explanatory title (as of a book) **2** : printed matter projected on a motion-picture screen during or between the scenes

sub-tle \sət-əl/ *adj* **sub-tler** \sət-(ə-)lər/; **sub-tlest** \sət-(ə-)ləst/ **1** : hardly noticeable : DELICATE, REFINED **2** : SHREWD, KEEN **3** : CLEVER, SLY — **sub-tle-ty** \-tē/ *n* — **sub-tly** \sət-(ə-)lē/ *adv*

sub-tract \səb-ˈtrakt/ *vb* : to take away (as one number from another); *also* : to perform the operation of de-

ducting one number from another — **sub-trac-tion** \-'trak-shən\ *n*

sub-tra-hend \səb-trə-,hend\ *n* : a number that is to be subtracted from another

sub-trop-i-cal \səb-'trāp-i-kəl, 'səb- also **sub-trop-ic** \-'ik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being regions bordering on the tropical zone

sub-urb \səb-,ərb\ *n* 1 : an outlying part of a city; *also* : a small community adjacent to a city 2 *pl* : a residential area adjacent to a city — **sub-ur-ban** \sə-'bər-bən\ *adj* or *n*

sub-ur-ban-ite \sə-'bər-bə-,nī\ *n* : one living in a suburb

sub-ur-bia \sə-'bər-bē-ə\ *n* 1 : SUBURBS 2 : suburban people or customs

sub-ven-tion \səb-'ven-chən\ *n* : SUBSIDY, ENDOWMENT

sub-vert \səb-'vərt\ *vb* 1 : OVERTHROW, RUIN 2 : CORRUPT *syn* sabotage, undermine — **sub-ver-sion** \-'vər-zhən\ *n* — **sub-ver-sive** \-'vər-siv\ *adj*

sub-way \səb-,wā\ *n* : an underground way; *esp* : an underground electric railway

suc-ceed \sək-'sēd\ *vb* 1 : to follow next in order or next after another; *esp* : to inherit sovereignty, rank, title, or property 2 : to attain a desired object or end : be successful

suc-cess \sək-'ses\ *n* 1 : satisfactory completion of something 2 : the gaining of wealth and fame 3 : one that succeeds — **suc-cess-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **suc-cess-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

suc-ces-sion \sək-'sesh-ən\ *n* 1 : the order, act, or right of succeeding to a property, title, or throne 2 : the act or process of following in order 3 : a series of persons or things that follow one after another *syn* progression, sequence, chain, train, string

suc-ces-sive \sək-'ses-iv\ *adj* : following in order : CONSECUTIVE — **suc-ces-sive-ly** *adv*

suc-ces-sor \sək-'ses-ər\ *n* : one that succeeds (as to a throne, title, estate, or office)

suc-cinct \sək-'sɪŋkt, sə-'sɪŋkt\ *adj* : BRIEF, CONCISE *syn* terse, laconic, summary, curt, short — **suc-cinct-ly** *adv* — **suc-cinct-ness** *n*

suc-cor \sək-ər\ *n* [ME *succur*, fr. earlier *sucurs*, taken as pl., fr. OF *sucors*, fr. ML *succursus*, fr. L *succursus*, pp. of *succurrere* to run up, run to help] : AID, HELP, RELIEF — **succor** *vb*

suc-co-tash \sək-ə-,tash\ *n* [from an American Indian language] : beans and kernels of sweet corn cooked together

suc-co-lent \sək-yə-lənt\ *adj* : full of juice : JUICY; *also* : having fleshy tissues that conserve moisture — **suc-culence** \-ləns\ *n*

succulent *n* : a succulent plant (as a cactus)

suc-cumb \sə-'kəm\ *vb* 1 : to give up 2 : DIE *syn* submit, capitulate, relent, defer

such \(')səch, (')sɪch\ *adj* 1 : of this or that kind 2 : having a quality just specified or to be specified

such *pron* 1 : such a one or ones (he's the boss, and had the right to act as ~) 2 : that or those similar or related thereto (boards and nails and ~)

such *adv* : to that degree : so

such-like \səch-,lik\ *adj* : SIMILAR

suck \sək\ *vb* 1 : to draw in liquid and *esp.* mother's milk with the mouth 2 : to draw liquid from by action of the mouth (~ an orange) 3 : to take in or up or remove by or as if by suction

suck *n* : the act of sucking : SUCTION

suck-er \sək-ər\ *n* 1 : one that sucks 2 : a part of an animal's body used for sucking or for clinging 3 : a fish with thick soft lips for sucking in food 4 : a shoot from the roots or lower part of a plant 5 : a person easily deceived

suck-le \sək-əl\ *vb* **suck-led**; **suck-ling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to give or draw milk from the breast or udder; *also* : NURTURE, REAR

suck-ling \sək-lɪŋ\ *n* : a young unweaned mammal

su-cre \sü-(')krä\ *n* — see MONEY table

su-crose \sü-,krōs, -,krōz\ *n* : a sweet sugar obtained *esp.* from sugarcane or sugar beets

suc-tion \sək-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of sucking 2 : the act or process of drawing something (as liquid or dust) into a space (as in a vacuum cleaner or a pump) by partially exhausting the air in the space — **suc-tion-al** \-sh(ə-)nəl\ *adj*

sud-den \səd-'n\ *adj* [ME *sodain*, fr. MF, fr. L *subitaneus*, fr. *subitus* sudden, fr. pp. of *subire* to come up] 1 : happening or coming quickly or unexpectedly (~ shower); *also* : changing angle or character all at once (~ turn in the road) (~ descent to the sea) 2 : HASTY, RASH (~ decision) 3 : made or brought about in a short time : PROMPT (~ cure) *syn* precipitate, headlong, impetuous, hasty — **sud-den-ly** *adv* — **sud-den-ness** *n*

sudden infant death syndrome *n* : death due to unknown causes of an infant in apparently good health that occurs usu. before one year of age

suds \sədz\ *n pl* : soapy water *esp.* when frothy — **sudsy** \səd-zē\ *adj*

sue \sü\ *vb* **sued**; **su-ing** 1 : PETITION, SOLICIT 2 : to seek justice or right by bringing legal action *syn* appeal

suede or **suède** \swād\ *n* [F *gants de Suède* Swedish gloves] 1 : leather with a napped surface 2 : a fabric with a suedelike nap

su-et \sü-ət\ *n* : the hard fat from beef and mutton that yields tallow

suff *abbr* 1 sufficient 2 suffix

suf-fer \səf-ər\ *vb* **suffered**; **suf-fer-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to feel or endure pain 2 : EXPERIENCE, UNDERGO 3 : to bear loss, damage, or injury 4 : ALLOW, PERMIT *syn* endure, abide, tolerate, stand, brook, stomach — **suf-fer-able** \səf-(ə-)rə-bəl\ *adj* — **suf-fer-er** *n*

suf-fer-ance \səf-(ə-)rəns\ *n* 1 : consent or approval implied by lack of interference or resistance 2 : ENDURANCE, PATIENCE

suf-fer-ing \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ *n* : PAIN, MISERY, HARDSHIP

suf-fice \səf-'fis\ *vb* **suf-ficed**; **suf-fic-ing** 1 : to satisfy a need : be sufficient 2 : to be capable or competent

suf-fi-cien-cy \səf-'fish-ən-sē\ *n* 1 : a sufficient quantity to meet one's needs 2 : ADEQUACY

suf-fi-cient \səf-'fish-ənt\ *adj* : adequate to accomplish a purpose or meet a need — **suf-fi-cient-ly** *adv*

suf-fix \səf-,iks\ *n* : an affix occurring at the end of a word

suf-fix \səf-'iks, (')sə-'fiks\ *vb* : to attach as a suffix — **suf-fix-ation** \səf-,ik-'sā-shən\ *n*

suf-fo-cate \səf-ə-,kāt\ *vb* **-cat-ed**; **-cat-ing** : STIFLE, SMOTHER, CHOKE — **suf-fo-cat-ing-ly** *adv* — **suf-fo-ca-tion** \səf-ə-'kā-shən\ *n*

suf-fra-gan \səf-'ri-gən\ *n* : an assistant bishop; *esp* : one not having the right of succession — **suffragan** *adj*

suf-frage \səf-'ri-j\ *n* [L *suffragium*] 1 : the right to vote : FRANCHISE

suf-frag-ette \səf-'ri-jet\ *n* : a woman who advocates suffrage for her sex

suf-frag-ist \səf-'ri-jəst\ *n* : one who advocates extension of the suffrage, esp. to women

suf-fuse \sə-'fyüz\ *vb* **suf-fused**; **suf-fus-ing** : to spread over or through in the manner of a fluid or light *syn* infuse, imbue, ingrain, steep — **suf-fu-sion** \-'fyü-zhən\ *n*

sug-ar \shü-g-ər\ *n* 1 : a sweet substance that is colorless or white when pure and is chiefly derived from sugarcane or sugar beets 2 : a water-soluble compound (as glucose) similar to sucrose — **sug-ary** *adj*

\ə'əbut \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'əsh \ə'əce \ə'əcot, cart
 \ə'u'out \ch'chin \ə'bet \ə'easy \ə'go \i'hīt \i'vice \j'job
 \ŋ'sing \ŋ'go \ŋ'law \ŋ'boy \th'thin \th'the \ŋ'lout
 \ŋ'foot \y'yet \zh'vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

sugar *vb* **sug-ared**; **sug-ar-ing** \ˈshūg-(ə-)rɪŋ/ **1** : to mix, cover, or sprinkle with sugar **2** : SWEETEN (~ advice with flattery) **3** : to form sugar (a syrup that ~s) **4** : GRANULATE

sugar beet *n* : a large beet with a white root from which sugar is made

sug-ar-cane \ˈshūg-ər-, kən/ *n* : a tall grass widely grown in warm regions for the sugar in its stalks

sugar daddy *n* **1** : a well-to-do usu. older man who supports or spends lavishly on a mistress or girlfriend **2** : a generous benefactor of a cause

sugar maple *n* : a maple with a sweet sap; *esp* : one of eastern No. America with sap that is the chief source of maple syrup and maple sugar

sugar pea *n* : SNOW PEA

sug-ar-plum \ˈshūg-ər-, pləm/ *n* : a small ball of candy

sug-gest (sə(g)-)ˈjest/ *vb* **1** : to put (as a thought, plan, or desire) into a person's mind **2** : to remind or evoke by association of ideas *syn* imply, hint, intimate, insinuate, connote

sug-gest-ible (sə(g)-)ˈjes-tə-bəl/ *adj* : easily influenced by suggestion

sug-ges-tion \-ˈjes-chən/ *n* **1** : an act or instance of suggesting; *also* : something suggested **2** : a slight indication

sug-ges-tive \-ˈjes-tiv/ *adj* : tending to suggest something; *esp* : suggesting something improper or indecent — **sug-ges-tive-ly** *adv* — **sug-ges-tive-ness** *n*

sui-cide \ˈsü-ə-, sɪd/ *n* **1** : the act of killing oneself purposely **2** : one that commits or attempts suicide — **sui-cid-al** \ˈsü-ə-ˈsɪd-əl/ *adj*

sui ge-nér-is \ˌsü-, ɪ-ˈjən-ə-rəs; ˌsü-ē-ˈjən-/ *adj* [L, of its own kind] : being in a class by itself : UNIQUE

suit \ˈsüt-/ *n* **1** : an action in court to recover a right or claim **2** : an act of suing or entreating; *esp* : COURTSHIP **3** : a number of things used together (~ of clothes) **4** : one of the four sets of playing cards in a pack *syn* prayer, plea, petition, appeal

suit *vb* **1** : to be appropriate or fitting **2** : to be becoming to **3** : to meet the needs or desires of : PLEASE

suit-able \ˈsüt-ə-bəl/ *adj* : FITTING, PROPER, APPROPRIATE *syn* fit, meet, apt, happy — **suit-abil-i-ty** \ˈsüt-ə-ˈbɪl-ət-ē/ *n* — **suit-able-ness** \ˈsüt-ə-bəl-nəs/ *n* — **suit-ably** \-ə-blə/ *adv*

suit-case \ˈsüt-, kās/ *n* : a flat rectangular traveling bag

suite \ˈswēt-, for **4** **süt** \ˈsüt/ *n* **1** : a personal staff attending a dignitary or ruler : RETINUE **2** : a group of rooms occupied as a unit : APARTMENT **3** : a modern instrumental composition free in its character and number of movements; *also* : a long orchestral concert arrangement in suite form of material drawn from a longer work **4** : a set of matched furniture for a room

suit-ing \ˈsüt-ɪŋ/ *n* : fabric for suits of clothes

suit-or \ˈsüt-ər/ *n* **1** : one who sues or petitions **2** : one who seeks to marry a woman

su-ki-ya-ki \skē-(y)äk-ē; ˌsük-ē-(y)äk-ē, ˌsük-/ *n* : thin slices of meat, bean curd, and vegetables cooked in soy sauce, sake, and sugar

sul-fa \ˈsəl-fə/ *adj* **1** : related chemically to sulfanilamide **2** : of, relating to, or using sulfa drugs (~ therapy)

sulfa drug *n* : any of various synthetic organic bacteria-inhibiting drugs that are closely related chemically to sulfanilamide

sul-fa-nil-amide \ˌsəl-fə-ˈnɪl-ə-, mɪd/ *n* : a sulfur-containing organic compound that is the parent compound of most sulfa drugs

sul-fate \ˈsəl-, fāt/ *n* : a salt or ester of sulfuric acid

sul-fide \ˈsəl-, fɪd/ *n* : a compound of sulfur

sul-fur or **sul-phur** \ˈsəl-fər/ *n* : a nonmetallic element that occurs in nature combined or free in vulcanizing rubber and in medicine — see ELEMENT table

sulfur dioxide *n* : a heavy pungent toxic gas that is used

esp. in bleaching, as a preservative, and as a refrigerant, and is a major air pollutant

sul-fu-ric \ˌsəl-, ˈfyūr-ɪk/ *adj* : of, relating to, or containing sulfur

sulfuric acid *n* : a heavy corrosive oily strong acid

sul-fu-rous \ˌsəl-f(y)ə-rəs, *also esp* for **1** \ˌsəl-, ˈfyūr-əs/ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or containing sulfur **2** or **sul-phu-rous** : of or relating to brimstone or the fire of hell : INFERNAL **3** or **sulphurous** : FIERY, INFLAMED (~ sermons)

sulk \ˈsɜlk/ *vb* : to be or become moodily silent

sulk *n* : a sulky mood or spell

sulky \ˈsəl-kē/ *adj* : inclined to sulk : MOROSE, MOODY *syn* surly, glum, sullen, gloomy — **sulk-i-ly** \ˈsəl-kə-lē/ *adv* — **sulk-i-ness** \-kē-nəs/ *n*

sulky *n*, *pl* **sulkies** : a light 2-wheeled vehicle with a seat for the driver and usu. no body

sul-len \ˈsəl-ən/ *adj* **1** : gloomily silent : MOROSE **2** : DISMAL, GLOOMY (a ~ sky) *syn* glum, surly, dour, saturnine — **sul-len-ly** *adv* — **sul-len-ness** \ˈsəl-ən-(n)əs/ *n*

sul-ly \ˈsəl-ē/ *vb* **sul-lied**; **sul-ly-ing** : SOIL, SMIRCH, DEFILE

sul-tan \ˈsəlt-ən/ *n* : a sovereign *esp.* of a Muslim state — **sul-tan-ate** \-, ät/ *n*

sul-ta-na \ˌsəl-, tə-ˈnə/ *n* **1** : a female member of a sultan's family **2** : a pale seedless grape; *also* : a raisin of this grape

sul-try \ˈsəl-trē/ *adj* **sul-tri-er**; -*est* [obs. E *sulter* to swelter, alter. of E *swelter*] : very hot and moist : SWELTERING; *also* : burning hot : TORRID

sum \ˈsəm/ *n* [ME *summe*, fr. OF, fr. L *summa*, fr. fem. of *summus* highest] **1** : a quantity of money **2** : the whole amount **3** : GIST **4** : the result obtained by adding numbers **5** : a problem in arithmetic *syn* aggregate, total, whole

sum *vb* **summed**; **sum-ming** : to find the sum of by adding or counting

su-mac *also* **su-mach** \s(h)ü-, mak/ *n* : any of a genus of trees, shrubs, and woody vines with pinnate compound leaves and spikes of red or whitish berries

sum-ma-rize \ˈsəm-ə-, rɪz/ *vb* **-rized**; **-riz-ing** : to tell in a summary

sum-ma-ry \ˈsəm-ə-rē/ *adj* **1** : covering the main points briefly : CONCISE **2** : done without delay or formality (~ punishment) *syn* terse, succinct, laconic — **sum-mar-i-ly** \(-)sə-ˈmer-ə-lē, ˈsəm-ə-rə-lē/ *adv*

sum-ma-ry *n*, *pl* **-ries** : a concise statement of the main points

sum-ma-tion \(-)sə-ˈmā-shən/ *n* : a summing up; *esp* : a speech in court summing up the arguments in a case

sum-mer \ˈsəm-ər/ *n* : the season of the year in a region in which the sun shines most directly : the warmest period of the year — **sum-mery** *adj*

sum-mer-house \ˈsəm-ər-, haʊs/ *n* : a covered structure in a garden or park to provide a shady retreat

summer squash *n* : any of various garden squashes (as zucchini) used as a vegetable while immature

sum-mit \ˈsəm-ət/ *n* : the highest point

sum-mon \ˈsəm-ən/ *vb* **sum-moned**; **sum-mon-ing** \(-)ən-ɪŋ/ [ME *somonen*, fr. OF *somondre*, fr. (assumed) VL *summonere*, alter. of L *summonere* to remind secretly] **1** : to call to a meeting : CONVOKE **2** : to send for; *also* : to order to appear in court **3** : to evoke *esp.* by an act of the will (~ up courage) — **sum-mon-er** *n*

sum-mons \ˈsəm-ənz/ *n*, *pl* **sum-mons-es** **1** : an authoritative call to appear at a designated place or to attend to a duty **2** : a warning or citation to appear in court at a specified time to answer charges

sump-tu-ous \ˈsəmp-ču-(wə)s/ *adj* : LAVISH, LUXURIOUS

sum up *vb* : SUMMARIZE

sun \ˈsən/ *n* **1** : the shining celestial body around which the earth and other planets revolve and from which they receive light and heat **2** : a celestial body like the sun **3** : SUNSHINE — **sun-less** *adj* — **sun-ny** *adj*

²**sun** *vb* **sunned**; **sun-ning** **1** : to expose to or as if to the rays of the sun **2** : to sun oneself
Sun *abbr* Sunday
sun-bath \ˈsən-bath, -bāth\ *n* : an exposure to sunlight or a sunlamp — **sun-bathe** \-,bāth\ *vb*
sun-beam \-,bēm\ *n* : a ray of sunlight
sun-bon-net \-,bän-ət\ *n* : a bonnet with a wide brim to shield the face and neck from the sun
¹**sun-burn** \-,börn\ *vb* **-burned** \-,bərnd\ or **-burnt** \-,bərnt\; **-burn-ing** : to burn or discolor by the sun
²**sunburn** *n* : a skin inflammation caused by overexposure to sunlight
sun-dae \ˈsən-dē\ *n* : ice cream served with topping
Sun-day \ˈsən-dē, -dā\ *n* : the 1st day of the week : the Christian Sabbath
sun-der \ˈsən-dər\ *vb* **sun-dered**; **sun-der-ing** \-d(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to force apart **syn** sever, part, disjoin, disunite
sun-di-al \-,di(-ə)\ *n* : a device for showing the time of day from the shadow cast on a plate by an object with a straight edge
sun-down \-,daʊn\ *n* : **SUNSET** **2**
sun-dries \ˈsən-drēz\ *n pl* : various small articles or items
sun-dry \ˈsən-drē\ *adj* : **SEVERAL**, **DIVERS**, **VARIOUS** **syn** many, numerous
sun-fish \ˈsən-fɪʃ\ *n* **1** : a huge sea fish with a deep flattened body **2** : any of a family of American freshwater fishes that are related to the perches, are often brightly colored, and usu. have the body flattened from side to side
sun-flow-er \-,flaʊ(-ə)r\ *n* : any of a genus of tall plants related to the daisies and often grown for the oil-rich seeds of their yellow-petaled dark-centered flower heads
sung *past and past part of SING*
sun-glasses \ˈsən-,glas-əz\ *n pl* : glasses to protect the eyes from the sun
sunk *past and past part of SINK*
sunk-en \ˈsəŋ-kən\ *adj* **1** : **SUBMERGED** **2** : fallen in : **HOLLOW** (~ cheeks) **3** : lying in a depression (~ garden); *also* : constructed below the general floor level (~ living room)
sun-lamp \ˈsən-,lamp\ *n* : an electric lamp designed to emit radiation of wavelengths from ultraviolet to infrared
sun-light \-,lɪt\ *n* : **SUNSHINE**
sun-lit \-,lɪt\ *adj* : lighted by or as if by the sun
sun-rise \-,rɪz\ *n* **1** : the apparent rising of the sun above the horizon **2** : the time at which the sun rises
sun-roof \-,rʊf, -rūf\ *n* : an automobile roof having a panel that can be opened
sun-screen \-,skrēn\ *n* : a substance used in suntan preparations to protect the skin
sun-set \-,set\ *n* **1** : the apparent descent of the sun below the horizon **2** : the time at which the sun sets
sun-shade \ˈsən-,shād\ *n* : something (as a parasol or awning) used as a protection from the sun's rays
sun-shine \-,shɪn\ *n* : the direct light of the sun — **sun-shiny** *adj*
sun-spot \-,spät\ *n* : one of the dark spots that appear from time to time on the sun's surface
sun-stroke \-,strök\ *n* : a bodily condition often marked by a high fever and collapse and caused by staying in the sun for too long
sun-tan \-,tan\ *n* : a browning of the skin from exposure to the sun's rays
sun-up \-,əp\ *n* : **SUNRISE** **2**
¹**sup** \ˈsəp\ *vb* **supped**; **sup-ping** : to take or drink in swallows or gulps
²**sup** *n* : a mouthful esp. of liquor or broth; *also* : a small quantity of liquid
³**sup** *vb* **supped**; **sup-ping** **1** : to eat the evening meal **2** : to make one's supper (*supped* on roast beef)

⁴**sup** *abbr* **1** superior **2** supplement; supplementary **3** supply **4** supra
¹**su-per** \ˈsü-pər\ *n* : **SUPERINTENDENT**
²**super** *adj* **1** : very fine : **EXCELLENT** **2** : **EXTREME**, **EXCESSIVE**
super- \-,sü-pər, ˈsü- prefix **1** : over and above : higher in quantity, quality, or degree than : more than **2** : in addition : extra **3** : exceeding a norm **4** : in excessive degree or intensity **5** : surpassing all or most others of its kind **6** : situated above, on, or at the top of **7** : next above or higher **8** : more inclusive than **9** : superior in status or position
superachiever
superagency
superblock
superbomb
supercity
supereminent
superfine
supergalaxy
supergovernment
superheat
superhuman
superhumanly
superindividual
superliner
superman
supermom
supernormal
superpatriot
superpatriotic
superpatriotism
superphysical
superpower
superrich
supersalesman
supersecret
supersize
supersized
supersophisticated
superspectacle
superspy
superstar
superstate
superstratum
superstrength
superstrong
supersubtle
supersubtlety
supersystem
supertanker
supertax
superwoman
su-per-abundant \-,sü-pər-ə-ˈbæn-dənt\ *adj* : more than ample — **su-per-abundant** \-dəns\ *n*
su-per-an-nu-ate \-,sü-pər-ˈan-yə-,wāt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** : to retire and pension because of age or infirmity — **su-per-an-nu-at-ed** *adj*
su-perb \ˈsü-ˈpərb\ *adj* [*L. superbus* excellent, proud, fr. *super* above] : marked to the highest degree by grandeur, excellence, brilliance, or competence **syn** resplendent, glorious, gorgeous, sublime — **su-perb-ly** *adv*
su-per-car-go \-,sü-pər-ˈkär-gō, ˈsü-pər-,kär-gō\ *n* : an officer on a merchant ship who manages the business part of the voyage
su-per-charge \-,sü-pər-,chär-jər\ *n* : a device for increasing the amount of air supplied to an internal-combustion engine
su-per-cil-ious \-,sü-pər-ˈsɪl-ē-əs\ *adj* [*L. superciliosus*, fr. *supercilium* eyebrow, haughtiness] : haughtily contemptuous **syn** disdainful, overbearing, arrogant, lordly, superior
su-per-con-duc-tiv-i-ty \ˈsü-pər-,kän-,dək-ˈtɪv-ət-ē\ *n* : a complete disappearance of electrical resistance in a substance at temperatures near absolute zero — **su-per-con-duc-tive** \-,sü-pər-kän-ˈdək-tɪv\ *adj* — **su-per-con-duc-tor** \-,ˈdək-tər\ *n*
su-per-con-ti-nent \ˈsü-pər-,kän-t-ən-ənt\ *n* : a hypothetical former large continent from which other continents broke off and drifted away
su-per-du-per \ˈsü-pər-ˈdü-pər\ *adj* : of the greatest excellence, size, effectiveness, or impressiveness
su-per-ego \-,sü-pər-ˈē-gō\ *n* : the one of the three divisions of the psyche in psychoanalytic theory that functions to reward and punish through a system of moral attitudes, conscience, and a sense of guilt
su-per-fi-cial \-,sü-pər-ˈfɪʃ-əl\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to the surface or appearance only **2** : not thorough : **SHALLOW**

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ə\rfurther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ə\easy \ə\go \i\hlt \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\out
\ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

syn cursory, sketchy — **su-per-fi-ci-al-i-ty** \-fīsh-ē-āl-ət-ē\ *n* — **su-per-fi-cial-ly** \-fīsh-(ə-)lē\ *adv*

su-per-flu-ous \sü-ˈpər-flū-wəs\ *adj* : exceeding what is sufficient or necessary : **SURPLUS** **syn** extra, spare, supernumerary — **su-per-flu-i-ty** \sü-ˈpər-flū-ət-ē\ *n*

su-per-high-way \sü-ˈpər-hī-, wā\ *n* : a broad highway designed for high-speed traffic

su-per-im-pose \-im-ˈpōz\ *vb* : to lay (one thing) over and above something else

su-per-in-tend \sü-ˈp(ə)-rīn-ˈtend\ *vb* : to have or exercise the charge and oversight of : **DIRECT** — **su-per-in-ten-dence** \-ˈten-dəns\ *n* — **su-per-in-ten-den-cy** \-dən-sē\ *n* — **su-per-in-ten-dent** \-dənt\ *n*

¹su-per-i-or \sü-ˈpīr-ē-ər\ *adj* **1** : situated higher up; *also* : higher in rank or numbers **2** : of greater value or importance **3** : courageously indifferent (as to pain or misfortune) **4** : better than most others of its kind **5** : **ARROGANT**, **HAUGHTY** — **su-per-i-or-i-ty** \-pīr-ē-ər-ət-ē\ *n*

²superior *n* **1** : one who is above another in rank, office, or station; *esp* : the head of a religious house or order **2** : one higher in quality or merit

¹su-per-la-tive \sü-ˈpər-lāt-iv\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or constituting the degree of grammatical comparison that denotes an extreme or unsurpassed level or extent **2** : surpassing others : **SUPREME** **syn** peerless, incomparable, superb — **su-per-la-tive-ly** *adv*

²superlative *n* **1** : the superlative degree or a superlative form in a language **2** : the utmost degree : **ACME**

su-per-mar-ke-t \sü-ˈpər-, mār-kət\ *n* : a self-service retail market selling foods and household merchandise

su-per-nal \sü-ˈpərn-əl\ *adj* **1** : of or from on high : **TOWERING** **2** : of heavenly or spiritual character : **ETHEREAL**

su-per-nat-u-ral \sü-ˈpər-nach-(ə-)rəl\ *adj* : of or relating to phenomena beyond or outside of nature; *esp* : relating to or attributed to a divinity, ghost, or infernal spirit — **su-per-nat-u-ral-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

su-per-no-va \sü-ˈpər-nō-və\ *n* : the explosion of a very large star

¹su-per-nu-mer-ary \-ˈn(y)ü-mə-, rer-ē\ *adj* : exceeding the usual or required number : **EXTRA** **syn** surplus, superfluous, spare

²supernumerary *n*, *pl* -**ar-ies** : an extra person or thing; *esp* : an actor hired for a nonspeaking part

su-per-pose \sü-ˈpər-ˈpōz\ *vb* -**posed**; -**pos-ing** : **SUPERIMPOSE** — **su-per-po-si-tion** \-pə-ˈzish-ən\ *n*

su-per-sat-u-rat-ed \sü-ˈpər-ˈsach-ə-, rāt-əd\ *adj* : containing an amount of a substance greater than that required for saturation

su-per-scribe \sü-ˈpər-, skrib, sü-ˈpər-ˈskrib\ *vb* -**scribed**; -**scrib-ing** : to write on the top or outside : **ADDRESS** — **su-per-scrip-tion** \sü-ˈpər-ˈskrip-shən\ *n*

su-per-script \sü-ˈpər-, skript\ *n* : a symbol (as a numeral or letter) written immediately above or above and to one side of another character

su-per-sede \sü-ˈpər-ˈsēd\ *vb* -**sed-ed**; -**sed-ing** [*MF supersedere* to refrain from, *fr. L supersedere* to be superior to, refrain from, *fr. super-* above + *sedere* to sit] : to take the place of : **REPLACE** **syn** displace, supplant

su-per-son-ic \-ˈsän-ik\ *adj* **1** : **ULTRASONIC** **2** : being or relating to speeds from one to five times the speed of sound; *also* : capable of moving at such a speed (a ~ airplane)

su-per-son-ics \-ˈsän-iks\ *n* : the science of supersonic phenomena

su-per-sti-tion \sü-ˈpər-ˈstish-ən\ *n* **1** : beliefs or practices resulting from ignorance, fear of the unknown, or trust in magic or chance **2** : an irrationally abject attitude of mind toward nature, the unknown, or God resulting from superstition — **su-per-sti-tious** \-əs\ *adj*

su-per-struc-ture \sü-ˈpər-, strək-chər\ *n* : something built on a base or as a vertical extension

su-per-vene \sü-ˈpər-ˈvèn\ *vb* -**vened**; -**ven-ing** : to occur

as something additional or unexpected **syn** follow, succeed, ensue

su-per-vise \ˈsü-ˈpər-, vīz\ *vb* -**vised**; -**vis-ing** : **OVERSEE**, **SUPERINTEND** — **su-per-vi-sion** \sü-ˈpər-ˈvīzh-ən\ *n* — **su-per-vi-sor** \ˈsü-ˈpər-, vī-zər\ *n* — **su-per-vi-so-ry** \sü-ˈpər-ˈvīz-(ə-)rē\ *adj*

su-pine \sü-ˈpīn\ *adj* **1** : lying on the back with face upward **2** : **LETHARGIC**, **SLUGGISH**; *also* : **ABJECT** **syn** inactive, inert, passive, idle

supp or **suppl** *abbr* supplement; supplementary

sup-per \ˈsəp-ər\ *n* : the evening meal *esp*. when dinner is taken at midday — **sup-per-time** \-ˈtīm\ *n*

sup-plant \sə-ˈplānt\ *vb* **1** : to take the place of (another) *esp.* by force or trickery **2** : **REPLACE** **syn** displace, supersede

sup-ple \ˈsəp-əl\ *adj* **sup-pler** \-(ə-)lər\; **sup-plest** \-(ə-)ləst\ **1** : **COMPLIANT**, **ADAPTABLE** **2** : capable of bending without breaking or creasing : **LIMBER** **syn** resilient, elastic, flexible

¹sup-ple-ment \ˈsəp-lə-mənt\ *n* **1** : something that supplies a want or makes an addition **2** : a continuation (as of a book) containing corrections or additional material — **sup-ple-men-tal** \səp-lə-ˈment-əl\ *adj* — **sup-ple-men-tary** \-ˈmen-t(ə-)rē\ *adj*

²sup-ple-ment \ˈsəp-lə-, mənt\ *vb* : to fill up the deficiencies of : add to

sup-pli-ant \ˈsəp-lē-ənt\ *n* : one who supplicates : **PETITIONER**, **PLEADER**

sup-pli-cant \ˈsəp-li-kənt\ *n* : **SUPPLIANT**

sup-pli-cate \ˈsəp-lə-, kāt\ *vb* -**cat-ed**; -**cat-ing** **1** : to make a humble entreaty; *esp* : to pray to God **2** : to ask earnestly and humbly : **BESEECH** **syn** implore, beg, entreat, plead — **sup-pli-ca-tion** \səp-lə-ˈkā-shən\ *n*

¹sup-ply \sə-ˈplī\ *vb* **supplied**; **sup-ply-ing** [*ME supplien*, *fr. MF soupleier*, *fr. L supplere* to fill up, supplement, supply, *fr. sub-* up + *plere* to fill] **1** : to add as a supplement **2** : to satisfy the needs of **3** : **FURNISH**, **PROVIDE** — **sup-pli-er** \-ˈplī-(ə)r\ *n*

²supply *n*, *pl* **supplies** **1** : the quantity or amount (as of a commodity) needed or available; *also* : **PROVISIONS**, **STORES** — *usu.* used in *pl.* **2** : the act or process of filling a want or need : **PROVISION** **3** : the quantities of goods or services offered for sale at a particular time or at one price

sup-ply-side \sə-ˈplī-, sīd\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being an economic theory that recommends the reduction of tax rates to expand economic activity

¹sup-port \sə-ˈpōrt\ *vb* **1** : **BEAR**, **TOLERATE** **2** : to take sides with : **BACK**, **ASSIST** **3** : to provide with food, clothing, and shelter **4** : to hold up or serve as a foundation for **syn** uphold, advocate, champion — **sup-port-able** *adj* — **sup-port-er** *n*

²support *n* **1** : the act of supporting : the state of being supported **2** : one that supports : **PROP**, **BASE**

sup-pose \sə-ˈpōz\ *vb* **sup-posed**; **sup-pos-ing** **1** : to assume to be true (as for the sake of argument) **2** : **EXPECT** (I am supposed to go) **3** : to think probable — **sup-pos-al** *n*

sup-posed \sə-ˈpōz-(ə)d\ *adj* : **BELIEVED**; *also* : mistakenly believed — **sup-pos-ed-ly** \-ˈpō-zəd-lē-, ˈpōz-dlē\ *adv*

sup-pos-ing \sə-ˈpō-zīŋ\ *conj* : if by way of hypothesis : on the assumption that

sup-po-si-tion \səp-ə-ˈzish-ən\ *n* **1** : something that is supposed : **HYPOTHESIS** **2** : the act of supposing

sup-pos-i-to-ry \sə-ˈpāz-ə-, tōr-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**ries** [*ML suppositorium*, *lit.*, placed beneath] : a small easily melted mass of *usu.* medicated material for insertion (as into the rectum)

sup-press \sə-ˈpres\ *vb* **1** : to put down by authority or force : **SUBDUE** (~ a revolt) **2** : to keep from being known; *also* : to stop the publication or circulation of **3** : to exclude from consciousness : **REPRESS** — **sup-press-ible** \-ˈpres-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **sup-press-ion** \-ˈpresh-ən\ *n*

sup-pres-sant \sə-ˈpres-nt\ *n* : an agent (as a drug) that

tends to suppress rather than eliminate something (as appetite)

sup-pu-rate \ˈsəp-yə-,rāt\ *vb* -rat-ed; -rat-ing : to form or give off pus — **sup-pu-ration** \ˈsəp-yə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

su-pra \ˈsü-prə-,ˈprā\ *adv* : earlier in this writing : ABOVE
su-pra-na-tion-al \ˈsü-prə-ˈnash-(ə)-nəl-,ˈprā-\ *adj* : transcending national boundaries, authority, or interests (~ organizations)

su-prem-a-cist \sü-ˈprem-ə-səst\ *n* : an advocate of group supremacy

su-prem-a-cy \sü-ˈprem-ə-sē\ *n*, *pl* -cies : supreme rank, power, or authority

su-preme \sü-ˈprēm\ *adj* [L. *supremus*, superl. of *superus* upper, fr. *super* over, above] 1 : highest in rank or authority 2 : highest in degree or quality (he is ~ among poets) 3 : ULTIMATE (the ~ sacrifice) **syn** superlative, surpassing, peerless, incomparable — **su-preme-ly** *adv* — **su-preme-ness** *n*

Supreme Being *n* : GOD 1

supt *abbr* superintendent

supvr *abbr* supervisor

sur-cess \ˈsər-,sēs\ *n* : CESSATION, RESPIRE

sur-charge \ˈsər-,chārij\ *vb* 1 : to fill to excess : OVERLOAD 2 : to print or write a surcharge on (postage stamps)

surcharge *n* 1 : an extra fee or cost 2 : an excessive load or burden 3 : something officially printed on a postage stamp to give it a new value or use

sur-cin-gle \ˈsər-,sɪŋ-gəl\ *n* : a band passing around a horse's body to make something (as a saddle or pack) fast

sure \ˈshür\ *adj* **sur-er**; **sur-est** [ME, fr. MF *sur*, fr. L *securus* secure] 1 : firmly established 2 : TRUSTWORTHY, RELIABLE 3 : CONFIDENT 4 : not to be disputed : UNDOUBTED 5 : bound to happen 6 : careful to remember or attend to something (be ~ to lock the door) **syn** certain, cocksure, positive — **sure-ly** *adv* — **sure-ness** *n*

sure *adv* : SURELY

sure-fire \ˈshür-,fɪ(ə)r\ *adj* : certain to get results : DEPENDABLE

sure-ty \ˈshür-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : SURENESS, CERTAINTY 2 : something that makes sure : GUARANTEE 3 : one who becomes a guarantor for another person **syn** security, bond, bail

surf \ˈsərf\ *n* : waves that break upon the shore; also : the sound or foam of breaking waves

surf *vb* : to ride the surf (as on a surfboard) — **surf-er** *n* — **surf-ing** *n*

sur-face \ˈsər-fəs\ *n* 1 : the outside of an object or body 2 : outward aspect or appearance

surface *vb* **sur-faced**; **sur-fac-ing** 1 : to give a surface to : make smooth 2 : to rise to the surface

surf-board \ˈsər-f-,bōrd\ *n* : a buoyant board used in riding the crests of waves

sur-feit \ˈsər-fət\ *n* 1 : EXCESS, SUPERABUNDANCE 2 : excessive indulgence (as in food or drink) 3 : disgust caused by excess (as in eating and drinking)

surfeit *vb* : to feed, supply, or indulge to the point of surfeit : CLOY

surg *abbr* surgeon; surgery; surgical

surge \ˈsərj\ *vb* **surged**; **surg-ing** 1 : to rise and fall actively : ROSS 2 : to move in waves 3 : to rise suddenly to a high value

surge *n* 1 : a sweeping onward like a wave of the sea (a ~ of emotion) 2 : a large billow 3 : a transient sudden increase of current in an electrical circuit

sur-geon \ˈsər-jən\ *n* : a physician who specializes in surgery

sur-gery \ˈsərj-(ə)-rē\ *n*, *pl* -ger-ies [ME *surgerie*, fr. OF *chirurgie*, *surgerie*, fr. L *chirurgia*, fr. Gk *cheiourgia*, fr. *cheiourgos* surgeon, fr. *cheiourgos* working with the hand, fr. *cheir* hand + *ergon* work] 1 : a branch of medicine concerned with the correction of physical defects, the repair of injuries, and the treatment of disease

esp. by operations 2 : a surgeon's operating room or laboratory 3 : work done by a surgeon

sur-gi-cal \ˈsər-ji-kəl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or associated with surgeons or surgery — **sur-gi-cal-ly** \-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

sur-ly \ˈsər-lē\ *adj* **sur-li-er**; -est [alter. of ME *sirly* lordly, imperious, fr. *sir*] : ILL-NATURED, CRABBED **syn** morose, glum, sullen, sulky, gloomy — **sur-li-ness** *n*

sur-mise \ˈsər-ˈmɪz\ *vb* **sur-mised**; **sur-mis-ing** : GUESS **syn** conjecture, presume, suppose — **surmise** *n*

sur-mount \ˈsər-ˈmaunt\ *vb* 1 : to rise superior to : OVERCOME 2 : to get to or lie at the top of **syn** conquer, lick, master

sur-name \ˈsər-,nām\ *n* 1 : NICKNAME 2 : the name borne in common by members of a family

sur-pass \ˈsər-ˈpas\ *vb* 1 : to be superior to in quality, degree, or performance : EXCEL 2 : to be beyond the reach or powers of **syn** transcend, outdo, outstrip, exceed — **sur-pass-ing-ly** *adv*

sur-plice \ˈsər-pləʃ\ *n* : a loose white outer ecclesiastical vestment usu. of knee length with large open sleeves
sur-plus \ˈsər-(ɪ)ˈpləs\ *n* 1 : quantity left over : EXCESS 2 : the excess of assets over liabilities **syn** superfluity, overabundance, surfeit

sur-prise \sə(r)-ˈprɪz\ *n* 1 : an attack made without warning 2 : a taking unawares 3 : something that surprises 4 : AMAZEMENT, ASTONISHMENT

surprise *also* **sur-prize** *vb* **sur-prised**; **sur-pris-ing** 1 : to come upon and attack unexpectedly 2 : to take unawares 3 : AMAZE 4 : to effect or accomplish by means of a surprise **syn** astonish, astound, amaze, dumbfound — **sur-pris-ing** *adj* — **sur-pris-ing-ly** *adv*

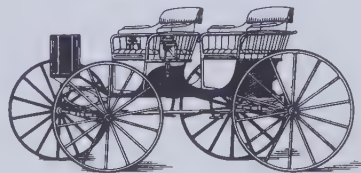
sur-re-al-ism \sə-ˈrē-ə-,liz-əm\ *n* : art, literature, or theater characterized by fantastic or incongruous imagery or effects produced by unnatural juxtapositions and combinations — **sur-re-al-ist** \-ləst\ *n* or *adj* — **sur-re-al-is-tic** \sə-,rē-ə-ˈlɪs-tik\ *adj* — **sur-re-al-is-ti-cal-ly** \-tɪk(ə)-lē\ *adv*

sur-ren-der \sə-ˈren-dər\ *vb* -dered; -der-ing \-d(ə)-rɪŋ\ 1 : to yield to the power of another : give up under compulsion 2 : RELINQUISH

surrender *n* : the act of giving up or yielding oneself or the possession of something to another **syn** submission, capitulation

sur-rep-ti-tious \ˈsər-əp-ˈtɪʃ-əs\ *adj* : done, made, or acquired by stealth : CLANDESTINE **syn** underhand, covert, furtive — **sur-rep-ti-tious-ly** *adv*

sur-rey \ˈsər-ē\ *n*, *pl* surreys : a 4-wheeled 2-seated horse-drawn carriage



surrey

sur-ro-gate \ˈsər-ə-,gāt-,gət\ *n* 1 : DEPUTY, SUBSTITUTE 2 : a law officer in some states with authority in the probate of wills, the settlement of estates, and the appointment of guardians

sur-round \sə-ˈraund\ *vb* 1 : to enclose on all sides : ENCIRCLE 2 : to enclose so as to cut off retreat or escape
sur-round-ings \sə-ˈraund-dɪŋz\ *n pl* : conditions by which one is surrounded

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
\əʊˈout \ch/ˈchin \eˈbet \eˈeasy \əˈgo \iˈhlt \iˈvice \jˈjob
\ŋˈsing \oˈgo \oˈlaw \oɪˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \üˈloot
\üˈfoot \yˈyet \zhˈvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

sur-tax \ˈsər-,taks\ *n* : an additional tax over and above a normal tax

sur-tout \(\)sər-ˈtüt\ *n* [F, fr. *sur* over (fr. L *super*) + *tout* all, fr. L *totus* whole] : a man's long close-fitting overcoat

surv *abbr* survey; surveying; surveyor

sur-veil-lance \sər-ˈvā-ləns, -ˈvāl-yəns, -ˈvā-əns\ *n* [F] : close watch; *also* : SUPERVISION

1sur-vey \sər-ˈvā\ *vb* **sur-veyed**; **sur-vey-ing** **1** : to look over and examine closely **2** : to find and represent the contours, measurements, and position of a part of the earth's surface (as a tract of land) **3** : to view or study something as a whole **syn** scrutinize, examine, inspect, study — **sur-vey-or** \-ər\ *n*

2sur-vey \ˈsər-,vā\ *n, pl* **surveys** : the act or an instance of surveying; *also* : something that is surveyed

sur-vey-ing \sər-ˈvā-ɪŋ\ *n* : the branch of mathematics that teaches the art of making surveys

sur-vive \sər-ˈvīv\ *vb* **sur-vived**; **sur-viv-ing** **1** : to remain alive or existent **2** : OUTLIVE, OUTLAST — **sur-viv-al** *n* — **sur-viv-or** \-ˈvī-vər\ *n*

sus-cep-ti-ble \sə-ˈsep-tə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : of such a nature as to permit (words ~ of being misunderstood) **2** : having little resistance to a stimulus or agency (~ to colds) **3** : easily affected or emotionally moved : RESPONSIVE **syn** sensitive, subject, exposed, prone, liable, open — **sus-cep-ti-bil-i-ty** \-ˌsep-tə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n*

su-shi \ˈsü-shē\ *n* [Jp] : cold rice shaped into small cakes and topped or wrapped with garnishes (as of raw fish)

1sus-pect \ˈsəs-,pekt, sə-ˈspekt\ *adj* : regarded with suspicion

2sus-pect \ˈsəs-,pekt\ *n* : one who is suspected (as of a crime)

3sus-pect \sə-ˈspekt\ *vb* **1** : to have doubts of : MISTRUST **2** : to imagine to be guilty without proof **3** : SURMISE

sus-pend \sə-ˈspend\ *vb* **1** : to bar temporarily from a privilege, office, or function **2** : to stop temporarily : make inactive for a time **3** : to withhold (judgment) for a time **4** : HANG; *esp* : to hang so as to be free except at one point; *also* : to keep from falling or sinking by some invisible support **syn** stay, postpone, defer

sus-pend-er \sə-ˈspen-dər\ *n* **1** : one of two supporting straps which pass over the shoulders and to which the trousers are fastened **2 Brit** : a fastener attached to a garment or garter to hold up a stocking or sock

sus-pense \sə-ˈspens\ *n* **1** : SUSPENSION **2** : mental uncertainty : ANXIETY **3** : excitement as to an outcome — **sus-pense-ful** *adj*

sus-pen-sion \sə-ˈspen-shən\ *n* **1** : the act of suspending : the state or period of being suspended **2** : the state of a substance when its particles are mixed with but undissolved in a fluid or solid; *also* : a substance in this state **3** : something suspended **4** : a device by which something is suspended

sus-pen-so-ry \sə-ˈspens-(ə)rē\ *adj* **1** : SUSPENDED; *also* : fitted or serving to suspend something **2** : temporarily leaving undetermined

sus-pi-cion \sə-ˈspish-ən\ *n* **1** : the act or an instance of suspecting something wrong without proof **2** : a slight trace **syn** mistrust, uncertainty, doubt, skepticism

sus-pi-cious \sə-ˈspish-əs\ *adj* **1** : open to or arousing suspicion **2** : inclined to suspect **3** : showing suspicion — **sus-pi-cious-ly** *adv*

sus-tain \sə-ˈstān\ *vb* **1** : to provide with nourishment **2** : to keep going : PROLONG (~ed effort) **3** : to hold up : PROP **4** : to hold up under : ENDURE **5** : SUFFER (~ a broken arm) **6** : to support as true, legal, or valid **7** : PROVE, CORROBORATE

sus-te-nance \ˈsəs-tə-nəns\ *n* **1** : FOOD, NOURISHMENT **2** : a supplying with the necessities of life **3** : something that sustains or supports

su-ture \ˈsü-chər\ *n* **1** : material or a stitch for sewing a wound together **2** : a seam or line along which two

things or parts are joined by or as if by sewing (the ~s of the skull)

su-zer-ain \ˈsüz-(ə)rən, -ə-,rān\ *n* [F] **1** : a feudal lord **2** : a nation that has political control over another nation — **su-zer-ain-ty** \-tē\ *n*

svc or svce abbr service

svelte \ˈsvelt\ *adj* [F, fr. It *svelto*, fr. *svellere* to pluck out, modif. of L *evellere*, fr. *e-* out + *vellere* to pluck] : SLENDER, LITHE

svgs *abbr* savings

SW *abbr* **1** shortwave **2** southwest

1swab \ˈswäb\ *n* **1** : MOP **2** : a wad of absorbent material esp. for applying medicine or for cleaning; *also* : a sample taken with a swab **3** : SAILOR

2swab *vb* **swabbed**; **swab-bing** : to use a swab on : MOP **swad-dle** \ˈswäd-əl\ *vb* **swad-dled**; **swad-dling** \ˈswäd-(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : to bind (an infant) in bands of cloth **2** : to wrap up : SWATHE

swaddling clothes *n pl* : bands of cloth wrapped around an infant

swag \ˈswag\ *n* : stolen goods : LOOT

swage \ˈswāj, ˈswej\ *n* : a tool used by metal workers for shaping their work — **swage** *vb*

swag-ger \ˈswag-ər\ *vb* **swag-gered**; **swag-ger-ing** \-(ə-)riŋ\ **1** : to walk with a conceited swing or strut **2** : BOAST, BRAG — **swagger** *n*

Swa-hi-li \swä-ˈhē-lē\ *n, pl* **Swahili** or **Swahilis** : a language that is a trade and governmental language over much of East Africa and the Congo region

swain \ˈswān\ *n* [ME *swein* boy, servant, fr. ON *sveinn*] **1** : RUSTIC; *esp* : SHEPHERD **2** : ADMIRER, SUITOR

1swal-low \ˈswäl-ō\ *n* : any of various small long-winged migratory birds that often have a deeply forked tail

2swallow *vb* **1** : to take into the stomach through the throat **2** : to envelop or take in as if by swallowing **3** : to accept or believe without question, protest, or anger

3swallow *n* : an act of swallowing **2** : as much as can be swallowed at one time

swal-low-tail \ˈswäl-ō-,tāl\ *n* **1** : a deeply forked and tapering tail like that of a swallow **2** : TAILCOAT **3** : any of various large butterflies with the border of the hind wing drawn out into a process resembling a tail — **swal-low-tailed** \ˈswäl-ō-ˈtāld\ *adj*

swam *past of* SWIM

swa-mi \ˈswäm-ē\ *n* [Hindi *svāmī*, fr. Skt *svāmin* owner, lord] : a Hindu ascetic or religious teacher

1swamp \ˈswämp\ *n* : wet spongy land — **swamp** *adj* — **swampy** *adj*

2swamp *vb* **1** : to fill or become filled with or as if with water **2** : OVERWHELM **3**

swamp-land \-ˌland\ *n* : SWAMP

swan \ˈswān\ *n, pl* **swans** *also* **swan** : any of several heavy-bodied long-necked mostly pure white swimming birds related to the geese

1swank \ˈswaŋk\ or **swanky** \ˈswaŋ-kē\ *adj* **swank-er** or **swank-i-er**; **-est** : showily smart and dashing; *also* : fashionably elegant

2swank *n* : PRETENTIOUSNESS **2** : ELEGANCE

swans-down \ˈswānz-,daʊn\ *n* : the very soft down of a swan used esp. for trimming or powder puffs **2** : a soft thick cotton flannel

swan song *n* : a farewell appearance, act, or pronouncement

swap \ˈswäp\ *vb* **swapped**; **swap-ping** : TRADE, EXCHANGE — **swap** *n*

sward \ˈswörd\ *n* : the grassy surface of land

1swarm \ˈswörm\ *n* **1** : a great number of honeybees leaving together from a hive with a queen to start a new colony; *also* : a hive of bees **2** : a large crowd

2swarm *vb* **1** : to form in a swarm and depart from a hive **2** : to throng together : gather in great numbers

swart \ˈswört\ *adj* : SWARTHY

swarthy \ˈswôr-thē-, -thē\ *adj* **swar-thi-er**; **-est** : dark in color or complexion : dark-skinned

swash \ˈswāsh\ *vb* : to move about with a splashing sound — **swash** *n*

swash-buck-ler \-,bək-lər\ *n* : a boasting blustering soldier or daredevil — **swash-buck-ling** \-,bək-(ə-)lɪŋ\ *adj*

swas-ti-ka \ˈswäs-ti-kə, swä-ˈstē-\ *n* [Skt *svastika*, fr. *svasti* welfare, fr. *su-* well + *asti* he is] : a symbol or ornament in the form of a cross with the ends of the arms bent at right angles

swat \ˈswät\ *vb* **swat-ted**; **swat-ting** : to hit sharply (∼ a fly) (∼ a ball) — **swat** *n* — **swat-ter** *n*

SWAT *abbr* Special Weapons and Tactics

swatch \ˈswäch\ *n* : a sample piece (as of fabric) or a collection of samples

swath \ˈswäth, ˈswóth\ or **swathe** \ˈswäth, ˈswóth, ˈswäth\ *n* [ME, fr. OE *swaeth* footstep, trace] **1** : a row of cut grass or grain **2** : the sweep of a scythe or mowing machine or the path cut in mowing

swathe \ˈswäth, ˈswóth, ˈswäth\ *vb* **swathed**; **swath-ing** : to bind or wrap with or as if with a bandage

sway \ˈswä\ *n* **1** : a gentle swinging from side to side **2** : a controlling influence **3** : sovereign power : DOMINION

sway *vb* **1** : to swing gently from side to side **2** : RULE, GOVERN **3** : to cause to swing from side to side **4** : BEND, SWERVE; **also** : INFLUENCE *syn* oscillate, fluctuate, vibrate, waver

sway-back \ˈswä-ˈbak, -ˌbak\ *n* : a sagging of the back found esp. in horses — **sway-backed** \-ˈbakt\ *adj*

swear \ˈswær\ *vb* **swore** \ˈswör\; **sworn** \ˈswörn\; **swearing** **1** : to make a solemn statement or promise under oath : vow **2** : to assert emphatically as true with an appeal to God or one's honor **3** : to administer an oath to **4** : to charge or confirm under oath; *also* : to bind by or as if by an oath **5** : to use profane or obscene language — **swear-er** *n*

swear in *vb* : to induct into office by administration of an oath

sweat \ˈswet\ *vb* **sweat** or **sweat-ed**; **sweat-ing** **1** : to excrete salty moisture from glands of the skin : PERSPIRE **2** : to form drops of moisture on the surface **3** : to work so that one sweats : TOIL **4** : to cause to sweat **5** : to draw out or get rid of by perspiring **6** : to make a person overwork

sweat *n* **1** : perceptible liquid exuded through pores from glands (sweat glands) of the skin : PERSPIRATION **2** : moisture issuing from or gathering on the surface in drops — **sweaty** *adj*

sweat-er \ˈswet-ər\ *n* **1** : one that sweats **2** : a knitted or crocheted jacket or pullover

sweat-shop \ˈswet-,shäp\ *n* : a shop or factory in which workers are employed for long hours at low wages and under unhealthy conditions

Swed *abbr* Sweden; Swedish

swede \ˈswéd\ *n* **1** *cap* : a native or inhabitant of Sweden **2** : RUTABAGA

Swedish \ˈswéd-ish\ *n* **1** : the language of Sweden **2** : Swedish *pl* : the people of Sweden — **Swedish** *adj*

sweep \ˈswēp\ *vb* **swept** \ˈswept\; **sweep-ing** **1** : to remove or clean by brushing **2** : to remove or destroy by vigorous continuous action **3** : to strip or clear by gusts of wind or rain **4** : to move over with speed and force (the tide swept over the shore) **5** : to gather in with a single swift movement **6** : to move or extend in a wide curve — **sweep-er** *n* — **sweep-ing** *adj*

sweep *n* **1** : something (as a long oar) that operates with a sweeping motion **2** : a clearing off or away **3** : a winning of all the contests or prizes in a competition **4** : a sweeping movement (∼ of a scythe) **5** : CURVE, BEND **6** : RANGE, SCOPE

sweep-ing *n* **1** : the act or action of one that sweeps **2** *pl* : things collected by sweeping : REFUSE

sweep-second \ˈswēp-,sek-ənd\ *n* : a hand marking seconds on a timepiece

sweep-stakes \ˈswēp-,stāks\ *also* **sweep-stake** \-,stāk\ *n, pl* **sweepstakes** **1** : a race or contest in which the entire prize may go to the winner; *esp* : a horse race in which the stakes are contributed at least in part by the owners of the horses **2** : any of various lotteries

sweet \ˈswēt\ *adj* **1** : being or causing the one of the four basic taste sensations that is caused esp. by table sugar and is identified esp. by the taste buds at the front of the tongue; *also* : pleasing to the taste **2** : KINDLY, MILD **3** : pleasing to a sense other than taste (a ∼ smell) (∼ music) **4** : not stale or spoiled : WHOLESOME (∼ milk) **5** : not salted (∼ butter) — **sweet-ish** *adj* — **sweet-ly** *adv* — **sweet-ness** *n*

sweet *n* **1** : something sweet : CANDY **2** : DARLING

sweet-bread \ˈswēt-,bred\ *n* : the pancreas or thymus of an animal (as a calf or lamb) used for food

sweet-bri-er *also* **sweet-bri-ar** \-,brī-(ə-)r\ *n* : a thorny European rose with fragrant white to deep pink flowers

sweet clover *n* : any of a genus of erect legumes widely grown for soil improvement or hay

sweet corn *n* : an Indian corn with kernels rich in sugar and cooked as a vegetable while immature

sweet-en \ˈswēt-ən\ *vb* **sweet-ened**; **sweet-en-ing** \ˈswēt-(ə-)nɪŋ\ : to make sweet — **sweet-en-er** \ˈswēt-(ə-)nər\ *n* — **sweet-en-ing** *n*

sweet fern *n* : a small No. American shrub with sweet-scented or aromatic leaves

sweet-heart \ˈswēt-,härt\ *n* : one who is loved

sweet-meat \ˈswēt-,mēt\ *n* : CANDY

sweet pea *n* : a garden plant of the legume family with climbing stems and fragrant flowers of many colors; *also* : its flower

sweet pepper *n* : a large mild thick-walled fruit of a pepper; *also* : a plant related to the potato that bears sweet peppers

sweet potato *n* : a tropical vine related to the morning glory; *also* : its sweet yellow edible root

sweet-talk \ˈswēt-,tök\ *vb* : FLATTER, COAX — **sweet talk** *n*

sweet tooth *n* : a craving or fondness for sweet food

sweet wil-liam \ˈswēt-ˈwil-yəm\ *n*, *often cap W* : a widely cultivated Eurasian pink with small white to deep red or purple flowers often showily spotted, banded, or mottled

swell \ˈswel\ *vb* **swelled**; **swelled** or **swol-len** \ˈswō-lən\; **swell-ing** **1** : to grow big or make bigger **2** : to expand or distend abnormally or excessively (a swollen joint); *also* : BULGE **3** : to fill or be filled with emotion (as pride) *syn* expand, amplify, distend, inflate, dilate — **swell-ing** *n*

swell *n* **1** : a long crestless wave or series of waves in the open sea **2** : sudden or gradual increase in size or value **3** : a person dressed in the height of fashion; *also* : a person of high social position or outstanding competence

swell *adj* **1** : FASHIONABLE, STYLISH; *also* : socially prominent **2** : EXCELLENT, FIRST-RATE

swelled head *n* : an exaggerated opinion of oneself : SELF-CONCEIT

swell-head \ˈswel-,hed\ *n* : one who has a swelled head — **swell-head-ed** \-ˈhed-əd\ *adj*

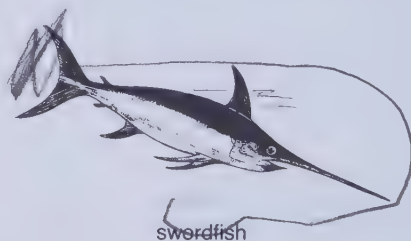
swel-ter \ˈswel-tər\ *vb* **swel-tered**; **swel-ter-ing** \-t(ə-)rɪŋ\ [ME *sweltren*, fr. *swelten* to die, be overcome by heat, fr. OE *sweltan* to die] : to be faint or oppressed with the heat

swept *past and past part of SWEEP*

swerve \ˈswərv\ *vb* **swerved**; **swerv-ing** : to move abruptly

əˈabut ˈkitten ˈərˌfurther ˈaˌash ˈaˌace ˈaˌcot, cart
 ˈaʊˌout ˈchˌchin ˈeˌbet ˈeˌeasy ˈgˌgo ˈiˌhit ˈiˌice ˈjˌjob
 ˈlˌsing ˈoˌgo ˈoˌlaw ˈoˌboy ˈtˌthin ˈtˌthe ˈuˌloot
 ˈuˌfoot ˈyˌyet ˈzhˌvision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- aside from a straight line or course **syn** digress, deviate, diverge — **swerve** *n*
- 1** **swift** \ˈswɪft\ *adj* **1** : moving or capable of moving with great speed **2** : occurring suddenly **3** : READY, ALERT — **swift-ly** *adv* — **swift-ness** \ˈswɪft(n)-nəs\ *n*
- 2** **swift** *n* : any of numerous small insect-eating birds with long narrow wings
- swig** \ˈswɪg\ *vb* **swigged**; **swig-ging** : to drink in long drafts — **swig** *n*
- 1** **swill** \ˈswɪl\ *vb* **1** : to swallow greedily : GUZZLE **2** : to feed (as hogs) on swill
- 2** **swill** *n* **1** : food for animals composed of edible refuse mixed with liquid **2** : GARBAGE
- 1** **swim** \ˈswɪm\ *vb* **swam** \ˈswɑm\; **swum** \ˈswʊm\; **swimming** **1** : to propel oneself along in water by natural means (as by hands and legs, by tail, or by fins) **2** : to glide smoothly along **3** : FLOAT **4** : to be covered with or as if with a liquid **5** : to be dizzy (his head *swam*) **6** : to cross or go over by swimming — **swim-mer** *n*
- 2** **swim** *n* **1** : an act of swimming **2** : the main current of activity or fashion (in the social ~)
- swim-ming** \ˈswɪm-ɪŋ\ *n* : the action, art, or sport of swimming and diving
- swimming pool** *n* : a tank of concrete or plastic designed for swimming
- swim-suit** \ˈswɪm-,sʊt\ *n* : a suit for swimming or bathing
- swin-dle** \ˈswɪn-dəl\ *vb* **swin-dled**; **swin-dling** \-(d)lɪŋ, -dʌl-ɪŋ\ [fr. *G* *schwindler* giddy person, fr. *schwindeln* to be dizzy] : CHEAT, DEFRAUD — **swindle** *n* — **swin-dler** \-d(ə-)ləɹ\ *n*
- swine** \ˈswɪn\ *n*, *pl* **swine** **1** : any of a family of stout short-legged hoofed mammals with bristly skin and a long flexible snout; *esp* : one widely raised as a meat animal **2** : a contemptible person — **swin-ish** \ˈswɪ-nɪʃ\ *adj*
- 1** **swing** \ˈswɪŋ\ *vb* **swung** \ˈswʊŋ\; **swing-ing** \ˈswɪŋ-ɪŋ\ **1** : to move rapidly in an arc **2** : to sway or cause to sway back and forth **3** : to hang so as to move freely back and forth or in a curve **4** : to be executed by hanging **5** : to move or turn on a hinge or pivot **6** : to manage or handle successfully **7** : to march or walk with free swaying movements **8** : to have a steady pulsing rhythm **9** : to be lively and up-to-date; *also* : to engage freely in sex **syn** wield, manipulate, ply, maneuver — **swing-er** *n* — **swing-ing** *adj*
- 2** **swing** *n* **1** : the act of swinging **2** : a swinging blow, movement, or rhythm **3** : the distance through which something swings : FLUCTUATION **4** : a seat suspended by a rope or chain for swinging back and forth for pleasure **5** : jazz music played *esp.* by a large band and marked by a steady lively rhythm, simple harmony, and a basic melody often submerged in improvisation — **swing** *adj*
- swing-by** \ˈswɪŋ-,bi\ *n*, *pl* **swing-bys** : an interplanetary mission in which a spacecraft uses the gravitational field of a planet near which it passes for changing course
- 1** **swipe** \ˈswɪp\ *vb* **swiped**; **swip-ing** **1** : to strike or wipe with a sweeping motion **2** : PILFER, SNATCH
- 2** **swipe** *n* : a strong sweeping blow
- swirl** \ˈswɜrl\ *vb* : EDDY — **swirl** *n*
- swish** \ˈswɪʃ\ *n* **1** : a prolonged hissing sound **2** : a light sweeping or brushing sound — **swish** *vb*
- Swiss** \ˈswɪs\ *n* *pl* **Swiss** : a native or inhabitant of Switzerland **2** : a hard cheese with large holes
- Swiss chard** *n* : CHARD
- 1** **switch** \ˈswɪtʃ\ *n* **1** : a slender flexible whip, rod, or twig **2** : a blow with a switch **3** : a shift from one thing to another **4** : a device for adjusting the rails of a track so that a locomotive or train may be turned from one track to another; *also* : a railroad siding **5** : a device for making, breaking, or changing the connections in an electrical circuit **6** : a heavy strand of hair often used in addition to a person's own hair for some coiffures
- 2** **switch** *vb* **1** : to punish or urge on with a switch **2** : WHISK (a cow ~ing her tail) **3** : to shift or turn by operating a switch **4** : CHANGE, EXCHANGE
- switch-back** \ˈswɪtʃ-,bæk\ *n* : a zig-zag road or arrangement of railroad tracks for climbing a steep grade
- switch-blade** \-,blād\ *n* : a pocket-knife with a spring-operated blade
- switch-board** \-,bɔrd\ *n* : a panel on which is mounted a group of electric switches so arranged that a number of circuits may be connected, combined, and controlled
- switch-hit-ter** \-ˈhit-ər\ *n* : a baseball player who bats either right-handed or left-handed — **switch-hit** \-ˈhit\ *vb*
- switch-man** \ˈswɪtʃ-mən\ *n* : one who attends a railroad switch
- Switz** *abbr* Switzerland
- 1** **swivel** \ˈswɪv-əl\ *n* : a device joining two parts so that one or both can turn freely
- 2** **swivel** *vb* -eled or -elled; -el-ing or -el-ling \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to swing or turn on or as if on a swivel
- swiz-zle stick** \ˈswɪz-əl\ *n* : a stick used to stir mixed drinks
- swollen** *past part of* SWELL
- swoon** \ˈswūn\ *vb* : FAINT — **swoon** *n*
- swoop** \ˈswɒp\ *vb* : to descend or pounce swiftly like a hawk on its prey — **swoop** *n*
- sword** \ˈsɔrd\ *n* **1** : a weapon with a long pointed blade and sharp cutting edges **2** : the use of force
- sword-fish** \-,fɪʃ\ *n* : a very large ocean food fish with the bones of the upper jaw prolonged in a long swordlike beak



- sword-play** \-,plā\ *n* : the art or skill of wielding a sword
- swords-man** \ˈsɔrdz-mən\ *n* : one skilled in wielding a sword; *esp* : FENCER
- sword-tail** \ˈsɔrd-,tāl\ *n* : a small brightly marked Central American fish
- swore** *past of* SWEAR
- sworn** *past part of* SWEAR
- swum** *past part of* SWIM
- swung** *past and past part of* SWING
- syb-a-rite** \ˈsɪb-ə-,rɪt\ *n* : a lover of luxury : VOLUPTUARY
- sy-c-a-more** \ˈsɪk-ə-,mɔr\ *n* **1** : a Eurasian maple with yellowish green flowers widely planted as a shade tree **2** : a large spreading tree of eastern and central No. America that has light brown flaky bark and small round fruits hanging on long stalks
- sy-co-ph-ant** \ˈsɪk-ə-fənt\ *n* : a servile flatterer — **sy-co-ph-antic** \ˈsɪk-ə-ˈfənt-ɪk\ *adj*
- sy-l** or **syll** *abbr* syllable
- sy-li** \ˈsɪ-lē\ *n*, *pl* **sy-lis** — see MONEY table
- sy-l-lab-i-ca-tion** \sə-,lɑb-ə-ˈkɑ-shən\ *n* : the dividing of words into syllables
- sy-l-lab-i-fy** \sə-,lɑb-ə-,fɪ\ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing : to form or divide into syllables — **sy-l-lab-i-fi-ca-tion** \-,lɑb-ə-fə-ˈkɑ-shən\ *n*
- sy-l-la-ble** \ˈsɪl-ə-bəl\ *n* [ME, fr. MF *sillabe*, fr. L *syllaba*, fr. Gk *syllabē*, fr. *syllambanein* to gather together, fr. *syn* with + *lambanein* to take] : a unit of spoken language consisting of an uninterrupted utterance and forming either a whole word (as *cat*) or a commonly recognized division of a word (as *sy-l* in *sy-l-la-ble*); *also*

: one or more letters representing such a unit — **syl-lab-ic** \sə-'lāb-ik\ *adj*

syl-la-bus \sil-ə-bəs\ *n*, *pl* -bi- \-,bī or -bus-es : a summary containing the heads or main topics of a speech, book, or course of study

syl-lo-gism \sil-ə-'jiz-əm\ *n* : a logical scheme of a formal argument consisting of a major and a minor premise and a conclusion which must logically be true if the premises are true — **syl-lo-gis-tic** \sil-ə-'jis-tik\ *adj*

sylph \silf\ *n* 1 : an imaginary being inhabiting the air 2 : a slender graceful woman

syl-van \sil-vən\ *adj* 1 : living or located in a wooded area; *also* : of, relating to, or characteristic of forest 2 : abounding in woods or trees : **WOODED**

sym *abbr* 1 symbol 2 symmetrical

sym-bi-o-sis \sim-,bī-'ō-səs, -bē-\ *n*, *pl* -o-ses \-,sēz\ : the living together in close association of two dissimilar organisms esp. when mutually beneficial — **sym-bi-ot-ic** \-'āt-ik\ *adj*

sym-bol \sim-bəl\ *n* 1 : something that stands for something else; *esp* : something concrete that represents or suggests another thing that cannot in itself be pictured (the lion is a ~ of bravery) 2 : a letter, character, or sign used in writing or printing relating to a particular field (as mathematics or music) to represent operations, quantities, elements, sounds, or other ideas — **sym-bol-ic** \sim-'bāl-ik\ *also* **sym-bol-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **sym-bol-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

sym-bol-ism \sim-bə-'liz-əm\ *n* : representation of abstract or intangible things by means of symbols or emblems

sym-bol-ize \sim-bə-'liz-əm\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing 1 : to serve as a symbol of 2 : to represent by symbols — **sym-bol-iza-tion** \sim-bə-lə-'zā-shən\ *n*

sym-me-try \sim-ə-trē\ *n*, *pl* -tries 1 : an arrangement marked by regularity and balanced proportions 2 : correspondence in size, shape, and position of parts that are on opposite sides of a dividing line or center sym proportion, balance, harmony — **sym-met-ri-cal** \sə-'me-tri-kəl\ or **sym-met-ric** \sə-'me-trik\ *adj* — **sym-met-ri-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

sympathetic nervous system *n* : the part of the autonomic nervous system that is concerned esp. with preparing the body to react to situations of stress or emergency and that tends to depress secretion, decrease the tone and contractility of muscle not under direct voluntary control, and cause the contraction of blood vessels

sym-pa-thize \sim-pə-'thiz\ *vb* -thized; -thiz-ing : to feel or show sympathy — **sym-pa-thiz-er** *n*

sym-pa-thy \sim-pə-'thē\ *n*, *pl* -thies 1 : a relationship between persons or things wherein whatever affects one similarly affects the others 2 : harmony of interests and aims 3 : FAVOR, SUPPORT 4 : the capacity for entering into and sharing the feelings or interests of another; *also* : COMPASSION, PITY 5 : an expression of sorrow for another's loss, grief, or misfortune — **sym-pa-thet-ic** \sim-pə-'thet-ik\ *adj* — **sym-pa-thet-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

sym-phony \sim-fə-nē\ *n*, *pl* -nies 1 : harmony of sounds 2 : a large and complex composition for a full orchestra 3 : a large orchestra of a kind that plays symphonies — **sym-phon-ic** \sim-'fān-ik\ *adj*

sym-po-sium \sim-'pō-zē-əm\ *n*, *pl* -sia \-zē-ə\ or -siums [L, fr. Gk *symposion*, fr. *sympein* to drink together, fr. *syn-* together + *pinein* to drink] : a conference at which a particular topic is discussed by various speakers; *also* : a collection of opinions about a subject

symp-tom \simp-təm\ *n* 1 : a change in an organism indicative of disease or abnormality; *esp* : one (as a headache) that can be sensed only by the individual affected 2 : SIGN, INDICATION — **symp-tom-at-ic** \simp-tə-'mat-ik\ *adj*

syn *abbr* synonym; synonymous; synonymy

syn-a-gogue or **syn-a-gog** \sin-ə-'gäg\ *n* [ME *synagoge*, fr. OF, fr. LL *synagoga*, fr. Gk *synagōgē* assembly, synagogue, fr. *synagein* to bring together] 1 : a Jewish congregation 2 : the house of worship of a Jewish congregation

syn-apse \sin-,aps, sə-'naps\ *n* : the point at which a nervous impulse passes from one neuron to another

sync *also* **synch** \siŋk\ *vb* **synced** *also* **synched** \siŋkt\; **sync-ing** *also* **synch-ing** \siŋ-kiŋ\ : SYNCHRONIZE

sync *also* **synch** *n* : SYNCHRONIZATION, SYNCHRONISM — **sync** *adj*

syn-chro-mesh \siŋ-krō-,mesh, 'sin-\ *adj* : designed for effecting synchronized shifting of gears — **synchro-mesh** *n*

syn-chro-nize \siŋ-krə-,nīz, 'sin-\ *vb* -nized; -niz-ing 1 : to occur or cause to occur at the same instant 2 : to represent, arrange, or tabulate according to dates or time 3 : to cause to agree in time 4 : to make synchronous in operation — **syn-chro-nism** \-,nīz-əm\ *n* — **syn-chro-ni-za-tion** \siŋ-krə-nə-'zā-shən, 'sin-\ *n* — **syn-chro-niz-er** \siŋ-krə-,nī-zər, 'sin-\ *n*

syn-chro-nous \siŋ-krə-nəs, 'sin-\ *adj* 1 : happening at the same time : CONCURRENT 2 : working, moving, or occurring together at the same rate and at the proper time

syn-co-pa-tion \siŋ-kə-'pā-shən, 'sin-\ *n* : a shifting of the regular musical accent : occurrence of accented notes on the weak beat — **syn-co-pate** \siŋ-kə-,pāt, 'sin-\ *vb*

syn-co-pe \siŋ-kə-(j)pē, 'sin-\ *n* : the loss of one or more sounds or letters in the interior of a word (as in *fo'c'sle* from *forecastle*)

syn-di-cate \sin-di-kət\ *n* 1 : a group of persons who combine to carry out a financial or industrial undertaking 2 : a business concern that sells materials for publication in many newspapers and periodicals at the same time

syn-di-cate \-də-,kāt\ *vb* -cat-ed; -cat-ing 1 : to combine into or manage as a syndicate 2 : to publish through a syndicate — **syn-di-ca-tion** \sin-də-'kā-shən\ *n*

syn-drome \sin-,drəm\ *n* : a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and characterize a particular abnormality

syn-er-gism \sin-ər-'jiz-əm\ *n* : interaction of discrete agencies (as industrial firms) or agents (as drugs) such that the total effect is greater than the sum of the individual effects — **syn-er-gist** \-jəst\ *n* — **syn-er-gis-tic** \-'jis-tik\ *adj* — **syn-er-gis-ti-cal-ly** \-ti-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

syn-fuel \sin-,fyül\ *n* [synthetic] : a fuel derived from a fossil fuel or from fermentation (as of grain)

syn-od \sin-əd\ *n* : COUNCIL, ASSEMBLY; *esp* : a religious governing body — **syn-od-al** \-əd-l, -,əd-əl\ *adj* **syn-od-ic** \-ik\ or **syn-od-i-cal** \sə-'nād-i-kəl\ *adj*

syn-on-ym \sin-ə-'nim\ *n* : one of two or more words in the same language which have the same or very nearly the same meaning — **syn-on-y-mous** \sə-'nān-ə-məs\ *adj* — **syn-on-y-my** \-mə\ *n*

syn-op-sis \sə-'nāp-səs\ *n*, *pl* -op-ses \-,sēz\ : a condensed statement or outline (as of a treatise) : ABSTRACT

syn-op-tic \sə-'nāp-tik\ *also* **syn-op-ti-cal** \-ti-kəl\ *adj* : characterized by or affording a comprehensive view

syn-tax \sin-,taks\ *n* : the way in which words are put together to form phrases, clauses, or sentences — **syn-tac-tic** \sin-'tak-tik\ or **syn-tac-ti-cal** \-ti-kəl\ *adj*

syn-the-sis \sin-thə-səs\ *n*, *pl* -the-ses \-,sēz\ : the combination of parts or elements into a whole; *esp* : the production of a substance by union of chemically simpler

\ə\but \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
 \ə'u't \ch\chin \ə'bet \ə'easy \ə'go \i'hīt \i'vice \j'Job
 \ŋ'sing \ŋ'go \ŋ'law \ŋ'boy \th'thin \th'the \ŋ'loot
 \ŋ'foot \y'yet \zh'vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

substances — **syn-the-size** \-,sīz\ *vb* — **syn-the-siz-er** *n*
syn-thet-ic \sin-¹thet-ik\ *adj* : produced artificially esp. by chemical means; *also* : not genuine — **synthetic** *n* — **syn-thet-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
syph-i-lis \sif-(ə)-ləs\ *n* [NL, fr. poem *Syphilis sive Morbus Gallicus* (Syphilis or the French disease) (1530) by Girolamo Fracastoro †1553 Ital. physician] : a destructive contagious usu. venereal disease caused by a spirochete — **syph-i-lit-ic** \sif-ə-¹lit-ik\ *adj* or *n*
sy-phon *var* of SIPHON
¹**sy-ringe** \sə-¹rinj, ¹sir-¹inj\ *n* : a device used esp. for injecting liquids into or withdrawing them from the body
²**syringe** *vb* **sy-ringed**; **sy-ring-ing** : to inject or cleanse with or as if with a syringe
syr-up \sər-əp, ¹sir-əp\ *n* 1 : a thick sticky solution of sugar and water often flavored or medicated 2 : the concentrated juice of a fruit or plant — **syr-upy** *adj*
syst *abbr* system
sys-tem \¹sis-təm\ *n* 1 : a group of units so combined as to form a whole and to operate in unison 2 : the body as a functioning whole; *also* : a group of bodily organs (as the nervous system) that together carry on some vital function 3 : a definite scheme or method of procedure or classification 4 : regular method or order — **sys-tem-**

at-ic \,sis-tə-¹mat-ik\ *also* **sys-tem-at-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **sys-tem-at-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*
sys-tem-atize \¹sis-tə-mə-¹tīz\ *vb* **-atized**; **-atiz-ing** : to make into a system : arrange methodically
¹**sys-tem-ic** \sis-¹tem-ik\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or affecting the whole body (~ disease) 2 : acting through the bodily systems after absorption or ingestion by making the organism toxic to a pest (as a mite or insect)
²**systemic** *n* : a systemic pesticide
systemic lupus erythematosus *n* : a disease characterized by fever, skin rash, and arthritis, often by anemia, by small hemorrhages of the skin and mucous membranes, and in serious cases by involvement of various internal organs
sys-tem-ize \¹sis-tə-,mīz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : SYSTEMATIZE
systems analyst *n* : a person who studies a procedure or business to determine its goals or purposes and to discover the best ways to accomplish them — **systems analysis** *n*
sys-to-le \¹sis-tə-(j)-lē\ *n* : a rhythmically recurrent contraction esp. of the heart — **sys-tol-ic** \sis-¹tāl-ik\ *adj*
Szech-uan or **Szech-wan** \¹sech-,wän\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being a style of Chinese cooking that is spicy, oily, and esp. peppery

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¹**t** \tē\ *n*, *pl* **t's** or **ts** \tēz\ *often cap* : the 20th letter of the English alphabet
²**t** *abbr.* *often cap* 1 tablespoon 2 teaspoon 3 temperature 4 ton 5 transitive 6 troy 7 true
Ta *symbol* tantalum
TA *abbr* teaching assistant
¹**tab** \¹tab\ *n* 1 : a short projecting flap, loop, or tag; *also* : a small insert or addition 2 : close surveillance : WATCH (keep ~s on him) 3 : BILL, CHECK
²**tab** *vb* **tabbed**; **tab-bing** : DESIGNATE
tab-bou-leh \tə-¹bū-lə\ *n* [Ar] : a salad consisting chiefly of wheat, tomatoes, parsley, mint, onions, lemon juice, and olive oil
tab-by \¹tab-ē\ *n*, *pl* **tabbies** : a usu. striped or mottled domestic cat; *also* : a female domestic cat
tab-er-na-cle \¹tab-ər-,nak-əl\ *n* [deriv. of L *taberna* hut] 1 *often cap* : a tent sanctuary used by the Israelites during the Exodus 2 : a receptacle for the consecrated elements of the Eucharist 3 : a house of worship
¹**ta-ble** \¹tā-bəl\ *n* 1 : a flat slab or plaque : TABLET 2 : a piece of furniture consisting of a smooth flat slab fixed on legs 3 : a supply of food : BOARD, FARE 4 : a group of people assembled at or as if at a table 5 : a systematic arrangement of data for ready reference 6 : a condensed enumeration — **ta-ble-top** \-tāp\ *n*
²**table** *vb* **ta-bled**; **ta-bling** \b-(ə)-līj\ 1 *Brit* : to place on the agenda 2 : to remove (a parliamentary motion) from consideration indefinitely
tab-leau \¹tab-,lə\ *n*, *pl* **tab-leaus** \-,ləz\ *also* **tableaus** [F] 1 : a graphic description : PICTURE 2 : a striking or artistic grouping 3 : a static depiction of a scene usu. presented on a stage by costumed participants
ta-ble-cloth \¹tā-bəl-,klōth\ *n* : a covering spread over a dining table before the table is set
ta-ble d'hôte \,tā-bəl-¹dōt\ *n* [F, lit., host's table] : a complete meal of several courses offered at a fixed price
ta-ble-land \¹tā-bəl-, (l)and\ *n* : PLATEAU
ta-ble-spoon \-,spūn\ *n* 1 : a large spoon used esp. for serving 2 : TABLESPOONFUL
ta-ble-spoon-ful \¹tā-bəl-,spūn-,fūl\ *n*, *pl* **-spoonfuls**

\-,fūlz\ *also* **-spoons-ful** \-,spūnz-fūl\ : a unit of measure equal to one half fluidounce
tab-let \¹tab-lət\ *n* 1 : a flat slab suited for or bearing an inscription 2 : a collection of sheets of paper glued together at one edge 3 : a compressed or molded block of material; *esp* : a usu. disk-shaped medicated mass
table tennis *n* : a game resembling tennis played on a tabletop with wooden paddles and a small hollow plastic ball
ta-ble-ware \¹tā-bəl-,waər\ *n* : utensils (as of china or silver) for table use
¹**tab-loid** \¹tab-,lōid\ *adj* : condensed into small scope
²**tabloid** *n* : a newspaper marked by small pages, condensation of the news, and usu. many photographs; *esp* : one characterized by sensationalism
¹**ta-boo** *also* **ta-bu** \tə-¹bū, tə-\ *adj* [fr. Tongan, a Polynesian language] 1 : set apart as charged with a dangerous supernatural power : INVIOLEABLE 2 : banned esp. as immoral or dangerous
²**taboo** *also* **tabu** *n*, *pl* **taboos** *also* **tabus** 1 : a prohibition against touching, saying, or doing something for fear of immediate harm from a mysterious superhuman force 2 : a prohibition imposed by social usage or as a protection
ta-bor *also* **ta-bour** \¹tā-bər\ *n* : a small drum used to accompany a pipe or fife played by the same person
tab-u-lar \¹tab-yə-lər\ *adj* 1 : having a flat surface 2 : arranged in a table; *esp* : set up in rows and columns 3 : computed by means of a table
tab-u-late \-,lāt\ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** : to put into tabular form — **tab-u-la-tion** \,tab-yə-¹lā-shən\ *n* — **tab-u-la-tor** \¹tab-yə-,lāt-ər\ *n*
TAC \¹tak\ *abbr* Tactical Air Command
tach \¹tak\ *n* : TACHOMETER
ta-chom-e-ter \tə-¹kām-ət-ər, tə-\ *n* [deriv. of Gk *tackys* rapid] : a device to indicate speed of rotation
tachy-car-dia \,tak-i-¹kärd-ē-ə\ *n* : rapid heart action
tachyon \¹tak-ē-,än\ *n* : a hypothetical particle held to travel faster than light
tac-it \¹tas-ət\ *adj* [F or L; F *tacite*, fr. L *tacitus* silent, fr. *tacēre* to be silent] 1 : expressed without words or

speech **2** : implied or indicated but not actually expressed (✓ consent) — **tac-it-ly** *adv* — **tac-it-ness** *n*
tac-i-turn \ˈtas-ə-, tɔrn\ *adj* : disinclined to talk : habitually silent **syn** uncommunicative, reserved, reticent, closemouthed — **tac-i-tur-ni-ty** \ˈtas-ə-ˈtər-nət-ē\ *n*

1 **tack** \ˈtak\ *vb* **1** : to fasten with tacks; *also* : to add on **2** : to change the direction of (a sailing ship) from one tack to another **3** : to follow a zigzag course

2 **tack** *n* **1** : a small sharp nail with a broad flat head **2** : the direction a ship is sailing as shown by the way the sails are trimmed; *also* : the run of a ship on one tack **3** : a change of course from one tack to another **4** : a zigzag course **5** : a course of action

3 **tack** *n* : gear for harnessing a horse

1 **tack-le** \ˈtak-əl, naut often ˈtāk-\ *n* **1** : GEAR, APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT **2** : the rigging of a ship **3** : an arrangement of ropes and pulleys for hoisting or pulling heavy objects **4** : the act or an instance of tackling; *also* : a football lineman playing between guard and end

2 **tackle** *vb* **tack-led**; **tack-ling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to attach and secure with or as if with tackle **2** : to seize, grapple with, or throw down with the intention of subduing or stopping **3** : to set about dealing with (✓ a problem)

1 **tacky** \ˈtak-ē\ *adj* **tack-i-er**; -**est** : sticky to the touch

2 **tacky** *adj* **tack-i-er**; -**est** **1** : SHABBY, SEEDY **2** : marked by lack of style or good taste; *also* : cheaply showy : GAUDY

ta-co \ˈtāk-ō\ *n*, *pl* **tacos** \-ōz-, -ōs\ [MexSp] : a tortilla rolled up with or folded over a filling

tact \ˈtakt\ *n* [F, sense of touch, fr. L *tactus*, fr. *tactus*, pp. of *tangere* to touch] : a keen sense of what to do or say to keep good relations with others — **tact-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **tact-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **tact-less** *adj* — **tact-less-ly** *adv*

tactic \ˈtak-tik\ *n* : a planned action for accomplishing an end

tac-tics \ˈtak-tiks\ *n* *sing* or *pl* **1** : the science of maneuvering forces in combat **2** : the skill of using available means to reach an end — **tac-ti-cal** \-ti-kəl\ *adj* — **tac-tician** \ˈtak-tish-ən\ *n*

tact-ile \ˈtak-tl-, -tīl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or perceptible through the sense of touch

tad-pole \ˈtad-, pōl\ *n* [ME *taddepol*, fr. *tode* toad + *polle* head] : an aquatic larva of a frog or toad that has a tail and gills

tae kwon do \ˈti-ˈkwän-ˈdō\ *n* : a Korean martial art resembling karate

taf-fe-ta \ˈtaf-ət-ə\ *n* : a crisp lustrous fabric (as of silk or rayon)

taff-rail \ˈtaf-, rāl-, -rəl\ *n* : the rail around a ship's stern

taf-fy \ˈtaf-ē\ *n*, *pl* **taffies** : a candy usu. of molasses or brown sugar stretched until porous and light-colored

1 **tag** \ˈtag\ *n* **1** : a metal or plastic binding on an end of a shoelace **2** : a piece of hanging or attached material **3** : a hackneyed quotation or saying **4** : a descriptive or identifying epithet

2 **tag** *vb* **tagged**; **tag-ging** **1** : to provide or mark with or as if with a tag; *esp* : IDENTIFY **2** : to attach as an addition **3** : to follow closely and persistently (✓s along everywhere we go) **4** : to hold responsible for something

3 **tag** *n* : a game in which one player chases others and tries to touch one of them

4 **tag** *vb* **tagged**; **tag-ging** **1** : to touch in or as if in a game of tag **2** : SELECT

TAG *abbr* the adjutant general

tag sale *n* : GARAGE SALE

Ta-hi-tian \tə-ˈhē-shən\ *n* **1** : a native or inhabitant of Tahiti **2** : the Polynesian language of the Tahitians — **Tahitian** *adj*

tai-ga \ˈti-gä-\ *n* [Russ] : swampy coniferous northern forest (as of parts of Canada) beginning where the tundra ends

1 **tail** \tāl\ *n* **1** : the rear end or a process extending from

the rear end of an animal **2** : something resembling an animal's tail **3** *pl* : full evening dress for men **4** : the back, last, lower, or inferior part of something; *esp* : the reverse of a coin **5** : one who follows or keeps watch on someone — **tailed** \ˈtāld\ *adj* — **tail-less** \ˈtāl-ləs\ *adj*

2 **tail** *vb* : FOLLOW; *esp* : to follow for the purpose of surveillance **syn** dog, shadow, trail, tag

tail-coat \-ˈkōt\ *n* : a coat with tails; *esp* : a man's full-dress coat with two long tapering skirts at the back

1 **tail-gate** \-, gāt\ *n* : a board or gate at the back end of a vehicle that can be let down (as for loading)

2 **tailgate** *adj* : relating to or being a picnic set up on the tailgate *esp.* of a station wagon

3 **tailgate** *vb* **tail-gat-ed**; **tail-gat-ing** : to drive dangerously close behind another vehicle

tail-light \-, līt\ *n* : a usu. red warning light mounted at the rear of a vehicle

1 **tail-lor** \ˈtā-lər\ *n* [ME *tailleur*, fr. OF *tailleur*, fr. *taillier* to cut, fr. LL *taliare*, fr. L *talea* twig, cutting] : one whose occupation is making or altering garments

2 **tailor** *vb* **1** : to make or fashion as the work of a tailor **2** : to make or adapt to suit a special purpose

tail pipe *n* : an outlet by which the exhaust gases are removed from an engine

tail-spin \ˈtāl-, spin\ *n* : a rapid descent or downward spiral

tail wind *n* : a wind blowing in the same general direction as the course of a moving airplane or ship

1 **taint** \ˈtānt\ *vb* **1** : to affect or become affected with something bad and *esp.* putrefaction **2** : CORRUPT, CONTAMINATE **syn** pollute, defile, soil

2 **taint** *n* : a contaminating mark or influence

ta-ka \ˈtāk-ə\ *n* — see MONEY table

1 **take** \ˈtāk\ *vb* **took** \ˈtūk\; **tak-en** \ˈtā-kən\; **tak-ing** **1** : to get into one's hands or possession : GRASP, SEIZE **2** : CAPTURE; *also* : DEFEAT **3** : to obtain or secure for use **4** : to catch or attack through the effect of a sudden force or influence (*taken ill*) **5** : CAPTIVATE, DELIGHT **6** : to bring into a relation (✓ a wife) **7** : REMOVE, SUBTRACT **8** : to pick out : CHOOSE **9** : ASSUME, UNDERTAKE **10** : RECEIVE, ACCEPT **11** : to use for transportation (✓ a bus) **12** : to become impregnated with : ABSORB (✓s a dye) **13** : to receive into one's body (as by eating) (✓ a pill) **14** : ENDURE, UNDERGO **15** : to lead, carry, or cause to go along to another place **16** : NEED, REQUIRE **17** : to obtain as the result of a special procedure (✓ a snapshot) **18** : to undertake and do, make, or perform (✓ a walk) **19** : to take effect : ACT, OPERATE **syn** grab, clutch, snatch, seize, nab, grapple — **tak-er** *n* — **take advantage of** **1** : to profit by **2** : EXPLOIT — **take after** : RESEMBLE — **take care** : to be careful — **take care of** : to care for : attend to — **take effect** : to become operative — **take exception** : OBJECT — **take for** : to suppose to be; *esp* : to mistake for — **take place** : HAPPEN — **take to** **1** : to go to **2** : to apply or devote oneself to **3** : to conceive a liking for

2 **take** *n* **1** : the number or quantity taken; *also* : PROCEEDS, RECEIPTS **2** : an act or the action of taking **3** : a television or movie scene filmed or taped at one time; *also* : a sound recording made at one time **4** : mental response **take-off** \-, ōf\ *n* **1** : IMITATION; *esp* : PARODY **2** : an act or instance of taking off

take off \ˈtāk-ōf\ *vb* **1** : REMOVE **2** : DEDUCT **3** : to set out : go away **4** : to leave the surface; *esp* : to begin flight **take on** *vb* **1** : to begin to perform or deal with; *also* : to contend with as an opponent **2** : ENGAGE, HIRE **3** : to assume or acquire as or as if one's own **4** : to make an unusual show of one's feelings *esp.* of grief or anger **take over** \ˈtāk-ō-vər\ *vb* : to assume control or posses-

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ā\ace \ā\cot, cart
 \aū\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hlt \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ō\go \ō\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot
 \ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

sion of or responsibility for — **take-over** \-,ō-vər\ *n*
take up *vb* 1 : PICK UP 2 : to begin to occupy 3 : to absorb or incorporate into itself (plants *taking up* nutrients) 4 : to begin to engage in (took up jogging) 5 : to make tighter or shorter (take up the slack)

tak-ings \tā-kiŋz\ *n pl* : receipts esp. of money

ta-la \tāl-ə\ *n, pl tala* — see **MONEY** table

tal- \tāl\ *n* : a soft mineral with a soapy feel used esp. in making toilet powder (**tal-cum powder** \tāl-kəm-\\)

tale \tāl\ *n* 1 : a relation of a series of events 2 : a report of a confidential matter 3 : idle talk; esp : harmful gossip 4 : a usu. imaginative narrative 5 : FALSEHOOD 6 : COUNT, TALLY

tal-ent \tāl-ənt\ *n* 1 : an ancient unit of weight and value 2 : the natural endowments of a person 3 : a special often creative or artistic aptitude 4 : mental power : ABILITY 5 : a person of talent *syn* genius, gift, faculty, aptitude, knack — **tal-ent-ed** \-əd\ *adj*

tal-er \tāl-ər\ *n* : any of numerous silver coins issued by German states from the 15th to the 19th centuries

tales-man \tālz-mən\ *n* [ME *tales* talesmen, fr. ML *tales de circumstantibus* such (persons) of the bystanders; fr. the wording of the writ summoning them] : a person summoned for jury duty

tal-is-man \tāl-əs-mən, -əz-\ *n, pl -mans* [F *talisman* or Sp *talismán* or It *talismano*, fr. Ar *ṭīlsam*, fr. MGk *telesma*, fr. Gk, consecration, fr. *telein* to initiate into the mysteries, complete, fr. *telos* end] : an object thought to act as a charm

talk \tɔk\ *vb* 1 : to express in speech : utter words : SPEAK 2 : DISCUSS (~ business) 3 : to influence or cause by talking (~ed him into agreeing) 4 : to use (a language) for communicating 5 : CONVERSE 6 : to reveal confidential information; *also* : GOSSIP 7 : to give a talk : LECTURE — **talk-er** *n* — **talk back** : to answer impertinently

talk n 1 : the act of talking 2 : a way of speaking 3 : a formal discussion 4 : REPORT, RUMOR 5 : the topic of comment or gossip (the ~ of the town) 6 : an informal address or lecture

talk-ative \tɔ-kət-iv\ *adj* : given to talking *syn* loquacious, chatty, gabby, garrulous — **talk-ative-ly** *adv* — **talk-ative-ness** *n*

talk-ing-to \tɔ-kiŋ-ˈtū\ *n* : REPRIMAND, REPROOF

tall \tɔl\ *adj* 1 : high in stature; *also* : of a specified height (six feet ~) 2 : LARGE, FORMIDABLE (a ~ order) 3 : UNBELIEVABLE, IMPROBABLE (a ~ story) *syn* lofty, high — **tall-ness** *n*

tal-low \tāl-ō\ *n* : a hard white fat rendered usu. from cattle or sheep tissues and used esp. in soap and lubricants

tal-ly \tāl-ē\ *n, pl tallies* [ME *talye*, fr. ML *talea*, fr. L, twig, cutting] 1 : a device for visibly recording or accounting esp. business transactions 2 : a recorded account 3 : a corresponding part; *also* : CORRESPONDENCE

tally *vb* **tal-lied**; **tal-ly-ing** 1 : to mark on or as if on a tally 2 : to make a count of : RECKON; *also* : SCORE 3 : CORRESPOND, MATCH *syn* square, accord, harmonize, conform, jibe

tal-ly-ho \tāl-ē-ˈhō\ *n, pl -hos* 1 : a call of a huntsman at sight of the fox 2 : a four-in-hand coach

Tal-mud \tāl-mūd, ˈtāl-məd\ *n* [Heb *talmūdh*, lit., instruction] : the authoritative body of Jewish tradition — **Tal-mu-dic** \tāl-ˈm(y)üd-ik, -ˈməd-; tāl-ˈmūd-\ *adj* — **Tal-mud-ist** \tāl-,mūd-əst, ˈtāl-məd-\ *n*

tal-on \tāl-ən\ *n* : the claw of an animal and esp. of a bird of prey

ta-lus \tā-ləs, ˈtāl-əs\ *n* : rock debris at the base of a cliff **tam** \ˈtām\ *n* : TAM-O'-SHANTER

ta-ma-le \tā-ˈmäl-ē\ *n* [MexSp *tamales*, pl. of *tamal* tamales] : ground meat seasoned with chili, rolled in cornmeal dough, wrapped in corn husks, and steamed

tam-a-rack \ˈtām-ə-,rak\ *n* : a larch of the northern U.S. and Canada; *also* : its hard resinous wood

tam-a-rind \ˈtām-ə-rənd, -ˈrind\ *n* [Sp & Pg *tamarindo*, fr. Ar *tamr hindī*, lit., Indian date] : a tropical tree of the legume family with hard yellowish wood and feathery leaves; *also* : its acid brown fruit

tam-ba-la \tām-ˈbäl-ə\ *n, pl -la or -las* — see **kwacha** at **MONEY** table

tam-bou-rine \ˈtām-bə-ˈrēn\ *n* : a small shallow drum with loose disks at the sides played by shaking or striking with the hand

tame \ˈtām\ *adj* **tam-er**; **tam-est** 1 : reduced from a state of native wildness esp. so as to be useful to man : DOMESTICATED 2 : made docile : SUBDUED 3 : lacking spirit or interest : INSIPID *syn* submissive, domestic, domesticated — **tame-ly** *adv* — **tame-ness** *n*

tame *vb* **tamed**; **tam-ing** 1 : to make or become tame; *also* : to subject (land) to cultivation 2 : HUMBLE, SUBDUED — **tam-able** or **tame-able** \ˈtā-mə-bəl\ *adj* — **tame-less** *adj* — **tam-er** *n*

tam-o'-shan-ter \ˈtām-ə-,shant-ər\ *n* [fr. poem *Tam o' Shanter* (1790) by Robert Burns †1796 Scot. poet] : a Scottish woolen cap with a wide flat circular crown and usu. a pompon in the center

tamp \ˈtamp\ *vb* : to drive down or in by a series of light blows

tam-per \ˈtām-pər\ *vb* **tam-pered**; **tam-per-ing** \-p(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to carry on underhand negotiations (as by bribery) (~ with a witness) 2 : to interfere so as to weaken or change for the worse (~ with a document) 3 : to try foolish or dangerous experiments

tam-pon \ˈtām-pān\ *n* : a plug (as of cotton) introduced into a cavity usu. to check bleeding or absorb secretions

tan \tān\ *vb* **tanned**; **tan-ning** 1 : to change (hide) into leather esp. by soaking in a liquid containing tannin 2 : to make or become brown (as by exposure to the sun) 3 : WHIP, THRASH

tan n 1 : TANBARK; *also* : a tanning material 2 : a brown skin color induced by sun or weather 3 : a light yellowish brown color

tan abbr tangent

tan-a-ger \ˈtān-ij-ər\ *n* : any of numerous American passerine birds with brightly colored males

tan-bark \ˈtān-,bärk\ *n* : bark (as of oak or sumac) that is rich in tannin and used in tanning

tan-dem \ˈtān-dəm\ *n* [L, at last, at length (taken to mean "lengthwise"), fr. *tam* so] 1 : a 2-seated carriage with horses hitched tandem; *also* : its team 2 : a bicycle for two persons sitting one behind the other — **in tandem** : in a tandem arrangement

tandem *adv* : one behind another

tandem *adj* 1 : consisting of things arranged one behind the other 2 : working in conjunction with each other

tang \ˈtaŋ\ *n* 1 : a part in a tool that connects the blade with the handle 2 : a sharp distinctive flavor; *also* : a pungent odor — **tangy** *adj*

tan-gent \ˈtān-jənt\ *adj* [L *tangent-*, *tangens*, prp. of *tangere* to touch] : TOUCHING; *esp* : meeting a curve or surface and not cutting it if extended

tangent n 1 : a tangent line, curve, or surface 2 : an abrupt change of course — **tan-gen-tial** \ˈtān-ˈjən-čəl\ *adj*

tan-ger-ine \ˈtān-jə-,rēn, ˈtān-jə-ˈrēn\ *n* : a deep orange loose-skinned citrus fruit; *also* : a tree that bears tangerines

tan-gi-ble \ˈtān-jə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : perceptible esp. by the sense of touch : PALPABLE 2 : substantially real : MATERIAL (~ rewards) 3 : capable of being appraised *syn* appreciable, perceptible, sensible, discernible — **tan-gi-bil-ity** \ˈtān-jə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n*

tangible *n* : something tangible; *esp* : a tangible asset

tan-gle \ˈtaŋ-gəl\ *vb* **tan-gled**; **tan-gling** \-g(ə-)liŋ\ 1 : to

schedule of duties imposed by a government esp. on imported goods; *also* : a duty or rate of duty imposed in such a schedule **2** : a schedule of rates or charges *syn* duty, toll, tax, levy, assessment

tar-mac \ˈtār-,mak\ *n* : a surface paved with crushed stone covered with tar

tarn \ˈtārn\ *n* : a small mountain lake

tar-nish \ˈtār-nish\ *vb* : to make or become dull or discolored — **tar-nish** *n*

ta-ro \ˈtār-ō, ˈtār-\ *n, pl taros* : a tropical plant grown for its edible starchy fleshy root; *also* : this root

tar-of \ˈtār-ō\ *n* : one of a set of 22 pictorial playing cards used esp. for fortune-telling

tar-pau-lin \tār-ˈpō-lən, ˈtār-pə-\ *n* : a piece of material (as waterproof canvas) used for protecting exposed objects

tar-pon \ˈtār-pən\ *n, pl tarpon or tarpons* : a large silvery sport fish common in warm coastal waters of the Atlantic esp. off Florida

tar-ra-gon \ˈtār-ə-gən\ *n* : a small European perennial wormwood with pungent aromatic foliage used as a flavoring

tar-ry \ˈtār-ē\ *vb tar-ried; tar-ry-ing* **1** : to be tardy : DELAY; *esp* : to be slow in leaving **2** : to stay in or at a place : SOJOURN *syn* remain, wait, linger, abide

tar-ry \ˈtār-ē\ *adj* : of, resembling, or smeared with tar

tar sand *n* : sand or sandstone that is naturally soaked with the heavy sticky portions of petroleum

tar-sus \ˈtār-səs\ *n, pl tar-si* \-sī\ [NL] : the part of the foot of a vertebrate between the metatarsus and the leg; *also* : the small bones that support this part of the limb — **tar-sal** \-səl\ *adj or n*

tart \ˈtārt\ *adj* **1** : agreeably sharp to the taste : PUNGENT **2** : BITING, CAUSTIC *syn* sour, acid, acerb — **tart-ly** *adv* — **tart-ness** *n*

tart **1** : a small pie or pastry shell containing jelly, custard, or fruit **2** : PROSTITUTE

tar-tan \ˈtārt-ən\ *n* : a twilled woolen fabric with a plaid design of Scottish origin consisting of stripes of varying width and color against a solid background

tar-tar \ˈtārt-ər\ *n* **1** : a substance in the juice of grapes deposited (as in wine casks) as a reddish crust or sediment **2** : a hard crust of saliva, debris, and calcium salts on the teeth

tar-tar sauce or tar-fare sauce \ˈtārt-ər-\ *n* : mayonnaise with chopped pickles, olives, or capers

task \ˈtəsk\ *n* [ME *taske*, fr. OF *tasque*, fr. ML *tasca* tax or service imposed by a feudal superior, fr. *taxare* to tax] : a piece of assigned work *syn* job, duty, chore, stint, assignment

task *vb* : to oppress with great labor

task force *n* : a temporary grouping to accomplish a particular objective

task-mas-ter \ˈtəsk-,mas-tər\ *n* : one that imposes a task or burdens another with labor

tas-sel \ˈtas-əl, ˈtās-\ *n* **1** : a hanging ornament made of a bunch of cords of even length fastened at one end **2** : something suggesting a tassel; *esp* : a male flower cluster of Indian corn

tassel *vb* -seled or -selled; -sel-ing or -sel-ling \-(ə-)liŋ\ : to adorn with or put forth tassels

taste \ˈtəst\ *vb* **tast-ed; tast-ing** **1** : EXPERIENCE, UNDERGO **2** : to try or determine the flavor of by taking a bit into the mouth **3** : to eat or drink esp. in small quantities : SAMPLE **4** : to have a specific flavor

taste **1** : a small amount tasted **2** : BIT; *esp* : a sample of experience **3** : the special sense that identifies sweet, sour, bitter, or salty qualities and is mediated by receptors in the tongue **4** : a quality perceptible to the sense of taste; *also* : a complex sensation involving true taste, smell, and touch **5** : individual preference **6** : critical judgment, discernment, or appreciation; *also* : aesthetic quality *syn* tang, relish, flavor, savor — **taste-ful** \-fəl\

adj — **taste-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **taste-less** *adj* — **taste-less-ly** *adv* — **tast-er** *n*

taste bud *n* : a sense organ mediating the sensation of taste

tasty \ˈtā-stē\ *adj* **tast-i-er; -est** : pleasing to the taste : SAVORY *syn* palatable, appetizing, toothsome, flavorsome — **tast-i-ness** \ˈtā-stē-nəs\ *n*

tat \ˈtət\ *vb* **tat-ted; tat-ting** : to work at or make by tatting

tat-ter \ˈtət-ər\ *vb* : to make or become ragged

tatter **1** : a part torn and left hanging **2** *pl* : tattered clothing

tat-ter-de-ma-lion \ˈtət-ərd-i-mäl-yən\ *n* : one that is ragged or disreputable

tat-ter-sall \ˈtət-ər-,səl\ *n* : a pattern of colored lines forming squares on solid background; *also* : a fabric in a tattersall pattern

tat-ting \ˈtət-iŋ\ *n* : a delicate handmade lace formed usu. by looping and knotting with a single thread and a small shuttle; *also* : the act or process of making such lace

tat-tle \ˈtət-əl\ *vb* **tat-tled; tat-ting** \ˈtət-(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : CHATTER, PRATE **2** : to tell secrets; *also* : to inform against another — **tat-tler** \ˈtət-(ə-)lər\ *n*

tat-tle-tale \ˈtət-əl-,tāl\ *n* : one that tattles : INFORMER

tat-too \ˈta-tü\ *n, pl tattoos* [alter. of earlier *taptoo*, fr. D *taptoe*, fr. the phrase *tap toe!* taps shut!] **1** : a call sounded before taps as notice to go to quarters **2** : a rapid rhythmic tapping

tattoo *vb* : to mark (the skin) with tattoos

tattoo *n, pl tattoos* [Tahitian *tatau*] : an indelible figure fixed upon the body esp. by insertion of pigment under the skin

taught *past and past part* of TEACH

taunt \ˈtənt\ *n* : a sarcastic challenge or insult

taunt *vb* : to reproach or challenge in a mocking manner : jeer at *syn* mock, deride, ridicule, twit — **taunt-er** *n*

taupe \ˈtöp\ *n* : a brownish gray

Tau-rus \ˈtōr-əs\ *n* [L, lit., bull] **1** : a zodiacal constellation between Aries and Gemini usu. pictured as a bull **2** : the 2d sign of the zodiac in astrology; *also* : one born under this sign

taut \ˈtót\ *adj* **1** : tightly drawn : not slack **2** : extremely nervous : TENSE **3** : TRIM, TIDY (a ~ ship) — **taut-ly** *adv* — **taut-ness** *n*

tau-tol-o-gy \tō-ˈtāl-ə-jē\ *n, pl -gies* : needless repetition of an idea, statement, or word; *also* : an instance of such repetition — **tau-to-log-i-cal** \tót-əl-ˈāj-i-kəl\ *adj* — **tau-to-log-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə-)lē\ *adv* — **tau-tol-o-gous** \tō-ˈtāl-ə-gəs\ *adj* — **tau-tol-o-gous-ly** *adv*

tav-ern \ˈtav-ərn\ *n* [ME *taverne*, fr. OF, fr. L *taberna*, lit., hut, shop] **1** : an establishment where alcoholic liquors are sold to be drunk on the premises **2** : INN

taw \ˈtò\ *n* **1** : a marble used as a shooter **2** : the line from which players shoot at marbles

taw-dry \ˈtò-dre\ *adj* **taw-dri-er; -est** [fr. *tawdry lace* (a tie of lace for the neck), fr. St. Audrey (St. Etheldreda) †679 queen of Northumbria] : cheap and gaudy in appearance and quality *syn* garish, flashy, chintzy, meretricious — **taw-dri-ly** *adv*

taw-ny \ˈtò-nē\ *adj* **taw-ni-er; -est** : of a brownish orange color

tax \ˈtəks\ *vb* **1** : to levy a tax on **2** : CHARGE, ACCUSE **3** : to put under pressure — **tax-able** \ˈtəks-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **tax-a-tion** \ˈtəks-ə-shən\ *n*

tax **1** : a charge usu. of money imposed by authority on persons or property for public purposes **2** : a heavy charge : STRAIN *syn* assessment, levy, duty, tariff

taxi \ˈtak-sē\ *n, pl tax-is* \-sēz\ *also* **tax-ies** : TAXICAB; *also* : a similarly operated boat or airplane

taxi *vb* **tax-i-ed; taxi-ing or taxy-ing; tax-is or tax-ies** **1** : to move along the ground or on the water under an airplane's own power when starting or after a landing **2** : to go by taxicab

taxi-cab \ˈtak-sē-,kab\ *n* : an automobile that carries pas-

sengers for a fare usu. based on the distance traveled
taxi-der-my \ˈtak-sə-,dər-mē\ *n* : the art of preparing, stuffing, and mounting skins of animals — **taxi-der-mist** \-məst\ *n*

tax-on-o-my \tak-ˈsən-ə-mē\ *n* : classification esp. of animals or plants according to natural relationships — **tax-on-nom-ic** \tak-sə-ˈnām-ik\ *adj* — **tax-on-o-mist** \tak-ˈsən-ə-məst\ *n*

tax-pay-er \ˈtaks-,pā-ər\ *n* : one who pays or is liable for a tax — **tax-pay-ing** \-iŋ\ *adj*

Tay-Sachs disease \ˈtā-saks-\ *n* : a fatal hereditary disease caused by the absence of an enzyme needed to break down fatty material and characterized by a build-up of lipids in the nervous tissue

tb *abbr* tablespoon; tablespoonful

Tb *symbol* terbium

TB \ˈ(t)ē-ˈbē\ *n* : TUBERCULOSIS

TBA *abbr*, often not *cap* to be announced

T-bar lift \,tē-,bär-\ *n* : a chair lift with a series of T-shaped bars

tbs or **tbsp** *abbr* tablespoon; tablespoonful

Tc *symbol* technetium

TC *abbr* teachers college

T cell *n* : a lymphocyte specialized esp. for promoting immunity (as against viruses and in the rejection of foreign tissues) or for helping make antibodies

TD *abbr* 1 touchdown 2 Treasury Department

TDY *abbr* temporary duty

Te *symbol* tellurium

tea \tē\ *n* 1 : the cured leaves and leaf buds of a shrub grown chiefly in China, Japan, India, and Sri Lanka; *also* : this shrub 2 : a drink made by steeping tea in boiling water 3 : refreshments usu. including tea served in late afternoon; *also* : a reception at which tea is served

teach \ˈtēch\ *vb* **taught** \ˈtɔt\; **teach-ing** 1 : to cause to know a subject : act as a teacher 2 : to show how (~ a child to swim) 3 : to make to know the disagreeable consequences of an action 4 : to guide the studies of 5 : to impart the knowledge of (~ algebra) — **teach-able** *adj* — **teacher** *n*

teach-ing \-iŋ\ *n* 1 : the act, practice, or profession of a teacher 2 : something taught; *esp* : DOCTRINE

tea-cup \ˈtē-kəp\ *n* : a small cup used with a saucer for hot beverages

teak \ˈtēk\ *n* : a tall East Indian timber tree; *also* : its hard durable yellowish brown wood

tea-ket-tle \ˈtē-,ket-\ *n* : a covered kettle with a handle and spout for boiling water

teal \ˈtēl\ *n*, *pl teal* or **teals** : any of several small short-necked wild ducks

team \ˈtēm\ *n* [ME *teme*, fr. OE *tēam* offspring, lineage, group of draft animals] 1 : two or more draft animals harnessed to the same vehicle or implement 2 : a number of persons associated in work or activity; *esp* : a group on one side in a match — **team-mate** \ˈtēm-,māt\ *n*

team *vb* 1 : to haul with or drive a team 2 : to form a team : join forces

team *adj* : of or performed by a team

team-ster \ˈtēm-stər\ *n* : one that drives a team or truck

team-work \-,wɜrk\ *n* : the work or activity of a number of persons acting in close association as members of a unit

tea-pot \ˈtē-,pāt\ *n* : a vessel with a spout for brewing and serving tea

tear \ˈtiər\ *n* : a drop of the salty liquid that moistens the eye and inner side of the eyelids — **tear-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **tear-ful-ly** \-lē\ *adv*

tear \ˈtəər\ *vb* **tore** \ˈtɔr\; **torn** \ˈtɔrn\; **tear-ing** 1 : to separate parts of or pull apart by force : REND 2 : LACERATE 3 : to disrupt by the pull of contrary forces 4 : to

remove by force : WRENCH 5 : to move or act with violence, haste, or force *syn* rip, split, cleave, rend

tear \ˈtəər\ *n* 1 : the act of tearing 2 : a hole or flaw made by tearing : RENT

tear gas \ˈtiər-\ *n* : a substance that on dispersion in the atmosphere blinds the eyes with tears — **tear gas** *vb* **tear-jerk-er** \ˈtiər-,jər-kər\ *n* : an extravagantly pathetic story, song, play, movie, or broadcast

tease \ˈtēz\ *vb* **teased**; **teas-ing** 1 : to disentangle and lay parallel by combing or carding (~ wool) 2 : to scratch the surface of (cloth) so as to raise a nap 3 : to annoy persistently esp. in fun by goading, coaxing, or tantalizing 4 : to comb (hair) by taking a strand and pushing the short hairs toward the scalp with the comb *syn* harass, worry, pester, annoy

tease *n* 1 : the act of teasing or state of being teased 2 : one that teases

tea-sel *also* **tea-zel** or **tea-zle** \ˈtē-zəl\ *n* : a prickly herb or its flower head covered with stiff bracts and used to raise the nap on cloth; *also* : an artificial device used for this purpose

tea-spoon \ˈtē-,spūn\ *n* 1 : a small spoon suitable for stirring beverages 2 : TEASPOONFUL

tea-spoon-ful \-,fūl\ *n*, *pl* **-spoonfuls** *also* **-spoons-ful** \-,spūnz-,fūl\ : a unit of measure equal to one-sixth fluidounce (about 5 milliliters) or one third of a table-spoonful

teat \ˈtit, ˈtēt\ *n* : the protuberance through which milk is drawn from an udder or breast

tech *abbr* 1 technical; technically; technician 2 technological; technology

tech-ne-tium \tek-ˈnē-sh(ē)-əm\ *n* : a metallic chemical element produced in certain nuclear reactions — *see* ELEMENT table

tech-nic \ˈtek-nik, tek-ˈnēk\ *n* : TECHNIQUE 1

tech-ni-cal \ˈtek-ni-kəl\ *adj* [Gk *technikos* of art, skillful, fr. *technē* art, craft, skill] 1 : having special knowledge esp. of a mechanical or scientific subject (~ experts) 2 : of or relating to a particular and esp. a practical or scientific subject (~ training) 3 : according to a strict interpretation of the rules 4 : of or relating to technique — **tech-ni-cal-ly** \-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

tech-ni-cal-ity \,tek-nə-ˈkal-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** 1 : a detail meaningful only to a specialist 2 : the quality or state of being technical

technical sergeant *n* : a noncommissioned officer in the air force ranking next below a master sergeant

tech-ni-cian \tek-ˈnish-ən\ *n* : a person who has acquired the technique of a specialized skill or subject

tech-nique \tek-ˈnēk\ *n* [F] 1 : the manner in which technical details are treated or basic physical movements are used 2 : technical methods

tech-noc-ra-cy \tek-ˈnäk-rə-sē\ *n* : management of society by technical experts — **tech-no-crat** \ˈtek-nə-,krat\ *n* — **tech-no-crat-ic** \,tek-nə-ˈkrat-ik\ *adj*

tech-nol-o-gy \tek-ˈnāl-ə-jē\ *n*, *pl* **-gies** : applied science; *also* : a technical method of achieving a practical purpose — **tech-no-log-i-cal** \,tek-nə-ˈlāj-i-kəl\ *adj*

tec-ton-ics \tek-ˈtän-iks\ *n* *sing* or *pl* 1 : geological structural features 2 : geology dealing with faulting and folding 3 : DIASTROPHISM — **tec-ton-ic** \-ik\ *adj*

ted-dy bear \ˈted-ē-,bəər\ *n* [Teddy Roosevelt, fr. a cartoon depicting the president sparing the life of a bear cub while hunting] : a stuffed toy bear

te-dious \ˈtēd-ē-əs, ˈtē-jəs\ *adj* : tiresome because of length or dullness *syn* boring, tiring, irksome — **te-dious-ly** *adv* — **te-dious-ness** *n*

te-di-um \ˈtēd-ē-əm\ *n* : TEDIUMNESS; *also* : BOREDOM

\əˈbʌt \əˈkɪtən \ərˈfʊrðər \əˈlʌʃ \əˈlʌs \əˈkɒt, kɑrt
 \əʊˈaʊt \tʃˈtʃɪn \eɪˈbet \eɪˈeɪzi \gəˈɡo \ɪˈhɪt \ɪˈfɪs \ɪˈjɒb
 \ŋˈsɪŋ \oˈɡo \oˈlɔw \oɪˈbɔɪ \tʰɪˈtʰɪn \tʰɪˈtʰe \uˈlʊt
 \ʊˈfʊt \yˈet \zʰˌvɪʃən *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- tee** *ˈtē* *n* : a small mound or peg on which a golf ball is placed to be hit at the beginning of play on a hole; *also* : the area from which the ball is hit to begin play
- tee** *vb* **teed**; **tee-ing** : to place (a ball) on a tee
- teem** *ˈtēm* *vb* : to become filled to overflowing : **ABOUND** *syn* swarm, crawl, flow
- teen** *adj* : **TEENAGE**
- teen-age** *ˈtēn-āj* or **teen-aged** *ˌtēn-əjd* *adj* : of, being, or relating to people in their teens — **teen-ag-er** *ˌtēn-ə-jər* *n*
- teens** *ˈtēnz* *n pl* : the numbers 13 to 19 inclusive; *esp* : the years 13 to 19 in a person's life
- tee-ny** *ˈtē-nē* *adj* **tee-ni-er**; **-est** : **TINY**
- tee-pee** *var of* **TEPEE**
- tee shirt** *var of* **T-SHIRT**
- tee-ter** *ˈtēt-ər* *vb* **1** : to move unsteadily **2** : **SEESAW** — **teeter** *n*
- teeth** *pl of* **TOOTH**
- teethe** *ˈtēθ* *vb* **teethed**; **teeth-ing** : to grow teeth : cut one's teeth
- teeth-ing** *ˈtē-thɪŋ* *n* : the process of growth of the first set of teeth through the gums with its accompanying phenomena
- tee-to-tal** *ˈtē-tōt-l*, *-tōt-l* *adj* : of or relating to the practice of complete abstinence from alcoholic drinks — **tee-to-tal-er** or **tee-to-tal-ler** *ˌtē-tōt-l-ər* *n* — **tee-to-tal-ism** *ˌtē-tōt-l-iz-əm* *n*
- TEFL** *abbr* teaching English as a foreign language
- tek-tite** *ˈtek-tīt* *n* : a glassy body of probably meteoric origin
- tel** *abbr* **1** telegram **2** telegraph **3** telephone
- tele-cast** *ˈtel-i,kast* *vb* **-cast** *also* **-cast-ed**; **-cast-ing** : to broadcast by television — **telecast** *n* — **tele-cast-er** *n*
- tele-com-mu-ni-ca-tion** *ˌtel-i-kə-myū-nə-kā-shən* *n* : communication at a distance (as by telephone or radio)
- tele-con-fer-ence** *ˈtel-i,kān-f(ə)rəns* *n* : a conference among people remote from one another held using telecommunications — **tele-con-fer-enc-ing** *n*
- teleg** *abbr* telegraphy
- tele-ge-nic** *ˌtel-ə-ˈjen-ik*, *-jēn-l* *adj* : markedly attractive to television viewers
- tele-gram** *ˈtel-ə,gram* *n* : a message sent by telegraph
- tele-graph** *ˌtel-ə,graf* *n* : an electric apparatus or system for sending messages by a code over wires — **tele-graph-ic** *ˌtel-ə-ˈgraf-ik* *adj*
- telegraph** *vb* : to send or communicate by or as if by telegraph — **tele-graph-er** *ˌtel-ə-ˈleg-rə-fər* *n*
- tele-graph-phy** *ˌtel-ə-ˈleg-rə-fē* *n* : the use or operation of a telegraph apparatus or system
- tele-m-e-try** *ˌtel-ə-ˈmē-trē* *n* : the transmission esp. by radio of measurements made by automatic instruments to a distant station — **tele-me-ter** *ˌtel-ə,mēt-ər* *n*
- tele-p-a-thy** *ˌtel-ə-ˈlep-ə-thē* *n* : apparent communication from one mind to another by extrasensory means — **tele-path-ic** *ˌtel-ə-ˈpath-ik* *adj* — **tele-path-i-cal-ly** *ˌtel-ə-ˈpath-ik-lē* *adv*
- tele-phone** *ˈtel-ə,fōn* *n* : an instrument for transmitting and receiving sounds over long distances by electricity
- telephone** *vb* **-phoned**; **-phon-ing** **1** : to send or communicate by telephone **2** : to speak to (a person) by telephone — **tele-phon-er** *n*
- tele-pho-ny** *ˌtel-ə-ˈfō-nē*, *ˈtel-ə,fō-n* *n* : use or operation of apparatus for transmission of sounds between distant points — **tele-pho-nic** *ˌtel-ə-ˈfōn-ik* *adj*
- tele-pho-to** *ˌtel-ə-ˈfōt-ō* *adj* : being a camera lens giving a large image of a distant object — **tele-pho-to-graph-ic** *ˌtel-ə-ˈfōt-ō-ˈgraf-ik* *adj* — **tele-pho-to-graph-phy** *ˌtel-ə-ˈfōt-ō-ˈtäg-rə-fē* *n*
- tele-play** *ˈtel-i,plā* *n* : a play written for television
- tele-print-er** *ˈtel-ə,print-ər* *n* : **TELETYPEWRITER**
- tele-scope** *ˈtel-ə,skōp* *n* : a cylindrical instrument equipped with lenses or mirrors for viewing distant objects
- telescope** *vb* **-scoped**; **-scop-ing** **1** : to slide or pass or cause

- to slide or pass one within another like the sections of a hand telescope **2** : **COMPRESS**, **CONDENSE**
- tele-scop-ic** *ˌtel-ə-ˈskāp-ik* *adj* **1** : of or relating to a telescope **2** : seen only by a telescope **3** : able to discern objects at a distance **4** : having parts that telescope — **tele-scop-i-cal-ly** *ˌtel-ə-ˈskāp-ik-lē* *adv*
- tele-text** *ˈtel-ə-ˈtɛkst* *n* : an electronic system in which printed matter is broadcast by a television station and displayed on a subscriber's television set having a decoder
- tele-thon** *ˈtel-ə,thän* *n* : a long television program usu. to solicit funds for a charity
- tele-type-writer** *ˌtel-ə-ˈtīp-rit-ər* *n* : a printing device resembling a typewriter used to send and receive signals over telephone lines
- tele-vise** *ˈtel-ə,vīz* *vb* **-vised**; **-vis-ing** : to pick up and usu. broadcast by television
- tele-vision** *ˈtel-ə,vīzh-ən* *n* [*F* *télévision*, fr. Gk *tēle* far, at a distance + *F* *vision* vision] : transmission and reproduction of images by a device that converts light waves into radio waves and then converts these back into visible light rays
- tell** *ˈtɛl* *vb* **told** *ˈtöld*; **tell-ing** **1** : **COUNT**, **ENUMERATE** **2** : to relate in detail : **NARRATE** **3** : **SAY**, **UTTER** **4** : to make known : **REVEAL** **5** : to report to : **INFORM** **6** : **ORDER**, **DIRECT** **7** : to ascertain by observing **8** : to have a marked effect **9** : to serve as evidence *syn* reveal, disclose, discover, betray
- tell-er** *ˈtel-ər* *n* **1** : one that relates : **NARRATOR** **2** : one that counts **3** : a bank employee handling money received or paid out
- tell-ing** *ˈtel-ɪŋ* *adj* : producing a marked effect : **EFFECTIVE** *syn* cogent, convincing, sound
- tell off** *vb* : **REPRIMAND**, **SCOLD**
- tell-tale** *ˈtel-tāl* *n* **1** : **INFORMER**, **TATTLETALE** **2** : something that serves to disclose : **INDICATION** — **telltale** *adj*
- tel-lu-ri-um** *ˌtə-ˈlūr-ē-əm* *n* : a chemical element that resembles sulfur in properties — see **ELEMENT** table
- tem-er-ity** *ˌtə-ˈmer-ət-ē* *n*, *pl* **-ties** : rash or presumptuous daring : **BOLDNESS** *syn* audacity, effrontery, gall, nerve, cheek
- temp** *abbr* **1** temperature **2** temporary
- tem-per** *ˈtem-pər* *vb* **tem-pered**; **tem-per-ing** *ˌp(ə)-rɪŋ* **1** : to dilute or soften by the addition of something else (∼ justice with mercy) **2** : to bring (as steel) to a desired hardness by reheating and cooling **3** : to toughen (glass) by gradual heating and cooling **4** : **TOUGHEN** **5** : **TUNE**
- temper** *n* **1** : characteristic tone : **TENDENCY** **2** : the hardness or toughness of a substance (∼ of a knife blade) **3** : a characteristic frame of mind : **DISPOSITION** **4** : calmness of mind : **COMPOSURE** **5** : state of feeling or frame of mind at a particular time **6** : heat of mind or emotion *syn* temperament, character, personality, makeup
- tem-pera** *ˈtem-pə-rə* *n* [*It*] : a painting process using an albuminous or colloidal medium as a vehicle; *also* : a painting done in tempera
- tem-per-a-ment** *ˌtem-p(ə)-rə-mənt* *n* **1** : characteristic or habitual inclination or mode of emotional response : **DISPOSITION** (nervous ∼) **2** : excessive sensitiveness or irritability *syn* character, personality, nature, makeup — **tem-per-a-men-tal** *ˌtem-p(ə)-rə-ment-l* *adj*
- tem-per-ance** *ˈtem-p(ə)-rəns* *n* : habitual moderation in the indulgence of the appetites or passions; *esp* : moderation in or abstinence from the use of intoxicating drink
- tem-per-ate** *ˈtem-p(ə)-rət* *adj* **1** : not extreme or excessive : **MILD** **2** : moderate in indulgence of appetite or desire **3** : moderate in the use of intoxicating liquors **4** : having a moderate climate *syn* sober, continent, abstemious
- temperate zone** *n*, *often cap* *T&Z* : the region between the tropic of Cancer and the arctic circle or between the tropic of Capricorn and the antarctic circle

tem-per-a-ture \ˈtem-pər-,chūr-, -p(ə-)rə-,chūr-, -chər\ *n* 1 : degree of hotness or coldness of something (as air, water, or the body) as shown by a thermometer 2 : FEVER

tem-pest \ˈtem-pəst\ *n* [ME, fr. OF *tempeste*, fr. L *tempestas* season, weather, storm, fr. *tempus* time] : a violent wind esp. with rain, hail, or snow

tem-pes-tu-ous \ˈtem-ˈpes-chə-wəs\ *adj* : of, involving, or resembling a tempest : STORMY — **tem-pes-tu-ous-ly** *adv* — **tem-pes-tu-ous-ness** *n*

tem-plate *also* **tem-plet** \ˈtem-plət\ *n* : a gauge, mold, or pattern used as a guide to the form of a piece being made

tem-ple \ˈtem-pəl\ *n* 1 : an edifice for the worship of a deity 2 : a place devoted to a special or exalted purpose

tem-ple *n* : the flattened space on each side of the forehead esp. of man

tem-po \ˈtem-pō\ *n*, *pl* **tem-pi** \-(j)pē\ *or* **tempos** [It, lit., time] 1 : the rate of speed of a musical piece or passage 2 : rate of motion or activity : PACE

tem-po-ral \ˈtem-p(ə-)rəl\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or limited by time (~ and spatial bounds) 2 : of or relating to earthly life or secular concerns (~ power) *syn* profane, secular, lay

tempo-ral *adj* : of or relating to the temples or the sides of the skull

tem-po-rary \ˈtem-pə-,rer-ē\ *adj* : lasting for a time only : TRANSITORY *syn* transient, ephemeral, momentary, impermanent — **tem-po-rar-i-ly** \ˈtem-pə-ˈrer-ə-lē\ *adv*

temporary *n*, *pl* **-rar-ies** : one serving for a limited time

tem-po-rize \ˈtem-p(ə-)rīz\ *vb* **-rized**; **-rizing** 1 : to adapt one's actions to the time or the dominant opinion : COMPROMISE 2 : to draw out matters so as to gain time — **tem-po-riz-er** *n*

tempt \ˈtempt\ *vb* 1 : to entice to do wrong by promise of pleasure or gain 2 : PROVOKE 3 : to risk the dangers of 4 : to induce to do something : INCITE *syn* inveigle, decoy, seduce, lure — **tempt-er** *n* — **tempt-ing-ly** *adv*

temp-ta-tion \ˈtemp-ˈtā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of tempting : the state of being tempted 2 : something that tempts

tempt-ress \ˈtempt-trəs\ *n* : a woman who tempts

ten \ˈten\ *n* 1 : one more than nine 2 : the 10th in a set or series 3 : something having 10 units — **ten** *adj* *or* *pron* — **tenth** \ˈtenth\ *adj* *or* *adv* *or* *n*

ten-a-ble \ˈten-ə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being held, maintained, or defended — **ten-a-bil-i-ty** \ˈten-əˈbil-ət-ē\ *n*

te-na-cious \tə-ˈnā-shəs\ *adj* 1 : not easily pulled apart : COHESIVE, TOUGH (steel is a ~ metal) 2 : holding fast (~ of his rights) 3 : RETENTIVE (~ memory) — **te-na-cious-ly** *adv* — **te-na-ci-ty** \tə-ˈnas-ət-ē\ *n*

ten-an-cy \ˈten-ən-sē\ *n*, *pl* **-cies** : the temporary possession or occupancy of something (as a house) that belongs to another; *also* : the period of a tenant's occupancy

ten-ant \ˈten-ənt\ *n* 1 : one who rents or leases (as a house) from a landlord 2 : DWELLER, OCCUPANT — **tenant** *vb* — **ten-ant-less** *adj*

tenant farmer *n* : a farmer who works land owned by another and pays rent either in cash or in shares of produce

ten-ant-ry \ˈten-ən-trē\ *n*, *pl* **-ries** : the body of tenants esp. on a great estate

Ten Commandments *n pl* : the commandments of God given to Moses on Mount Sinai

tend \ˈtend\ *vb* 1 : to apply oneself (~ to your affairs) 2 : to take care of (~ a plant) 3 : to manage the operations of (~ a machine) *syn* mind, watch, attend

tend *vb* 1 : to move or develop one's course in a particular direction 2 : to show an inclination or tendency

ten-den-cy \ˈten-dən-sē\ *n*, *pl* **-cies** 1 : DRIFT, TREND 2 : a proneness to or readiness for a particular kind of thought or action : PROPENSITY *syn* bent, leaning, disposition, inclination

ten-den-tious \ˈten-ˈden-chəs\ *adj* : marked by a tendency

in favor of a particular point of view : BIASED — **ten-den-tious-ly** *adv* — **ten-den-tious-ness** *n*

ten-der \ˈten-dər\ *adj* 1 : having a soft texture : easily broken, chewed, or cut 2 : physically weak : DELICATE; *also* : IMMATURE 3 : expressing or responsive to love or sympathy : LOVING, COMPASSIONATE 4 : SENSITIVE, TOUCHY *syn* sympathetic, warm, warmhearted — **ten-der-ly** *adv* — **ten-der-ness** *n*

tender *n* 1 : an offer or proposal made for acceptance; *esp* : an offer of a bid for a contract 2 : something (as money) that may be offered in payment

tender *vb* : to present for acceptance

tend-er \ˈten-dər\ *n* 1 : one that tends or takes care 2 : a boat carrying passengers and freight to a larger ship 3 : a car attached to a steam locomotive for carrying fuel and water

ten-der-foot \ˈten-dər-fūt\ *n*, *pl* **-feet** \-fēt\ *also* **-foots** \-fūts\ 1 : one not hardened to frontier or rough outdoor life 2 : an inexperienced beginner : NEOPHYTE

ten-der-heart-ed \ˈten-dər-ˈhārt-əd\ *adj* : easily moved to love, pity, or sorrow : COMPASSIONATE

ten-der-ize \ˈten-də-,rīz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-izing** : to make (meat) tender — **ten-der-iz-er** \ˈten-də-,rī-zər\ *n*

ten-der-loin \ˈten-dər-,lōin\ *n* 1 : a tender strip of beef or pork from near the backbone 2 : a district of a city largely devoted to vice

ten-di-ni-tis *or* **ten-don-itis** \ˈten-də-ˈnīt-əs\ *n* : inflammation of a tendon

ten-don \ˈten-dən\ *n* : a tough cord of dense tissue uniting a muscle with another part (as a bone) — **ten-di-nous** \ˈdē-nəs\ *adj*

ten-dril \ˈten-drəl\ *n* : a slender coiling organ by which some climbing plants attach themselves to a support

ten-e-brous \ˈten-ə-brəs\ *adj* : shut off from the light : GLOOMY, OBSCURE

ten-e-ment \ˈten-ə-mənt\ *n* 1 : a house used as a dwelling 2 : a building divided into apartments for rent to families; *esp* : one meeting only minimum standards of safety and comfort 3 : APARTMENT, FLAT

te-net \ˈten-ət\ *n* [L, he holds, fr. *tenēre* to hold] : one of the principles or doctrines held in common by members of an organized group (as a church or profession) *syn* doctrine, dogma, belief

ten-fold \ˈten-,föld-, -föld\ *adj* : being 10 times as great or as many — **ten-fold** \-föld\ *adv*

ten-gallon hat *n* : a wide-brimmed hat with a large soft crown

Tenn *abbr* Tennessee

ten-nis \ˈten-əs\ *n* : a game played with a ball and racket on a court divided by a net

ten-on \ˈten-ən\ *n* : a projecting part in a piece of material (as wood) for insertion into a mortise to make a joint

ten-or \ˈten-ər\ *n* 1 : the general drift of something spoken or written : PURPORT 2 : the highest natural adult male voice 3 : TREND, TENDENCY

ten-pen-ny \ˈten-,pen-ē\ *adj* : amounting to, worth, or costing 10 pennies

tenpenny nail *n* : a nail three inches (about 7.6 centimeters) long

ten-pin \ˈten-,pin\ *n* : a bottle-shaped bowling pin set in groups of 10 and bowled at in a game (*tenpins*)

tense \ˈtens\ *n* [ME *tens* time, tense, fr. MF, fr. L *tempus*] : distinction of form of a verb to indicate the time of the action or state

tense *adj* **tens-er**; **tens-est** [L *tensus*, fr. pp. of *tendere* to stretch] 1 : stretched tight : TAUT 2 : feeling or marked by nervous tension *syn* stiff, rigid, inflexible — **tense-ly** *adv* — **tense-ness** *n* — **ten-si-ty** \ˈten-sət-ē\ *n*

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ebbet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\foot
 \ū\foot \v\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- tense** *vb* tensed; **tens-ing** : to make or become tense
ten-sile \ˈtɛn-səl-, -sɪl\ *adj* : of or relating to tension (∼ strength)
ten-sion \ˈtɛn-ʃən\ *n* **1** : the act of straining or stretching; *also* : the condition of being strained or stretched **2** : a state of mental unrest often with signs of bodily stress **3** : a state of latent hostility or opposition **4** : VOLTAGE
ten-speed \ˈtɛn-, spɛd\ *n* : a bicycle with 10 possible combinations of gears
tent \ˈtɛnt\ *n* **1** : a collapsible shelter of material stretched and supported by poles **2** : a canopy placed over the head and shoulders to retain vapors or oxygen being medically administered
²tent *vb* **1** : to lodge in tents **2** : to cover with or as if with a tent
ten-ta-cle \ˈtɛnt-i-kəl\ *n* : any of the long flexible projections about the head or mouth (as of an insect, mollusk, or fish) — **ten-ta-cled** \-kəld\ *adj* — **ten-tac-u-lar** \ˈtɛn-tak-yə-lər\ *adj*
ten-ta-tive \ˈtɛnt-ət-iv\ *adj* **1** : not fully worked out or developed (∼ plans) **2** : HESITANT, UNCERTAIN (a ∼ smile) — **ten-ta-tive-ly** *adv*
ten-u-ous \ˈtɛn-yə-wəs\ *adj* **1** : not dense : RARE (a ∼ fluid) **2** : not thick : SLENDER (a ∼ rope) **3** : having little substance : FLIMSY, WEAK (∼ influences) *syn* thin, slim, slight — **te-nu-i-ty** \ˈtɛ-n(y)-ü-ət-ē, tə- n\ *n* — **ten-u-ous-ly** \ˈtɛn-yə-wəs-lē\ *adv* — **ten-u-ous-ness** *n*
ten-ure \ˈtɛn-yər\ *n* : the act, right, manner, or period of holding something (as a landed property or a position)
ten-ured \ˈtɛn-yərd\ *adj* : having tenure (∼ faculty members)
te-o-sin-te \tā-ō-ˈsint-ē\ *n* : a large annual grass of Mexico and Central America closely related to maize
te-pee \ˈtē-(j)pē\ *n* [Dakota *tipi*, fr. *ti* to dwell + *pi* to use for] : an American Indian conical tent usu. of skins
tep-id \ˈtɛp-əd\ *adj* **1** : moderately warm : LUKEWARM **2** : HALFHEARTED
te-qui-la \tə-ˈkē-lə, tā- \ *n* : a Mexican liquor made from mescal
ter *abbr* **1** terrace **2** territory
ter-bi-um \ˈtər-bē-əm\ *n* : a metallic chemical element — *see* ELEMENT table
ter-cen-te-na-ry \ˈtər-, sen-ˈtən-ə-rē, tər-ˈsent-ən-, er-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ries : a 300th anniversary; *also* : its celebration — **tercentenary** *adj*
ter-cen-ten-ni-al \ˈtər-, sen-ˈtɛn-ē-əl\ *adj* or *n* : TERCENTENARY
te-re-do \tə-ˈrēd-ō-, -rād- \ *n*, *pl* teredos or **te-red-i-nes** \-ˈrēd-ən-, ēz\ [L] : SHIPWORM
term \tɜrm\ *n* **1** : END, TERMINATION **2** : DURATION; *esp* : a period of time fixed esp. by law or custom **3** : a mathematical expression connected with another by a plus or minus sign; *also* : any of the members of a ratio or of a series **4** : a word or expression that has a precise meaning in some uses or is limited to a particular subject or field **5 pl** : PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS (∼s of a contract) **6 pl** : mutual relationship (on good ∼s) **7** : AGREEMENT, CONCORD
²term *vb* : to apply a term to : CALL
ter-ma-gant \ˈtər-mə-gənt\ *n* : an overbearing or nagging woman : SHREW *syn* virago, vixen, scold
¹ter-mi-nal \ˈtɛr-mən-əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or forming an end, limit, or terminus *syn* final, concluding, last, latest
²terminal *n* **1** : EXTREMITY, END **2** : a device at the end of a wire or on electrical equipment for making a connection **3** : either end of a transportation line (as a railroad) with its offices and freight and passenger stations; *also* : a freight or passenger station **4** : a device connected to a communication network used to enter, receive, and display data
ter-mi-nate \ˈtər-mə-, nāt\ *vb* -nat-ed; -nat-ing : to bring or

- come to an end *syn* conclude, finish, complete — **ter-mi-na-ble** \-nə-bəl\ *adj* — **ter-mi-na-tion** \ˈtər-mə-ˈnā-shən\ *n* — **ter-mi-na-tor** \ˈtər-mə-, nāt-ər\ *n*
ter-mi-nol-o-gy \ˈtər-mə-ˈnāl-ə-jē\ *n*, *pl* -gies : the technical or special terms used in a business, art, science, or special subject
ter-mi-nus \ˈtər-mə-nəs\ *n*, *pl* -ni \-, nī\ or -nus-es [L] **1** : final goal : END **2** : either end of a transportation line, travel route, pipeline, or canal; *also* : the station or city at such a place
ter-mite \ˈtər-, mīt\ *n* : any of a large group of pale soft-bodied social insects that feed on wood
tern \ˈtɜrn\ *n* : any of numerous small seabirds with narrow wings and often a black cap
ter-na-ry \ˈtər-nə-rē\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or proceeding by threes **2** : having or consisting of three elements or parts **3** : having a mathematical base of three (a ∼ logarithm)
terr *abbr* territory
¹ter-race \ˈtər-əs\ *n* **1** : a flat roof or open platform **2** : a level area next to a building **3** : an embankment with level top **4** : a bank or ridge on a slope to conserve moisture and soil **5** : a row of houses on raised land; *also* : a street with such a row of houses **6** : a strip of park in the middle of a street
²terrace *vb* **ter-raced**; **ter-rac-ing** : to form into a terrace or supply with terraces
ter-ra-cot-ta \ˈtər-ə-ˈkāt-ə\ *n* [It *terra cotta*, lit., baked earth] : a reddish brown earthenware used for vases and small statues
terra fir-ma \-ˈfər-mə\ *n* [NL] : solid ground
ter-rain \ˈtə-ˈrān\ *n* : the surface features of an area of land (a couch ∼)
ter-ra-in-cog-ni-ta \ˈtər-ə-, in-, kæg-ˈnēt-ə\ *n*, *pl* **ter-rae in-cog-ni-tae** \ˈtər-, i-, in-, kæg-ˈnē-tī\ [L] : an unexplored area or field of knowledge
ter-ra-pin \ˈtər-ə-pən\ *n* : any of various No. American edible turtles of fresh or brackish water



terrapin

- ter-rar-i-um** \tə-ˈrar-ē-əm\ *n*, *pl* -ia \-ē-ə\ or -iums : a vivarium without standing water
ter-res-tri-al \ˈtər-res-t(r)ē-əl\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to the earth or its inhabitants **2** : living or growing on land (∼ plants) *syn* mundane, earthly, worldly
ter-ri-ble \ˈtər-ə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : exciting terror : FEARFUL, DREADFUL (∼ weapons) **2** : hard to bear : DISTRESSING (a ∼ situation) **3** : extreme in degree : INTENSE (∼ heat) **4** : of very poor quality : AWFUL (a ∼ play) *syn* frightful, horrible, shocking, appalling — **ter-ri-bly** \-blē\ *adv*
ter-ri-er \ˈtər-ē-ər\ *n* [F (*chien*) *terrier*, lit., earth dog, fr. *terrier* of earth, fr. ML *terrarius*, fr. L *terra* earth] : any of various usu. small dogs orig. used by hunters to drive small game from holes
ter-rif-ic \tə-ˈrif-ik\ *adj* **1** : exciting terror **2** : EXTRAORDINARY, ASTOUNDING (∼ speed) **3** : unusually good (makes ∼ chili) *syn* terrible, frightful, dreadful, fearful, horrible, awful
ter-ri-fy \ˈtər-ə-ˈfī\ *vb* -fied; -fy-ing : to fill with terror : FRIGHTEN *syn* scare, terrorize, startle, alarm — **ter-ri-fy-ing-ly** *adv*
ter-ri-to-ri-al \ˈtər-ə-ˈtōr-ē-əl\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to a

territory (ˈtɛr-ə-ˈtɔr-ē) *n*, *pl* **-ries** 1 : a geographical area belonging to or under the jurisdiction of a governmental authority 2 : a part of the U.S. not included within any state but organized with a separate legislature 3 : REGION, DISTRICT; *also* : a region in which one feels at home 4 : a field of knowledge or interest 5 : an assigned area

ter-ror ˈtɛr-ər *n* 1 : a state of intense fear : FRIGHT 2 : one that inspires fear *syn* panic, consternation, dread, alarm, dismay, horror, trepidation

ter-ror-ism ˈtɛr-ər-iz-əm *n* : the systematic use of terror esp. as a means of coercion — **ter-ror-ist** ˈtɛr-ər-ist *adj* or *n*

ter-ror-ize ˈtɛr-ər-īz *vb* **-ized**; **-izing** 1 : to fill with terror : SCARE 2 : to coerce by threat or violence *syn* terrify, frighten, alarm, startle

ter-ry ˈtɛr-ē *n*, *pl* **terries** : an absorbent fabric with a loose pile of uncut loops

terse ˈtɜrs *adj* **ters-er**; **ters-est** [L *tersus* clean, neat, fr. pp. of *tergere* to wipe off] : effectively brief : CONCISE — **terse-ly** *adv* — **terse-ness** *n*

ter-ti-ary ˈtɛr-shē-er-ē *adj* 1 : of third rank, importance, or value 2 *cap*: of, relating to, or being the earlier period of the Cenozoic era 3 : occurring in or being the third stage

Tertiary *n* : the Tertiary period

TESL *abbr* teaching English as a second language

tes-sel-late ˈtɛs-ə-lāt *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** : to form into or adorn with mosaic

test ˈtɛst *n* [ME, vessel in which metals were assayed, fr. MF, fr. L *testum* earthen vessel] 1 : a critical examination or evaluation : TRIAL 2 : a means or result of testing

test *vb* 1 : to put to test : TRY, EXAMINE 2 : to undergo or score on tests (an ore that ~s high in gold)

tes-ta-ment ˈtɛs-tə-mənt *n* 1 *cap* : either of two main divisions of the Bible 2 : EVIDENCE, WITNESS 3 : CREDO 4 : an act to determine the disposition of one's property after death : WILL — **tes-ta-men-ta-ry** ˈtɛs-tə-ment-ə-ri *adj*

tes-tate ˈtɛs-tāt, -tæt *adj* : having left a valid will

tes-ta-tor ˈtɛs-tāt-ər, -tāt-ər *n* : a person who dies leaving a valid will

tes-ta-trix ˈtɛs-tā-triks *n* : a female testator

tes-ter ˈtɛs-tər, ˈtɛs- *n* : a canopy over a bed, pulpit, or altar

test-er ˈtɛs-tər *n* : one that tests

tes-ti-cle ˈtɛs-ti-kəl *n* : TESTIS

tes-ti-fy ˈtɛs-tə-fi *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** 1 : to make a statement based on personal knowledge or belief : bear witness 2 : to serve as evidence or proof *syn* attest, affirm

tes-ti-mo-ni-al ˈtɛs-tə-mō-nē-əl *n* 1 : a statement testifying to a person's good character or to the worth of something 2 : an expression of appreciation : TRIBUTE — **testimonial** *adj*

tes-ti-mo-ny ˈtɛs-tə-mō-nē *n*, *pl* **-nies** 1 : a solemn declaration made by a witness under oath esp. in a court 2 : evidence based on observation or knowledge 3 : an outward sign : SYMBOL *syn* evidence, confirmation, proof, testament

tes-tis ˈtɛs-təs *n*, *pl* **tes-tes** ˈtɛs-tēz [L, witness, testis] : an oval-shaped male reproductive organ which is usu. located in the scrotum, which produces and secretes various male hormones and esp. testosterone, and in which sperm are produced

tes-tos-ter-one ˈtɛ-ˈstās-tə-rōn *n* : a male sex hormone that causes development of the male reproductive system and secondary sex character

test tube *n* : a glass tube closed at one end and used esp. in chemistry and biology

test-ty ˈtɛs-tē *adj* **tes-ti-er**; **-est** [ME *testif*, fr. Anglo-

French (the French of medieval England), headstrong, fr. OF *teste* head, fr. LL *testa* skull, fr. L, shell] : marked by ill humor : easily annoyed

tet-a-nus ˈtɛt-ən-əs *n* : a disease caused by bacterial poisons and marked by stiffness and spasms of the muscles with locking of the jaws — **tet-a-nal** ˈtɛt-ən-əl *adj*

tetchy ˈtɛtch-ē *adj* **tetchi-er**; **-est** : irritably or peevishly sensitive

tête-à-tête ˈtāt-ə-tāt *n* [F, lit., head to head] : a private conversation between two persons

tête-à-tête ˈtāt-ə-tāt *adv* : PRIVATELY, FAMILIARLY

tête-à-tête ˈtāt-ə-tāt *adj* : being face-to-face : PRIVATE

teth-er ˈtɛθ-ər *n* 1 : a line by which something (as an animal or balloon) is fastened 2 : the limit of one's strength or resources

tether *vb* : to fasten or restrain by or as if by a tether

tet-ra-eth-yl lead ˈtɛ-trə-eth-əl *n* : a heavy oily poisonous liquid used as an antiknock agent in gasoline

tet-ra-he-dron ˈtɛ-drə-n *n*, *pl* **-drons** or **-dra** ˈdrə *n* : a polyhedron that has four faces — **tet-ra-he-dral** ˈdrəl *adj*

tet-ra-hy-dro-can-nab-i-nol ˈtɛ-hī-drə-kə-nab-ə-nōl, -nōl *n* : THC

te-tram-e-ter ˈtɛ-tram-ət-ər *n* : a line consisting of four metrical feet

Teu-ton-ic ˈtɛ(y)-tān-ik *adj* : GERMANIC

Tex *abbr* Texas

text ˈtɛkst *n* 1 : the actual words of an author's work 2 : the main body of printed or written matter on a page 3 : a scriptural passage chosen as the subject esp. of a sermon 4 : THEME, TOPIC 5 : TEXTBOOK — **tex-tu-al** ˈtɛks-chə-wəl *adj*

text-book ˈtɛks(t)-bùk *n* : a book used in the study of a subject

tex-tile ˈtɛk-tīl, ˈtɛks-təl *n* : CLOTH; *esp* : a woven or knit cloth

tex-ture ˈtɛks-chər *n* 1 : the visual or tactile surface characteristics and appearance of something (a coarse ~) 2 : essential part 3 : basic scheme or structure : FABRIC 4 : overall structure

TGIF *abbr* thank God it's Friday

Th *abbr* Thursday

Th *symbol* thorium

th — see **ETH**

th or -eth *adj* **suffix** — used in forming ordinal numbers (hundredth)

th *n* **suffix** 1 : act or process 2 : state or condition (dearth)

Thai ˈtɪ *n*, *pl* **Thai** or **Thais** : a native or inhabitant of Thailand — **Thai** *adj*

thal-a-mus ˈthal-ə-məs *n*, *pl* **-mi** ˈmi [NL] : a subdivision of the brain that receives nerve impulses and sends them to appropriate parts of the brain cortex

thal-li-um ˈthal-ē-əm *n* : a poisonous metallic chemical element — see **ELEMENT** table

than ˈθən, (ˈ)θən *conj* 1 — used after a comparative adjective or adverb to introduce the second part of a comparison expressing inequality (older ~ I am) 2 — used after *other* or a word of similar meaning to express a difference of kind, manner, or identity (adults other ~ parents)

than *prep* : in comparison with (older ~ me)

thane ˈθæn *n* 1 : a free retainer of an Anglo-Saxon lord 2 : a Scottish feudal lord

thank ˈθæŋk *vb* : to express gratitude to (ˌed him for the present)

thank-ful ˈθæŋk-fəl *adj* 1 : conscious of benefit re-

ˈə\abut ˈə\kitten ˈər\farther ˈə\ash ˈə\ace ˈə\cot, cart ˈə\out ˈch\chin ˈe\bet ˈe\easy ˈə\go ˈi\hit ˈi\ice ˈj\job ˈŋ\sing ˈo\go ˈo\law ˈo\boy ˈth\thin ˈth\the ˈu\loot ˈu\foot ˈy\yet ˈzh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

ceived 2 : expressive of thanks 3 : GLAD — **thank-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **thank-ful-ness** *n*

thank-less \ˈθaŋ-kləs\ *adj* 1 : UNGRATEFUL 2 : UNAPPRECIATED

thanks \ˈθaŋks\ *n pl* : an expression of gratitude

thanks-giv-ing \ˈθaŋks-ˈgɪv-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : the act of giving thanks 2 : prayer expressing gratitude 3 *cap* : the 4th Thursday in November observed as a legal holiday for giving thanks for divine goodness

that \(t)ˈθæt\ *pron, pl those* \(t)ˈθoʊz\ 1 : the one indicated, mentioned, or understood (ˈ~'s my wife) 2 : the one farther away or first mentioned (this is an elm, ~'s a maple) 3 : what has been indicated or mentioned (after ~, we left) 4 : the one or ones : IT, THEY (those who wish to leave may do so)

that *adj, pl those* 1 : being the one mentioned, indicated, or understood (ˈ~ boy) (those people) 2 : being the one farther away or first mentioned (this chair or ~ one)

that \ˈθæt, (t)ˈθæt\ *conj* 1 : the following, namely (he said ~ he would); *also* : which is, namely (there's a chance ~ it may fail) 2 : to this end or purpose (shouted ~ all might hear) 3 : as to result in the following, namely (so heavy ~ it can't be moved) 4 : for this reason, namely : BECAUSE (we're glad ~ you came) 5 : I wish this, or I am surprised or indignant at this, namely (ˈ~ it should come to this)

that \ˈθæt, (t)ˈθæt\ *pron* 1 : WHO, WHOM, WHICH (the man ~ saw you) (the man ~ you saw) (the money ~ was spent) 2 : in, on, or at which (the way ~ he drives) (the day ~ it rained)

that \ˈθæt\ *adv* : to such an extent or degree (I like it, but not ~ much)

thatch \ˈtʰætʃ\ *vb* : to cover with or as if with thatch

thatch *n* 1 : plant material (as straw) for use as roofing 2 : a mat of grass clippings accumulated next to the soil on a lawn 3 : a covering of or as if of thatch (a ~ of white hair)

thaw \ˈθəʊ\ *vb* 1 : to melt or cause to melt 2 : to become so warm as to melt ice or snow 3 : to abandon aloofness or hostility *syn* liquefy — **thaw** *n*

THC \tē-,äch-,ˈsē-\ *n* [tetrahydrocannabinol] : a physiologically active chemical from hemp plant resin that is the chief intoxicant in marijuana

the \ðə, before vowel sounds usu ðē\ *definite article* 1 : that in particular 2 — used before adjectives functioning as nouns (a word to ~ wise)

the *adv* 1 : to what extent (ˈ~ sooner, the better) 2 : to that extent (the sooner, ~ better)

theat *abbr* theater; theatrical

the-ater or the-atre \ˈθē-ət-ər-\ *n* 1 : a building for dramatic performances; *also* : a building or area for showing motion pictures 2 : a place of enactment of significant events (ˈ~ of war) 3 : a place (as a lecture room) resembling a theater 4 : dramatic literature or performance

theater-in-the-round *n* : a theater with the stage in the center of the auditorium

the-at-ri-cal \ˈθē-ˈa-tri-kəl\ *also the-at-ric* \-trik\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to the theater 2 : marked by artificiality of emotion : HISTRIONIC 3 : marked by extravagant display : SHOWY *syn* dramatic, melodramatic

the-at-ri-cals \-kəlz\ *n pl* : the performance of plays

the-at-rics \ˈθē-ˈa-triks\ *n pl* 1 : THEATRICALS 2 : staged or contrived effects

the-be \ˈthā-bā\ *n, pl thebe* — see *pula* at MONEY table

thee \(t)hē\ *pron, objective case* of THOU

theft \ˈθeft\ *n* : the act of stealing

thegn \ˈθān\ *n* : THANE 1

their \ðər, (t)ðēr\ *adj* : of or relating to them or themselves

theirs \ˈθeərz\ *pron* : their one : their ones

the-ism \ˈθē-,iz-əm\ *n* : belief in the existence of a god or gods — **the-ist** \-əst\ *n or adj* — **the-is-tic** \ˈθē-ˈis-tik\ *adj*

them \(th)əm, (t)thəm\ *pron, objective case* of THEY

theme \ˈθēm\ *n* 1 : a subject or topic of discourse or of artistic representation 2 : a written exercise : COMPOSITION 3 : a melodic subject of a musical composition or movement — **the-mat-ic** \ˈthi-ˈmat-ik\ *adj*

them-selves \ˈθəm-ˈselvz, θēm-ˈ\ *pron pl* : THEY, THEM — used reflexively, for emphasis, or in absolute constructions (they govern ~) (they ~ couldn't come) (~ busy, they sent me)

then \(t)hən\ *adv* 1 : at that time 2 : soon after that : NEXT 3 : in addition : BESIDES 4 : in that case 5 : CONSEQUENTLY

then \ˈθen\ *n* : that time (since ~)

then \ˈθen\ *adj* : existing or acting at that time (the ~ king)

thence \ˈθens, θens\ *adv* 1 : from that place 2 *archaic* : THENCEFORTH 3 : from that fact : THEREFROM

thence-forth \-fōrth\ *adv* : from that time forward : THEREAFTER

thence-for-ward \θens-ˈfōr-wərd, θens-\ *also thence-forwards* \-wərdz\ *adv* : onward from that place or time : THENCEFORTH

the-oc-ra-cy \ˈθē-ˈāk-rə-sē\ *n, pl -cies* 1 : government by officials regarded as divinely inspired 2 : a state governed by a theocracy — **the-o-crat-ic** \ˈθē-ə-ˈkrat-ik\ *adj*

theol *abbr* theological; theology

the-ol-o-gy \ˈθē-ˈäl-ə-jē\ *n, pl -gies* 1 : the study of religion and of religious ideas and beliefs; *esp* : a branch of theology treating of God and his relation to the world 2 : a theory or system of theology — **the-o-lo-gian** \ˈθē-ə-ˈlō-jən\ *n* — **the-o-log-i-cal** \-ˈlāj-i-kəl\ *adj*

the-o-rem \ˈθē-ə-rəm, ˈθir-əm\ *n* 1 : a statement in mathematics that has been or is to be proved 2 : an idea accepted or proposed as a demonstrable truth : PROPOSITION

the-o-ret-i-cal \ˈθē-ə-ˈret-i-kəl\ *also the-o-ret-ic* \-ik\ *adj* 1 : relating to or having the character of theory 2 : existing only in theory — **the-o-ret-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

the-o-rize \ˈθē-ə-,rīz\ *vb -rized; -riz-ing* : to form a theory : SPECULATE — **the-o-rist** \-rəst\ *n*

the-o-ry \ˈθē-ə-rē, ˈθir-ē\ *n, pl -ries* 1 : abstract thought 2 : the general principles of a subject 3 : a plausible or scientifically acceptable general principle offered to explain observed facts 4 : HYPOTHESIS, GUESS

theory of games : GAME THEORY

the-os-o-phy \ˈθē-ˈās-ə-fē\ *n* : belief about God and the world held to be based on mystical insight — **theo-soph-i-cal** \ˈθē-ə-ˈsäf-i-kəl\ *adj* — **the-os-o-phist** \ˈθē-ˈās-ə-fəst\ *n*

ther-a-peu-tic \ˈθer-ə-ˈpyüt-ik\ *adj* [Gk *therapeutikos*, fr. *therapeuein* to attend, treat, fr. *theraps* attendants] : of, relating to, or dealing with healing and esp. with remedies for diseases — **ther-a-peu-ti-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

ther-a-peu-tics \ˈθer-ə-ˈpyüt-iks\ *n* : a branch of medical science dealing with the use of remedies

ther-a-py \ˈθer-ə-pē\ *n, pl -pies* : treatment of bodily or mental disorders or maladjustment — **ther-a-pist** \-pəst\ *n*

there \ˈθær, ˈθeər\ *adv* 1 : in or at that place — often used interjectionally 2 : to or into that place : THITHER 3 : in that matter or respect

there \(t)θər, (t)θēr\ *pron* — used as a function word to introduce a sentence or clause (ˈ~'s a man here)

there \ˈθær, ˈθeər\ *n* 1 : that place (get away from ~) 2 : that point (you take it from ~)

there-abouts or there-about \ˈθər-ə-ˈbäut(s), ˈθər-ə-,bäut(s), ˈθər-ə-ˈbäut(s), ˈθər-ə-\ *adv* 1 : near that place or time 2 : near that number, degree, or quantity

there-after \ˈθər-ˈaf-tər, ˈθər-\ *adv* : after that : AFTERWARD

there-at \-ˈat\ *adv* 1 : at that place 2 : at that occurrence : on that account

there-by \ˈθər-ˈbī, ˈθer-, ˈθa(ə)r-,bī, ˈθe(ə)r-,bī\ *adv* 1

: by that : by that means **2** : connected with or with reference to that

there-for \thar-¹fɔr, ther-² adv : for or in return for that
there-fore \¹thə(ə)r-,fɔr, ²thə(ə)r-² adv : for that reason : CONSEQUENTLY

there-from \thar-¹fɹəm, ther-² adv : from that or it
there-in \thar-¹in, ther-² adv **1** : in or into that place, time, or thing **2** : in that respect

there-of \-¹əv, -²əv² adv **1** : of that or it **2** : from that : THEREFROM

there-on \-¹ɔn, -²ən² adv **1** : on that **2** *archaic* : THEREUPON **3**

there-to \thar-¹tū, ther-² adv : to that

there-un-to \thar-¹ən-(¹)tū; \thar-ən-²tū, \ther-² adv, *archaic* : THERETO

there-upon \¹thar-ə-,pɔn, ²ther-, -pän; \thar-ə-¹pɔn, -²pän, \ther-² adv **1** : on that matter : THEREON **2** : THEREFORE **3** : immediately after that : at once

there-with \thar-¹with, ther-, -with² adv **1** : with that **2** *archaic* : THEREUPON, FORTHWITH

there-with-al \¹thə(ə)r-with-,əl, ²thə(ə)r-, -with-² adv **1** *archaic* : BESIDES **2** : THERewith

therm *abbr* thermometer

ther-mal \¹thər-məl² adj **1** : of, relating to, or caused by heat **2** : designed to prevent the loss of body heat (~ underwear) — **ther-mal-ly** \-²əl adv

thermal pollution *n* : the discharge of liquid (as waste water from a factory) into a natural body of water at a temperature harmful to the environment

therm-is-tor \¹thər-,mis-tər² *n* : an electrical resistor whose resistance varies sharply with temperature

ther-mo-cline \¹thər-mə-,klīn² *n* : a transition layer in a thermally stratified body of water that separates zones of widely different temperature

ther-mo-dy-nam-ics \¹thər-mə-di-²nam-iks² *n* : physics that deals with the mechanical action or relations of heat — **ther-mo-dy-nam-ic** \-ik² adj — **ther-mo-dy-nam-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē² adv

ther-mom-e-ter \¹thə(r)-²mām-ət-ər² *n* [F *thermomètre*, fr. Gk *thermē* heat + *metron* measure] : an instrument for measuring temperature commonly by means of the expansion or contraction of mercury or alcohol as indicated by its rise or fall in a thin glass tube — **ther-mo-met-ric** \¹thər-mə-me-trik² adj — **ther-mo-met-ri-cal-ly** \-tri-k(ə)-lē² adv

ther-mo-nu-cle-ar \¹thər-mō-²n(y)ū-klē-ər² adj **1** : of or relating to changes in the nucleus of atoms of low atomic weight (as hydrogen) that require a very high temperature (as in the hydrogen bomb) **2** : utilizing or relating to a thermonuclear bomb (~ war)

ther-mo-plas-tic \¹thər-mə-²plas-tik² adj : capable of softening when heated and of hardening again when cooled (~ resins) — **thermoplastic** *n*

ther-mo-reg-u-la-tor \¹thər-mō-²reg-yə-,lāt-ər² *n* : a device for the regulation of temperature

ther-mos \¹thər-məs² *n* : VACUUM BOTTLE

ther-mo-sphere \¹thər-mə-,sfīər² *n* : the part of the earth's atmosphere that begins at about 50 miles (about 80 kilometers) above the earth's surface, extends to outer space, and is characterized by steadily increasing temperature with height

ther-mo-stat \¹thər-mə-,stat² *n* : a device that automatically controls temperature — **ther-mo-stat-ic** \¹thər-mə-²stat-ik² adj — **ther-mo-stat-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē² adv

the-sau-rus \¹thi-²sōr-əs² *n*, *pl* -sau-ri \-²sōr-,² or -sau-rus-es \-²sōr-ə-səz² [NL, fr. L, treasure, collection, fr. Gk *thēsauros*] : a book of words and their synonyms — **the-sau-ral** \-²sōr-əl² adj

these *pl* of THIS

the-sis \¹thē-səs² *n*, *pl* **the-ses** \¹thē-,sēz² **1** : a proposition that a person advances and offers to maintain by argument **2** : an essay embodying results of original research; *esp* : one written for an academic degree

thes-pi-an \¹thes-pē-ən² adj, *often cap* [fr. *Thespis*, 6th cent. B.C. Greek poet and reputed originator of tragedy] : relating to the drama : DRAMATIC

thespian *n* : ACTOR

Thess *abbr* Thessalonians

Thes-sa-lo-ni-ans \¹thes-ə-²lō-nyən-z, -nē-ən-z² *n* — see BIBLE table

thew \¹th(y)ū² *n* : MUSCLE, SINEW — *usu.* used in *pl.*

they \¹(¹)thā² *pron* **1** : those individuals under discussion : the ones previously mentioned or referred to **2** : unspecified persons : PEOPLE

thi-a-mine \¹thī-ə-mən, -²mēn² *also* **thi-a-min** \-mən² *n* : a vitamin of the vitamin B complex that is essential to normal metabolism and nerve function

thick \¹thik² adj **1** : having relatively great depth or extent from one surface to its opposite (a ~ plank); *also* : heavily built : THICKSET **2** : densely massed : CROWDED; *also* : FREQUENT, NUMEROUS **3** : dense or viscous in consistency (~ syrup) **4** : marked by haze, fog, or mist (~ weather) **5** : measuring in thickness (one meter ~) **6** : imperfectly articulated : INDISTINCT (~ speech) **7** : STUPID, OBTUSE **8** : associated on close terms : INTIMATE **9** : EXCESSIVE **syn** compact, close, dense, crowded, tight — **thick-ly** adv

thick **1** : the most crowded or active part **2** : the part of greatest thickness

thick-en \¹thik-ən² *vb* **thick-ened**; **thick-en-ing** \-(ə-)nɪŋ² : to make or become thick — **thick-en-er** \-(ə-)nər² *n*
thick-et \¹thik-ət² *n* : a dense growth of bushes or small trees

thick-ness \-nəs² **1** : the quality or state of being thick **2** : the smallest of three dimensions (length, width, and ~) **3** : LAYER, SHEET (a single ~ of canvas)

thick-set \¹thik-'set² adj **1** : closely placed or planted **2** : having a thick body : BURLY

thick-skinned \-'skɪnd² adj **1** : having a thick skin **2** : not easily bothered by criticism or insult

thief \¹thēf² *n*, *pl* **thieves** \¹thēvz² : one that steals *esp.* secretly

thieve \¹thēv² *vb* **thieved**; **thiev-ing** : STEAL, ROB **syn** filch, pilfer, purloin, swipe

thiev-ery \¹thēv-(ə-)rē² *n*, *pl* -er-ies : the act of stealing : THEFT

thigh \¹thī² *n* : the part of the vertebrate hind limb between the knee and the hip

thigh-bone \¹thī-,bōn² *n* : FEMUR

thim-ble \¹thim-bəl² *n* : a cap or guard used in sewing to protect the finger when pushing the needle — **thim-ble-ful** *n*

thin \¹thin² adj **thin-ner**; **thin-ness** **1** : having little extent from one surface through to its opposite : not thick : SLENDER **2** : not closely set or placed : SPARSE (~ hair) **3** : not dense or not dense enough : more fluid or rarefied than normal (~ air) (~ syrup) **4** : lacking substance, fullness, or strength (~ broth) **5** : FLIMSY **syn** slim, slight, tenuous — **thin-ly** adv — **thin-ness** \¹thin-nəs² *n*

thin *vb* **thinned**; **thin-ning** : to make or become thin

thine \¹thīn² *pron*, *archaic* : one or the ones belonging to thee

thing \¹thɪŋ² **1** : a matter of concern : AFFAIR (~s to do) **2** *pl* : state of affairs (~s are improving) **3** : EVENT, CIRCUMSTANCE (the crime was a terrible ~) **4** : DEED, ACT (expected great ~s of him) **5** : a distinct entity : OBJECT **6** : an inanimate object distinguished from a living being **7** *pl* : POSSESSIONS, EFFECTS (packed his ~s) **8** : an article of clothing **9** : DETAIL, POINT **10** : IDEA, NOTION **11**

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'sh \ə'sace \ə'cot, cart
\aʊ'out \ch'chin \e'bet \e'easy \g'o \i'hɪt \i'vice \i'job
\ŋ'sing \d'oŋ \d'law \d'i'boy \th'thin \th'the \t'loot
\ʊ'foot \y'yet \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

: something one likes to do : SPECIALTY <doing his ~>
think \ˈθɪŋk\ *vb* **thought** \ˈθɒt\; **think-ing** 1 : to form or have in the mind 2 : to have as an opinion : BELIEVE 3 : to reflect on : PONDER 4 : to call to mind : REMEMBER 5 : REASON 6 : to form a mental picture of : IMAGINE 7 : to devise by thinking <thought up a plan to escape> *syn* conceive, fancy, realize, envisage — **think-er** *n*
think tank *n* : an institute, corporation, or group organized for interdisciplinary research (as in technological or social problems)
thin-ner \ˈθɪn-ər\ *n* : a volatile liquid (as turpentine) used to thin paint
thin-skinned \ˈθɪn-ˈskɪnd\ *adj* 1 : having a thin skin 2 : extremely sensitive to criticism or insult
third \ˈθɜrd\ *adj* : next after the second — **third or third-ly** *adv*
third *n* 1 : one of three equal parts of something 2 : one that is third 3 : the 3d forward gear in an automotive vehicle
third degree *n* : the subjection of a prisoner to mental or physical torture to force a confession
third dimension *n* 1 : thickness, depth, or apparent thickness or depth that confers solidity on an object 2 : a quality that confers reality — **third-dimensional** *adj*
third world *n*, *often cap T & W* 1 : a group of nations esp. in Africa and Asia that are not aligned with either the Communist or the non-Communist blocs 2 : an aggregate of minority groups within a larger predominant culture 3 : the aggregate of the underdeveloped nations of the world
thirst \ˈθɜrst\ *n* 1 : a feeling of dryness in the mouth and throat associated with a wish to drink; *also* : a bodily condition producing this 2 : an ardent desire : CRAVING (a ~ for knowledge) — **thirsty** *adj*
thirst *vb* 1 : to need drink : suffer thirst 2 : to have a strong desire : CRAVE
thir-teen \ˌθɜr-ˈtiːn, ˈθɜr-\ *n* : one more than 12 — **thirteen** *adj or pron* — **thirteenth** \-ˈtiːnθ\ *adj or n*
thir-ty \ˈθɜrt-ē\ *n, pl thirties* : three times 10 — **thir-ti-eth** \-ē-əθ\ *adj or n* — **thirty** *adj or pron*
this \(ˈ)θɪs\ *pron, pl these* \(ˈ)θiːz\ 1 : the one close or closest in time or space (~ is your book) 2 : what is in the present or under immediate observation or discussion (~ is a mess); *also* : what is happening or being done now (after ~ we'll leave)
this *adj, pl these* 1 : being the one near, present, just mentioned, or more immediately under observation (~ book) 2 : constituting the immediate past or future (friends *all these* years)
this \ˈθɪs\ *adv* : to such an extent or degree (we need a book about ~ big)
this-tle \ˈθɪs-əl\ *n* : any of several tall prickly herbs
this-tle-down \-ˌdaɪn\ *n* : the down from the ripe flower head of a thistle
thith-er \ˈθɪθ-ər\ *adv* : to that place
thither *adj* : being on the farther side
thith-er-ward \-wərd\ *adv* : toward that place : THITHER
thole \ˈθɒl\ *n* : a pin set in the gunwale of a boat against which an oar pivots in rowing
thong \ˈθɒŋ\ *n* 1 : a strip esp. of leather or hide 2 : a sandal held on the foot by a thong between the toes
tho-rax \ˈθɔr-, ˈaks\ *n, pl tho-rax-es or tho-rac-es* \ˈθɔr-ə-, ˈsēz\ 1 : the part of the body of a mammal between the neck and the abdomen; *also* : its cavity 2 : the middle of the three main divisions of the body of an insect — **tho-rac-ic** \ˈθɔr-ˈras-ik\ *adj*
tho-ri-um \ˈθɔr-ē-əm\ *n* : a radioactive metallic chemical element — *see* ELEMENT table
thorn \ˈθɔrn\ *n* 1 : a woody plant bearing sharp processes 2 : a sharp rigid plant process that is usu. a modified leafless branch 3 : something that causes distress — **thorny** *adj*

thor-ough \ˈθɔr-ə\ *adj* 1 : COMPLETE, EXHAUSTIVE (a ~ search) 2 : very careful : PAINSTAKING (a ~ scholar) 3 : having full mastery — **thor-ough-ly** *adv* — **thor-ough-ness** *n*
thor-ough-bred \ˈθɔr-ə-, ˈbred\ *adj* 1 : bred from the best blood through a long line 2 *cap* : of or relating to the Thoroughbred breed of horses 3 : marked by high-spirited grace
thoroughbred *n* 1 *cap* : any of an English breed of light speedy horses kept chiefly for racing 2 : one (as a pedigreed animal) of excellent quality
thor-ough-fare \-, ˈfær\ *n* : a public road or street
thor-ough-go-ing \-, ˈθɔr-ə-ˈgō-ɪŋ\ *adj* : marked by thoroughness or zeal
thorp \ˈθɔrp\ *n, archaic* : village
those *pl of THAT*
thou \(ˈ)θə\ *pron, archaic* : the person addressed
thou \ˈθə\ *n, pl thou* : a thousand of something (as dollars)
though \ˈθh\ *adv* : HOWEVER, NEVERTHELESS (not for long, ~)
though \(ˈ)θh\ *conj* 1 : despite the fact that (~ the odds are hopeless, they fight on) 2 : granting that (~ it may look bad, still, all is not lost)
thought \ˈθɒt\ *past and past part of THINK*
thought *n* 1 : the process of thinking 2 : serious consideration : REGARD 3 : reasoning power 4 : the power to imagine : CONCEPTION 5 : IDEA, NOTION 6 : OPINION, BELIEF
thought-ful \ˈθɒt-fəl\ *adj* 1 : absorbed in thought 2 : marked by careful thinking (a ~ essay) 3 : considerate of others (a ~ host) — **thought-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **thought-ful-ness** *n*
thought-less \-ləs\ *adj* 1 : insufficiently alert : CARELESS (a ~ worker) 2 : RECKLESS (a ~ act) 3 : lacking concern for others : INCONSIDERATE (~ remarks) — **thought-less-ly** *adv* — **thought-less-ness** *n*
thou-sand \ˈθəʊz-ənd\ *n, pl thousands or thousand* : 10 times 100 — **thousand** *adj* — **thou-sandth** \-ənth\ *adj or n*
thousands digit *n* : the numeral (as 1 in 1456) occupying the thousands place in a number
thousands place *n* : the place four to the left of the decimal point in an Arabic number
thrall \ˈθrɒl\ *n* 1 : SLAVE, BONDMAN 2 : THRALLDOM
thrall-dom or thrall-dom \ˈθrɒl-dəm\ *n* : the condition of a thrall
thrash \ˈθræʃ\ *vb* 1 : THRESH 1 2 : BEAT, WHIP; *also* : DEFEAT 3 : to move about violently 4 : to go over again and again (~ over the matter); *also* : to hammer out (~ out a plan)
thrash-er \ˈθræʃ-ər\ *n* : one that thrashes or threshes
thrasher *n* : a long-tailed bird resembling a thrush
thread \ˈθred\ *n* 1 : a thin continuous strand of spun and twisted textile fibers 2 : something resembling a textile thread 3 : the ridge or groove that winds around a screw 4 : a train of thought 5 : a continuing element
thread *vb* 1 : to pass a thread through the eye of (a needle) 2 : to pass (as film) through something 3 : to make one's way through or between 4 : to put together on a thread (~ beads) 5 : to form a screw thread on or in
thread-bare \-, ˈbær\ *adj* 1 : worn so that the thread shows : SHABBY 2 : TRITE
thready \-ē\ *adj* 1 : consisting of or bearing fibers of filaments (a ~ bark) 2 : lacking in fullness, body, or vigor
threat \ˈθret\ *n* 1 : an expression of intent to do harm 2 : one that threatens
threat-en \ˈθret-ən\ *vb* **threat-ened; threat-en-ing** \ˈθret-(ə-)nɪŋ\ 1 : to utter threats against 2 : to give signs or warning of : PORTEND 3 : to hang over as a threat : MENACE — **threat-en-ing-ly** *adv*
three \ˈθriː\ *n* 1 : one more than two 2 : the 3d in a set

or series **3** : something having three units — **three** *adj* or *pron*

3-D ˈθrē-ˈdē *n* : three-dimensional form

three-dimensional *adj* **1** : relating to or having three dimensions **2** : giving the illusion of varying distances (a ~ picture)

three-fold ˈθrē-,fōld, -ˈfōld *adj* **1** : having three parts : **TRIPLE** **2** : being three times as great or as many — **three-fold** -ˈfōld *adv*

three-pence ˈθrēp-əns, ˈθrip-, ˈθrəp-, *US* also ˈθrē-pens *n* **1 pl** **threepence** or **three-pence** : a coin worth three pennies **2** : the sum of three British pennies

three-score ˈθrē-ˈskōr *adj* : being three times twenty : **SIXTY**

three-some ˈθrē-səm *n* : a group of three persons or things

thren-o-dy ˈθrēn-əd-ē *n, pl -dies* : a song of lamentation : **ELEGY**

thresh ˈθrəʃ, ˈθrɛʃ *vb* **1** : to separate (as grain from straw) by beating **2** : **THRASH** — **thresh-er** *n*

thresh-old ˈθrɛʃ-,ōld *n* **1** : the sill of a door **2** : a point or place of beginning or entering : **OUTSET** **3** : a point at which a physiological or psychological effect begins to be produced

threw *past of THROW*

thrice ˈθris *adv* **1** : three times **2** : in a threefold manner or degree

thrift ˈθrift *n* [ME fr. ON, prosperity, fr. *thrifask* to thrive] : careful management esp. of money : **FRUGALITY** — **thrift-ily** ˈθrif-tə-lē *adv* — **thrift-less** *adj* — **thrifty** *adj*

thrill ˈθril *vb* [ME *thirlen*, *thrillen* to pierce, fr. OE *thryllan*, fr. *thryel* hole, fr. *thurh* through] **1** : to have or cause to have sudden sharp feeling of excitement; *also* : **TINGLE**, **SHIVER** **2** : **TREMBLE**, **VIBRATE** — **thrill** *n* — **thriller** *n* — **thrilling-ly** ˈiŋ-lē *adv*

thrive ˈθriv *vb* **throve** ˈθrōv or **thrived**; **thriv-en** ˈθriv-ən *also* **thrived**; **thriv-ing** ˈθri-viŋ **1** : to grow luxuriantly : **FLOURISH** **2** : to gain in wealth or possessions : **PROSPER**

throat ˈθrōt *n* : the part of the neck in front of the spinal column; *also* : the passage through it to the stomach and lungs — **throat-ed** ˈəd *adj*

throaty ˈθrōt-ē *adj* **throat-ier**; -**est** **1** : uttered or produced from low in the throat (a ~ voice) **2** : heavy, thick, or deep as if from the throat (~ notes of a horn) — **throat-ily** ˈθrōt-ē-lē *adv* — **throat-i-ness** ˈē-nəs *n*

throat ˈθrəb *vb* **throbbled**; **throbbing** : to pulsate or pound esp. with abnormal force or rapidly : **BEAT**, **VIBRATE**

throat *n* : **BEAT**, **PULSE**

throe ˈθrō *n* **1** : **PANG**, **SPASM** **2 pl** : a hard or painful struggle

throm-bo-sis ˈθräm-ˈbō-səs *n, pl -bo-ses* ˈ-,sēz : the formation or presence of a clot in a blood vessel during life — **throm-bot-ic** ˈˌbāt-ik *adj*

throm-bus ˈθräm-bəs *n, pl throm-bi* ˈ-,bi : a clot of blood formed within a blood vessel and remaining attached to its place of origin

throne ˈθrōn *n* **1** : the chair of state esp. of a king or bishop **2** : royal power : **SOVEREIGNTY**

throng ˈθrɒŋ *n* **1** : **MULTITUDE** **2** : a crowding together of many persons

throng *vb* **thronged**; **throng-ing** ˈθrɒŋ-ɪŋ : **CROWD**

throt-tle ˈθrät-əl *vb* **throt-tled**; **throt-ting** ˈθrät-(ə-)liŋ [ME *throtlen*, fr. *throte* throat] **1** : **CHOKe**, **STRANGLE** **2** : **SUPPRESS** **3** : to reduce the speed of (an engine) by closing the throttle — **throt-ter** ˈ-(ə-)lər *n*

throttle *n* : a valve regulating the flow of steam or fuel to an engine; *also* : the lever controlling this valve

through ˈ(θ)θru *prep* **1** : into at one side and out at the other side of (go ~ the door) **2** : by way of (entered ~

a skylight) **3** : **AMONG** (a path ~ the trees) **4** : by means of (succeeded ~ hard work) **5** : over the whole of (rumors swept ~ the office) **6** : during the whole of (~ the night) **7** : to and including (Monday ~ Friday)

through ˈθru *adv* **1** : from one end or side to the other **2** : from beginning to end : to completion (see it ~) **3** : to the core : **THOROUGHLY** (he was wet ~) **4** : into the open : **OUT** (break ~)

through ˈθru *adj* **1** : permitting free passage (a ~ street) **2** : going from point of origin to destination without change or transfer (~ train) **3** : coming from or going to points outside a local area (~ traffic) **4** : **FINISHED** (~ with the job)

through-out ˈθru-ˈaʊt *adv* **1** : **EVERYWHERE** **2** : from beginning to end

throughout *prep* **1** : in or to every part of **2** : during the whole period of

through-put ˈθru-ˈpʊt *n* : **OUTPUT**, **PRODUCTION** (the ~ of a computer)

through-way *var of THRUWAY*

throve *past of THRIVE*

throw ˈθrō *vb* **threw** ˈθru; **thrown** ˈθrɒn; **throw-ing** **1** : to propel through the air esp. with a forward motion of the hand and arm (~ a ball) **2** : to cause to fall or fall off **3** : to put suddenly in a certain position or condition (~ into panic) **4** : to put on or take off hastily (~ on a coat) **5** : to move (a lever) so as to connect or disconnect parts of something (as a clutch) **6** : to lose intentionally (~ a game) **7** : to act as host for (~ a party) **syn** toss, fling, pitch, sling — **throw-er** ˈθrɒ-(ə)r *n*

throw *n* **1** : an act of throwing, hurling, or flinging; *also* : **CAST** **2** : the distance a missile may be thrown **3** : a light coverlet **4** : a woman's scarf or light wrap

throw-away ˈθrō-ə-,wā *n* : something that is or is designed to be thrown away esp. after one use

throw-back ˈθrō-,bak *n* : reversion to an earlier type or phase; *also* : an instance or product of this

throw up *vb* **1** : to build hurriedly **2** : **VOMIT**

thrum ˈθrəm *vb* **thrummed**; **thrum-ming** : to play or pluck a stringed instrument idly : **STRUM**

thrush ˈθrəʃ *n* : any of a large family of small or medium-sized songbirds that are mostly of a plain color often with spotted underparts

thrust ˈθrəʃt *vb* **thrust**; **thrust-ing** **1** : to push or drive with force : **SHOVE** **2** : **STAB**, **PIERCE** **3** : **INTERJECT** **4** : to press the acceptance of upon someone

thrust *n* **1** : a lunge with a pointed weapon **2** : **ATTACK** **3** : the pressure of one part of a construction against another (as of an arch against an abutment) **4** : the force produced by a propeller or jet or rocket engine that drives a vehicle (as an aircraft) forward **5** : a violent push : **SHOVE**

thrust-er *also* **thrust-er** ˈθrəs-tər *n* : one that thrusts; *esp* : a rocket engine

thru-way ˈθru-,wā *n* : **EXPRESSWAY**

thud ˈθəd *vb* **thud-ded**; **thud-ding** : to move or strike so as to make a thud

thud *n* **1** : **BLOW** **2** : a dull sound

thug ˈθəɡ *n* [Hindi *thag*, lit., thief, fr. Skt *sthaga* rogue] : a brutal ruffian or assassin

thu-li-um ˈθ(y)ü-lē-əm *n* : a rare metallic chemical element — *see* **ELEMENT** table

thumb ˈθʌm *n* **1** : the short thick first digit of the human hand or a corresponding digit of a lower animal **2** : the part of a glove or mitten that covers the thumb

thumb *vb* **1** : to leaf through (pages) with the thumb **2** : to wear or soil with the thumb by frequent handling **3** : to

ə\abut ˈ\kitten ˈə\urther ˈa\ash ˈā\ace ˈā\cot, cart ˈaʊ\out ˈch\chin ˈe\bet ˈē\easy ˈg\go ˈi\hit ˈi\ice ˈj\job ˈŋ\sing ˈo\go ˈo\law ˈoib\oy ˈth\thin ˈth\the ˈu\loot ˈu\foot ˈy\yet ˈzh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

request or obtain (a ride) in a passing automobile by signaling with the thumb
thumb index *n* : a series of notches cut in the fore edge of a book to facilitate reference
thumb-nail \ˈθəm-,nāl\ *n* : the nail of the thumb
thumb-nail \ˈθəm-,nāl\ *adj* : BRIEF, CONCISE (a ~ description)
thumb-print \ˈθəm-,prɪnt\ *n* : an impression made by the thumb
thumb-screw \ˈθəm-,skrū\ *n* 1 : a screw with a head that may be turned by the thumb and forefinger 2 : a device of torture for squeezing the thumb
thumb-tack \-tak\ *n* : a tack with a broad flat head for pressing with one's thumb into a board or wall
thump \ˈθʌmp\ *vb* 1 : to strike with or as if with something thick or heavy so as to cause a dull heavy sound 2 : POUND
thump *n* : a blow with or as if with something blunt or heavy; *also* : the sound made by such a blow
thunder \ˈθʌn-dər\ *n* 1 : the sound following a flash of lightning; *also* : a noise like such a sound 2 : a loud utterance or threat
thunder *vb* **thundered**; **thunder-ing** \-d(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to produce thunder 2 : ROAR, SHOUT
thunder-bolt \-,bɔlt\ *n* : a flash of lightning with its accompanying thunder
thunder-clap \-,klap\ *n* : a crash of thunder
thunder-cloud \-,klaʊd\ *n* : a dark storm cloud producing lightning and thunder
thunder-head \-,hed\ *n* : a large cumulus cloud often appearing before a thunderstorm
thunder-ous \ˈθʌn-d(ə-)rəs\ *adj* : producing thunder; *also* : making a noise like thunder — **thunder-ous-ly** *adv*
thunder-show-er \ˈθʌn-dər-,shaʊ(-ə)r\ *n* : a shower accompanied by thunder and lightning
thunder-storm \-,stɔrm\ *n* : a storm accompanied by thunder and lightning
thunder-struck \-,strək\ *adj* : stunned as if struck by a thunderbolt
Thurs or Thu *abbr* Thursday
Thursday \ˈθɜrz-dē-,dā\ *n* [deriv. of ON *thōrsdagr*, lit., day of Thor (Norse god)] : the fifth day of the week
thus \ˈθʌs\ *adv* 1 : in this or that manner 2 : to this degree or extent; so 3 : because of this or that : *HENCE*
thwack \ˈθwæk\ *vb* : to strike with something flat or heavy
thwack *n* : a heavy blow : WHACK
thwart \ˈθwɔrt\ *vb* 1 : BAFFLE 2 : BLOCK, DEFEAT *syn* balk, foil, outwit, frustrate
thwart \ˈθwɔrt, naut *often* ˈθɔrt\ *adv* : *ATHWART*
thwart *adj* : situated or placed across something else
thwart \ˈθ(w)ɔrt\ *n* : a rower's seat extending across a boat
thy \(\),*thɪ*\ *adj*, *archaic* : of, relating to, or done by or to thee or thyself
thyme \ˈtɪm, ˈtɪm\ *n* [ME, fr. MF *thym*, fr. L *thymum*, fr. Gk *thymon*, fr. *thyēin* to make a burnt offering, sacrifice] : any of several mints with aromatic leaves used esp. in seasoning
thy-mine \ˈθi-,mēn\ *n* : a pyrimidine base that is one of the four bases coding genetic information in the molecular chain of DNA
thy-mus \ˈθi-məs\ *n* : a glandular organ of the neck that is composed largely of lymphoid tissue, functions esp. in the development of the body's immune system, and tends to disappear or become rudimentary in the adult
thy-ris-tor \ˈθi-ˈris-tər\ *n* : a semiconductor device that acts as a switch, rectifier, or voltage regulator
thy-roid \ˈθi-,rɔɪd\ *also* **thy-roi-dal** \ˈθi-ˈrɔɪd-əl\ *adj* [NL *thyroides*, fr. Gk *thyreoeidēs* shield-shaped, thyroid, fr. *thyreos* shield shaped like a door, fr. *thyra* door] : of, relating to, or being a large endocrine gland that lies at the base of the neck and produces several iodine-con-

taining hormones that affect growth, development, and metabolism — **thyroid** *n*
thy-rox-ine or **thy-rox-in** \ˈθi-ˈrāk-,sēn, -sən\ *n* : an iodine-containing amino acid that is the active principle of the thyroid gland and is used to treat thyroid disorders
thy-self \ˈθi-ˈself\ *pron*, *archaic* : YOURSELF
Ti *symbol* titanium
ti-ara \tē-ˈar-ə-, ˈtē-ˈär-ə\ *n* 1 : the pope's triple crown 2 : a decorative headband or semicircle for formal wear by women
Ti-bet-an \tə-ˈbet-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Tibet — **Tibetan** *adj*
ti-bia \ˈtib-ē-ə\ *n*, *pl* **i-ae** \-ē-,ē\ *also* **i-as** [L] : the inner of the two bones of the vertebrate hind limb between the knee and the ankle
tic \ˈtik\ *n* : a local and habitual twitching of muscles esp. of the face
ti-cal \ti-ˈkæl, ˈtik-əl\ *n*, *pl* **ticals** or **tical** : BAHT
tick \ˈtik\ *n* : any of numerous small 8-legged blood-sucking arachnid arthropods
tick *n* : the fabric case of a mattress or pillow; *also* : a mattress consisting of a tick and its filling
tick *n* 1 : a light rhythmic audible tap or beat 2 : a small mark used to draw attention to or check something
tick *vb* 1 : to make the sound of a tick or series of ticks 2 : to mark, count, or announce by or as if by ticking beats 3 : to function as an operating mechanism : *RUN* 4 : to mark or check with a tick
tick *n* : CREDIT; *also* : a credit account
tick-er \ˈtik-ər\ *n* 1 : something (as a watch) that ticks 2 : a telegraph instrument that prints information (as stock prices) on paper tape 3 *slang* : HEART
ticker tape *n* : the paper ribbon on which a telegraphic ticker prints
tick-et \ˈtik-ət\ *n* 1 : CERTIFICATE, LICENSE, PERMIT; *esp* : a certificate or token showing that a fare or admission fee has been paid 2 : TAG, LABEL 3 : SLATE 3 4 : a summons issued to a traffic offender
ticket *vb* 1 : to attach a ticket to 2 : to furnish or serve with a ticket
tick-ing \ˈtik-ɪŋ\ *n* : a strong fabric used in upholstery and as a mattress covering
tick-le \ˈtik-əl\ *vb* **tick-led**; **tick-ling** \-(ə-)liŋ\ 1 : to have a tingling sensation 2 : to excite or stir up agreeably : PLEASE, AMUSE 3 : to touch (as a body part) lightly so as to cause uneasiness, laughter, or spasmodic movements — **tickle** *n*
tick-lish \ˈtik-(ə-)lish\ *adj* 1 : OVERSENSITIVE, TOUCHY 2 : UNSTABLE (a ~ foothold) 3 : requiring delicate handling (~ subject) 4 : sensitive to tickling — **tick-lish-ly** *adv* — **tick-lish-ness** *n*
tid-al wave \ˈtid-əl-\ *n* 1 : an unusually high sea wave that sometimes follows an earthquake 2 : an unusual rise of water alongshore due to strong winds
tid-bit \ˈtid-,bit\ *n* : a choice morsel
tide \ˈtid-\ [ME, time, fr. OE *tid*] 1 : the alternate rising and falling of the surface of the ocean 2 : something that fluctuates like the tides of the sea — **tid-al** \ˈtid-əl\ *adj*
tide *vb* **tid-ed**; **tid-ing** : to carry through or help along as if by the tide (a loan to ~ him over)
tide-land \ˈtid-,land, -lənd\ *n* 1 : land overflowed during flood tide 2 : land under the ocean within a nation's territorial waters — often used in pl.
tide-wa-ter \-,wɔt-ər, -wāt-\ *n* 1 : water overflowing land at flood tide 2 : low-lying coastal land
tid-ings \ˈtid-ɪŋz\ *n* *pl* : NEWS, MESSAGE
ti-dy \ˈtid-ē\ *adj* **ti-di-er**; **-est** 1 : well ordered and cared for : NEAT 2 : LARGE, SUBSTANTIAL (a ~ sum) — **ti-di-ness** \ˈtid-ē-nəs\ *n*
tidy *vb* **ti-died**; **ti-dy-ing** 1 : to put in order 2 : to make things tidy
tidy *n*, *pl* **tidies** : a piece of decorated cloth or needlework

used to protect the back or arms of a chair from wear or soil

tie ¹tī *n* 1 : a line, ribbon, or cord used for fastening, uniting, or closing 2 : a structural element (as a beam or rod) holding two pieces together 3 : one of the cross supports to which railroad rails are fastened 4 : a connecting link : BOND (family ~s) 5 : an equality in number (as of votes or scores); *also* : an undecided or deadlocked contest 6 : NECKTIE

tie *vb* **tyed**; **ty-ing** ¹tī-īŋ or **tie-ing** 1 : to fasten, attach, or close by means of a tie 2 : to bring together firmly : UNITE 3 : to form a knot or bow in (~ a scarf) 4 : to restrain from freedom of action : CONSTRAIN 5 : to make or have an equal score with

tie-back ¹tī-bak *n* : a decorative strip for draping a curtain to the side of a window

tie-dye-ing ¹tī-,dī-īŋ *n* : a method of producing patterns in textiles by tying parts of the fabric so that they will not absorb the dye — **tie-dyed** ¹tī-dīd *adj*

tie-in ¹tī-,īn *n* : CONNECTION

tier ¹tīər *n* : ROW, LAYER; *esp* : one of two or more rows arranged one above another

tie-rod ¹tī-,rād *n* : a rod used as a connecting member or brace

tie-up ¹tī-,əp *n* 1 : a slowing or stopping of traffic or business 2 : CONNECTION

tiff ¹tif *n* : a petty quarrel — **tiff** *vb*

tif-fin ¹tif-ən *n*, chiefly *Brit* : LUNCHEON

ti-ger ¹tī-gər *n* : a large tawny black-striped Asian flesh-eating mammal related to the cat — **ti-ger-ish** ¹-g(ə)-rīsh *adj*



tiger

tight ¹tīt *adj* 1 : so close in structure as not to permit passage of a liquid or gas 2 : fixed or held very firmly in place 3 : TAUT 4 : fitting usu. too closely (~ shoes) 5 : set close together : COMPACT (a ~ formation) 6 : DIFFICULT, TRYING (get in a ~ spot) 7 : STINGY, MISERLY 8 : evenly contested : CLOSE 9 : INTOXICATED 10 : low in supply : hard to get (money is ~) — **tight-ly** *adv* — **tight-ness** *n*

tight *adv* 1 : TIGHTLY, FIRMLY 2 : SOUNDLY (sleep ~)

tight-en ¹tīt-ən *vb* **tight-ened**; **tight-en-ing** ¹tīt-(ə)-nīŋ *l* : to make or become tight

tight-fist-ed ¹tīt-īfis-təd *adj* : STINGY

tight-rope ¹tīt-,rōp *n* : a taut rope or wire for acrobats to perform on

tights ¹tīts *n pl* : skintight garments covering the body esp. below the waist

tight-wad ¹tīt-,wād *n* : a stingy person

ti-gress ¹tī-grəs *n* : a female tiger

til-de ¹tīl-də *n* [Sp, fr. ML *titulus* title] : a mark placed esp. over the letter *n* (as in Spanish *señor* sir) to denote the sound \n\ or over vowels (as in Portuguese *irmã* sister) to indicate nasal quality

tile ¹tīl *n* 1 : a thin piece of fired clay, stone, or concrete used for roofs, floors, or walls; *also* : a hollow or concave earthenware or concrete piece used for a drain 2 : a thin piece (as of a rubber composition) used for covering walls or floors — **til-ing** ¹-īŋ *n*

tile *vb* **til-ed**; **til-ing** 1 : to cover with tiles 2 : to install drainage tile in — **til-er** *n*

till ¹(tī)l *prep* or *conj* : UNTIL

till ¹tīl *vb* : to work by plowing, sowing, and raising crops : CULTIVATE — **till-able** *adj* — **till-er** *n*

till ¹tīl *n* : DRAWER; *esp* : a money drawer in a store or bank

till-age ¹tīl-ij *n* 1 : the work of tilling land 2 : cultivated land

til-ler ¹tīl-ər *n* [OE *telgor*, *telgra* twig, shoot] : a sprout or stalk esp. from the base or lower part of a plant

til-ler ¹tīl-ər *n* [ME *tiler* stock of a crossbow, fr. MF *telier*, lit., beam of a loom, fr. ML *telarium*, fr. L *tela* web] : a lever used for turning a boat's rudder from side to side

tilt ¹tīlt *n* 1 : a military exercise in which two combatants charging usu. with lances try to unhorse each other : JOUST; *also* : a tournament of tilts 2 : a verbal contest 3 : SLANT, TIP

tilt *vb* 1 : to move or shift so as to incline : TIP 2 : to engage in or as if in combat with lances : JOUST

tilth ¹tīlth *n* 1 : TILLAGE 2 2 : the state of aggregation of the soil esp. in relation to its suitability for crop growth

Tim *abbr* Timothy

tim-ber ¹tīm-bər *n* [ME, fr. OE, building, wood] 1 : wooded land or growing trees from which timber may be obtained 2 : wood for use in making something 3 : a usu. large squared or dressed piece of wood — **tim-ber-land** ¹-bər-,lānd *n*

timber *vb* **tim-bered**; **tim-ber-ing** ¹-b(ə)-rīŋ *l* : to cover, frame, or support with timbers

tim-bered ¹tīm-bərd *adj* 1 : having walls framed by exposed timbers 2 : covered with growing timber

tim-ber-ing ¹tīm-b(ə)-rīŋ *n* : a set or arrangement of timbers

tim-ber-line ¹tīm-bər-,līn *n* : the upper limit of tree growth on mountains or in high latitudes

timber rattlesnake *n* : a moderate-sized rattlesnake widely distributed through the eastern half of the U.S.

timber wolf *n* : a large usu. gray No. American wolf

tim-bre *also* **tim-ber** ¹tām-bər, ¹tīm- *n* [F, fr. MF, bell struck by a hammer, fr. OF, drum, fr. MGk *tymbanon* kettledrum, fr. Gk *tympanon*] : the distinctive quality given to a sound by its overtones

tim-brel ¹tīm-brəl *n* : a small hand drum or tambourine

time ¹tīm *n* 1 : a period during which an action, process, or condition exists or continues (gone a long ~) 2 : LEISURE (found ~ to read) 3 : a point or period when something occurs : OCCASION (the last ~ we met) 4 : a set or customary moment or hour for something to occur (arrived on ~) 5 : AGE, ERA 6 : state of affairs : CONDITIONS (hard ~s) 7 : a rate of speed : TEMPO 8 : a moment, hour, day, or year as indicated by a clock or calendar (what ~ is it) 9 : a system of reckoning time (solar ~) 10 : one of a series of recurring instances; *also*, *pl* : added or accumulated quantities or examples (five ~s greater) 11 : a person's experience during a particular period (had a good ~ at the beach)

time *vb* **timed**; **tim-ing** 1 : to arrange or set the time of : SCHEDULE (~s his calls conveniently) 2 : to set the tempo or duration of (~ a performance) 3 : to cause to keep time with (~s her steps to the music) 4 : to determine or record the time, duration, or rate of (~ a sprinter) — **tim-er** *n*

time bomb *n* 1 : a bomb so made as to explode at a predetermined time 2 : something having the potential of a dangerous delayed reaction

\ə'but \p\kitten \ər'further \ə'sh \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
 \a\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e'easy \g\go \i'hlt \i'ice \j\job
 \j'sing \d\go \d\law \o\boy \th'thin \th'the \u\loot
 \u'foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

time clock *n* : a clock that records the times of arrival and departure of workers

time frame *n* : a period of time esp. with respect to some action or project

time-honored ¹tīm-ān-ərd *adj* : honored because of age or long usage

time-keep-er ¹tīm-kē-pər *n* **1** : a clerk who keeps records of the time worked by employees **2** : one appointed to mark and announce the time in an athletic game or contest

time-less ¹tīm-ləs *adj* **1** : UNENDING **2** : not limited or affected by time (∼ works of art) — **time-less-ly** *adv* — **time-less-ness** *n*

time-ly ¹tīm-lē *adj* **time-li-er**; -**est** **1** : coming early or at the right time : OPPORTUNE (a ∼ arrival) **2** : appropriate to the time (a ∼ book) — **time-li-ness** *n*

time-out ¹tīm-ˈaʊt *n* : a brief suspension of activity esp. in an athletic game

time-piece ¹tīm-pēs *n* : a device (as a clock) to show the passage of time

times ¹tɪmz *prep* : multiplied by (2 ∼ 2 is 4)

time-shar-ing ¹tīm-sheər-ɪŋ *n* : simultaneous access to a computer by many users

times sign *n* : the symbol × used to indicate multiplication

time-table ¹tīm-tā-bəl *n* **1** : a table of the departure and arrival times (as of trains) **2** : a schedule showing a planned order or sequence

time warp *n* : an anomaly, discontinuity, or suspension held to occur in the progress of time

time-worn -, wɔrn *adj* **1** : worn by time **2** : HACKNEYED, STALE

tim-id ¹tīm-əd *adj* : lacking in courage or self-confidence : FEARFUL — **ti-mid-i-ty** ¹tə-ˈmɪd-ət-ē *n* — **tim-id-ly** ¹tīm-əd-lē *adv*

tim-o-rous ¹tīm-(ə)-rəs *adj* : of a timid disposition : AFRAID — **tim-o-rous-ly** *adv* — **tim-o-rous-ness** *n*

tim-o-thy ¹tīm-ə-thē *n* : a grass with long cylindrical spikes widely grown for hay

Tim-o-thy ¹tīm-ə-thē *n* — see BIBLE table

tim-pa-ni ¹tīm-pə-nē *n pl* [It] : a set of kettledrums played by one performer in an orchestra — **tim-pa-nist** ¹nəst *n*

tin ¹tɪn *n* **1** : a soft white crystalline metallic element malleable at ordinary temperatures but brittle when heated that is used in solders and alloys — see ELEMENT table **2** : a container (as a can) made of tinplate

tin vb tinned; **tin-ning** **1** : to cover or plate with tin **2 chiefly Brit** : to pack in tins : CAN

tinct ¹tɪŋkt *n* : TINCTURE, TINGE

tinc-ture ¹tɪŋk-čər *n* **1** : a substance that colors or dyes **2** : a slight admixture : TRACE **3** : an alcoholic solution of a medicinal substance **syn** touch, suggestion, suspicion, soupçon

tincture vb tinc-tured; **tinc-tur-ing** : COLOR, TINGE

tin-der ¹tɪn-dər *n* : something that catches fire easily; *esp* : a substance used to kindle a fire from a slight spark

tin-der-box ¹tɪn-dər-bäks *n* **1** : a metal box for holding tinder and usu. flint and steel for striking a spark **2** : a highly flammable object or place

time ¹tɪn *n* : a slender pointed part (as of a fork or an antler) : PRONG

tin-foil ¹tɪn-fōil *n* : a thin metal sheeting usu. of aluminum or tin-lead alloy

tinge ¹tɪŋj *vb* **tinged**; **tinge-ing** or **ting-ing** ¹tɪŋ-jɪŋ **1** : to color slightly : TINT **2** : to affect or modify esp. with a slight odor or taste

tinge *n* : a slight coloring, flavor, or quality : TRACE **syn** touch, suggestion, suspicion, tincture

tin-gle ¹tɪŋ-gəl *vb* **tin-gled**; **tin-gling** ¹-g(ə)-lɪŋ **1** : to feel a prickling or thrilling sensation **2** : TINKLE — **tingle** *n*

tin-ker ¹tɪŋ-kər *n* **1** : a usu. itinerant mender of household utensils **2** : an unskillful mender : BUNGLER

tin-ker vb tin-kered; **tin-ker-ing** ¹-k(ə)-rɪŋ *to* : to repair or adjust something in an unskillful or experimental manner — **tin-ker-er** *n*

tin-kle ¹tɪŋ-kəl *vb* **tin-kled**; **tin-kling** ¹-k(ə)-lɪŋ *to* : to make or cause to make a tinkle

tin-kle *n* : a series of short high ringing or clinking sounds

tin-ny ¹tɪn-ē *adj* **tin-ni-er**; -**est** **1** : abounding in or yielding tin **2** : resembling tin; *also* : LIGHT, CHEAP **3** : thin in tone (a ∼ voice) — **tin-ni-ly** ¹tɪn-ē-lē *adv* — **tin-ni-ness** ¹-ē-nəs *n*

tin-plate ¹tɪn-ˈplāt *n* : thin sheet iron or steel coated with tin — **tin-plate** *vb*

tin-sel ¹tɪn-səl *n* [MF *etincelle* spark, glitter] **1** : a thread, strip, or sheet of metal, paper, or plastic used to produce a glittering appearance (as in fabrics) **2** : something superficially attractive but of little worth

tin-smith ¹tɪn-, smɪθ *n* : one that works with sheet metal (as tinplate)

tint ¹tɪnt *n* **1** : a slight or pale coloration : HUE **2** : any of various shades of a color

tint vb : to impart a tint to : COLOR

tin-tin-nab-u-la-tion ¹tɪn-tə-nab-yə-ˈlā-shən *n* **1** : the ringing of bells **2** : a tingling sound as if of bells

tin-ware ¹tɪn-, wər *n* : articles made of tinplate

ti-ny ¹tɪ-nē *adj* **ti-ni-er**; -**est** : very small : MINUTE **syn** miniature, diminutive, wee, lilliputian

tip ¹tɪp *vb* **tipped**; **tip-ping** **1** : OVERTURN, UPSET **2** : LEAN, SLANT; *also* : TILT

tip *n* : the act or an instance of tipping

tip *n* **1** : the usu. pointed end of something **2** : a small piece or part serving as an end, cap, or point

tip vb tipped, **tip-ping** **1** : to furnish with a tip **2** : to cover or adorn the tip of

tip *n* : a light touch or blow

tip vb tipped; **tip-ping** : to strike lightly : TAP

tip *n* : a piece of expert or confidential information : HINT

tip vb tipped; **tip-ping** : to impart a piece of information about or to

tip vb tipped; **tip-ping** : to give a gratuity to

tip *n* : a gift or small sum given for a service performed or anticipated

tip-off ¹tɪp-ɔf *n* : WARNING, TIP

tip-pet ¹tɪp-ət *n* : a long scarf or shoulder cape

tip-ple ¹tɪp-əl *vb* **tip-pled**; **tip-pling** ¹-(ə)-lɪŋ *to* : drink intoxicating liquor esp. habitually or excessively — **tip-pler** ¹-(ə)-lər *n*

tip-ster ¹tɪp-stər *n* : one who gives or sells tips esp. for gambling

tip-sy ¹tɪp-sē *adj* **tip-si-er**; -**est** : unsteady or foolish from the effects of alcohol

tip-toe ¹tɪp-, tō *n* : the tip of a toe; *also* : the ends of the toes

tiptoe *adv* or *adj* : on or as if on tiptoe

tiptoe vb tip-toed; **tip-toe-ing** : to walk or proceed on or as if on tiptoe

tip-top ¹tɪp-ˈtɒp *n* : the highest point

tip-top *adj* : EXCELLENT, FIRST-RATE

ti-rade ¹tɪ-rād, ˈtɪ-, rād *n* [F, shot, tirade, fr. MF, fr. It *tirata*, fr. *tirare* to draw, shoot] : a prolonged speech of abuse or condemnation

ti-re ¹tɪ(ə)r *vb* **tired**; **ti-ring** **1** : to make or become weary : FATIGUE **2** : to wear out the patience of : BORE

tire *n* **1** : a wheel band that forms the tread of a wheel **2** : a rubber cushion usu. containing compressed air that encircles a wheel (as of an automobile)

tired ¹tɪ(ə)rɪd *adj* **1** : WEARY, FATIGUED **2** : HACKNEYED

tire-less ¹tɪ(ə)r-ləs *adj* : not tiring : UNTIRING, INDEFATIGABLE — **tire-less-ly** *adv* — **tire-less-ness** *n*

tire-some ¹tɪ(ə)r-səm *adj* : tending to bore : WEARISOME, TEDIOUS — **tire-some-ly** *adv* — **tire-some-ness** *n*

tis-sue ¹tɪʃ-ü *n* [ME *tissu*, a rich fabric, fr. OF, fr. *tistre* to weave, fr. L *texere*] **1** : a fine lightweight often sheer fabric **2** : NETWORK, WEB **3** : a soft absorbent paper **4** : a

mass or layer of cells forming a basic structural element of an animal or plant body

tit \ˈtɪt\ *n* : TEAT

tit *n* : TITMOUSE

Tit *abbr* Titus

ti-tan \ˈtɪ-tən\ *n* 1 *cap* : one of a family of giants overthrown by the gods of ancient Greece 2 : one gigantic in size or power

ti-tan-ic \ˈtɪ-tən-ɪk, tə-\ *adj* : enormous in size, force, or power **syn** immense, huge, gigantic, giant, colossal, mammoth

ti-tan-i-um \ˈtɪ-tən-ē-əm, tə-\ *n* : a gray light strong metallic chemical element used in alloys — see **ELEMENT** table

tit-bit \ˈtɪt-,bɪt\ *var of* TIDBIT

tithe \ˈtɪθ\ *n* : a 10th part paid or given esp. for the support of a church — **tithe** *vb* — **tith-er** *n*

tit-il-late \ˈtɪt-ɪ-lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing 1 : TICKLE 2 : to excite pleasantly — **tit-il-la-tion** \ˈtɪt-ɪ-lā-shən\ *n*

tit-i-vate or **tit-ti-vate** \ˈtɪt-ə-,vāt\ *vb* -vat-ed; -vat-ing : to dress up : spruce up

title \ˈtɪt-əl\ *n* 1 : CLAIM, RIGHT; *esp* : a legal right to the ownership of property 2 : the distinguishing name esp. of an artistic production (as a book) 3 : an appellation of honor, rank, or office 4 : CHAMPIONSHIP **syn** designation, denomination, appellation

tit-tled \ˈtɪt-ɪld\ *adj* : having a title esp. of nobility

title page *n* : a page of a book bearing the title and usu. the names of the author and publisher

tit-mouse \ˈtɪt-,maʊs\ *n*, *pl* **tit-mice** \-,mɪs\ : any of numerous small long-tailed insect-eating birds

tit-ter \ˈtɪt-ər\ *vb* : to laugh in an affected or in a nervous or half-suppressed manner — **titter** *n*

tit-tle \ˈtɪt-əl\ *n* : a tiny piece : JOY

tit-tle-tat-tle \ˈtɪt-ɪ-l-,tət-əl\ *n* : idle talk : GOSSIP

tit-u-lar \ˈtɪtʃ-(ə-)lər\ *adj* 1 : existing in title only : NOMINAL (~ ruler) 2 : of, relating to, or bearing a title (~ role)

Ti-tus \ˈtɪt-əs\ *n* — see **BIBLE** table

tiz-zy \ˈtɪz-ə\ *n*, *pl* **tizzies** : a highly excited and distracted state of mind

tk *abbr* 1 tank 2 truck

TKO \ˈtē-kā-ō\ *n* [technical knockout] : the termination of a boxing match when a boxer is declared unable to continue the fight

tkt *abbr* ticket

Tl *symbol* thallium

TLC *abbr* tender loving care

T *lymphocyte* *n* : T CELL

Tm *symbol* thulium

TM *abbr* trademark

T-man \ˈtē-,mən\ *n* : a special agent of the U.S. Treasury Department

tn *abbr* 1 ton 2 town

TN *abbr* Tennessee

tng *abbr* training

tnpk *abbr* turnpike

TNT \ˈtē-,en-ˈtē\ *n* : a flammable toxic compound used as a high explosive

to \tə, (ˈ)tū\ *prep* 1 : in the direction of and reaching (drove ~ town) 2 : in the direction of : TOWARD (walking ~ school) 3 : ON, AGAINST (apply salve ~ a burn) 4 : as far as (can pay up ~ a dollar) 5 : so as to become or bring about (beaten ~ death) (broken ~ pieces) 6 : BEFORE (it's five minutes ~ six) 7 : UNTIL (from May ~ December) 8 : fitting or being a part of : FOR (key ~ the lock) 9 : with the accompaniment of (sing ~ the music) 10 : in relation or comparison with (similar ~ that one) (won 10 ~ 6) 11 : in accordance with (add salt ~ taste) 12 : within the range of (~ my knowledge) 13 : contained, occurring, or included in (two pints ~ a quart) 14 : as regards (agreeable ~ everyone) 15 : affecting as the receiver or beneficiary (whispered ~ her) (gave it ~ me) 16 : for no one except (a room ~ myself) 17 : into

the action of (we got ~ talking) 18 — used for marking the following verb as an infinitive (wants ~ go) (easy ~ like) (the man ~ beat) and often used by itself at the end of a clause in place of an infinitive suggested by the preceding context (goes to town whenever he wants ~) (can leave if you'd like ~)

to \tū\ *adv* 1 : in a direction toward (run ~ and fro) (wrong side ~) 2 : into contact esp. with the frame of a door (the door slammed ~) 3 : to the matter in hand (fell ~ and ate heartily) 4 : to a state of consciousness or awareness (came ~ hours after the accident)

TO *abbr* turn over

toad \ˈtōd\ *n* : a leaping amphibian differing typically from the related frogs in shorter stockier build, rough dry warty skin, and less aquatic habits

toad-stool \-,stūl\ *n* : MUSHROOM; *esp* : one that is poisonous or inedible

toady \ˈtōd-ē\ *n*, *pl* **toad-ies** : one who flatters in the hope of gaining favors : SYCOPHANT — **toady** *vb*

to-and-fro \ˈtū-ən-ˈfrō\ *adj* : forward and backward

toast \ˈtōst\ *vb* 1 : to warm thoroughly 2 : to make (as bread) crisp, hot, and brown by heat

toast *n* 1 : sliced toasted bread 2 : someone or something in whose honor persons drink 3 : an act of drinking in honor of a toast

toast *vb* : to propose or drink to as a toast

toast-er \ˈtō-stər\ *n* : one that toasts; *esp* : an electrical appliance for toasting

toaster oven *n* : a small electrical appliance that bakes, toasts, and usu. broils

toast-mas-ter \ˈtōst-,mas-tər\ *n* : one that presides at a banquet and introduces the after-dinner speakers — **toast-mis-tress** \-,mis-trəs\ *n*

to-bac-co \tə-ˈbak-ə\ *n*, *pl* -cos [Sp *tabaco*] 1 : a tall broad-leaved herb related to the potato; *also* : its leaves prepared for smoking or chewing or as snuff 2 : manufactured tobacco products

to-bac-co-nist \tə-ˈbak-ə-nəst\ *n* : a dealer in tobacco

To-bi-as \tə-ˈbi-əs\ *n* — see **BIBLE** table

To-bit \ˈtō-bət\ *n* — see **BIBLE** table

to-bog-gan \tə-ˈbäg-ən\ *n* [CanF *tobogan*] : a long flat-bottomed light sled made of thin boards curved up at one end

toboggan *vb* 1 : to coast on a toboggan 2 : to decline suddenly (as in value)

toc-sin \ˈtāk-sən\ *n* 1 : an alarm bell 2 : a warning signal

to-day \tə-ˈdā\ *adv* 1 : on or for this day 2 : at the present time

today *n* : the present day, time, or age

tod-dle \ˈtād-əl\ *vb* **tod-dled**; **tod-dling** \ˈtād-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to walk with short tottering steps in the manner of a young child — **toddle** *n* — **tod-dler** \-(ə-)lər\ *n*

tod-dy \ˈtād-ē\ *n*, *pl* **toddies** [Hindi *tārī* juice of a palm, fr. *tār* a palm, fr. Skt *tāla*] : a drink made of liquor, sugar, spices, and hot water

to-do \tə-ˈdū\ *n*, *pl* **to-dos** \-ˈdüz\ : BUSTLE, STIR

toe \tō\ *n* 1 : one of the jointed parts of the front end of a foot 2 : the front part of a foot or hoof

toe *vb* **toed**; **toe-ing** : to touch, reach, or drive with the toes

toea \ˈtoi-ə\ *n* — see **kina** at **MONEY** table

toe-hold \ˈtō-,hōld\ *n* 1 : a place of support for the toes 2 : a slight footing

toe-nail \ˈtō-,nāl\ *n* : a nail of a toe

toe-fee or **tof-fy** \ˈtō-fē, ˈtäf-ē\ *n*, *pl* **toffees** or **toffies** : candy of brittle but tender texture made by boiling sugar and butter together

tog \tæg, ˈtōg\ *vb* **togged**; **tog-ging** : to put togs on : DRESS

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \aʊ\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\vice \i\job
 \ŋ\sing \ɔ\go \o\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

to-ga \tō-gə\ *n* : the loose outer garment worn in public by citizens of ancient Rome — **to-gaed** \-gəd\ *adj*
to-geth-er \tə-'geth-ər\ *adv* **1** : in or into one place or group **2** : in or into contact or association (mix ~) **3** : at one time : SIMULTANEOUSLY (talk and work ~) **4** : in succession (for days ~) **5** : in or into harmony or coherence (get ~ on a plan) **6** : as a group : JOINTLY — **to-geth-er-ness** *n*

together *adj* : composed in mind or manner

tog-gery \tæg-(ə-)rē, 'tōg-\ *n* : CLOTHING

tog-gle switch \tæg-əl-\ *n* : an electric switch operated by pushing a projecting lever through a small arc

togs \tægz, 'tōgz\ *n pl* : CLOTHING; *esp* : clothes for a specified use (riding ~)

toil \tōil\ *n* **1** : laborious effort **2** : long fatiguing labor : DRUDGERY — **toil-some** *adj*

toil *vb* [ME *toilen* to argue, struggle, fr. OF *toellier* to stir, disturb, dispute, fr. L *tudicula* to crush, grind, fr. *tudicula* machine for crushing olives, dim. of *tudes* hammer] **1** : to work hard and long **2** : to proceed with laborious effort : PLOD — **toil-er** *n*

toil *n* [ME *toile* cloth, net, fr. L *tela* web, fr. *texere* to weave, construct] : NET, TRAP — *usu.* used in pl.

toi-let \tōi-lət\ *n* **1** : the act or process of dressing and grooming oneself **2** : BATHROOM **3** : a fixture for use in urinating and defecating; *esp* : one consisting essentially of a water-flushed bowl and seat

toi-let-ry \tōi-lə-trē\ *n, pl -ries* : an article or preparation used in making one's toilet — *usu.* used in pl.

toi-lette \twā-'let\ *n* **1** : TOILET **2** : formal attire; *also* : a particular costume

toilet training *n* : the process of training a child to control bladder and bowel movements and to use the toilet — **toilet train** *vb*

toil-worn \tōil-,wörn\ *adj* : showing the effects of toil
To-kay \tō-'kā\ *n* : naturally sweet wine from Hungary
toke \tōk\ *n, slang* : a puff on a marijuana cigarette

to-ken \tō-kən\ *n* **1** : an outward sign **2** : SYMBOL, EMBLEM **3** : SOUVENIR, KEEPSAKE **4** : a small part representing the whole **5** : a piece resembling a coin issued as money or for use by a particular group on specified terms

token *adj* **1** : done or given as a token *esp.* in partial fulfillment of an obligation **2** : MINIMAL, PERFUNCTORY
to-ken-ism \tō-kə-,niz-əm\ *n* : the policy or practice of making only a token effort (as to desegregate)

told *past and past part* of TELL

tole \tōl\ *n* : sheet metal and *esp.* tinplate for use in domestic and ornamental wares

tol-er-a-ble \tāl-(ə-)rə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : capable of being borne or endured **2** : moderately good : PASSABLE — **tol-er-a-bly** \-blē\ *adv*

tol-er-ance \tāl-(ə-)rəns\ *n* **1** : the act or practice of tolerating; *esp* : sympathy or indulgence for beliefs or practices differing from one's own **2** : the allowable deviation from a standard (as of size) **3** : capacity for enduring or adapting (as to a poor environment) *syn* forbearance, leniency, clemency — **tol-er-ant** *adj* — **tol-er-ant-ly** *adv*

tol-er-ate \tāl-ə-,rāt\ *vb -at-ed; -at-ing* **1** : to allow to be or to be done without hindrance **2** : to endure or resist the action of (as a drug) *syn* abide, bear, suffer, stand, brook — **tol-er-a-tion** \tāl-ə-'rā-shən\ *n*

toll \tōl\ *n* **1** : a tax paid for a privilege (as for passing over a bridge) **2** : a charge for a service (as for a long-distance telephone call) **3** : the cost in loss or suffering at which something is achieved *syn* levy, assessment, duty, tariff

toll *vb* **1** : to give signal of : SOUND **2** : to cause the slow regular sounding of (a bell) *esp.* by pulling a rope **3** : to sound with slow measured strokes **4** : to announce by tolling

toll *n* : the sound of a tolling bell

toll-booth \tōl-,būth\ *n* : a booth where tolls are paid

toll-gate \tōl-,gāt\ *n* : a point where vehicles stop to pay a toll

toll-house \-,haūs\ *n* : a house or booth where tolls are paid

tol-u-ene \tāl-yə-,wēn\ *n* : a liquid hydrocarbon used as a solvent and as an antiknock agent

tom \tām\ *n* : the male of various animals; *esp* : TOMCAT

tom-a-hawk \tām-ə-'hók\ *n* : a light ax used as a missile and as a hand weapon by No. American Indians



tomahawk

tomahawk *vb* : to strike or kill with a tomahawk

to-ma-to \tə-'māt-ō, -'māt-\ *n, pl -toes* : a usu. large, rounded, and red or yellow pulpy edible berry of a widely grown tropical herb related to the potato; *also* : this herb

tomb \tūm\ *n* **1** : a place of burial : GRAVE **2** : a house, chamber, or vault for the dead

tom-boy \tām-,bōi\ *n* : a girl of boyish behavior

tomb-stone \tūm-,stōn\ *n* : a stone marking a grave

tom-cat \tām-,kat\ *n* : a male cat

Tom Col-lins \tām-'kāl-ənz\ *n* : a tall iced drink with a base of gin

tome \tōm\ *n* : BOOK; *esp* : a large or weighty one

tom-fool-ery \tām-'fūl-(ə-)rē\ *n* : foolish trifling : NON-SENSE

tom-my gun \tām-'ē-,gən\ *n* : SUBMACHINE GUN

to-mog-ra-phy \tō-'māg-rə-fē\ *n* : a diagnostic technique using X-ray photographs in which the shadows of structures before and behind the section under study do not show — **to-mo-graph-ic** \tō-mə-'graf-ik\ *adj*

to-mor-row \tə-'mār-ō\ *adv* : on or for the day after today — **tomorrow** *n*

tom-tit \tām-,tit, tām-'tit\ *n* : any of several small active birds

tom-tom \tām-,tām\ *n* : a small-headed drum beaten with the hands

ton \tən\ *n, pl tons* *also* **ton** **1** — see WEIGHT table **2** : a unit equal to the volume of a long-ton weight of seawater or 35 cubic feet used in reckoning the displacement of ships

to-nal-i-ty \tō-'nal-ət-ē\ *n, pl -ties* : tonal quality

tone \tōn\ [ME, fr. L *tonus* tension, tone, fr. Gk *tonos*, lit., act of stretching; fr. the dependence of the pitch of a musical string on its tension] **1** : vocal or musical sound; *esp* : sound quality **2** : a sound of definite pitch **3** : WHOLE STEP **4** : accent or inflection expressive of an emotion **5** : the pitch of a word often used to express differences of meaning **6** : style or manner of expression **7** : color quality; *also* : SHADE, TINT **8** : the effect in painting of light and shade together with color **9** : the healthy and vigorous condition of a living body or bodily part **10** : general character, quality, or trend *syn* atmosphere, feeling, mood, vein — **ton-al** \tōn-'l\ *adj*

tone *vb* **toned; ton-ing** **1** : to give a particular intonation or inflection to **2** : to impart tone to **3** : SOFTEN, MELLOW **4** : to harmonize in color : BLEND

tone-arm *n* : the movable part of a record player that carries the pickup and the needle

tong \tāŋ, 'tōŋ\ *n* : a Chinese secret society in the U.S.

tongs \tāŋz, 'tōŋz\ *n pl* : a grasping device consisting of two pieces joined at one end by a pivot or hinged like scissors

tongue \təŋ\ *n* **1** : a fleshy movable process of the floor of the mouth used in tasting and in taking and swallow-

ing food and in man as a speech organ **2** : the flesh of a tongue (as of the ox) used as food **3** : the power of communication **4** : LANGUAGE **1 5** : manner or quality of utterance; *also* : intended meaning **6** : ecstatic usu. unintelligible utterance accompanying religious excitation — *usu.* used in pl. **7** : something resembling an animal's tongue in being elongated and fastened at one end only — **tongued** \ˈtəŋd\ *adj* — **tongue-less** *adj*

2**tongue** *vb* **tongued**; **tongu-ing** \ˈtəŋ-ɪŋ\ **1** : to touch or lick with the tongue **2** : to articulate notes on a wind instrument

tongue-in-cheek *adj* : with insincerity, irony, or whimsical exaggeration — **tongue in cheek** *adv*

tongue-lash \ˈtəŋ-ˌlɑʃ\ *vb* : CHIDE, REPROVE — **tongue-lash-ing** \-ɪŋ\ *n*

tongue-tied \ˈtəŋ-ˌtiːd\ *adj* : unable to speak clearly or freely *usu.* from shortness of the membrane under the tongue or from shyness

tongue twister *n* : an utterance that is difficult to articulate because of a succession of similar consonants

1**ton-ic** \ˈtān-ɪk\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or producing a healthy physical or mental condition : INVIGORATING **2** : relating to or based on the 1st tone of a scale

2**tonic** **1** : something (as a drug) that invigorates, restores, or refreshes **2** : the 1st degree of a musical scale

1**to-night** \tə-ˈniht\ *adv* : on this present night or the night following this present day

2**tonight** *n* : the present or the coming night

ton-nage \ˈtən-ɪj\ *n* **1** : a duty on ships based on tons carried **2** : ships in terms of the number of tons registered or carried **3** : total weight in tons shipped, carried, or mined

ton-sil \ˈtān-sɪl\ *n* : either of a pair of oval masses of spongy tissue that lie one on each side of the throat at the back of the mouth

ton-sil-lec-to-my \ˈtān-sə-ˈlek-tə-mē\ *n*, *pl* -mies : the surgical removal of the tonsils

ton-sil-li-tis \-ˈlɪt-əs\ *n* : inflammation of the tonsils

ton-so-ri-al \tān-ˈsɔr-ē-əl\ *adj* : of or relating to a barber or his work

ton-sure \ˈtān-ʃər\ *n* [ME, fr. ML *tonsura*, fr. L, act of shearing, fr. *tonsus*, pp. of *tondere* to shear] **1** : the rite of admission to the clerical state by the clipping or shaving of the head **2** : the shaven crown or patch worn by clerics (as monks)

too \tū\ *adv* **1** : in addition : ALSO **2** : EXCESSIVELY **3** : to such a degree as to be regrettable **4** : VERY

took *past* of TAKE

1**tool** \tūl\ *n* **1** : a hand instrument used to aid in mechanical operations **2** : the cutting or shaping part in a machine; *also* : a machine for shaping metal in any way **3** : something used in doing a job (a scholar's books are his ~s); *also* : a means to an end **4** : a person used by another : DUPE

2**tool** *vb* **1** : to shape, form, or finish with a tool; *esp* : to letter or decorate (as a book cover) by means of hand tools **2** : to equip a plant or industry with machines and tools for production **3** : DRIVE, RIDE (~ing along at 60)

1**toot** \tūt\ *vb* **1** : to sound or cause to sound *esp.* in short blasts **2** : to blow a wind instrument (as a horn)

2**toot** *n* : a short blast (as on a horn)

tooth \tūth\ *n*, *pl* **teeth** \ˈtēth\ **1** : one of the hard bony structures borne *esp.* on the jaws of vertebrates and used for seizing and chewing food and as weapons; *also* : a hard sharp structure *esp.* around the mouth of an invertebrate **2** : something resembling an animal's tooth **3** : one of the projections on the edge of a wheel that fits into corresponding projections on another wheel — **toothed** \ˈtūtht\ *adj* — **tooth-less** *adj*

tooth-ache \ˈtūth-ˌæk\ *n* : pain in or about a tooth

tooth-brush \-,brəʃh\ *n* : a brush for cleaning the teeth

tooth-paste \-,päst\ *n* : a paste for cleaning the teeth

tooth-pick \-,pɪk\ *n* : a pointed instrument for removing substances caught between the teeth

tooth powder *n* : a powder for cleaning the teeth

tooth-some \ˈtūth-səm\ *adj* **1** : ATTRACTIVE (a ~ blond) **2** : pleasing to the taste : DELICIOUS *syn* palatable, appetizing, savory, tasty

toothy \ˈtū-thē\ *adj* **tooth-ier**; -est : having or showing prominent teeth

1**top** \tɒp\ *n* **1** : the highest part, point, or level of something **2** : the stalks and leaves of a plant with edible roots (beet ~s) **3** : the upper end, edge, or surface (the ~ of a page) **4** : an upper piece, lid, or covering **5** : a platform around the head of the lower mast **6** : the highest degree, pitch, or rank

2**top** *vb* **topped**; **top-ping** **1** : to remove or trim the top of : PRUNE (~ a tree) **2** : to cover with a top or on the top : CROWN, CAP **3** : to be superior to : EXCEL, SURPASS **4** : to go over the top of **5** : to strike (a golf ball) above the center **6** : to make an end or conclusion (~ off a meal with coffee)

3**top** *adj* : of, relating to, or being at the top : HIGHEST

4**top** *n* : a child's toy that has a tapering point on which it is made to spin

to-paz \ˈtō-,paz\ *n* : a hard silicate mineral that when occurring as perfect yellow crystals is valued as a gem

top-coat \ˈtɒp-,kōt\ *n* : a lightweight overcoat

top-dress \ˈtɒp-,dres\ *vb* : to apply material to (as land) without working it in; *esp* : to scatter fertilizer over

top-dress-ing \-ɪŋ\ *n* : a material used to top-dress soil

tope \ˈtöp\ *vb* **toped**; **top-ing** : to drink intoxicating liquor to excess

top-er \ˈtō-pər\ *n* : one that topes; *esp* : DRUNKARD

top flight *n* : the highest level of excellence or rank — **top-flight** *adj*

top hat *n* : a man's tall-crowned hat *usu.* of beaver or silk

top-heavy \ˈtɒp-,hev-ē\ *adj* : having the top part too heavy for the lower part

top-ic \ˈtɒp-ɪk\ *n* **1** : a heading in an outlined argument **2** : the subject of a discourse or a section of it : THEME

top-i-cal \-i-kəl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or arranged by topics (a ~ outline) **2** : relating to current or local events — **top-i-cal-ly** \-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

top-knot \ˈtɒp-,nɒt\ *n* **1** : an ornament (as a knot of ribbons) forming a headdress **2** : a crest of feathers or hair on the top of the head

top-less \-ləs\ *adj* **1** : wearing no clothing on the upper body **2** : featuring topless waitresses or entertainers

top-mast \ˈtɒp-,mast, -məst\ *n* : the 2d mast above a ship's deck

top-most \ˈtɒp-,mɒst\ *adj* : highest of all : UPPERMOST

top-notch \-ˈnɒtʃ\ *adj* : of the highest quality : FIRST-RATE

topog *abbr* topography

to-pog-ra-phy \tə-ˈpɒg-rə-fē\ *n* **1** : the art of showing in detail on a map or chart the physical features of a place or region **2** : the outline of the form of a place showing its relief and the position of features (as rivers, roads, or cities) — **to-pog-ra-pher** \-fər\ *n* — **top-o-graph-ic** \-ˈtɒp-ə-ˈgrɛf-ɪk\ or **top-o-graph-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj*

top-ping \ˈtɒp-ɪŋ\ *n* : something (as a garnish or sauce) that forms a top

top-ple \ˈtɒp-əl\ *vb* **top-pled**; **top-pling** \-(ə)-lɪŋ\ **1** : to fall from or as if from being top-heavy **2** : to push over : OVERTURN; *also* : OVERTHROW

tops \ˈtɒps\ *adj* : topmost in quality or eminence (is considered ~ in his field)

top-sail \ˈtɒp-,səl, -səl\ *also* **top-s'l** \-səl\ *n* : the sail next above the lowest sail on a mast in a square-rigged ship

\ə\abut \əˈkitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart \ə\out \ch\ehin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot \ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

top secret *adj* : demanding inviolate secrecy among those concerned

top-side \ˈtāp-ˈsɪd\ *adv* or *adj* **1** : to or on the top or surface **2** : on deck

top-sides \ˈsɪdz\ *n pl* : the top portion of the outer surface of a ship on each side above the waterline

top-soil \ˈtāp-,sɔɪl\ *n* : surface soil usu. including the organic layer in which plants have most of their roots

top-sy-tur-vy \ˈtāp-sē-ˈtər-vē\ *adv* **1** : in utter confusion **2** : UPSIDE DOWN — **topsy-turvy** *adj*

toque \ˈtɒk\ *n* : a woman's small hat without a brim **tor** \ˈtɒr\ *n* : a high craggy hill

To-rah \ˈtɒr-ə\ *n* **1** : a scroll of the first five books of the Old Testament used in a synagogue; *also* : these five books **2** : the body of divine knowledge and law found in the Jewish scriptures and tradition

torch \ˈtɔrch\ *n* **1** : a flaming light made of something that burns brightly and usu. carried in the hand **2** : something that resembles a torch in giving light, heat, or guidance **3 chiefly Brit** : FLASHLIGHT — **torch-bear-er** \-ˌbær-ər\ *n* — **torch-light** \-ˌlɪt\ *n*

torch song *n* : a popular sentimental song of unrequited love

tore *past of TEAR*

to-re-ador \ˈtɒr-ē-ə-,dɔr\ *n* : BULLFIGHTER

to-re-ro \tə-ˈrer-ō\ *n, pl -ros* [Sp] : BULLFIGHTER

tor-ment \ˈtɒr-,ment\ *n* **1** : extreme pain or anguish of body or mind **2** : a source of vexation or pain

tor-ment \ˈtɒr-ˈment\ *vb* **1** : to cause severe suffering of body or mind **2** : VEX, HARASS *syn* rack, afflict, try, torture — **tor-men-tor** \-ər\ *n*

torn *past part of TEAR*

tor-na-do \ˈtɒr-ˈnād-ō\ *n, pl -does or -dos* [modif of Sp *tronada* thunderstorm, fr. *tronar* to thunder, fr. L *tonare*] : a violent destructive whirling wind accompanied by a funnel-shaped cloud that moves over a narrow path

tor-pe-do \ˈtɒr-ˈpēd-ō\ *n, pl -does* : a thin cylindrical self-propelled submarine weapon

torpedo vb tor-pe-doed; tor-pe-do-ing \ˈpēd-ə-wɪŋ\ : to hit or destroy with or as if with a torpedo

torpedo boat *n* : a small very fast boat for firing torpedoes

tor-pid \ˈtɒr-pɛd\ *adj* **1** : having lost motion or the power of exertion **2** : SLUGGISH **3** : lacking vigor : DULL — **tor-pid-i-ty** \ˈtɒr-ˈpɪd-ɪ-tē\ *n*

tor-por \ˈtɒr-pər\ *n* **1** : DULLNESS, APATHY **2** : extreme sluggishness : STAGNATION *syn* stupor, lethargy, languor, lassitude

torque \ˈtɔrk\ *n* : a force that produces or tends to produce rotation or torsion

torque vb torqued; torqu-ing : to impart torque to : cause to twist (as about an axis)

tor-rent \ˈtɒr-ənt\ *n* [F, fr. L *torrent-*, *torrens*, fr. *torrent-*, *torrens* burning, seething, rushing, fr. prp. of *torrere* to parch, burn] **1** : a rushing stream (as of water) **2** : a tumultuous outburst

tor-ren-tial \ˈtɒr-ən-ʃəl, tə-\ *adj* : relating to or resembling a torrent (∼ rains)

tor-rid \ˈtɒr-əd\ *adj* **1** : parched with heat esp. of the sun : HOT **2** : ARDENT

torrid zone *n* : the region of the earth between the tropic of Cancer and the tropic of Capricorn

tor-sion \ˈtɒr-shən\ *n* **1** : a twisting of a bodily organ on its own axis **2** : a wrenching by which one part of a body is under pressure to turn about a longitudinal axis while the other part is held fast or is under pressure to turn in the opposite direction — **tor-sion-al** \ˈtɒr-sh(ə-)nəl\ *adj* — **tor-sion-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

tor-so \ˈtɒr-sō\ *n, pl torsos or tor-si* \ˈtɒr-,sē\ [It, lit., stalk] : the trunk of the human body

tort \ˈtɔrt\ *n* : a wrongful act which does not involve a breach of contract and for which the injured party can recover damages in a civil action

tor-ti-lla \ˈtɒr-ˈtē-(y)ə\ *n* : a round thin cake of unleavened cornmeal bread usu. eaten hot with a topping of ground meat or cheese

tor-toise \ˈtɔrt-əs\ *n* : TURTLE; *esp* : a land turtle

tor-toise-shell \ˈtɔrt-ə-,shel-,əs(h)-,shel\ *n* **1** : the mottled horny substance of the shell of some turtles used in inlaying and in making various ornamental articles **2** : any of several showy butterflies

tortoiseshell *adj* : made of or resembling tortoiseshell *esp.* in spotted brown and yellow coloring

tor-to-ni \ˈtɒr-ˈtō-nē\ *n* : ice cream made of heavy cream often with minced almonds and chopped cherries and flavored with rum

tor-tu-ous \ˈtɔrch-(ə-)wəs\ *adj* **1** : marked by twists or turns : WINDING **2** : DEVIOUS, TRICKY

tor-ture \ˈtɒr-cher\ *n* **1** : anguish of body or mind : AGONY **2** : the infliction of severe pain *esp.* to punish or coerce

torture vb tor-tured; tor-tur-ing \ˈtɔrch-(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to cause intense suffering to : TORMENT **2** : to punish or coerce by inflicting severe pain **3** : TWIST, DISTORT *syn* rack, harrow, afflict, try — **tor-tur-er** *n*

Tor-ry \ˈtɒr-ē\ *n, pl Tories* [IrGael *tòraidhe* pursued man, robber] **1** : a member of a chiefly 18th century British party upholding the established church and the traditional political structure **2** : an American supporter of the British during the American Revolution **3 often not cap** : an extreme conservative — **Tory** *adj*

toss \ˈtɒs, ˈtās\ *vb* **1** : to fling to and fro or up and down **2** : to throw with a quick light motion; *also* : BANDY **3** : to fling or lift with a sudden motion (∼ed her head angrily) **4** : to move restlessly or turbulently (∼es on the waves) **5** : to twist and turn repeatedly **6** : FLOUNCE **7** : to accomplish readily (∼ off an article) **8** : to decide an issue by flipping a coin

toss n : an act or instance of tossing; *esp* : TOSS-UP **1**

toss-up \-əp\ *n* **1** : a deciding by flipping a coin **2** : an even chance **3** : something that offers no clear basis for choice

tot \tāt\ *n* **1** : a small child **2** : a small drink of alcoholic liquor : SHOT

tot vb tot-d; tot-tig : to add up

tot abbr total

to-tal \ˈtɒt-əl\ *adj* **1** : making up a whole : ENTIRE (∼ amount) **2** : COMPLETE, UTTER (a ∼ failure) **3** : involving a complete and unified effort *esp.* to achieve a desired effect — **to-tal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

total *n* **1** : SUM **4** **2** : the entire amount *syn* aggregate, whole, gross, totality

total vb to-taled or to-talled; to-tal-ing or to-tal-ling **1** : to add up : COMPUTE **2** : to amount to : NUMBER **3** : to make a total wreck of (a car)

to-tal-i-tar-i-an \ˈtɒ-,tal-ə-ˈtēr-ē-ən\ *adj* : of or relating to a political regime based on subordination of the individual to the state and strict control of all aspects of life *esp.* by coercive measures; *also* : advocating, constituting, or characteristic of such a regime — **totalitarian** *n* — **to-tal-i-tar-i-an-ism** \-ē-ə-,nɪz-əm\ *n*

to-tal-i-ty \ˈtɒ-tal-ət-ē\ *n, pl -ties* **1** : an aggregate amount : SUM, WHOLE **2** : ENTIRETY, WHOLENESS

to-tal-iza-tor or to-tal-isa-tor \ˈtɒt-ɪ-lə-,zāt-ər\ *n* : a machine for registering and indicating the number of bets and the odds on a horse or dog race

tote \ˈtɒt\ *vb tot-ed; tot-ing* : CARRY

tote vb tot-d; tot-tig : ADD, TOTAL — *usu.* used with *up*

to-tem \ˈtɒt-əm\ *n* : an object (as an animal or plant) serving as the emblem of a family or clan and often as a reminder of its ancestry; *also* : something usu. carved or painted to represent such an object

totem pole *n* : a pole that is carved with a series of totems and is erected before the houses of some northwest American Indians

tot-ter \ˈtāt-ər\ *vb* **1** : to tremble or rock as if about to fall : SWAY **2** : to move unsteadily : STAGGER

tou-can \tù-'kan\ *n* : any of a family of fruit-eating birds of tropical America with brilliant coloring and a very large beak

touch \təch\ *vb* **1** : to bring a bodily part (as the hand) into contact with so as to feel **2** : to be or cause to be in contact **3** : to strike or push lightly esp. with the hand or foot **4** : DISTURB, HARM **5** : to make use of (never ~es alcohol) **6** : to induce to give or lend **7** : to get to : REACH **8** : to refer to in passing : MENTION **9** : to affect the interest of : CONCERN **10** : to leave a mark on; also : BLEMISH **11** : to move to sympathetic feeling **12** : to come close : VERGE **13** : to have a bearing : RELATE **14** : to make a usu. brief or incidental stop in port *syn* affect, influence, impress, strike, sway

touch *n* **1** : a light stroke or tap **2** : the act or fact of touching or being touched **3** : the sense by which pressure or traction on the skin or mucous membrane is perceived; also : a particular sensation conveyed by this sense **4** : mental or moral sensitiveness : TACT **5** : a small quantity : HINT **6** : a manner of striking or touching esp. the keys of a keyboard instrument **7** : an improving detail (add a few ~es to the painting) **8** : distinctive manner or skill (~ of a master) **9** : the state of being in contact (keep in ~) *syn* suggestion, suspicion, tincture, tinge

touch-down \təch-'daun\ *n* : the act of scoring six points in American football by being lawfully in possession of the ball on, above, or behind an opponent's goal line

tou-ché \tù-'shā\ *interj* [F] — used to acknowledge a hit in fencing or the success of an argument, an accusation, or a witty point

touch football *n* : football played informally and chiefly characterized by the substitution of touching for tackling

touch-ing \təch-'ig\ *adj* : capable of stirring emotions *syn* moving, impressive, poignant, affecting

touch off *vb* **1** : to describe with precision **2** : to cause to explode **3** : to release or initiate with sudden intensity

touch-stone \təch-'stōn\ *n* : a test or criterion of genuineness or quality *syn* standard, gauge, benchmark, yardstick

touch up \(')təch-'əp\ *vb* : to improve or perfect by small additional strokes or alterations

touchy \təch-'ē\ *adj* **touch-i-er**; -est **1** : easily offended : PEEVISH **2** : calling for tact in treatment (a ~ subject) *syn* irascible, cranky, cross, tetchy, testy

tough \təf\ *adj* **1** : strong or firm in texture but flexible and not brittle **2** : not easily chewed **3** : characterized by severity and determination (a ~ policy) **4** : capable of enduring strain or hardship : ROBUST **5** : hard to influence : STUBBORN **6** : difficult to accomplish, resolve, or cope with (a ~ problem) **7** : ROWDYISH *syn* tenacious, stout, sturdy, stalwart — **tough-ly** *adv* — **tough-ness** *n*

tough *n* : a tough person : ROWDY
tough-en \təf-'ən\ *vb* **tough-ened**; **tough-en-ing** \-(ə-)niŋ\ : to make or become tough

tou-pee \tù-'pā\ *n* [F *toupet* forelock] : a small wig for a bald spot

tour \tùr\, *1* is also \təu(ə)r\ *n* **1** : one's turn : SHIFT **2** : a journey in which one returns to the starting point

tour *vb* : to travel over as a tourist

tour de force \tùrd-'ə-'fòrs\ *n*, *pl* **tours de force** \same\ [F] : a feat of strength, skill, or ingenuity

tour-ist \tùr-'əst\ *n* : one that makes a tour for pleasure or culture

tourist class *n* : economy accommodation on a ship, airplane, or train

tour-ma-line \tùr-mə-'lən-, -lēn\ *n* : a mineral that when transparent is valued as a gem

tour-na-ment \tùr-nə-'mənt-, 'tər-\ *n* **1** : a medieval sport in which mounted armored knights contended with blunted lances or swords; also : the whole series of knightly sports, jousts, and tilts occurring at one time

and place **2** : a championship series of games or athletic contests

tour-ney \-nē\ *n*, *pl* **tourneys** : TOURNAMENT

tour-ni-quet \tùr-ni-'kət-, 'tər-\ *n* : a device (as a bandage twisted tight with a stick) for stopping bleeding or blood flow

tou-sle \təu-'zəl\ *vb* **tou-sled**; **tou-sling** \təu-z-(ə-)liŋ\ : to disorder by rough handling : DISHEVEL, MUSS

tout \təut\ *vb* : to give a tip or solicit bets on a racehorse — **tout** *n*

tout \təut-, 'tüt\ *vb* : to praise or publicize loudly

tow \tō\ *vb* : to draw or pull along behind *syn* tug, haul, drag, lug

tow *n* **1** : an act of towing or condition of being towed **2** : something (as a barge) that is towed

tow *n* : short or broken fiber (as of flax or hemp) used esp. for yarn, twine, or stuffing

to-ward or **to-wards** \(')tō-(ə-)rd(z), tə-'wōrd(z)\ *prep* **1** : in the direction of (heading ~ the river) **2** : along a course leading to (efforts ~ reconciliation) **3** : in regard to (tolerance ~ minorities) **4** : FACING (the gun's muzzle was ~ him) **5** : close upon (it was getting along ~ sundown) **6** : for part payment of (paid \$100 ~ his tuition)

tow-boat \tō-'bōt\ *n* : TUGBOAT

tow-el \təu-(ə)\ *n* : an absorbent cloth or paper for wiping or drying

tow-el-ing or **tow-el-ling** \təu-(ə-)liŋ\ *n* : a cotton or linen fabric often used for making towels

tow-er \təu-(ə)r\ *n* **1** : a tall structure either isolated or built upon a larger structure (an observation ~) (a bell ~ of a church) **2** : a towering citadel — **tow-ered** \təu-(ə-)rd\ *adj*

tower *vb* : to reach or rise to a great height *syn* overlook, dominate

tow-er-ing \-iŋ\ *adj* **1** : LOFTY (~ pines) **2** : reaching high intensity (a ~ rage) **3** : EXCESSIVE (~ ambition)

tow-head \tō-'hed\ *n* : a person having flaxen hair — **tow-head-ed** \-,hed-'əd\ *adj*

to-weet \tō-'hē-, 'tō-(ə-)hē\ *n* : a common finch of eastern No. America having the male black, white, and reddish; also : any of several related finches

to wit \tə-'wɪt\ *adv* : NAMELY

town \taun\ *n* **1** : a compactly settled area usu. larger than a village but smaller than a city **2** : CITY **3** : the inhabitants of a town **4** : a New England territorial and political unit usu. containing both rural and urban areas; also : a New England community in which matters of local government are decided by a general assembly (**town meeting**) of qualified voters

town house *n* **1** : the city residence of a person having a country home **2** : a single-family house of two or sometimes three stories connected to another house by a common wall

town-ie or **towny** \təu-'nē\ *n*, *pl* **townies** : a permanent resident of a town as distinguished from a member of another group

towns-folk \təuŋz-,fōk\ *n* *pl* : TOWNSPEOPLE

town-ship \təuŋ-'ship\ *n* **1** : TOWN **4** **2** : a unit of local government in some states **3** : an unorganized subdivision of a county; also : an administrative division **4** : a division of territory in surveys of U.S. public land containing 36 square miles

towns-man \təuŋz-'mən\ *n* **1** : a native or resident of a town or city **2** : a fellow citizen of a town

towns-people \-,pē-'pəl\ *n* *pl* **1** : the inhabitants of a town or city **2** : town-bred persons

\ə'əbət \ə'kɪtən \ər'fʊrðər \ə'ʌʃ \ə'æʃ \ə'kɒt, kɑrt
\ə'u'əʊt \tʃ'ɪn \eɪ'bet \eɪ'zi \g'ɒɡo \i'hɪt \i'fɪs \j'ɒb
\ŋ'sɪŋ \d'ɒɡo \d'ɒl'ɒw \d'ɒɪ'boɪ \tʰi'n \tʰi'the \u'loo't
\u'fʊt \ə'yet \z'h'vɪʒən see also Pronunciation Symbols page

tow-path \tō-, path-, -pāth\ *n* : a path (as along a canal) traveled by men or animals towing boats

tow truck *n* : WRECKER 2

tox-emia \tāk-'sē-mē-ə\ *n* : a bodily disorder associated with the presence of toxic matter in the blood

tox-ic \tāk-sik\ *adj* [LL *toxicus*, fr. L *toxicum* poison, fr. Gk *toxikon* arrow poison, fr. neut. of *toxikos* of a bow, fr. *toxon* bow, arrow] : of, relating to, or caused by poison or a toxin : POISONOUS — **tox-ic-i-ty** \tāk-'sis-ət-ē\ *n*

tox-i-col-o-gy \tāk-sə-'kāl-ə-jē\ *n* : a science that deals with poisons and esp. with problems of their use and control — **tox-i-co-log-i-cal** \-'lāj-i-kəl\ or **tox-i-co-log-ic** \tāk-si-kə-'lāj-ik\ *adj* — **tox-i-col-o-gist** \-'kāl-ə-jəst\ *n*

toxic shock syndrome *n* : an acute disease probably of bacterial origin that is characterized by fever, sore throat, and diffuse erythema and occurs esp. in menstruating females using tampons

tox-in \tāk-sən\ *n* : a substance produced by a living organism that is very poisonous when introduced into the tissues but is usu. destroyed by digestive processes when taken by mouth

toy \tōi\ *n* 1 : something trifling 2 : a small ornament : BAUBLE 3 : something for a child to play with

toy *vb* 1 : FLIRT 2 : to deal with something lightly : TRIFLE 3 : to amuse oneself as if with a plaything

toy *adj* 1 : DIMINUTIVE 2 : designed for use as a toy

tp *abbr* 1 title page 2 township

tpk or **tpke** *abbr* turnpike

tr *abbr* 1 translated; translation; translator 2 transpose 3 troop

trace \trās\ *n* 1 : a mark (as a footprint or track) left by something that has passed : VESTIGE 2 : a minute or barely detectable amount

trace *vb* **traced**; **tracing** 1 : to mark out : SKETCH 2 : to form (as letters) carefully 3 : to copy (a drawing) by marking lines on transparent paper laid over the drawing to be copied 4 : to follow the trail of : track down 5 : to study out and follow the development of — **trace-able** *adj* — **trac-er** *n*

trace *n* : either of two lines of a harness for fastening a draft animal to a vehicle

trac-ery \trās(-ə)-rē\ *n*, *pl* -er-ies : ornamental work having a design with branching or interlacing lines

tra-chea \trā-kē-ə\ *n*, *pl* -che-ae \-kē-ē\ also **-che-as** : the main tube by which air enters the lungs : WINDPIPE — **tra-che-al** \-kē-əl\ *adj*

trac-ing \trā-siŋ\ *n* 1 : the act of one that traces 2 : something that is traced 3 : a graphic record made by an instrument for measuring vibrations or pulsations

track \trak\ *n* 1 : a mark left in passing 2 : PATH, ROUTE, TRAIL 3 : a course laid out for racing; also : track-and-field sports 4 : one of a series of paths along which material (as music) is recorded (as on magnetic tape) 5 : the course along which something moves; esp : a way made by two parallel lines of metal rails 6 : awareness of a fact or progression (lost ~ of his movements) 7 : either of two endless metal belts on which a vehicle (as a tractor) travels

track *vb* 1 : to follow the tracks or traces of : TRAIL 2 : to make tracks on 3 : to carry on the feet and deposit (~ed mud on the floor) — **track-er** *n*

track-age \trak-iŋ\ *n* : lines of railway track

track-and-field \trak-ən-'fēld\ *adj* : of or relating to athletic contests held on a running track or on the adjacent field

tract \trakt\ *n* 1 : a stretch of land without precise boundaries (broad ~s of prairie) 2 : a defined area of land (a garden ~) 3 : a system of body parts or organs together serving some special purpose (the digestive ~)

tract *n* : a pamphlet of political or religious propaganda

tract-a-ble \trak-tə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : easily controlled : DOCILE

2 : easily wrought : MALLEABLE *syn* amenable, obedient, biddable

tract-ate \trak-,tāt\ *n* : TREATISE

tract house *n* : any of many similarly designed houses built on a tract of land

traction \trak-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of drawing : the state of being drawn 2 : the drawing of a vehicle by motive power; also : the particular form of motive power used 3 : the adhesive friction of a body on a surface on which it moves 4 : a pulling force applied to a skeletal structure (as a broken bone) by using a special device; also : a state of tension created by such a pulling force (a leg in ~) — **trac-tion-al** \-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj* — **trac-tive** \trak-tiv\ *adj*

tractor \trak-tər\ *n* 1 : an automotive vehicle that is borne on four wheels or beltlike metal tracks and is used esp. for drawing farm equipment 2 : a motortruck with short chassis for hauling a trailer

trade \träd\ *n* 1 : one's regular business or work : OCCUPATION 2 : an occupation requiring manual or mechanical skill 3 : the persons engaged in a business or industry 4 : the business of buying and selling or bartering commodities 5 : an act of trading : TRANSACTION *syn* craft, profession, calling, vocation

trade *vb* **traded**; **trading** 1 : to give in exchange for another commodity : BARTER 2 : to engage in the exchange, purchase, or sale of goods 3 : to deal regularly as a customer — **trade on** : EXPLOIT (*trades on his family name*)

trade-in \träd-,in\ *n* : an item of merchandise taken as part payment of a purchase

trade in \träd-,in\ *vb* : to turn in as part payment for a purchase

trade-mark \träd-,märk\ *n* : a device (as a word or mark) that points distinctly to the origin or ownership of merchandise to which it is applied and that is legally reserved for the exclusive use of the owner

trademark *vb* : to secure the trademark rights for

trade name *n* : a name that is given by a manufacturer or merchant to a product to distinguish it as made or sold by him and that may be used and protected as a trademark

trad-er \träd-ər\ *n* 1 : a person whose business is buying or selling 2 : a ship engaged in trade

trades-man \trädz-mən\ *n* 1 : one who runs a retail store : SHOPKEEPER 2 : CRAFTSMAN

trades-people \-,pē-pəl\ *n pl* : people engaged in trade

trade wind *n* : a wind blowing almost constantly in one direction

trading stamp *n* : a printed stamp of value given as a premium to a retail customer and when accumulated in numbers redeemed in merchandise

tra-di-tion \trə-'dish-ən\ *n* 1 : an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought or action 2 : the handing down of beliefs and customs by word of mouth or by example without written instruction; also : a belief or custom thus handed down — **tra-di-tion-al** \-,dish(ə)-nəl\ *adj* — **tra-di-tion-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

tra-duce \trə-'d(y)üs\ *vb* **tra-duced**; **tra-duc-ing** : to lower the reputation of : DEFAME, SLANDER *syn* malign, libel, calumniate — **tra-duc-er** *n*

traff-ic \trak-ik\ *n* 1 : the business of bartering or buying and selling 2 : communication or dealings between individuals or groups 3 : the movement (as of vehicles) along a route 4 : the passengers or cargo carried by a transportation system

traffic *vb* **trafficked**; **traffick-ing** : to carry on traffic — **traffick-er** *n*

traffic circle *n* : ROTARY 2

traffic light *n* : an electrically operated visual signal for controlling traffic

tra-ge-di-an \trə-'jēd-ē-ən\ *n* 1 : a writer of tragedies 2 : an actor who plays tragic roles

tra-ge-di-enne \trə-jéd-ē-en\ *n* [F] : an actress who plays tragic roles

trag-e-dy \ˈtraj-əd-ē\ *n*, *pl* -dies [ME *tragedie*, fr. MF, fr. L *tragoedia*, fr. Gk *tragōidia*, fr. *tragos* goat + *aeidein* to sing] 1 : a serious drama describing a conflict between the protagonist and a superior force (as destiny) and having a sad end that excites pity or terror 2 : a disastrous event : CALAMITY; also : MISFORTUNE 3 : tragic quality or element

trag-ic \ˈtraj-ik\ also **trag-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or expressive of tragedy 2 : appropriate to tragedy 3 : LAMENTABLE, UNFORTUNATE — **trag-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

trail \ˈtrāl\ *vb* 1 : to hang down so as to drag along or sweep the ground 2 : to draw or drag along behind 3 : to extend over a surface in a straggling manner 4 : to follow slowly : lag behind 5 : to follow upon the track of : PURSUE 6 : DWINDLE (her voice ~ed off) **syn** tag, tail, dog, shadow

trail *n* 1 : something that trails or is trailed (a ~ of smoke) 2 : a trace or mark left by something that has passed or been drawn along : TRACK (a ~ of blood) 3 : a beaten path; also : a marked path through woods 4 : SCENT

trail bike *n* : a small motorcycle for use other than on highways

trail-blaz-er \-,blā-zər\ *n* : PATHFINDER, PIONEER — **trail-blaz-ing** \-zɪŋ\ *adj* or *n*

trailer \ˈtrā-lər\ *n* 1 : one that trails; *esp* : a creeping plant (as an ivy) 2 : a vehicle that is hauled by another (as a tractor) 3 : a vehicle equipped to serve wherever parked as a dwelling or as a place of business

trailing arbutus *n* : a trailing spring-flowering plant of the heath family with fragrant pink or white flowers; also : its flower

train \ˈtrān\ *n* 1 : a part of a gown that trails behind the wearer 2 : RETINUE 3 : a moving file of persons, vehicles, or animals 4 : a connected series (a ~ of thought) 5 : AFTERMATH 6 : a connected line of railroad cars usu. hauled by a locomotive **syn** succession, sequence, procession, chain

train *vb* 1 : to cause to grow as desired (~ a vine on a trellis) 2 : to form by instruction, discipline, or drill 3 : to make or become prepared (as by exercise) for a test of skill 4 : to aim or point at an object (~ guns on a fort) **syn** discipline, school, educate, instruct — **train-er** *n* **train-ee** \ˈtrā-nē\ *n* : one who is being trained for a job **train-ing** \ˈtrā-nɪŋ\ *n* 1 : the act, process, or method of one who trains 2 : the knowledge or experience gained by one who trains

train-load \ˈtrān-lōd\ *n* : the full freight or passenger capacity of a railroad train

train-man \-mən\ *n* : a member of a train crew

traipse \ˈtrāps\ *vb* traipsed; traipsing : TRAMP, WALK

trait \ˈtrāt\ *n* : a distinguishing quality (as of personality) : CHARACTERISTIC

trait-or \ˈtrāt-ər\ *n* [ME *traitre*, fr. OF, fr. L *traditor*, fr. *traditus*, pp. of *tradere* to hand over, deliver, betray, fr. *trans*-across + *dare* to give] 1 : one who betrays another's trust or is false to an obligation 2 : one who commits treason — **trait-or-ous** *adj*

tra-je-c-to-ry \trə-jek-t(ə)-rē\ *n*, *pl* -ries : the curve that a body (as a planet in its orbit) describes in space

tram \ˈtrām\ *n* 1 chiefly Brit : STREETCAR 2 : a boxlike car running on a railway (**tram-way** \-,wā\ *n*) in a mine or a logging camp

tram-mel \ˈtrām-əl\ *n* [ME *tramayle*, a kind of net, fr. MF *tremail*, fr. LL *tremaculum*, fr. L *tres* three + *macula* mesh, spot] : something impeding activity, progress, or freedom

trammel *vb* -meled or -melled; -mel-ing or -mel-ling \-(ə)-lɪŋ\ 1 : to catch and hold in or as if in a net 2 : HAMPER **syn** clog, fetter, shackle, hobble

tramp \ˈtramp\ *1 & 3 are also* 'trämp, 'trömp\ *vb* 1 : to walk, tread, or step heavily 2 : to walk about or through; also : HIKE 3 : to tread on forcibly and repeatedly

tramp \ˈtramp\ *5 is also* 'trämp, 'trömp\ *n* 1 : a foot traveler 2 : a begging or thieving vagrant 3 : an immoral woman; *esp* : PROSTITUTE 4 : a walking trip : HIKE 5 : the succession of sounds made by the beating of feet on a road 6 : a ship that does not follow a regular course but takes cargo to any port

tram-ple \ˈtram-pəl\ *vb* **tram-pled**; **tram-pling** \-p(ə)-lɪŋ\ 1 : to tread heavily so as to bruise, crush, or injure 2 : to inflict injury or destruction 3 : to press down or crush by or as if by treading : STAMP — **trample** *n* — **trampler** \-p(ə)-lər\ *n*

tram-po-line \,tram-pə-lēn, 'tram-pə-lēn\ *n* [Sp *trampolin*] : a resilient canvas sheet or web supported by springs in a metal frame used as a springboard in tumbling — **tram-po-lin-ist** \-nəst\ *n*

trance \ˈtrans\ *n* [ME, fr. MF *transe*, fr. *transir* to pass away, swoon, fr. L *transire* to pass, pass away, fr. *trans*-across + *ire* go] 1 : DAZE, STUPOR 2 : a prolonged and profound sleeplike condition (as of deep hypnosis) 3 : a state of mystical absorption

tran-quil \ˈtrɑŋ-kwəl, 'tran-\ *adj* : free from agitation or disturbance : QUIET **syn** serene, placid, peaceful — **tran-quil-li-ty** or **tran-quil-i-ty** \tran-'kwil-ət-ē, trap-\ *n* — **tran-quil-ly** \ˈtrɑŋ-kwə-lē, 'tran-\ *adv*

tran-quil-ize also **tran-quil-lize** \ˈtrɑŋ-kwə-līz, 'tran-\ *vb* -ized also -lized; -iz-ing also -liz-ing\ : to make or become tranquil; *esp* : to relieve of mental tension and anxiety **tran-quil-iz-er** also **tran-quil-liz-er** \-,lī-zər\ *n* : a drug used to relieve tension and anxiety

trans *abbr* 1 transaction 2 transitive 3 translated; translation; translator 4 transportation 5 transverse

trans-act \trans-'akt, tranz-\ *vb* : CARRY OUT, PERFORM; also : CONDUCT

trans-ac-tion \-'ak-shən\ *n* 1 : something transacted; *esp* : a business deal 2 : an act or process of transacting 3 *pl* : the records of the proceedings of a society or organization

trans-at-lan-tic \,trans-ət-lant-ik, tranz-\ *adj* : crossing or extending across or situated beyond the Atlantic ocean

trans-ceiv-er \trans-'ē-vər, tranz-\ *n* : a radio transmitter-receiver that uses many of the same components for transmission and reception

tran-scend \trans-'end\ *vb* 1 : to rise above the limits of 2 : SURPASS **syn** exceed, outdo, outshine, outstrip

tran-scen-dent \-'en-dənt\ *adj* 1 : exceeding usual limits : SURPASSING 2 : transcending material existence **syn** superlative, supreme, peerless, incomparable

tran-scen-den-tal \,trans-,en-'dent-əl, -ən-\ *adj* 1 : TRANSCENDENT 2 : of, relating to, or characteristic of transcendentalism; also : ABSTRUSE

tran-scen-den-tal-ism \-'l-,iz-əm\ *n* : a philosophy holding that ultimate reality is unknowable or asserting the primacy of the spiritual over the material and empirical — **tran-scen-den-tal-ist** \-'l-əst\ *adj* or *n*

trans-con-ti-nen-tal \,trans-,kánt-'n-ent-əl\ *adj* : extending or going across a continent

tran-scribe \trans-'krīb\ *vb* **tran-scribed**; **tran-scrib-ing** 1 : to write a copy of 2 : to make a copy of (dictated or recorded matter) in longhand or on a typewriter 3 : to represent (speech sounds) by means of phonetic symbols; also : to make a musical transcription of

tran-script \ˈtrans-'krɪpt\ *n* 1 : a written, printed, or

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \a\out \ch\chin \et\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

typed copy **2** : an official copy esp. of a student's educational record

tran-scrip-tion \trans-¹krip-shən\ *n* **1** : an act or process of transcribing **2** : COPY, TRANSCRIPT **3** : an arrangement of a musical composition for some instrument or voice other than the original

trans-duc-er \-¹d(y)ū-sər\ *n* : a device that is actuated by power from one system and supplies power usu. in another form to a second system

tran-sept \¹trans-,ept\ *n* : the part of a cruciform church that crosses at right angles to the greatest length; *also* : either of the projecting ends

¹trans-fer \trans-¹fər, ¹trans-,fər\ *vb* **trans-ferred**; **trans-fer-ring** **1** : to pass or cause to pass from one person, place, or situation to another : TRANSPORT, TRANSMIT **2** : to make over the possession of : CONVEY **3** : to print or copy from one surface to another by contact **4** : to change from one vehicle or transportation line to another — **trans-fer-able** \trans-¹fər-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **trans-fer-al** \-əl\ *n*

²trans-fer \¹trans-,fər\ *n* **1** : conveyance of right, title, or interest in property from one person to another **2** : an act or process of transferring **3** : one that transfers or is transferred **4** : a ticket entitling a passenger to continue a journey on another route

trans-fer-ence \trans-¹fər-əns\ *n* : an act, process, or instance of transferring

trans-fig-ure \trans-¹fig-yər\ *vb* **-ured**; **-ur-ing** **1** : to change the form or appearance of **2** : EXALT, GLORIFY — **trans-fig-u-ra-tion** \¹trans-,fig-(y)ə-rā-shən\ *n*

trans-fix \trans-¹fiks\ *vb* **1** : to pierce through with or as if with a pointed weapon **2** : to hold motionless by or as if by piercing

trans-form \trans-¹fōrm\ *vb* **1** : to change in structure, appearance, or character **2** : to change (an electric current) in potential or type *syn* transmute, transfigure, transmogrify — **trans-for-ma-tion** \¹trans-fər-¹mā-shən\ *n* — **trans-form-er** \trans-¹fōr-mər\ *n*

trans-fuse \trans-¹fyüz\ *vb* **trans-fused**; **trans-fus-ing** **1** : to cause to pass from one to another **2** : to diffuse into or through **3** : to transfer (as blood) into a vein of a person or animal — **trans-fu-sion** \-¹fyū-zhən\ *n*

trans-gress \trans-¹gres, tranz-\ *vb* [*F transgresser*, fr. *L transgressus*, pp. of *transgredi* to step beyond or across, fr. *trans-* across + *gradi* to step] **1** : to go beyond the limits set by (<~ the divine law) **2** : to go beyond : EXCEED **3** : SIN — **trans-gres-sion** \-¹gresh-ən\ *n* — **trans-gres-sor** \-¹gres-ər\ *n*

¹trans-sient \¹tranch-ənt\ *adj* **1** : not lasting long : SHORT-LIVED **2** : passing through a place with only a brief stay *syn* transitory, passing, momentary, fleeting — **trans-sient-ly** *adv*

²transient *n* : one that is transient; *esp* : a transient guest **trans-sis-tor** \tranz-¹is-tar, tranz-\ *n* [*trans* + *resistor*: fr. its transferring an electrical signal across a resistor] **1** : a small electronic semiconductor device similar in use to a vacuum tube **2** : a radio having transistors **trans-sis-tor-ize** \-tə-,rīz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to equip (a device) with transistors

tran-sit \¹trans-ət, ¹tranz-\ *n* **1** : a passing through, across, or over : PASSAGE **2** : conveyance of persons or things from one place to another **3** : usu. local transportation *esp.* of people by public conveyance **4** : a surveyor's instrument for measuring angles

tran-si-tion \trans-¹ish-ən, tranz-\ *n* : passage from one state, place, stage, or subject to another : CHANGE — **tran-si-tion-al** \-¹ish-(ə)-nəl\ *adj*

tran-si-tive \¹trans-ət-iv, tranz-\ *adj* **1** : having or containing an object required to complete the meaning **2** : TRANSITIONAL — **tran-si-tive-ly** *adv* — **tran-si-tive-ness** *n* — **tran-si-tiv-i-ty** \¹trans-ə-tiv-ət-ē, tranz-\ *n*

tran-si-to-ry \¹trans-ə-,tōr-ē, tranz-\ *adj* : of brief dura-

tion : SHORT-LIVED, TEMPORARY *syn* transient, passing, momentary, fleeting

transl *abbr* translated; translation

trans-late \trans-¹lāt, tranz-\ *vb* **trans-lat-ed**; **trans-lat-ing** **1** : to bear or change from one place, state, or form to another **2** : to convey to heaven without death **3** : to transfer (a bishop) from one see to another **4** : to turn into one's own or another language — **trans-lat-able** *adj* — **trans-la-tion** \-¹lā-shən\ *n* — **trans-la-tor** \-¹lāt-ər\ *n*

trans-lit-er-ate \trans-¹lit-ə-,rāt, tranz-\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** : to represent or spell in the characters of another alphabet — **trans-lit-er-a-tion** \¹trans-,lit-ə-¹rā-shən, tranz-\ *n*

trans-lu-cent \trans-¹lūs-ənt, tranz-\ *adj* : admitting and diffusing light so that objects beyond cannot be clearly distinguished : partly transparent — **trans-lu-cence** \-ns\ *n* — **trans-lu-cen-cy** \-n-sē\ *n* — **trans-lu-cent-ly** *adv*

trans-mi-grate \¹mī-,grāt\ *vb* : to pass at death from one body or being to another — **trans-mi-gra-tion** \¹trans-mī-'grā-shən, tranz-\ *n* — **trans-mi-gra-to-ry** \trans-¹mī-grə-,tōr-ē\ *adj*

trans-mis-sion \¹mish-ən\ *n* **1** : an act or process of transmitting **2** : the passage of radio waves between transmitting stations and receiving stations **3** : the gears by which power is transmitted from the engine of an automobile to the axle that propels the vehicle **4** : something transmitted

trans-mit \¹mit\ *vb* **trans-mit-ted**; **trans-mit-ting** **1** : to transfer from one person or place to another : FORWARD **2** : to pass on by or as if by inheritance **3** : to cause or allow to spread abroad or to another (<~ a disease) **4** : to cause (as light, electricity, or force) to pass through space or a medium **5** : to send out (radio or television signals) *syn* convey, communicate, impart — **trans-mis-sible** \¹mis-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **trans-mit-ta-ble** \-¹mit-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **trans-mit-tal** \-¹mit-əl\ *n*

trans-mit-ter \¹mit-ər\ *n* **1** : one that transmits **2** : the part of a telephone into which one speaks **3** : an apparatus for transmitting telegraph, radio, or television signals

trans-mog-ri-fy \trans-¹mäg-rə-,fi, tranz-\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to change or alter often with grotesque or humorous effect — **trans-mog-ri-fi-ca-tion** \¹mäg-rə-fə-'kā-shən\ *n*

trans-mute \¹myūt\ *vb* **trans-muted**; **trans-mut-ing** : to change or alter in form, appearance, or nature *syn* transform, convert, transfigure, metamorphose — **trans-mu-ta-tion** \¹trans-myū-'tā-shən, tranz-\ *n*

trans-na-tion-al \¹nash-(ə)-nəl\ *adj* : extending beyond national boundaries

trans-oce-an-ic \trans-,ō-shē-'an-ik, tranz-\ *adj* **1** : lying or dwelling beyond the ocean **2** : crossing or extending across the ocean

tran-som \¹tran-səm\ *n* **1** : a piece (as a crossbar in the frame of a window or door) that lies crosswise in a structure **2** : a window above an opening (as a door) built on and often hinged to a horizontal crossbar

tran-son-ic *also* **trans-son-ic** \tran(s)-¹sän-ik\ *adj* : being, relating to, or moving at a speed that is about that of sound in air or about 741 miles (1185 kilometers) per hour

transp *abbr* transportation

trans-pa-cif-ic \¹trans-pə-'sif-ik\ *adj* : crossing, extending across, or situated beyond the Pacific ocean

trans-par-ent \trans-¹par-ənt\ *adj* **1** : transmitting light : clear enough to be seen through **2** : SHEER, DIAPHANOUS (a ~ fabric) **3** : readily understood : CLEAR; *also* : easily detected (a ~ lie) *syn* lucid, translucent, lucent — **trans-par-en-cy** \-ən-sē\ *n* — **trans-par-ent-ly** *adv*

tran-spire \trans-¹pī(ə)r\ *vb* **trans-pired**; **trans-pir-ing** [*MF transpirer*, fr. *L trans-* across + *spirare* to breathe] **1** : to pass off (as watery vapor) through pores or a membrane **2** : to become known : come to light **3** : to take place : OCCUR — **tran-spi-ra-tion** \¹trans-pə-'rā-shən\ *n*

trans-plant \trans-'plant\ *vb* **1** : to take up and set again in another soil or location **2** : to remove from one place and settle or introduce elsewhere : **TRANSPORT** **3** : to transfer (an organ or tissue) from one part or individual to another **4** : to tolerate or adapt to being transplanted — **trans-plan-ta-tion** \,trans-,plan-'tā-shən\ *n*

trans-plant \trans-'plant\ *n* **1** : something transplanted **2** : the act or process of transplanting

trans-po-lar \trans-'pō-lər\ *adj* : going or extending across either of the polar regions

trans-port \trans-'pōrt\ *vb* **1** : to convey from one place to another : **CARRY** **2** : to carry away by strong emotion : **ENRAPTURE** **3** : to send to a penal colony overseas *syn* bear, carry, convey, ferry — **trans-por-ta-tion** \,trans-pər-'tā-shən\ *n* — **trans-port-er** \trans-'pōrt-ər\ *n*

trans-port \trans-'pōrt\ *n* **1** : an act of transporting : **TRANSPORTATION** **2** : strong or intensely pleasurable emotion : **RAPTURE** **3** : a ship used in transporting troops or supplies; *also* : a vehicle (as a truck or plane) used to transport persons or goods

trans-pose \trans-'pōz\ *vb* **trans-posed**; **trans-pos-ing** **1** : to change the position or sequence of (∼ the letters in a word) **2** : to write or perform (a musical composition) in a different key *syn* reverse, invert — **trans-po-si-tion** \,trans-pō-'zish-ən\ *n*

trans-ship \tran(ch)-'ship, trans-\ *vb* : to transfer for further transportation from one ship or conveyance to another — **trans-ship-ment** *n*

tran-sub-stan-ti-a-tion \,trans-əb-,stan-chē-'ā-shən\ *n* : the change in the eucharistic elements from the substance of bread and wine to the substance of the body of Christ with only the appearances of bread and wine remaining

trans-verse \trans-'vərs, tranz-\ *adj* : lying across : set crosswise — **transverse** \trans-,vərs, 'tranz-\ *n* — **trans-verse-ly** *adv*

trans-ves-tite \trans-'ves-'tit, tranz-\ *n* : a person and esp. a male who adopts the dress and often the behavior of the opposite sex — **transvestite** *adj* — **trans-ves-tism** \-,tiz-əm\ *n*

trap \trap\ *n* **1** : a device for catching animals **2** : something by which one is caught unawares **3** : a machine for throwing objects into the air to be targets for shooters; *also* : a hazard on a golf course consisting of a depression containing sand **4** : a light one-horse carriage on springs **5** : a device to allow some one thing to pass through while keeping other things out (a ∼ in a drain-pipe) **6 pl** : a group of percussion instruments used in a jazz or dance orchestra

trap *vb* **trapped**; **trap-ping** **1** : to catch in or as if in a trap; *also* : **CONFINED** **2** : to provide or set (a place) with traps **3** : to set traps for animals esp. as a business *syn* snare, entrap, ensnare, bag, lure, decoy — **trap-per** *n*

trap *n* : any of various dark fine-grained igneous rocks used esp. in making roads

trap-door \trap-'dōr\ *n* : a lifting or sliding door covering an opening in a floor or roof

tra-peze \tra-'pēz\ *n* : a gymnastic apparatus consisting of a horizontal bar suspended by two parallel ropes **trap-e-zoid** \trap-ə-'zōid\ *n* [NL *trapezoides*, fr. Gk *trapezoeidēs* trapezoid-shaped, fr. *trapeza* table, fr. *tra-four* + *peza* foot] : a plane 4-sided figure with two and only two sides parallel — **trap-e-zoi-dal** \,trap-ə-'zōid-\ *adj*

trap-pings \trap-ɪŋz\ *n pl* **1** : an ornamental covering esp. for a horse **2** : outward decoration or dress

trap-rock \trap-'rāk\ *n* : **TRAP**

traps \traps\ *n pl* : personal belongings : **LUGGAGE**

trap-shoot-ing \trap-,shūt-ɪŋ\ *n* : shooting at clay pigeons sprung from a trap into the air away from the shooter

trash \trash\ *n* **1** : something of little worth : **RUBBISH** **2**

: a worthless person; *also* : such persons as a group : **RIFFRAFF** — **trashy** *adj*

trau-ma \trau-'mə, 'trò-\ *n, pl* **trau-ma-ta** \-mæt-ə\ or **traumas** [Gk] : a bodily or mental injury usu. caused by an external agent; *also* : a cause of trauma — **trau-mat-ic** \trə-'mat-ik, trō-, trau-\ *adj*

tra-vail \trə-'vāl, 'trav-,āl\ *n* **1** : painful work or exertion : **TOIL** **2** : AGONY, TORMENT **3** : **CHILDBIRTH**, **LABOR** *syn* work, drudgery, grind

travail *vb* : to labor hard : **TOIL**

trav-el \trav-'əl\ *vb* **-eled** or **-elled**; **-el-ing** or **-el-ling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to go on or as if on a trip or tour : **JOURNEY** **2** : to move as if by traveling : **PASS** (news ∼s fast) **3** : **ASSOCIATE** **4** : to go from place to place as a salesman **5** : to move from point to point (light waves ∼ very fast) **6** : to journey over or through (∼ing the highways) — **trav-el-er** or **trav-el-er** *n*

travel *n* **1** : the act of traveling : **PASSAGE** **2** : **JOURNEY**, **TRIP** — often used in *pl.* **3** : the number traveling : **TRAFFIC** **4** : the motion of a piece of machinery and esp. when to and fro; *also* : length of motion (as of a piston)

traveling bag *n* : a bag carried by hand and designed to hold a traveler's clothing and personal articles

trav-el-ogue or **trav-el-og** \trav-ə-,lōg, -lāg\ *n* : a usu. illustrated lecture on travel

tra-verse \trav-'ərs\ *n* : something (as a crosswise beam) that crosses or lies across

tra-verse \trə-'vərs, tra-'vərs or 'tra-vərs\ *vb* **tra-versed**; **tra-vers-ing** **1** : to pass through : **PENETRATE** **2** : to go or travel across or over **3** : to extend over **4** : **SWIVEL**

tra-verse \tra-,vərs\ *adj* : **TRANSVERSE** **trav-er-time** \trav-ər-,tēn, -tən\ *n* : a crystalline mineral formed by deposition from spring waters

trav-es-ty \trav-ə-stē\ *vb* **-tied**; **-ty-ing** : to make a travesty of

travesty *n, pl* **-ties** [obs. *E travesty*, disguised, parodied, fr. *F travesti*, pp. of *travestir* to disguise, fr. *It travestire*, fr. *tra* across (fr. *L trans*) + *vestire* to dress] : a burlesque and usu. grotesque translation or imitation

trawl \trōl\ *vb* : to fish or catch with a trawl — **trawl-er** *n*

trawl *n* **1** : a large conical net dragged along the sea bottom in fishing **2** : a long fishing line anchored at both ends and equipped with many hooks

tray \trā\ *n* : an open receptacle with flat bottom and low rim for holding, carrying, or exhibiting articles

treach-er-ous \trech-(ə-)rəs\ *adj* **1** : characterized by treachery **2** : **UNTRUSTWORTHY**, **UNRELIABLE** **3** : providing insecure footing or support *syn* traitorous, faithless, false, disloyal — **treach-er-ous-ly** *adv*

treach-ery \trech-(ə-)rē\ *n, pl* **-er-ies** : violation of allegiance or trust

treacle \trē-kəl\ *n* [ME *triacle* a medicinal compound, fr. MF, fr. *L theriaca*, fr. Gk *thēriakē* antidote against a poisonous bite, fr. *thērion* wild animal] **1** chiefly *Brit* : **MOLASSES** **2** : something heavily sweet and cloying

tread \tred\ *vb* **trod** \träd\; **trod-den** \träd-'n\ or **trod**; **tread-ing** **1** : to step or walk on or over **2** : to move on foot : **WALK**; *also* : **DANCE** **3** : to beat or press with the feet

tread *n* **1** : a mark made by or as if by treading **2** : the manner or sound of stepping **3** : the part of a wheel that makes contact with a road **4** : the horizontal part of a step

trea-dle \tred-'l\ *n* : a lever device pressed by the foot to drive a machine

tread-mill \tred-,mil\ *n* **1** : a mill worked by persons who tread on steps around the edge of a wheel or by animals

\ə'abut \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'ash \ə'ace \ə'cot, cart
 \ə'u'out \ch'chin \e'bet \e'easy \ə'go \i'hit \i'vice \j'job
 \ŋ'sing \ə'go \ə'law \ə'l'boy \th'thin \th'the \ə'loot
 \u'foot \y'et \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

that walk on an endless belt **2** : a wearisome routine
treas *abbr* treasurer; treasury

treason \ˈtrēz-ən\ *n* : the offense of attempting to overthrow the government of one's country or of assisting its enemies in war — **treason-able** \-(ə-)nə-bəl\ *adj* — **treason-ous** \-(ə-)nəs\ *adj*

1 **treasure** \ˈtrezh-ər, ˈtrāzh-\ *n* **1** : wealth stored up or held in reserve **2** : something of great value

2 **treasure** *vb* **treasured**; **treasure-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : **HOARD** **2** : to keep as precious : **cherish** *syn* prize, value, appreciate, esteem

treasure-sur-er \ˈtrezh-rər, ˈtrezh-ər-ər, ˈtrāzh-\ *n* : an officer entrusted with the receipt, care, and disbursement of funds

treasure trove \-,trōv\ *n* **1** : treasure (as money in gold) which is found hidden and whose ownership is unknown **2** : a valuable discovery

treasury \ˈtrezh-(ə-)rē, ˈtrāzh-\ *n*, *pl* **sur-ies** **1** : a place in which stores of wealth are kept **2** : the place of deposit and disbursement of collected funds; *esp* : one where public revenues are deposited, kept, and disbursed **3** *cap* : a governmental department in charge of finances

1 **treat** \ˈtrēt\ *vb* **1** : **NEGOTIATE** **2** : to deal with *esp.* in writing; *also* : **HANDLE** **3** : to pay for the food or entertainment of **4** : to behave or act toward (~ them well) **5** : to regard in a specified manner (~ as inferiors) **6** : to care for medically or surgically **7** : to subject to some action (as of a chemical) (~ soil with lime)

2 **treat** *n* **1** : food or entertainment paid for by another **2** : a source of joy or amusement

treat-ise \ˈtrēt-əs\ *n* : a systematic written exposition or argument

treat-ment \ˈtrēt-mənt\ *n* : the act or manner or an instance of treating someone or something; *also* : a substance or method used in treating

treaty \ˈtrēt-ē\ *n*, *pl* **treaties** : an agreement made by negotiation or diplomacy *esp.* between two or more states or governments *syn* contract, bargain, pact, convention

1 **treble** \ˈtreb-əl\ *n* **1** : the highest of the four voice parts in vocal music : **SOPRANO** **2** : a high-pitched or shrill voice or sound **3** : the upper half of the musical pitch range

2 **treble** *adj* **1** : triple in number or amount **2** : relating to or having the range of a musical treble **3** : high-pitched : **SHRILL** — **trebly** \ˈtreb-(ə-)lē\ *adv*

3 **treble** *vb* **trebled**; **trebling** \ˈtreb-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to make or become three times the size, amount, or number

1 **tree** \trē\ *n* **1** : a woody perennial plant usu. with a single main stem and a head of branches and leaves at the top **2** : a piece of wood adapted to a particular use (a shoe ~) **3** : something resembling a tree (a genealogical ~) — **tree-less** *adj*

2 **tree** *vb* **treed**; **tree-ing** : to drive to or up a tree (~ a raccoon)

tree farm *n* : an area of forest land managed to ensure continuous commercial production

tree line *n* : **TIMBERLINE**

tree of heaven : an Asian ailanthus that is widely grown as a shade and ornamental tree

tree surgery *n* : operative treatment of diseased trees *esp.* for control of decay — **tree surgeon** *n*

tre-foil \ˈtrē-,fōil, ˈtrē-,fōil\ *n* **1** : a clover or related herb with leaves with three leaflets **2** : a decorative design with three leaflike parts

1 **trek** \ˈtrek\ *vb* **trekked**; **trek-king** **1** : to travel or migrate by ox wagon **2** : to make one's way arduously

2 **trek** *n* **1** : a migration *esp.* of settlers by ox wagon **2** : **TRIP**; *esp* : one involving difficulties or complex organization

1 **trellis** \ˈtrél-əs\ *n* [*ME* *trellis*, *fr.* *MF* *trelliz* fabric of coarse weave, trellis, *fr.* (assumed) *VL* *trilicium* woven with

triple thread, *fr.* *L* *tres* three + *liceum* thread] : a structure of latticework

2 **trellis** *vb* : to train (as a vine) on a trellis

trema-tode \ˈtrēm-ə-,tōd\ *n* : any of a class of parasitic worms

1 **trem-ble** \ˈtrēm-bəl\ *vb* **trem-bled**; **trem-bling** \-b(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to shake involuntarily (as with fear or cold) : **SHIVER** **2** : to move, sound, pass, or come to pass as if shaken or tremulous **3** : to be affected with fear or doubt

2 **tremble** *n* : a spell of shaking or quivering : **TREMOR**

tre-men-dous \tri-ˈmən-dəs\ *adj* **1** : such as may excite trembling : **TERRIFYING** **2** : astonishingly large, powerful, great, or excellent *syn* stupendous, monumental, monstrous — **tre-men-dous-ly** *adv*

trem-o-lo \ˈtrēm-ə-,lə\ *n*, *pl* **-los** [*It*] : a rapid fluttering of a tone or alternating tones to produce a tremulous effect

trem-or \ˈtrēm-ər\ *n* **1** : a trembling or shaking *esp.* from weakness or disease **2** : a quivering motion of the earth (as during an earthquake)

trem-u-lous \ˈtrēm-yə-ləs\ *adj* **1** : marked by trembling or tremors : **QUIVERING** **2** : **TIMOROUS**, **TIMID** — **trem-u-lous-ly** *adv*

1 **trench** \ˈtrɛnç\ *n* [*ME* *trenche* track cut through a wood, *fr.* *MF*, *act* of cutting, *fr.* *trenchier* to cut] **1** : a long narrow cut in the ground : **DITCH**; *esp* : a ditch protected by banks of earth and used to shelter soldiers **2** : a long narrow steep-sided depression in the ocean floor

2 **trench** *vb* **1** : to cut or dig trenches in; *also* : to drain by trenches **2** : to protect (troops) with trenches **3** : to come close : **VERGE**

tren-chant \ˈtrɛn-çənt\ *adj* **1** : vigorously effective; *also* : **CAUSTIC** **2** : sharply perceptive : **KEEN** **3** : **CLEAR-CUT**, **DISTINCT** *syn* incisive, biting, crisp

tren-cher \ˈtrɛn-çər\ *n* : a wooden platter for serving food

tren-cher-man \ˈtrɛn-çər-mən\ *n* : a hearty eater

trench foot *n* : a painful foot disorder resembling frostbite and resulting from exposure to cold and wet

trench mouth *n* : a contagious infection of the mouth and adjacent parts that is marked by ulceration and caused by bacteria

1 **trend** \ˈtrɛnd\ *vb* **1** : to have or take a general direction : **TEND** **2** : to show a tendency : **INCLINE**

2 **trend** *n* **1** : a general direction taken (as by a stream or mountain range) **2** : a prevailing tendency : **DRIFT** **3** : a current style or preference : **VOGUE**

tre-pan \tri-ˈpan\ *vb* **tre-panned**; **tre-pan-ning** : to remove surgically a disk of bone from (the skull) — **tre-pa-na-tion** \ˌtrɛp-ə-ˈnā-shən\ *n*

tre-phine \ˈtrē-,fɪn\ *n* : a surgical instrument for cutting out circular sections (as of bone or corneal tissue) — **trephine** *vb*

tre-pi-da-tion \ˌtrɛp-ə-ˈdā-shən\ *n* : nervous agitation : **APPREHENSION** *syn* horror, terror, panic, consternation, dread, fright, dismay

1 **tres-pass** \ˈtres-pəs, -pas\ *n* **1** : **SIN**, **OFFENSE** **2** : wrongful entry on real property *syn* transgression, violation, infraction, infringement

2 **trespass** *vb* **1** : to commit an offense : **ERR**, **SIN** **2** : **INTRUDE**, **ENCRoACH**; *esp* : to enter unlawfully upon the land of another — **tres-pass-er** *n*

tre-ss \ˈtrɛs\ *n* : a long lock of hair — *usu.* used in *pl.*

tre-s-tle *also* **tres-sel** \ˈtrɛs-əl\ *n* **1** : a supporting framework consisting usu. of a horizontal piece with spreading legs at each end **2** : a braced framework of timbers, piles, or steel for carrying a road or railroad over a depression

tre-y \ˈtrā\ *n*, *pl* **treys** : a card or the side of a die with three spots

tri-ad \ˈtrɪ-,əd, -əd\ *n* : a union or group of three usu. closely related persons or things

tri-age \trē-ˈāzh, ˈtrē-,āzh\ *n* [*F*, sifting] : the sorting of and allocation of treatment to patients and *esp.* battle

and disaster victims according to a system of priorities designed to maximize the number of survivors

trial ¹trī-(ə)l *n* **1** : the action or process of trying or putting to the proof : **TEST** **2** : the hearing and judgment of a matter in issue before a competent tribunal **3** : a source of vexation or annoyance **4** : a temporary use or experiment to test quality or usefulness **5** : **EFFORT**, **ATTEMPT** **syn** cross, ordeal, tribulation, affliction

trial *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or used in a trial **2** : made or done as a test

tri-angle ¹trī-ḡl *n* **1** : a figure that has three sides and three angles : a polygon having three sides **2** : something shaped like a triangle — **tri-an-gu-lar** ¹trī-ḡl-ḡl-ḡl *adj* — **tri-an-gu-lar-ly** *adv*



triangle 1: 1 equilateral, 2 isosceles, 3 right-angled

tri-an-gu-la-tion ¹(trī-ḡl-ḡl-ḡl-ḡl-ḡl) *n* : a trigonometric operation for finding a position using bearings from two fixed points a known distance apart — **tri-an-gu-late** ¹trī-ḡl-ḡl-ḡl *vb*

Tri-as-sic ¹trī-ḡl-ḡl *adj* : of, relating to, or being the earliest period of the Mesozoic era — **Triassic** *n*

trib *abbr* tributary

tribe ¹trīb *n* **1** : a social group comprising numerous families, clans, or generations **2** : a group of persons having a common character, occupation, or interest **3** : a group of related plants or animals (the cat ~) — **trib-al** ¹trīb-ḡl *adj*

tribes-man ¹trīb-z-mən *n* : a member of a tribe

trib-u-la-tion ¹trīb-yə-ḡl-ḡl *n* [ME *tribulation*, fr. OF, fr. L *tribulatio*, fr. *tribulare* to press, oppress, fr. *tribulum* drag used in threshing] : distress or suffering resulting from oppression or persecution; *also* : a trying experience **syn** trial, affliction, cross, ordeal

tri-bu-nal ¹trīb-yū-n-ḡl, trīb-yū-n-ḡl *n* **1** : the seat of a judge **2** : a court of justice **3** : something that decides or determines (the ~ of public opinion)

tri-bune ¹trīb-yū-n, trīb-yū-n *n* **1** : an official in ancient Rome with the function of protecting the interests of plebeian citizens from the patricians **2** : a defender of the people

trib-u-tary ¹trīb-yə-ḡl-ḡl *adj* **1** : paying tribute : **SUBJECT** **2** : flowing into a larger stream or a lake **syn** subordinate, secondary, dependent

tributary *n*, *pl* **trib-ḡl-ḡl-ḡl** *n* : a ruler or state that pays tribute **2** : a tributary stream

trib-ute ¹trīb-(ḡ)jūt, -yət *n* **1** : a payment by one ruler or nation to another as an act of submission or price of protection **2** : a usu. excessive tax, rental, or levy exacted by a sovereign or superior **3** : a gift or service showing respect, gratitude, or affection; *also* : **PRAISE** **syn** eulogy, citation, encomium, panegyric

trice ¹trīs *n* : **INSTANT**, **MOMENT**

tri-ceps ¹trī-seps *n*, *pl* **tri-ceps-es** *also* **triceps** : a large muscle along the back of the upper arm that is attached at its upper end by three main parts and acts to extend the arm at the elbow joint

tri-chi-na ¹trī-ḡl-nə *n*, *pl* **-nae** ¹(-ḡ)nē *also* **-nas** : a small slender nematode worm that in the larval state is parasitic in the voluntary muscles of flesh-eating mammals (as the hog and human beings)

trich-i-no-sis ¹trī-ḡl-nō-səs *n* : a disease caused by infestation of muscle tissue by trichinae and marked by pain, fever, and swelling

trick ¹trīk *n* **1** : a crafty procedure meant to deceive **2**

: a mischievous action : **PRANK** **3** : a childish action **4** : a deceptive or ingenious feat designed to puzzle or amuse **5** : **PECULIARITY**, **MANNERISM** **6** : a quick or artful way of getting a result : **KNACK** **7** : the cards played in one round of a card game **8** : a tour of duty : **SHIFT** **syn** ruse, maneuver, artifice, wile, feint

trick *vb* **1** : to deceive by cunning or artifice : **CHEAT** **2** : to dress ornately

trick-ery ¹trīk-(ḡ)ḡl *n* : deception by tricks and stratagems

trick-le ¹trīk-ḡl *vb* **trick-led**; **trick-ling** ¹(-ḡ)līḡ *n* **1** : to run or fall in drops **2** : to flow in a thin gentle stream — **trickle** *n*

trick-ster ¹trīk-stər *n* : one who tricks or cheats

tricky ¹trīk-ḡl *adj* **trick-i-er**; **-est** **1** : inclined to trickery (a ~ person) **2** : requiring skill or caution (a ~ situation to handle) **3** : **UNRELIABLE**

tri-col-or ¹trī-kəl-ḡl *n* : a flag of three colors (the French ~)

tri-cy-cle ¹trī-(ḡ)sīk-ḡl *n* : a 3-wheeled vehicle usu. propelled by pedals

tri-dent ¹trīd-ḡnt *n* [L *trident-*, *tridens*, fr. *tres* three + *dent-*, *dens* tooth] : a 3-pronged spear

tried ¹trīd *adj* **1** : found trustworthy through testing **2** : subjected to trials **syn** reliable, dependable, trustworthy

tri-en-ni-al ¹trī-en-ḡl *adj* **1** : lasting for three years **2** : occurring or being done every three years — **tri-ennial** *n*

tri-fle ¹trī-fəl *n* : something of little value or importance; *esp* : an insignificant amount (as of money)

trifle *vb* **tri-fled**; **tri-fling** ¹(-fḡ)līḡ *n* **1** : to talk in a jesting or mocking manner **2** : to act frivolously or playfully **3** : **DALLY**, **FLIRT** **4** : to handle idly : **TOY** — **tri-fler** ¹(-fḡ)lḡr *n*

tri-fling ¹trī-flīḡ *adj* **1** : **FRIVOLOUS** **2** : **TRIVIAL**, **INSIGNIFICANT** **syn** petty, paltry, measly, inconsequential

tri-fo-cals ¹trī-fō-kəl-z *n* *pl* : eyeglasses with lenses having one part for close focus, one for intermediate focus, and one for distant focus

tri-fo-li-ate ¹trī-fō-lē-ḡt *adj* : having three leaves or leaflets

trig ¹trīḡ *adj* : stylishly trim : **SMART** **syn** tidy, spruce, shipshape

trig *n* : **TRIGONOMETRY**

trig-ger ¹trīḡ-ḡr *n* [alter. of earlier *tricker*, fr. Dutch *trekker*, fr. Middle Dutch *trecker* one that pulls, fr. *trecken* to pull] : a movable lever that activates a device when it is squeezed; *esp* : the part of a firearm lock moved by the finger to release the hammer in firing — **trigger** *adj* — **triggered** ¹-ḡrd *adj*

trigger *vb* **1** : to fire by pulling a trigger **2** : to initiate, actuate, or set off as if by a trigger

trig-o-nom-e-try ¹trīḡ-ḡ-nām-ḡ-trē *n* : the branch of mathematics dealing with the relations of the sides and angles of triangles and of methods of deducing from given parts other required parts — **trig-o-no-met-ric** ¹-nō-me-trīk *also* **trig-o-no-met-ri-cal** ¹-trīk-ḡl *adj*

trill ¹trīl *n* **1** : the alternation of two musical tones a scale degree apart **2** : **WARBLE** **3** : the rapid vibration of one speech organ against another (as of the tip of the tongue against the teeth)

trill *vb* : to utter as or with a trill

tril-li-on ¹trīl-yən *n* **1** : a thousand billions **2** *Brit* : a million billions — **trillion** *adj* — **tril-lionth** ¹-yenth *adj* or *n*

tril-li-um ¹trīl-ḡ-ḡm *n* : any of a genus of herbs of the lily family with an erect stem bearing a whorl of three leaves and a large solitary flower with three petals

\ə'but \ə'kitten \ər'further \ə'shə \ə'sace \ə'cot, cart \ə'dout \ch'chin \ə'bet \ə'easy \g'go \i'hlt \i'ice \j'job \ŋ'sing \ŋ'go \ŋ'law \ŋ'boy \th'thin \th'the \ū'loot \ū'foot \y'yet \zh'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

tril-o-gy \ˈtril-ə-jē/ *n*, *pl -gies* : a series of three dramas or literary or musical compositions that are closely related and develop one theme

trim \ˈtrim/ *vb* **trimmed**; **trim-ming** [OE *trymian*, *trymman* to strengthen, arrange, fr. *trum* strong, firm] **1** : to put ornaments on : **ADORN** **2** : to defeat esp. resoundingly **3** : to make trim, neat, regular, or less bulky by or as if by cutting (∼ a beard) (∼ a budget) **4** : to cause (a boat) to assume a desired position in the water by arrangement of ballast, cargo, or passengers; *also* : to adjust (as a submarine or airplane) esp. for horizontal motion **5** : to adjust (a sail) to a desired position **6** : to change one's views for safety or expediency — **trim-ly** *adv* — **trim-mer** *n* — **trim-ness** *n*

trim *adj* **trim-mer**; **trim-mer** : showing neatness, good order, or compactness (∼ figure) *syn* tidy, trig, smart, spruce, shipshape

trim *n* **1** : good condition : **FITNESS** **2** : material used for ornament or trimming; *esp* : the woodwork in the finish of a house esp. around doors and windows **3** : the position of a ship or boat esp. with reference to the horizontal; *also* : the relation between the plane of a sail and the direction of a ship **4** : the position of an airplane at which it will continue in level flight with no adjustments to the controls **5** : something that is trimmed off

tri-ma-ran \ˈtri-mə-ran, ˈtri-mə-ran/ *n* : a fast pleasure sailboat with three hulls side by side

tri-mes-ter \tri-ˈmes-tər, ˈtri-mes-tər/ *n* **1** : a period of three or about three months **2** : one of three terms into which an academic year is sometimes divided

trim-e-ter \ˈtrim-ət-ər/ *n* : a line consisting of three metrical feet

trim-ming \ˈtrim-ɪŋ/ *n* **1** : **DEFEAT** **2** : the action of one that trims **3** : something that trims, ornaments, or completes **tri-month-ly** \tri-ˈmənθ-lē/ *adj* : occurring every three months

trine \ˈtrɪn/ *adj* : **THREEFOLD**, **TRIPLE**

Trin-i-da-di-an \ˈtrin-ə-ˈdād-ē-ən, ˈdād-/ *n* : a native or inhabitant of the island of Trinidad — **Trinidadian** *adj*

Trin-i-tar-i-an \ˈtrin-ə-ˈter-ē-ən/ *n* : a believer in the doctrine of the Trinity — **Trin-i-tar-i-an-ism** \-ē-ə-niz-əm/ *n*

Trin-i-ty \ˈtrin-ət-ē/ *n* **1** : the unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as three persons in one Godhead **2** *not cap* : **TRIAD**

trin-ket \ˈtrin-kət/ *n* **1** : a small ornament (as a jewel or ring) **2** : **TRIFLE**

trio \ˈtrē-ō/ *n*, *pl tri-os* **1** : a musical composition for three voices or three instruments **2** : the performers of a musical or dance trio **3** : a group or set of three

tri-ode \ˈtri-ōd/ *n* : a vacuum tube with three electrodes

trip \ˈtrip/ *vb* **tripped**; **trip-ping** \-ɪŋ/ *vb* : to move with light quick steps **2** : to catch the foot against something so as to stumble or cause to stumble **3** : to make a mistake : **SLIP**; *also* : to detect in a misstep : **EXPOSE** **4** : to release (as a spring or switch) by moving a catch; *also* : **ACTIVATE** **5** : to get high on a psychedelic drug

trip *n* **1** : **JOURNEY**, **VOYAGE** **2** : a quick light step **3** : a false step : **STUMBLE**; *also* : **ERROR** **4** : the action of tripping mechanically; *also* : a device for tripping **5** : an intense drug-induced hallucinatory experience **6** : pursuit of an obsessive interest (an ego ∼)

tri-par-tite \tri-ˈpär-, ˈtɪ/ *adj* **1** : divided into three parts **2** : having three corresponding parts or copies **3** : made between three parties (a ∼ treaty)

tripe \ˈtrip/ *n* **1** : stomach tissue of a ruminant and esp. an ox used as food **2** : something poor, worthless, or offensive : **TRASH**

tri-ple \ˈtrip-əl/ *vb* **tri-pled**; **tri-pling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ/ **1** : to make or become three times as great or as many **2** : to hit a triple

triple *n* **1** : a triple quantity **2** : a group of three **3** : a hit in baseball that lets the batter reach third base

triple *adj* **1** : being three times as great or as many **2**

: having three units or members **3** : repeated three times

triple bond *n* : a chemical bond in which three pairs of electrons are shared by two atoms in a molecule

triple point *n* : the condition of temperature and pressure under which the gaseous, liquid, and solid forms of a substance can exist in equilibrium

trip-let \ˈtrip-lət/ *n* **1** : a unit of three lines of verse **2** : a group of three of a kind **3** : one of three offspring born at one birth

tri-plex \ˈtrip-,leks, ˈtri-,pleks/ *adj* : **THREEFOLD**, **TRIPLE**

trip-li-cate \ˈtrip-li-kət/ *adj* : made in three identical copies

trip-li-cate \-lə-,kāt/ *vb* **-cat-ed**; **-cat-ing** **1** : **TRIPLE** **2** : to provide three copies of (∼ a document)

trip-li-cate \-li-kət/ *n* : three copies all alike — used with *in* (typed in ∼)

tri-ple \ˈtrip-(ə-)lē/ *adv* : in a triple degree, amount, or manner

tri-pod \ˈtri-,pād/ *n* : something (as a caldron, stool, or camera stand) that rests on three legs — **tripod** or **tri-podal** \ˈtrip-əd-l, ˈtri-,pād-/ *adj*

trip-tych \ˈtrip-tɪk/ *n* : a picture or carving (as an altar-piece) in three panels side by side

tri-reme \ˈtri-,rēm/ *n* : an ancient galley having three banks of oars

tri-sect \ˈtri-,sekt, tri-ˈsekt/ *vb* : to divide into three usual parts — **tri-section** \ˈtri-,sek-shən/ *n*

trite \ˈtrit/ *adj* **trit-er**; **trit-est** [L *tritius*, fr. pp. of *terere* to rub, wear away] : used so commonly that the novelty is worn off : **STALE** *syn* hackneyed, stereotyped, commonplace, clichéd

tri-ti-um \ˈtrit-ē-əm, ˈtrish-ē-/ *n* : a radioactive form of hydrogen with atoms of three times the mass of ordinary hydrogen atoms

tri-ton \ˈtrit-n/ *n* : any of various large marine mollusks with a heavy elongated conical shell; *also* : the shell of a triton

trit-u-rate \ˈtrich-ə-,rāt/ *vb* **-rat-ed**; **-rat-ing** : to rub or grind to a fine powder

tri-umph \ˈtri-əm/ *n*, *pl tri-umphs* \-əmfs, -əm(p)s/ **1** : the joy or exultation of victory or success **2** : **VICTORY**, **CONQUEST** — **tri-um-phal** \ˈtri-əm-fəl/ *adj*

triumph *vb* **1** : to celebrate victory or success exultantly **2** : to obtain victory : **PREVAIL** — **tri-um-phant** \ˈtri-əm-fənt/ *adj* — **tri-um-phantly** *adv*

tri-um-vir \ˈtri-əm-vər/ *n*, *pl -virs* *also* **-vi-ri** \-və-,rɪ/ : a member of a triumvirate

tri-um-vi-rate \-və-rət/ *n* : a ruling body of three persons

tri-une \ˈtri-,(y)ün/ *adj*, *often cap* : being three in one (the ∼ God)

triv-et \ˈtriv-ət/ *n* **1** : a 3-legged stand : **TRIPOD** **2** : a metal stand with short feet for use under a hot dish

triv-ia \ˈtriv-ē-ə/ *n* *sing* or *pl* : unimportant matters : **TRIFLES**

triv-i-al \ˈtriv-ē-əl/ *adj* [L *trivialis* found everywhere, commonplace, trivial, fr. *trivium* crossroads, fr. *tres* three + *via* way] : of little importance — **triv-i-al-i-ty** \ˈtriv-ē-əl-ə-ti/ *n*

triv-i-um \ˈtriv-ē-əm/ *n*, *pl triv-ia* \-ē-ə/ : the three liberal arts of grammar, rhetoric, and logic in a medieval university

tri-week-ly \ˈtri-ˈwē-klē/ *adj* **1** : occurring or appearing three times a week **2** : occurring or appearing every three weeks — **tri-weekly** *adv*

tro-che \ˈtrō-kē/ *n* : a medicinal lozenge

tro-chee \ˈtrō-(i)kē/ *n* : a metrical foot of one accented syllable followed by one unaccented syllable — **tro-chaic** \trō-ˈkā-ik/ *adj*

trod *past* and *past part* of **TREAD**

trodden *past part* of **TREAD**

troi-ka \ˈtrōi-kə/ *n* [Russ *troika* a vehicle drawn by three horses, fr. *troe* three] : a group of three; *esp* : an administrative or ruling body of three

troll \ˈtrɒl\ *vb* **1** : to sing the parts of (a song) in succession **2** : to angle for with a hook and line drawn through the water **3** : to sing or play jovially

2 **troll** *n* : a lure used in trolling; *also* : the line with its lure

3 **troll** *n* : a dwarf or giant in Teutonic folklore inhabiting caves or hills

trol-ley or **trol-ly** \ˈträl-ē\ *n*, *pl* **trolleys** or **trolleys** **1** : a device (as a grooved wheel on the end of a pole) to carry current from a wire to an electrically driven vehicle **2** : **TROLLEY CAR** **3** : a wheeled carriage running on an overhead rail or track

trol-ley-bus \ˈträl-ē-, bäs\ *n* : a bus powered electrically from two overhead wires

trolley car *n* : a streetcar powered electrically through a trolley

trol-lop \ˈträl-əp\ *n* **1** : a slovenly woman **2** : a loose woman : **WANTON**

trom-bone \träm-ˈbôn, ˈträm-, bôn\ *n* [It, lit., big trumpet, fr. *tromba* trumpet] : a brass wind instrument that consists of a long metal tube with two turns and a flaring end and that has a movable slide to vary the pitch — **trom-bon-ist** \-ˈbō-nəst, -ˈbō-\ *n*



trombone

tromp \ˈträmp, ˈtrömp\ *vb* **1** : **TRAMP**, **MARCH** **2** : to stamp with the foot **3** : **DEFEAT**

1 **troop** \ˈtrüp\ *n* **1** : a cavalry unit corresponding to an infantry company **2 pl** : armed forces : **SOLDIERS** **3** : a collection of people or things **4** : a unit of Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts under an adult leader *syn* **band**, **troupe**, **party**, **corps**

2 **troop** *vb* : to move or gather in crowds

troop-er \ˈtrü-pər\ *n* **1** : an enlisted cavalryman; *also* : a cavalry horse **2** : a mounted or state policeman

troop-ship \ˈtrüp-, ship\ *n* : a ship for carrying troops

trope \ˈtröp\ *n* : the use of a word or expression in a figurative sense

tro-phy \trō-fē\ *n*, *pl* **trophies** : something gained or given in conquest or victory *esp.* when preserved or mounted as a memorial

trop-ic \ˈträp-ik\ *n* [ME *tropik*, fr. L *tropicus* of the solstice, fr. Gk *tropikos*, fr. *tropē* turn] **1** : either of the two parallels of latitude one approximately 23½ degrees north of the equator (**tropic of Cancer** \-ˈkän-ser\ and one approximately 23½ degrees south of the equator (**tropic of Capricorn** \-ˈkap-rä-, kōrn\ where the sun is directly overhead when apparently at its greatest distance north or south of the equator **2 pl**, *often* **cap** : the region lying between the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn — **trop-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ or **tropic** *adj*

tro-pism \ˈtrō-, piz-əm\ *n* : involuntary orientation of an organism in response to a source of stimulation; *also* : a reflex reaction involving this

tro-po-sphere \ˈtröp-ə-, sfēr, ˈträp-\ *n* : the portion of the atmosphere which extends outward about 10 miles (16 kilometers) from the earth's surface and in which most weather occurs — **tro-po-spher-ic** \ˈtröp-ə-ˈsfī(ə)r-ik, ˈträp-, -ˈsfēr-\ *adj*

1 **trot** \ˈträt\ *n* **1** : a moderately fast gait of a 4-footed animal (as a horse) in which the legs move in diagonal pairs **2** : a jogging gait of a man between a walk and a run

2 **trot** *vb* **trot-ted**; **trot-ting** **1** : to ride, drive, or go at a trot **2** : to proceed briskly : **HURRY** — **trot-ter** *n*

troth \ˈträth, ˈtröth, ˈtröth\ *n* **1** : pledged faithfulness : **FIDELITY** **2** : one's pledged word; *also* : **BETROTHAL**

trou-ba-dour \ˈtrü-bə-, dör\ *n* [F, fr. Old Provençal *troba-*

dor] : one of a class of poet-musicians flourishing *esp.* in southern France and northern Italy during the 11th, 12th, and 13th centuries

1 **trou-ble** \ˈtrəb-əl\ *vb* **trou-bled**; **trou-bling** \ˈtrəb-(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : to agitate mentally or spiritually : **DISTURB**, **WORRY** **2** : to produce physical disorder in : **AFFLICT** **3** : to put to inconvenience **4** : **RUFFLE** (~ the waters) **5** : to make an effort *syn* **distress**, **ail**, **upset**, **worry** — **trou-ble-some** *adj* — **trou-ble-some-ly** *adv* — **trou-blous** \-(ə-)ləs\ *adj*

2 **trouble** *n* **1** : the quality or state of being troubled *esp.* mentally **2** : an instance of distress or annoyance **3** : **DISEASE**, **AILMENT** (heart ~) **4** : **EXERTION**, **PAINS** (took the ~ to phone) **5** : a cause of disturbance or distress **trou-ble-mak-er** \-,mä-kər\ *n* : a person who causes trouble

trou-ble-shoot-er \-,shüt-ər\ *n* **1** : a worker employed to locate trouble and make repairs in equipment **2** : an expert in resolving disputes or problems — **trou-ble-shoot** *vb*

trough \ˈtróf, ˈtröth, by bakers *often* ˈtrō\ *n*, *pl* **troughs** \ˈtrōfs, ˈtrōvz; ˈtröths, ˈtröth(z); ˈtröz\ **1** : a long shallow open boxlike container *esp.* for water or feed for livestock **2** : a gutter along the eaves of a house **3** : a long channel or depression (as between waves or hills)

trounce \ˈtrauns\ *vb* **trounced**; **trounc-ing** **1** : to thrash or punish severely **2** : to defeat decisively

troupe \ˈtrüp\ *n* : **COMPANY**; *esp.* : a group of performers on the stage — **troup-er** *n*

trou-sers \ˈtraü-zərz\ *n* *pl* [alter. of earlier *trouse*, fr. ScGael *triubhas*] : an outer garment extending from the waist to the ankle or sometimes only to the knee, covering each leg separately, and worn *esp.* by males — **trouser** *adj*

trous-seau \ˈtrü-sō, trü-ˈsō\ *n*, *pl* **trous-seaux** \-sōz, -ˈsōz\ or **trous-seaus** [F] : the personal outfit of a bride

trout \ˈtraüt\ *n*, *pl* **trout** *also* **trouts** [ME, fr. OE *trūht*, fr. LL *tructa*, a fish with sharp teeth, fr. Gk *trōktēs*, lit., gnawer] : any of various mostly freshwater food and game fishes *usu.* smaller than the related salmon

trout lily *n* : **DOGTOOTH VIOLET**

trow \ˈtrō\ *vb*, *archaic* : **THINK**, **SUPPOSE**

trow-el \ˈtraü-(ə)l\ *n* **1** : any of various hand implements used for spreading, shaping, or smoothing loose or plastic material (as mortar or plaster) **2** : a small flat or scooplike implement used in gardening — **trowel** *vb* **troy** \ˈtrōi\ *adj* : expressed in troy weight (~ ounce) **troy weight** *n* : a system of weights based on a pound of 12 ounces and an ounce of 480 grains and used in the U.S. *esp.* for precious metals and gems — *see* **WEIGHT table**

tru-ant \ˈtrü-ənt\ *n* [ME, vagabond, idler, fr. OF, *vagrant*] : one who shirks duty; *esp.* : one who stays out of school without permission — **tru-an-cy** \-ən-sē\ *n* — **truant** *adj*

truce \ˈtrüs\ *n* **1** : **ARMISTICE** **2** : a respite *esp.* from a disagreeable state or action

1 **truck** \ˈtræk\ *vb* **1** : **EXCHANGE**, **BARTER** **2** : to have dealings : **TRAFFIC**

2 **truck** *n* **1** : **BARTER** **2** : small goods or merchandise; *esp.* : vegetables grown for market **3** : **DEALINGS**

3 **truck** *n* **1** : a vehicle (as a strong heavy automobile) designed for carrying heavy articles or hauling a trailer **2** : a swiveling frame with springs and one or more pairs of wheels used to carry and guide one end of a locomotive or of a railroad or electric car — **truck-load** \-,lōd\ *n*

4 **truck** *vb* **1** : to transport on a truck **2** : to be employed in driving a truck — **truck-er** *n*

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ä\cot, cart
au\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hlt \i\vice \i\job
ŋ\sing \ō\go \ō\law \ō\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

truck-age \ˈtræk-ij\ *n* : transportation by truck; *also* : the cost of such transportation
truck farm *n* : a farm growing vegetables for market — **truck farmer** *n*
truck garden *n* : a garden where vegetables are raised for market
truck-le \ˈtræk-əl\ *vb* **truck-led**; **truck-ling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to yield slavishly to the will of another : **SUBMIT** *syn* fawn, toady, cringe, cower
truc-u-lent \ˈtræk-yə-lənt\ *adj* **1** : feeling or showing ferocity : **SAVAGE** **2** : aggressively self-assertive : **PUGNACIOUS** — **truc-u-lence** \-ləns\ *n* — **truc-u-len-cy** \-lən-sē\ *n* — **truc-u-lent-ly** *adv*
trudge \ˈtrəj\ *vb* **trudged**; **trud-ing** : to walk or march steadily and usu. laboriously
true \ˈtru\ *adj* **tru-er**; **tru-est** **1** : **STEADFAST**, **LOYAL** **2** : conformable to fact or reality (a ~ description) **3** : **CONSISTENT** (~ to expectations) **4** : properly so called (the ~ stomach) **5** : **RIGHTFUL** (~ and lawful king) **6** : conformable to a standard or pattern; *also* : placed or formed accurately *syn* constant, staunch, resolute, steadfast
true *adv* **1** : **TRUTHFULLY** **2** : **ACCURATELY** (the bullet flew straight and ~); *also* : without variation from type (breed ~)
true *n* **1** : **TRUTH**, **REALITY** — *usu.* used with *the* **2** : the state of being accurate (as in alignment) (out of ~)
true *vb* **trueed**; **true-ing** *also* **tru-ing** : to make level, square, balanced, or concentric
true-blue *adj* : marked by unswerving loyalty
true bug *n* : **BUG** **2**
true-heart-ed \ˈtru-ˈhɑrt-əd\ *adj* : **FAITHFUL**, **LOYAL**
truffle \ˈtrʌf-əl, ˈtrɪf-\ *n* **1** : a European underground fungus; *also* : its dark wrinkled edible fruit **2** : a candy made of chocolate, butter, and sugar shaped into balls and coated with cocoa
tru-ism \ˈtru-ˌiz-əm\ *n* : an undoubted or self-evident truth *syn* commonplace, platitude, bromide, cliché
tru-ly \ˈtru-lē\ *adv* **1** : in all sincerity **2** : in agreement with fact **3** : **ACCURATELY** **4** : in a proper or suitable manner
trump \ˈtrʌmp\ *n* : **TRUMPET**
trump *n* : a card of a designated suit any of whose cards will win over a card that is not of this suit; *also* : the suit itself — often used in pl.
trump *vb* : to take with a trump
trumped-up \ˈtrʌmp(p)ɪ-ˈʊp\ *adj* : fraudulently concocted : **SPURIOUS**
trump-ery \ˈtrʌmp-p(ə-)rē\ *n* **1** : **NONSENSE** **2** : trivial articles : **JUNK**
trump-et \ˈtrʌmp-pət\ *n* **1** : a wind instrument consisting of a long curved metal tube flaring at one end and with a cup-shaped mouthpiece at the other **2** : something that resembles a trumpet or its tonal quality **3** : a funnel-shaped instrument for collecting, directing, or intensifying sound
trumpet *vb* **1** : to blow a trumpet **2** : to proclaim on or as if on a trumpet — **trump-et-er** *n*
trun-cate \ˈtrʌŋ-, kət, ˈtrən-\ *adj* : having the end square or blunt
truncate *vb* **trun-cat-ed**; **trun-cat-ing** : to shorten by or as if by cutting : **LOP** — **trun-ca-tion** \ˈtrʌŋ-ˈkɑ-shən\ *n*
trun-cheon \ˈtrʌn-çən\ *n* : a policeman's club
trun-dle \ˈtrʌn-dəl\ *vb* **trun-dled**; **trun-dling** : to roll along : **WHEEL**
trundle bed *n* : a low bed that can be slid under a higher bed when not in use
trunk \ˈtrʌŋk\ *n* **1** : the main stem of a tree **2** : the body of a person or animal apart from the head and limbs **3** : the main or basal part of something **4** : a box or chest used to hold usu. clothes or personal effects (as of a traveler); *also* : the enclosed luggage space in the rear of an automobile **5** : the long muscular nose of an elephant **6 pl** : men's shorts worn chiefly for sports **7** : a

usu. major channel or passage **8** : a circuit between telephone exchanges
trunk line *n* : a system handling long-distance through traffic
truss \ˈtrʌs\ *vb* **1** : to secure tightly : **BIND** **2** : to arrange for cooking by binding close the wings or legs of (a fowl) **3** : to support, strengthen, or stiffen by a truss
truss *n* **1** : a collection of structural parts (as beams) forming a rigid framework (as in bridge or building construction) **2** : a device worn to reduce a hernia by pressure
trust \ˈtrʌst\ *n* **1** : assured reliance on the character, strength, or truth of someone or something **2** : a basis of reliance, faith, or hope **3** : confident hope **4** : financial credit **5** : a property interest held by one person for the benefit of another **6** : a combination of firms formed by a legal agreement; *esp* : one that reduces competition **7** : something entrusted to one to be cared for in the interest of another **8** : **CARE**, **CUSTODY** *syn* confidence, dependence, faith, reliance
trust *vb* **1** : to place confidence : **DEPEND** **2** : to be confident : **HOPE** **3** : **ENTRUST** **4** : to permit to stay or go or to do something without fear or misgiving **5** : to rely on or on the truth of : **BELIEVE** **6** : to extend credit to
trust-ee \ˈtrʌs-ˈtē\ *n* **1** : a person to whom property is legally committed in trust **2** : a country charged with the supervision of a trust territory
trust-ee-ship \ˈtrʌs-ˈtē-, ship\ *n* **1** : the office or function of a trustee **2** : supervisory control by one or more nations over a trust territory
trust-ful \ˈtrʌst-fəl\ *adj* : full of trust : **CONFIDING** — **trust-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **trust-ful-ness** *n*
trust territory *n* : a non-self-governing territory placed under a supervisory authority by the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations
trust-wor-thy \-, wər-ˈθē\ *adj* : worthy of confidence : **DEPENDABLE** *syn* trusty, tried, reliable — **trust-wor-thi-ness** *n*
trust-y \ˈtrʌs-tē\ *adj* **trust-i-er**; **-est** : **TRUSTWORTHY**, **DEPENDABLE**
trust-y \ˈtrʌs-tē, ˈtrʌs-ˈtē\ *n, pl* **trust-ies** : a trusted person; *esp* : a convict considered trustworthy and allowed special privileges
truth \ˈtruθ\ *n, pl* **truths** \ˈtruθz, ˈtruθs\ **1** : **TRUTHFULNESS**, **HONESTY** **2** : the real state of things : **FACT** **3** : the body of real events or facts : **ACTUALITY** **4** : a true or accepted statement or proposition (the ~s of science) **5** : agreement with fact or reality : **CORRECTNESS** *syn* veracity, verity, truthfulness
truth-ful \ˈtruθ-fəl\ *adj* : telling or disposed to tell the truth — **truth-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **truth-ful-ness** *n*
truth serum *n* : a drug held to induce a subject under questioning to talk freely
try \ˈtri\ *vb* **tried**; **try-ing** **1** : to examine or investigate judicially **2** : to conduct the trial of **3** : to put to test or trial **4** : to subject to strain, affliction, or annoyance **5** : to extract or clarify (as lard) by melting **6** : to make an effort to do something : **ATTEMPT**, **ENDEAVOR** *syn* essay, assay, strive, struggle
try *n, pl* **tries** : an experimental trial
try-ing \ˈtri-ɪŋ\ *adj* : severely straining the powers of endurance
try on *vb* : to put on (a garment) to test the fit and looks
try out \(ˈ)tri-ˈaʊt\ *vb* : to participate in competition *esp.* for a position on an athletic team or a part in a play — **try-out** \ˈtri-ˈaʊt\ *n*
tryst \ˈtrɪst, ˈtrɪst\ *n* : an agreement (as between lovers) to meet; *also* : an appointed place of meeting *syn* rendezvous, engagement, assignation
tsar \ˈzɑr, ˈ(t)sār\ *var* of **CZAR**
tset-se fly \t(s)et-sē-, ˈt(s)ēt-sē-\ *n* : any of several flies that occur in Africa south of the Sahara desert and include the vector of sleeping sickness

tun-able ˈt(y)ü-nə-bəl *adj* : capable of being tuned — **tun-abil-i-ty** ˈt(y)ü-nə-bil-ət-ē *n*

tun-dra ˈtæn-drə *n* : a treeless plain of arctic and subarctic regions

1tune ˈt(y)ün *n* **1** : an easily remembered melody **2** : correct musical pitch **3** : harmonious relationship : AGREEMENT (in ~ with the times) **4** : general attitude (changed his ~) **5** : AMOUNT, EXTENT (in debt to the ~ of millions)

2tune *vb* **tuned**; **tun-ing** **1** : to adjust in musical pitch **2** : to bring or come into harmony : ATTUNE **3** : to adjust a radio or television receiver so as to receive a broadcast **4** : to put in good working order **5** : to adjust the frequency of the output of (a device) to a chosen frequency — **tun-er** *n*

tune-ful ˈfəl *adj* : MELODIOUS, MUSICAL — **tune-ful-ly** ˈfəl-*adv* — **tune-ful-ness** *n*

tune-less ˈləs *adj* **1** : UNMELODIOUS **2** : not producing music — **tune-less-ly** *adv*

tune-up ˈt(y)ün-əp *n* : an adjustment to ensure efficient functioning (an engine ~)

tung-sten ˈtəŋ-stən *n* [Sw, fr. *tung* heavy + *sten* stone] : a white hard heavy ductile metallic element used for electrical purposes and in hardening alloys (as steel) — see ELEMENT table

tu-nic ˈt(y)ü-nik *n* **1** : a usu. knee-length belted under or outer garment worn by ancient Greeks and Romans **2** : a hip-length or longer blouse or jacket

tuning fork *n* : a 2-pronged metal implement that gives a fixed tone when struck and is useful for tuning musical instruments

Tu-ni-sian ˈt(y)ü-nēzh-ən, -ˈnīzh-ən *n* : a native or inhabitant of Tunisia — **Tunisian** *adj*

1tun-nel ˈtən-əl *n* : an enclosed passage (as a tube or conduit); *esp* : one underground (as in a mine)

2tunnel *vb* **-neled** or **-nelled**; **-nel-ing** or **-nel-ling** ˈtən-(-)liŋ *vb* : to make a tunnel through or under

tun-ny ˈtən-ē *n*, *pl* **tunnies** *also* **tunny** : TUNA

-tu-ple ˈtəp-əl, ˈtūp-əl *n comb form* : set of (so many) elements

tuque ˈt(y)ük *n* [CanF] : a warm knitted cone-shaped cap with a tassel or pom-pom worn *esp*. for winter sports or play

tur-ban ˈtər-bən *n* **1** : a headdress worn *esp*. by Muslims and made of a cap around which is wound a long cloth **2** : a headdress resembling a Muslim turban; *esp* : a woman's close-fitting hat without a brim

tur-bid ˈtər-bəd *adj* [L *turbidus* confused, turbid, fr. *turba* confusion, crowd] **1** : thick with roiled sediment (a ~ stream) **2** : heavy with smoke or mist : DENSE **3** : CONFUSED, MUDDLED — **tur-bid-i-ty** ˈtər-bid-ət-ē *n*

tur-bine ˈtər-bən, -ˈbīn *n* [F, fr. L *turbin-*, *turbo* top, whirlwind, whirl] : an engine whose central drive shaft is fitted with curved vanes whirled by the pressure of water, steam, or gas

tur-bo-elec-tric ˈtər-bō-i-ˈlek-trik *adj* : involving or depending as a power source on electricity produced by turbine generators

tur-bo-fan ˈfən *n* **1** : a fan that is directly connected to and driven by a turbine and is used to supply air for cooling, ventilation, or combustion **2** : a jet engine having a turbofan

tur-bo-jet ˈjet *n* : an airplane powered by a jet engine (turbojet engine) having a turbine-driven air compressor supplying compressed air to the combustion chamber

tur-bo-prop ˈprəp *n* : an airplane powered by a jet engine (turbo-propeller engine) having a turbine-driven propeller but usu. obtaining additional thrust from the discharge of a jet of hot gases

tur-bot ˈtər-bət *n*, *pl* **turbot** *also* **turbots** : a European flatfish that is a popular food fish; *also* : any of several similar flatfishes

tur-bu-lence ˈtər-byə-ləns *n* : the quality or state of being turbulent

tur-bu-lent ˈlənt *adj* **1** : causing violence or disturbance **2** : marked by agitation or tumult : TEMPESTUOUS — **tur-bu-lent-ly** *adv*

tu-reen ˈtə-rēn, tyü-ən *n* [F *terrine*, fr. MF, fr. fem. of *terrin* of earth, fr. L *terra* earth] : a deep bowl from which foods (as soup) are served at table

1turf ˈtɜrf *n*, *pl* **turfs** ˈtɜrfs *also* **turves** ˈtɜrvz **1** : the upper layer of soil bound by grass and roots into a close mat; *also* : a piece of this **2** : an artificial substitute for turf (as on a playing field) **3** : a piece of peat dried for fuel **4** : a track or course for horse racing; *also* : horse racing as a sport or business

2turf *vb* : to cover with turf

tur-gid ˈtər-jəd *adj* **1** : marked by distension : SWOLLEN **2** : excessively embellished in style or language : BOMBASTIC — **tur-gid-i-ty** ˈtər-ˈjɪd-ət-ē *n*

1Turk ˈtɜrk *n* : a native or inhabitant of Turkey

2Turk *abbr* Turkey; Turkish

tur-key ˈtər-kē *n*, *pl* **turkeys** [Turkey, country in western Asia and southeastern Europe; fr. confusion with the guinea fowl, supposed to be imported from Turkish territory] : a large American bird related to the domestic chicken and widely raised for food; *also* : its flesh

turkey buzzard *n* : TURKEY VULTURE

turkey vulture *n* : an American vulture common in South and Central America and in the U.S.

Turk-ish ˈtər-kish *n* : the language of Turkey — **Turkish** *adj*

tur-mer-ic ˈtər-mə-rik *n* : a spice or dyestuff obtained from the large aromatic deep-yellow rhizome of an East Indian perennial herb; *also* : this herb

tur-moil ˈtər-moil *n* : an extremely confused or agitated condition

1turn ˈtɜrn *vb* **1** : to move or cause to move around an axis or center : ROTATE, REVOLVE (~ a wheel) **2** : to twist so as to effect a desired end (~ a key) **3** : WRENCH (~ an ankle) **4** : to change or cause to change position by moving through an arc of a circle (~ed his chair to the fire) **5** : to cause to move around a center so as to show another side of (~ a page) **6** : to revolve mentally : PONDER **7** : to become dizzy : REEL **8** : to reverse the sides or surfaces of (~ a pancake) **9** : UPSET, DISORDER (things ~ed topsy-turvy) (~ed his stomach) **10** : to set in another *esp*. contrary direction **11** : to change one's course or direction **12** : TRANSFER (~ the task over to him) **13** : to go around (~ a corner) **14** : to reach or pass beyond (~ed twenty-one) **15** : to direct toward or away from something; *also* : DEVOTE, APPLY **16** : to have recourse **17** : to become or make hostile **18** : to cause to become of a specified nature or appearance (~s the leaves yellow) **19** : to make or become spoiled : SOUR **20** : to pass from one state to another (water ~s to ice) **21** : CONVERT, TRANSFORM **22** : TRANSLATE, PARAPHRASE **23** : to give a rounded form to; *esp* : to shape by means of a lathe **24** : to gain by passing in trade (~ a quick profit) — **turn color** **1** : BLUSH **2** : to become pale — **turn loose** : to set free

2turn *n* **1** : a turning about a center or axis : REVOLUTION, ROTATION **2** : the action or an act of giving or taking a different direction (make a left ~) **3** : a change of course or tendency (a ~ for the better) **4** : a place at which something turns : BEND, CURVE **5** : a short walk or trip round about (take a ~ around the deck) **6** : an act affecting another (did him a good ~) **7** : a place, time, or opportunity accorded in a scheduled order (waited his ~ to be served) **8** : a period of duty : SHIFT **9** : a short act *esp*. in a variety show **10** : a special purpose or requirement (the job serves his ~) **11** : a skillful fashioning (neat ~ of phrase) **12** : a single round (as of rope passed around an object) **13** : natural or special

aptitude **14** : a usu. sudden and brief disorder of body or spirits; *esp* : a spell of nervous shock or faintness
turn-about \ˈtər-nə-ˈbaʊt\ *n* **1** : a reversal of direction, trend, or policy **2** : RETALIATION
turn-buck-le \ˈtər-n-, bək-əl\ *n* : a link with a screw thread at one or both ends for tightening a rod or stay
turn-coat \-, kōt\ *n* : one who forsakes his party or principles : RENEGADE
turn down \, tər-n-ˈdaʊn, ˈtər-n- \ *vb* : to decline to accept : REJECT — **turn-down** \ˈtər-n-, daʊn\ *n*
turn-er \ˈtər-nər\ *n* **1** : one that turns or is used for turning **2** : one that forms articles with a lathe
turn-ery \ˈtər-nə-rē\ *n*, *pl* -er-ies : the work, products, or shop of a turner
turn in *vb* **1** : to deliver up **2** : to inform on **3** : to acquit oneself of (turn in a good job) **4** : to go to bed
turn-ing \ˈtər-nɪŋ\ *n* **1** : the act or course of one that turns **2** : a place of a change of direction
tur-nip \ˈtər-nəp\ *n* **1** : a garden herb related to the cabbage with hairy leaves and an edible usu. white root **2** : RUTABAGA **3** : the root of a turnip
turn-key \ˈtər-n-, kē\ *n*, *pl* turnkeys : one who has charge of a prison's keys
turn-off \ˈtər-n-, ɒf\ *n* : a place for turning off *esp.* from an expressway
turn off \, tər-n-ˈɒf, ˈtər-n- \ *vb* **1** : to deviate from a straight course or a main road **2** : to stop the functioning or flow of **3** : to cause to lose interest; *also* : to evoke a negative feeling in
turn on *vb* **1** : to get high or cause to get high as a result of using a drug (as marijuana) **2** : EXCITE, STIMULATE
turn-out \ˈtər-n-, aʊt\ *n* **1** : an act of turning out **2** : a gathering of people for a special purpose **3** : a widened place in a highway for vehicles to pass or park **4** : manner of dress **5** : net yield : OUTPUT
turn out \, tər-n-, aʊt, ˈtər-n- \ *vb* **1** : EXPEL, EVICT **2** : PRODUCE **3** : to come forth and assemble **4** : to get out of bed **5** : to prove to be in the end
turn-over \ˈtər-n-, ɒ-vər\ *n* **1** : UPSET **2** : SHIFT, REVERSAL **3** : a filled pastry made by turning half of the crust over the other half **4** : the volume of business done **5** : movement (as of goods or people) into, through, and out of a place; *esp* : a cycle of purchase, sale, and replacement of a stock of goods **6** : the number of persons hired within a period to replace those leaving or dropped; *also* : the ratio of this number to that of the average force maintained
turn-over \, tər-n-, ɒ-vər\ *adj* : capable of being turned over
turn-pike \ˈtər-n-, pɪk\ *n* [ME *turnepike* revolving frame bearing spikes and serving as a barrier, fr. *turnen* to turn + *pike*] **1** : TOLLGATE; *also* : an expressway on which tolls are charged **2** : a main road
turn-spit \-, spɪt\ *n* : a device for turning a spit
turn-stile \-, stɪl\ *n* : a post with arms pivoted on the top set in a passageway so that persons can pass through only on foot one by one
turn-ta-ble \, tər-n-, bəl\ *n* : a circular platform that revolves (as for turning a locomotive or a phonograph record)
turn to *vb* : to apply oneself to work
turn up *vb* **1** : to come to light or bring to light : DISCOVER, APPEAR **2** : to arrive at an appointed time or place **3** : to happen unexpectedly
tur-pen-tine \ˈtər-pən-, tɪn\ *n* **1** : a mixture of oil and resin obtained from various cone-bearing trees (as pines) **2** : an oil obtained from various turpentines by distillation and used as a solvent and paint thinner; *also* : a similar oil obtained from distillation of pine wood
tur-pi-tude \ˈtər-pə-, t(y)üd\ *n* : inherent baseness : DEPRAVITY
turps \ˈtɜrps\ *n* : TURPENTINE
tur-quoise *also* **tur-quois** \ˈtər-, k(w)ɔɪz\ *n* [ME *turkeis*, *turcas*, fr. MF *turquoise*, fr. fem. of *turquoys* Turkish,

fr. OF, fr. *Turc* Turk] **1** : a blue, bluish green, or greenish gray mineral that contains a little copper and is valued as a gem **2** : a light greenish blue color
tur-ret \ˈtər-ət\ *n* **1** : a little tower often at an angle of a larger structure and merely ornamental **2** : a revolvable holder in a machine tool **3** : a low usu. revolving structure (as on a tank, warship, or airplane) in which one or more guns are mounted
tur-tle \ˈtɜrt-əl\ *n*, *archaic* : TURTLEDOVE
turtle *n*, *pl* turtles *also* **turtle** : any of an order of horny-beaked land, freshwater, or sea reptiles with the trunk enclosed in a bony shell
tur-tle-dove \ˈtɜrt-əl-, dəv\ *n* : any of several small wild pigeons; *esp* : an Old World bird noted for plaintive cooing
tur-tle-neck \-, nek\ *n* : a high close-fitting turnover collar used *esp.* for sweaters; *also* : a sweater with a turtle-neck
turves *pl* of TURF
Tus-ca-ro-ra \ˈtəs-kə-ˈrɔr-ə\ *n*, *pl* Tuscarora or Tuscaroras : a member of an American Indian people of No. Carolina and later of New York and Ontario
tusk \ˈtæsk\ *n* **1** : a long enlarged protruding tooth (as of an elephant, walrus, or boar) used to dig up food or as a weapon **2** : a long projecting tooth — **tusked** \ˈtæskt\ *adj*
tusk-er \ˈtəs-kər\ *n* : an animal with tusks; *esp* : a male elephant with two normally developed tusks
tus-sle \ˈtəs-əl\ *n* **1** : a physical struggle : SCUFFLE **2** : an intense argument, controversy, or struggle
tussle *vb* **tus-sled**; **tus-sling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to struggle roughly
tus-sock \ˈtəs-ək\ *n* : a dense tuft *esp.* of grass or sedge; *also* : a hummock in marsh bound together by roots — **tus-socky** *adj*
tussock moth *n* : any of numerous dull-colored moths that usu. have wingless females and larvae with long tufts of hair
tu-te-lage \t(y)üt-əl-ij\ *n* **1** : an act of guarding or protecting **2** : the state of being under a guardian or tutor **3** : instruction esp. of an individual
tu-te-lary \t(y)üt-əl-, er-ē\ *adj* : acting as a guardian (～ deity) (a ～ power)
tu-tor \t(y)üt-ər\ *n* **1** : a person charged with the instruction and guidance of another **2** : a private teacher
tutor *vb* **1** : to have the guardianship of **2** : to teach or guide individually : COACH (～ed the boy in Latin) **3** : to receive instruction *esp.* privately
tu-to-ri-al \t(y)ü-ˈtɔr-ē-əl\ *n* : a class conducted by a tutor for one student or a small number of students
tut-ti-frut-ti \tüt-ɪ-ˈfrüt-ē-, tüt- \ *n* [It, lit., all fruits] : a confection or ice cream containing chopped usu. candied fruits
tux-e-do \ˈtək-ˈsəd-ə\ *n*, *pl* -dos or -does [Tuxedo Park, N.Y.] **1** : a usu. black or blackish blue jacket **2** : semi-formal evening clothes for men
TV \ˈtē-ˈvē\ *n* : TELEVISION
TVA *abbr* Tennessee Valley Authority
TV dinner \ˈtē-, vē- \ *n* : a frozen packaged dinner that needs only heating before serving
twad-dle \ˈtwäd-əl\ *n* : silly idle talk : DRIVEL — **twaddle** *vb*
twain \ˈtwän\ *n* **1** : TWO **2** : PAIR
twang \ˈtwɑŋ\ *n* **1** : a harsh quick ringing sound like that of a plucked bowstring **2** : nasal speech or resonance **3** : the characteristic speech of a region
twang *vb* **twanged**; **twang-ing** \ˈtwɑŋ-ɪŋ\ **1** : to sound or cause to sound with a twang **2** : to speak with a nasal twang

ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ä\ace \ä\cot, cart
 ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \g\sing \ö\go \ö\law \ö\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
 \ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

tweak \ˈtwēk\ *vb* : to pinch and pull with a sudden jerk and twitch — **tweak** *n*

tweed \ˈtwēd\ *n* [alter. of *Sc tweel* twill, fr. ME *twyll*] **1** : a rough woolen fabric made usu. in twill weaves **2 pl** : tweed clothing; *esp* : a tweed suit

tweedy \ˈtwēd-ē\ *adj* **tweed-i-er**; -**est** **1** : of or resembling tweed **2** : to subject to wearing tweeds **3** : suggestive of the outdoors in taste or habits

tween \(\t)wēn\ *prep* : BETWEEN

tweet \ˈtwēt\ *n* : a chirping note — **tweet** *vb*

tweet-er \ˈtwēt-ər\ *n* : a small loudspeaker that reproduces sounds of high pitch

tweezers \ˈtwē-zəz\ *n pl* [obs. E *tweeze*, *n*. (case for small implements) short for obs. E *etweese*, fr. pl. of obs. E *etwee*, fr. F *étui*] : a small pincerlike implement held between the thumb and forefinger for grasping something

twelve \ˈtwelv\ *n* **1** : one more than 11 **2** : the 12th in a set or series **3** : something having 12 units — **twelfth** \ˈtwelfθ\ *adj* or *n* — **twelve** *adj* or *pron*

twelve-month \-,mənθ\ *n* : YEAR

twenty \ˈtwent-ē\ *n, pl* **twenties** : two times 10 — **twenty** \ˈtē-əθ\ *adj* or *n* — **twenty** *adj* or *pron*

twenty-twenty or **20/20** \ˌtwent-ē-ˈtwent-ē\ *adj* : having a visual capacity to see detail that is normal for the human eye (∼ vision)

twice \ˈtwɪs\ *adv* **1** : on two occasions **2** : two times (∼ two is four)

twiddle \ˈtwɪd-əl\ *vb* **twiddle**; **twiddle** \ˈtwɪd-(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to be busy with trifles; *also* : to play idly with something **2** : to rotate lightly or idly

twiddle *n* : TURN, TWIST

twig \ˈtwɪɡ\ *n* : a small branch — **twig-gy** *adj*

twilight \ˈtwi-,lɪt\ *n* **1** : the light from the sky between full night and sunrise or between sunset and full night **2** : a state of imperfect clarity; *also* : a period of decline — **twilight** *adj*

twill \ˈtwɪl\ *n* [ME *twyll*, fr. OE *twilic* having a double thread, modif. of L *bilic-*, *bilix*, fr. *bi-* two + *licium* thread] **1** : a fabric with a twill weave **2** : a textile weave that gives an appearance of diagonal lines in the fabric

twilled \ˈtwɪld\ *adj* : made with a twill weave

twin \ˈtwɪn\ *adj* **1** : born with one another or as a pair at one birth (∼ brother) (∼ girls) **2** : made up of two similar or related members or parts **3** : being one of a pair (∼ city)

twinned *vb* **twinned**; **twin-ning** **1** : to bring forth twins **2** : to be coupled with another

twin *n* **1** : either of two offspring produced at a birth **2** : one of two persons or things closely related to or resembling each other

twine \ˈtwɪn\ *n* **1** : a strong thread of two or three strands twisted together **2** : an act of entwining or interlacing — **twine** *adj*

twine *vb* **twined**; **twin-ing** **1** : to twist together; *also* : to form by twisting **2** : INTERLACE, WEAVE **3** : to coil about a support **4** : to stretch or move in a sinuous manner — **twin-er** *n*

twinge \ˈtwɪnj\ *vb* **twinged**; **twing-ing** \ˈtwɪn-ɪŋ\ or **twinge-ing** : to affect with or feel a sharp sudden pain

twinge *n* : a sudden sharp stab (as of pain or distress)

twin-kle \ˈtwɪŋ-kəl\ *vb* **twin-kled**; **twin-king** \-k(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to shine or cause to shine with a flickering or sparkling light **2** : to appear bright with merriment **3** : to flutter or flit rapidly — **twin-kler** \-k(ə-)lər\ *n*

winkle *n* **1** : a wink of the eyelids; *also* : the duration of a wink **2** : an intermittent radiance **3** : a rapid flashing motion

twin-king \ˈtwɪŋ-klɪŋ\ *n* : the time occupied by a single wink : INSTANT *syn* instant, moment, minute, second, flash

twirl \ˈtwɜrl\ *vb* **1** : to whirl round **2** : to pitch in a base-

ball game *syn* turn, revolve, rotate, circle, spin, swirl, pirouette — **twirl-er** \ˈtwɜr-lər\ *n*

twirl *n* **1** : an act of twirling **2** : COIL, WHORL

twist \ˈtwɪst\ *vb* **1** : to unite by winding one thread or strand round another **2** : WREATH, TWINE **3** : to turn so as to hurt (∼ed her ankle) **4** : to swirl into spiral shape **5** : to subject (as a shaft) to torsion **6** : to turn from the true form or meaning **7** : to pull off or break by torsion **8** : to follow a winding course **9** : to turn around

twist *n* **1** : something formed by twisting or winding **2** : an act of twisting : the state of being twisted **3** : a spiral turn or curve; *also* : SPIN **4** : a turning aside **5** : ECCENTRICITY **6** : a distortion of meaning **7** : an unexpected turn or development **8** : DEVICE, TRICK **9** : a variant approach or method

twist-er \ˈtwɪs-tər\ *n* **1** : one that twists; *esp* : a ball with a forward and spinning motion **2** : TORNADO; *also* : WATERSPOUT **2**

twit \ˈtwɪt\ *vb* **twit-ted**; **twit-ting** : to reproach, taunt, or tease *esp*. by reminding of a fault or defect *syn* ridicule, deride, mock, razz

twitch \ˈtwɪtʃ\ *vb* **1** : to move or pull with a sudden motion : JERK **2** : to move jerkily : QUIVER

twitch *n* **1** : an act or movement of twitching **2** : a short sharp contraction of muscle fibers

twit-ter \ˈtwɪt-ər\ *vb* **1** : to make a succession of chirping noises **2** : to talk in a chattering fashion; *also* : TITTER **3** : to have a slight trembling of the nerves : FLUTTER

twitter *n* **1** : a slight agitation of the nerves **2** : a small tremulous intermittent noise (as made by a swallow) **3** : a light chattering; *also* : TITTER

twixt \(\t)wɪkst\ *prep* : BETWEEN

two \ˈtu\ *n, pl* **twos** **1** : one more than one **2** : the second in a set or series **3** : something having two units — **two** *adj* or *pron*

two cents *n* **1** : a sum or object of very small value **2** or **two cents worth** : an opinion offered on a topic under discussion

two-faced \ˈtu-ˈfəst\ *adj* **1** : DOUBLE-DEALING, FALSE **2** : having two faces

two-fold \ˈtu-,fəld, -ˈfəld\ *adj* **1** : having two units or members **2** : being twice as much or as many — **twofold** \-ˈfəld\ *adv*

2,4-D \ˌtu-,fɔr-ˈdē\ *n* : a white crystalline compound used as a weed killer

2,4,5-T \ˌtu-,fɪv-ˈtē\ *n* : an irritant compound used in brush and weed control

two-pence \ˈtəp-əns, US *also* \ˈtu-,pens\ *n* : the sum of two pence

two-pen-ny \ˈtəp-(ə)nē, US *also* \ˈtu-,pen-ē\ *adj* : of the value of or costing twopence

two-ply \ˈtu-,pli\ *adj* **1** : woven as a double cloth **2** : consisting of two strands or thicknesses

two-some \ˈtu-səm\ *n* **1** : a group of two persons or things : COUPLE **2** : a golf match between two players

two-step \ˈtu-,step\ *n* : a ballroom dance performed with a sliding step in march or polka time; *also* : a piece of music for this dance — **two-step** *vb*

two-time \ˈtu-,tɪm\ *vb* : to betray (a spouse or lover) by secret lovemaking with another — **two-tim-er** *n*

two-way *adj* : involving two elements or allowing movement or use in two directions or manners

two-winged fly \ˌtu-,wɪŋd\ *n* : any of a large order of insects mostly with one pair of functional wings and another pair that if present are reduced to balancing organs and often with larvae without a head, eyes, or legs

twp *abbr* township

TWX *abbr* teletypewriter exchange

TX *abbr* Texas

-ty *n suffix* : quality : condition : degree (realty)

ty-coon \ti-ˈkūn\ *n* [Jp *taikun*, fr. Chin *ta* great + *chün*]

ruler] **1** : a masterful leader (as in politics) **2** : a powerful businessman or industrialist

tying *pres part of TIE*

tyke *\ˈtik\ n* : a small child

tym-pan-ic membrane *\tim-ˈpan-ik\ n* : EARDRUM

tym-pa-num *\ˈtim-pə-nəm\ n, pl -na \-nə\ also -nums* : EARDRUM; *also* : MIDDLE EAR — **tym-pan-ic** *\tim-ˈpan-ik\ adj*

type *\ˈtip\ n* [LL *typus*, fr. L & Gk; L *typus* image, fr. Gk *typos* blow, impression, model, fr. *typtein* to strike, beat] **1** : a person, thing, or event that foreshadows another to come : TOKEN, SYMBOL **2** : MODEL, EXAMPLE **3** : a distinctive stamp, mark, or sign : EMBLEM **4** : rectangular blocks usu. of metal each having a face so shaped as to produce a character when printed **5** : the letters or characters printed from or as if from type **6** : general character or form common to a number of individuals and setting them off as a distinguishable class (horses of draft ~) **7** : a class, kind, or group set apart by common characteristics (a seedless ~ of orange); *also* : something distinguishable as a variety (reactions of this ~) **syn** sort, nature, character, description

type vb typed; typing **1** : to represent beforehand as a type **2** : to produce a copy of; *also* : REPRESENT, TYPIFY **3** : TYPEWRITE **4** : to identify as belonging to a type **5** : TYPECAST

type-cast *\-,kast\ vb -cast; -cast-ing* **1** : to cast (an actor) in a part calling for characteristics possessed by the actor himself **2** : to cast repeatedly in the same type of role

type-face *\-,fās\ n* : all type of a single design

type-found-er *\-,faun-dər\ n* : one engaged in the design and production of metal printing type for hand composition — **type-found-ing** *\-diŋ\ n*

type-script *\ˈtip-,skript\ n* : typewritten matter

type-set *\-,set\ vb -set; -set-ting* : to set in type : COMPOSE — **type-set-ter** *\-,set-ər\ n*

type-write *\-,rit\ vb -wrote \-,rɔt\; -writ-ten \-,rit-ən* : to write with a typewriter

type-writ-er *\-,rit-ər\ n* **1** : a machine for writing in characters similar to those produced by printers' types by means of types striking through an inked ribbon **2** : TYPE-IST

type-writ-ing *\-,rit-ig\ n* : the use of a typewriter (teach ~); *also* : the printing done with a typewriter

ty-phoid *\ˈti-,foid, ˈti-ˈfoid\ adj* : of, relating to, or being a communicable bacterial disease (typhoid fever) marked

by fever, diarrhea, prostration, and intestinal inflammation

typhoid *n* : TYPHOID FEVER

ty-phoon *\ˈti-fun\ n* : a tropical cyclone in the region of the Philippines or the China sea

ty-phus *\ˈti-fəs\ n* : a severe infectious disease transmitted esp. by body lice, caused by a rickettsia, and marked by high fever, stupor and delirium, intense headache, and a dark red rash

typ-i-cal *\ˈtip-i-kəl\ adj* **1** : being or having the nature of a type **2** : exhibiting the essential characteristics of a group **3** : conforming to a type — **typ-i-cal-i-ty** *\ˈtip-ə-ˈkal-ət-ē\ n* — **typ-i-cal-ly** *\-ē\ adv* — **typ-i-cal-ness** *n*

typ-i-fy *\ˈtip-ə-,fi\ vb -fied; -fy-ing* **1** : to represent by an image, form, model, or resemblance **2** : to embody the essential or common characteristics of

typ-ist *\ˈti-pəst\ n* : one who operates a typewriter

ty-po *\ˈti-pə\ n, pl typos* : an error in typing or in setting type

ty-pog-ra-pher *\ˈti-päg-rə-fər\ n* : one who designs or arranges printing

ty-pog-ra-phy *\ˈti-päg-rə-fē\ n* : the art of printing with type; *also* : the style, arrangement, or appearance of matter printed from type — **ty-po-graph-ic** *\ˈti-pə-ˈgraf-ik\ or ty-po-graph-i-cal \-i-kəl\ adj* — **ty-po-graph-i-cal-ly** *\-ē\ adv*

ty-ran-ni-cal *\tə-ˈran-i-kəl, ˈti- also ty-ran-nic \-ik\ adj* : of or relating to a tyrant : DESPOTIC **syn** arbitrary, absolute, autocratic — **ty-ran-ni-cal-ly** *\-i-k(ə)-lē\ adv*

tyr-an-nize *\ˈtir-ə-,niz\ vb -nized; -niz-ing* : to act as a tyrant : rule with unjust severity — **tyr-an-niz-er** *n*

ty-ran-no-saur *\tə-ˈran-ə-,sɔr\ n* : TYRANNOSAURUS

ty-ran-no-sau-rus *\tə-,ran-ə-ˈsɔr-əs\ n* : a very large American flesh-eating dinosaur of the Cretaceous that had small forelegs and walked on its hind legs

tyr-an-nous *\ˈtir-ən-əs\ adj* : TYRANNICAL — **tyr-an-nous-ly** *adv*

tyr-an-ny *\ˈtir-ə-nē\ n, pl -nies* **1** : oppressive power **2** : the rule or authority of a tyrant : government in which absolute power is vested in a single ruler **3** : a tyrannical act

ty-rant *\ˈti-rənt\ n* **1** : an absolute ruler : DESPOT **2** : a ruler who governs oppressively or brutally **3** : one who uses authority or power harshly

ty-ro *\ˈti-rə\ n, pl tyros* [ML, fr. L *tiro* young soldier, tyro] : a beginner in learning : NOVICE

tzar *\ˈzär, ˈ(t)sär\ var of CZAR*

U

u *\ˈyü\ n, pl u's or us \ˈyüz\ often cap* : the 21st letter of the English alphabet

u *abbr, often cap unit*

U *\ˈyü\ adj* : characteristic of the upper classes

U *abbr* **1** [abbr. of *Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations*] kosher certification **2** university

U *symbol* uranium

UAE *abbr* United Arab Emirates

UAR *abbr* United Arab Republic

UAW *abbr* United Automobile Workers

ubiq-ui-tous *\yü-ˈbik-wət-əs\ adj* : existing or being everywhere at the same time : OMNIPRESENT — **ubiq-ui-tous-ly** *adv* — **ubiq-ui-ty** *\-wət-ē\ n*

U-boat *\ˈyü-,bōt\ n* [trans. of G *u-boot*, short for *unterseeboot*, lit., undersea boat] : a German submarine

ud-der *\ˈəd-ər\ n* : an organ (as of a cow) consisting of two or more milk glands enclosed in a large hanging sac and each provided with a nipple

UFO *\,yü-,ef-ˈdō\ n, pl UFO's or UFOs \-dōz* : an unidentified flying object; *esp* : FLYING SAUCER

unenjo *\əg-lē\ adj ug-li-er; -est* [ME, fr. ON *uggligr*, fr. *uggræar*] **1** : FRIGHTFUL, DIRE **2** : offensive to the sight : HIDEOUS **3** : offensive or unpleasing to any sense **4** : morally objectionable : REPULSIVE **5** : likely to cause inconvenience or discomfort **6** : SURLY, QUARRELSOME (an ~ disposition) — **ug-li-ness** *\-lē-nəs\ n*

UHF *abbr* ultrahigh frequency

UK *abbr* United Kingdom

ukase *\yü-ˈkās, ˈkāz\ n* [F & Russ; F, fr. Russ *ukaz*, fr. *ukazat* to show, order] : an edict esp. of a Russian emperor or government

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \i\job
 \ŋ\sing \o\go \ō\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\loot
 \ū\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

Ukrai-ni-an \yü-'krä-nē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of the Ukraine, U.S.S.R. — **Ukrainian** *adj*

uku-le-le \yü-kə-'lä-lē\ *n* [Hawaiian 'ukulele, fr. 'uku flea + lele jumping] : a small usu. 4-stringed guitar popularized in Hawaii

ul-cer \əl-sər\ *n* 1 : an eroded sore often discharging pus 2 : something that festers and corrupts like an open sore — **ul-cer-ous** *adj*

ul-cer-ate \əl-sə-,rāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to cause or become affected with an ulcer — **ul-cer-ative** \əl-sə-,rāt-iv\ *adj*

ul-cer-ation \əl-sə-'rā-shən\ *n* 1 : the process of forming or state of having an ulcer 2 : ULCER 1

ul-lage \əl-ij\ *n* [ME *ulage*, fr. MF *eullage* act of filling a cask, fr. *eullier* to fill a cask, fr. OF *ouil* eye, bunghole, fr. L *oculus* eye] : the amount that a container (as a cask) lacks of being full

ul-na \əl-nə\ *n* : the one of the two bones of the human forearm that is on the little-finger side; *also* : a corresponding bone of the forelimb of vertebrates above fishes

ul-ster \əl-stər\ *n* : a long loose overcoat

ult *abbr* 1 ultimate 2 ultimo

ul-te-ri-or \əl-'tir-ē-ər\ *adj* 1 : lying farther away : more remote 2 : situated beyond or on the farther side 3 : going beyond what is openly said or shown : HIDDEN (~ motives)

ul-ti-mate \əl-tə-mət\ *adj* 1 : most remote in space or time : FARTHEST 2 : last in a progression : FINAL 3 : EXTREME, UTMOST 4 : finally reckoned 5 : FUNDAMENTAL, ABSOLUTE, SUPREME (~ reality) 6 : incapable of further analysis or division : ELEMENTAL 7 : MAXIMUM — **ul-ti-mate-ly** *adv*

ultimate *n* : something ultimate

ul-ti-ma-tum \əl-tə-'māt-əm, -'māt-\ *n*, *pl* -tums or -ta-\-ə\ : a final condition or demand whose rejection will bring about a resort to forceful action

ul-ti-mo \əl-tə-,mō\ *adj* [L *ultimo mense* in the last month] : of or occurring the month preceding the present

ul-tra \əl-trə\ *adj* : going beyond others or beyond due limits : EXTREME

ultra *n* : EXTREMIST

ul-tra-cen-tri-fuge \əl-trə-'sen-trə-,fyüj\ *n* : a high-speed centrifuge able to separate small particles (as from colloidal suspension)

ul-tra-con-ser-vative \-kən-'sər-vət-iv\ *adj* : extremely conservative

ul-tra-fash-ion-able \-'fash-(ə)-nə-bəl\ *adj* : extremely fashionable

ul-tra-high \-'hī\ *adj* : very high : exceedingly high (~ vacuum)

ultrahigh frequency *n* : a radio frequency between 300 and 3000 megahertz

ul-tra-ma-rine \əl-trə-mə-'rēn\ *n* 1 : a deep blue pigment 2 : a very bright deep blue color a. ut

ul-tra-mi-cro-scop-ic \-,mi-kə-'skäp-ik\ *adj* : too sm^r — be seen with an ordinary microscope b

ul-tra-mod-ern \-'mäd-ər-n\ *adj* : extremely or excessively modern in idea, style, or tendency

ul-tra-mon-tane \-'män-,tän, -,män-'tän\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to countries or peoples beyond the mountains (as the Alps) 2 : favoring greater or absolute supremacy of papal over national or diocesan authority in the Roman Catholic Church — **ultramontane** *n*, *often cap* — **ul-tra-mon-tan-ism** \-'mänt-ən-,iz-əm\ *n*

ul-tra-pure \-'pyür\ *adj* : of the utmost purity

ul-tra-short \-'shört\ *adj* 1 : very short in duration 2 : having a wavelength below 10 meters

ul-tra-son-ic \əl-trə-'sän-ik\ *adj* : having a frequency too high to be heard by the human ear — **ul-tra-son-i-cal-ly** \-i-k(ə)-lē\ *adv*

ul-tra-son-ics \-'sän-iks\ *n* 1 : ultrasonic vibrations 2 : the science of ultrasonic phenomena

ul-tra-sound \-,saund\ *n* 1 : ultrasonic vibrations 2 : a diagnostic or therapeutic procedure or technique using ultrasound to form a two-dimensional image of internal body structures

ul-tra-vi-o-let \-'vi-ə-lət\ *adj* : having a wavelength shorter than those of visible light and longer than those of X rays (~ radiation); *also* : producing or employing ultraviolet radiation — **ultraviolet** *n*

ul-tra-vi-res \əl-trə-'vī-rēz\ *adv* or *adj* [NL, lit., beyond power] : beyond the scope of legal power or authority

ul-u-late \əl-yə-,lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing : HOWL, WAIL

um-bel \əm-bəl\ *n* : a flat-topped or ball-shaped flower cluster in which the individual flower stalks all arise at one point on the main stem

um-ber \əm-bər\ *n* : a brown earthy substance valued as a pigment either in its raw state or burnt — **umber** *adj*

umbilical cord *n* : a cord arising from the navel that connects the fetus with the placenta

um-bil-li-cus \əm-bə-'li-kəs, əm-'bil-i-\ *n*, *pl* **um-bil-li-ci** \-,əm-bə-'li-,ki, -,si; əm-'bil-ə-,ki\ or **um-bil-li-cus-es** : NAVEL — **um-bil-i-cal** \-,əm-'bil-i-kəl\ *adj*

um-bra \əm-brə\ *n*, *pl* **umbras** or **um-brae** \-(ə)brē, -,brī\ 1 : SHADE, SHADOW 2 : the conical part of the shadow of a celestial body from which the sun's light is completely blocked

um-brage \əm-brij\ *n* 1 : SHADE; *also* : FOLIAGE 2 : RESSENTMENT, OFFENSE (take ~ at a remark)

um-brel-la \əm-'brel-ə\ *n* 1 : a collapsible shade for protection against weather consisting of fabric stretched over hinged ribs radiating from a center pole 2 : something that resembles an umbrella in shape or purpose

umi-ak \ü-mē-,ak\ *n* : an open Eskimo boat made of a wooden frame covered with skins



umiak

um-pire \əm-,pī(ə)r\ *n* [ME *oumpere*, alter. of *noumpere* (the phrase a *noumpere* being understood as an *oumpere*), fr. MF *nomper* not equal, not paired, fr. *non* not + *per* equal, fr. L *par*] 1 : one having authority to decide finally a controversy or question between parties

2 : an official in a sport who rules on plays — **umpire** *vb*

ump-teen \əmp-'tēn\ *adj* : very many : indefinitely numerous — **ump-teenth** \-'tēnth\ *adj*

UN *abbr* United Nations

un- \-,ən, 'ən\ *prefix* 1 : not : IN-, NON- 2 : opposite of

contrary to

unabashed

unabated

unabsorbed

unabsorbent

unacademic

unaccented

unacceptable

unacclimated

unaccommodating

unaccredited

unacknowledged

unacquainted

unadapted

unadjusted

unadorned

unadventurous

unadvertised

unaesthetic

unaffiliated

unafraid

unaggressive

unaided

unlike

unallied

unalterable

unalterably

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unambiguous

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unambitious

unanchored

unanimated

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unanticipated

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unconsolidated
unconstrained
unconsumed
uncontaminated
uncontested
uncontradicted
uncontrolled
unconverted
unconvincing
uncooked
uncooperative
uncoordinated
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uncurtained
uncustomary
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undefeated
undefended
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undomesticated
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unenlightened
unenterprising
unentertaining
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unflattering
unflavored
unfocused
unfolded
unforced
unforeseeable
unforeseen
unforgivable
unforgiving
unformulated
unfortified
unframed
unfree
unfulfilled
unfunded
unfunny
unfurnished
ungentle
ungentlemanly
ungerminated
unglazed
ungoverned
ungraceful
ungraded
ungrammatical
ungrounded
ungrudging
unguided
unhackneyed
unhampered
unhardened
unharmed
unharvested
unhatched
unhealed
unhealthful
unheeded
unhelpful
unheralded
unheroic
unhesitating

\ə'but \kitten \ə'further \ə'sh \ə'sace \ə'cot, cart
\ə'out \ch\chin \e'bet \e'easy \g'go \i'hɪt \i'ice \j'job
\ŋ'sing \d'go \d'law \d'boy \th'thin \th'the \d'lout
\d'foot \y'yet \zh'veision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

unhindered	unmentioned	unpromising	unsexual
unhonored	unmerited	unprompted	unshaded
unhoused	unmilitary	unpronounceable	unshakable
unhurried	unmilled	unpropitious	unshaken
unhurt	unmixed	unprotected	unshapely
unhygienic	unmolested	unproven	unshaven
unidentified	unmounted	unprovided	unshed
unidiomatic	unmovable	unprovoked	unshorn
unimaginable	unmoved	unpublished	unsifted
unimaginative	unmusical	unpunished	unsigned
unimpaired	unnameable	unquenchable	unsinkable
unimpassioned	unnamed	unquestioned	unsmiling
unimpeded	unnecessary	unraised	unsociable
unimportant	unneighborly	unratified	unsoiled
unimposing	unnewsworthy	unreachable	unsold
unimpressive	unnoticeable	unreadable	unsoldierly
unimproved	unnoticed	unready	unsolicited
unincorporated	unobjectionable	unrealistic	unsolvable
uninfluenced	unobliging	unrealized	unsolved
uninformative	unobservant	unrecognizable	unsorted
uninformed	unobserved	unrecompensed	unspecified
uninhabitable	unobserving	unrecorded	unspectacular
uninhabited	unobstructed	unrecoverable	unspent
uninitiated	unobtainable	unredeemable	unspiritual
uninjured	unofficial	unrefined	unspoiled
uninspired	unofficially	unreflecting	unspoken
uninstructed	unopened	unreflective	unsportsmanlike
uninstructive	unopposed	unregistered	unstained
uninsured	unoriginal	unregulated	unstated
unintended	unorthodox	unrehearsed	unsterile
uninteresting	unostentatious	unrelated	unstoppable
uninvested	unowned	unreliable	unstructured
uninvited	unpaged	unrelieved	unstylish
uninviting	unpaid	unreluctant	unsubdued
unjointed	unpainted	unremarkable	unsubstantiated
unjustifiable	unpaired	unremembered	unsubtle
unjustified	unpalatable	unremovable	unsuccessful
unkept	unpardonable	unrepentant	unsuccessfully
unknowable	unpasteurized	unreported	unsuitable
unknowledgeable	unpatriotic	unrepresentative	unsuited
unlabeled	unpaved	unrepressed	unsullied
unladylike	unperceived	unrequited	unsupervised
unlamented	unperceptive	unresistant	unsupportable
unleavened	unperformed	unresisting	unsupported
unlicensed	unperturbed	unresolved	unsuppressed
unlighted	unpitied	unresponsive	unsure
unlikable	unplanned	unrestful	unsurpassed
unlimited	unplanted	unrestricted	unsuspected
unlined	unpleasing	unreturnable	unsuspecting
unlisted	unplowed	unreturned	unsuspicious
unlit	unpoetic	unrewarding	unsweetened
unliterary	unpolished	unrhymed	unsymmetrical
unlivable	unpolitical	unrhythmic	unsympathetic
unlobed	unpolluted	unripened	unsystematic
unlovable	unposed	unromantic	untactful
unloved	unpractical	unromantically	untainted
unloving	unpracticed	unsafe	untalented
unmade	unpredictable	unsaid	untamed
unmalicious	unprejudiced	unsalable	untanned
unmanageable	unpremeditated	unsalted	untapped
unmanned	unprepared	unsanitary	untarnished
unmanufactured	unpreparedness	unsatisfactory	untaxed
unmapped	unprepossessing	unsatisfied	unteachable
unmarked	unpressed	unscented	untenable
unmarketable	unpretending	unscheduled	untenanted
unmarried	unpretty	unscholarly	untested
unmarried	unprivileged	unsealed	unthankful
unmasculine	unprocessed	unseasoned	unthoughtful
unmatched	unproductive	unseaworthy	unthrifty
unmeant	unprofessed	unsegmented	untidy
unmeasured	unprofessional	unsensational	untitled
unmeditated	unprogrammed	unsentimental	untitled
unmelodious	unprogressive	unserviceable	untouched

untraceable
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unwomany
unworkable
unworn
unworried
unwounded
unwoven
unwrinkled

un-able \,ən-ˈā-bəl, ˈən-ˈ adj 1 : not able 2 : UNQUALIFIED, INCOMPETENT

un-abridged \,ən-ə-ˈbrɪdʒd adj 1 : not abridged (an ~ edition of Shakespeare) 2 : complete of its class : not based on one larger (an ~ dictionary)

un-ac-com-pa-nied \,ən-ə-ˈkæmp-(ə)-nēd adj : not accompanied; *esp* : being without instrumental accompaniment

un-ac-count-able \,ən-ə-ˈkaʊnt-ə-bəl adj 1 : not to be accounted for : INEXPLICABLE 2 : not responsible — **un-account-ably** \-blē adv

un-ac-count-ed \-əd adj : not accounted (the loss was ~ for)

un-ac-cus-tomed \,ən-ə-ˈkəs-təmd adj 1 : not customary : not usual or common 2 : not accustomed or habituated (~ to noise)

un-adul-ter-at-ed \,ən-ə-ˈdæl-tə-ˈrāt-əd adj : PURE, UNMIXED

un-ad-vised \,ən-əd-ˈvɪzd adj 1 : done without due consideration : RASH 2 : not prudent — **un-ad-vis-ed-ly** \-vɪz-dlē adv

un-affect-ed \,ən-ə-ˈfek-təd adj 1 : not influenced or changed mentally, physically, or chemically 2 : free from affectation : NATURAL, GENUINE — **un-affect-ed-ly** adv

un-alien-able \-ˈāl-yə-nə-bəl; -ˈā-lē-ə-ˈ adj : INALIENABLE

un-aligned \,ən-ˈl-ˈɪnd adj : not associated with any one of competing international blocs (~ nations)

un-al-loyed \,ən-ˈl-ˈɔɪd adj : UNMIXED, UNQUALIFIED, PURE (~ metals)

un-Amer-i-can \,ən-ə-ˈmer-ə-kən adj : not characteristic of or consistent with American customs, principles, or traditions

unan-i-mous \yü-ˈnən-ə-məs adj [L *unanimus*, fr. *unus* one + *animus* mind] 1 : being of one mind : AGREEING 2 : formed with or indicating the agreement of all — **una-nim-i-ty** \yü-nə-ˈnim-ət-ē n — **unan-i-mous-ly** \yü-ˈnən-ə-məs-lē adv

un-arm \,ən-ˈfɑrm, ˈən-ˈ vb : DISARM

un-armed \-ˈfɑrmd adj : not armed or armored

un-as-sail-able \,ən-ə-ˈsā-lə-bəl adj : not assailable : not liable to doubt, attack, or question

un-as-sum-ing \,ən-ə-ˈsü-mɪŋ adj : MODEST, RETIRING

un-at-tached \,ən-ə-ˈtacht adj 1 : not married or engaged 2 : not joined or united

un-avail-ing \,ən-ə-ˈvā-lɪŋ adj : being of no avail — **un-avail-ing-ly** adv

un-avoid-able \,ən-ə-ˈvɔɪd-ə-bəl adj : not avoidable : INEVITABLE — **un-avoid-ably** \-blē adv

¹**un-aware** \,ən-ə-ˈwær adj : UNAWARES

²**unaware** adj : not aware : IGNORANT — **un-aware-ness** n
un-awares \-ˈwærz adv 1 : without knowing : UNINTEN-

TIONALLY 2 : without warning : by surprise (taken ~)
un-bal-anced \,ən-ˈbal-ənst adj 1 : not equally poised or balanced 2 : mentally disordered 3 : not adjusted so as to make credits equal to debits

un-bar \-ˈbär vb : UNBOLT, OPEN

un-bear-able \,ən-ˈbar-ə-bəl adj : greater than can be borne (~ pain) — **un-bear-ably** \-blē adv

un-beat-able \-ˈbēt-ə-bəl adj : not capable of being defeated

un-beat-en \-ˈbēt-n adj 1 : not pounded, beaten, or whipped 2 : UNDEFEATED

un-be-com-ing \,ən-bi-ˈkəm-ɪŋ adj : not becoming : UNSUITABLE, IMPROPER — **un-be-com-ing-ly** adv

un-be-knownst \,ən-bi-ˈnɒnst also **un-be-known** \-ˈnɒn adj : happening without one's knowledge

un-be-lief \,ən-bə-ˈlēf n : the withholding or absence of belief : DOUBT — **un-be-liev-ing** \-ˈlē-vɪŋ adj

un-be-liev-able \-ˈlē-və-bəl adj : too improbable for belief : INCREDIBLE — **un-be-liev-ably** \-blē adv

un-be-liev-er \-ˈlē-vər n 1 : DOUBTER 2 : INFIDEL

un-bend \-ˈbend vb -bent \-ˈbent; -bend-ing 1 : to free from being bent : make or become straight 2 : UNTIE 3 : to make or become less stiff or more affable : RELAX
un-bend-ing \-ˈben-dɪŋ adj : formal and distant in manner : INFLEXIBLE

un-bi-ased \,ən-ˈbi-əst, ˈən-ˈ adj : free from bias; *esp* : UNPREJUDICED

un-bid-den \-ˈbid-n also **un-bid** \-ˈbid adj : not bidden : UNASKED

un-bind \-ˈbɪnd vb -bound \-ˈbaʊnd; -bind-ing 1 : to remove bindings from : UNTIE 2 : RELEASE

un-blessed also **un-blest** \,ən-ˈblest, ˈən-ˈ adj 1 : not blessed 2 : EVIL

un-block \-ˈblæk vb : to free from being blocked

un-blush-ing \-ˈblʌʃ-ɪŋ adj 1 : not blushing 2 : SHAMELESS — **un-blush-ing-ly** adv

un-bod-ied \-ˈbəd-ēd adj 1 : having no body; also : DISEMBODIED 2 : FORMLESS

un-bolt \,ən-ˈbɒlt, ˈən-ˈ vb : to open or unfasten by withdrawing a bolt

un-bolt-ed \-ˈbɒl-təd adj : not fastened by bolts

un-börn \-ˈbɔrn adj : not yet born

un-bo-som \-ˈbüz-əm, -ˈbüz- vb 1 : DISCLOSE, REVEAL (~ed his secrets) 2 : to disclose the thoughts or feelings of oneself

un-bound-ed \-ˈbaʊn-dəd adj : having no bounds or limits (~ enthusiasm)

un-bowed \,ən-ˈbaʊd, ˈən-ˈ adj 1 : not bowed down 2 : UNSUBDUED

un-bri-dled \-ˈbrɪd-ɪd adj 1 : UNRESTRAINED 2 : not confined by a bridle

un-bro-ken \-ˈbrɒ-kən adj 1 : not damaged 2 : not subdued or tamed 3 : not interrupted : CONTINUOUS

un-buck-le \-ˈbak-əl vb : to loose the buckle of : UNFASTEN (~ a belt)

un-bur-den \-ˈbærd-n vb 1 : to free or relieve from a burden 2 : to relieve oneself of (as cares or worries) : cast off

un-but-ton \-ˈbət-n vb : to unfasten the buttons of (~ your coat)

un-called-for \,ən-ˈkɔld-ˌfɔr adj : not called for, needed, or wanted

un-can-ny \-ˈkan-ən adj 1 : GHOSTLY, MYSTERIOUS, EERIE 2 : suggesting supernatural or supernatural powers — **un-can-ni-ly** \-ˈkan-ˌlē adv

un-ceas-ing \-ˈsē-sɪŋ adj : never ceasing — **un-ceas-ing-ly** adv

un-cer-e-mo-ni-ous \,ən-ˌser-ə-ˈmō-nē-əs adj : acting

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ü\foot ˈy\yet ˈz\zhvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

without or lacking ordinary courtesy : ABRUPT — **uncer-e-mo-ni-ous-ly** *adv*
un-cer-tain \ˌən-ˈsɜrt-ən, ˈən-ˌ/ *adj* 1 : not determined or fixed (an ~ quantity) 2 : subject to chance or change : not dependable 3 : not definitely known 4 : not sure (~ of the truth) — **un-cer-tain-ly** *adv*
un-cer-tain-ty \-n-tē/ *n* 1 : lack of certainty : DOUBT 2 : something that is uncertain
un-chain \ˌən-ˈtʃæn, ˈən-ˌ/ *vb* : to free by or as if by removing a chain
un-charged \ˌən-ˈtʃɑrdʒ/ *adj* : having no electrical charge
un-char-i-ta-ble \ˌən-ˈtʃar-ət-ə-bəl/ *adj* : not charitable; *esp* : severe in judging others — **un-char-i-ta-ble-ness** *n* — **un-char-i-ta-bly** \-blē/ *adv*
un-chart-ed \ˌtʃɑrt-əd/ *adj* 1 : not recorded on a map, chart, or plan 2 : UNKNOWN
un-chaste \ˈtʃəst/ *adj* : not chaste — **un-chaste-ly** *adv* — **un-chaste-ness** \ˈtʃəst(t)-nəs/ *n* — **un-chas-ti-ty** \ˈtʃas-tət-ē/ *n*
un-chris-tian \-ˈkris-ʃən/ *adj* 1 : not of the Christian faith 2 : contrary to the Christian spirit
un-churched \ˈtʃɜrʃt/ *adj* : not belonging to or connected with a church
un-cial \ˌən-ʃəl, -tʃəl; ˈən-sē-əl/ *adj* [L *uncialis* inch-high, fr. *uncia* twelfth part, ounce, inch] : relating to or written in a form of script with rounded letters used esp. in early Greek and Latin manuscripts — **uncial** *n*
un-cir-cu-lat-ed \ˌən-ˈsɜr-kyə-lāt-əd/ *adj* : issued for use as money but kept out of circulation
un-cir-cum-cised \ˌən-ˈsɜr-kəm-ˈsīzd, ˈən-ˌ/ *adj* : not circumcised; *also* : HEATHEN
un-civ-il \ˌən-ˈsiv-əl, ˈən-ˌ/ *adj* 1 : not civilized : BARBAROUS 2 : DISCOURTEOUS, ILL-MANNERED, IMPOLITE
un-civ-il-ized \ˌsiv-ə-līzd/ *adj* 1 : not civilized : BARBAROUS 2 : remote from civilization : WILD
un-clasp \-ˈklasp/ *vb* : to open by or as if by loosing the clasp
un-cle \ˈəŋ-kəl/ *n* [ME, fr. OF, fr. L *avunculus* mother's brother] : the brother of one's father or mother; *also* : the husband of one's aunt
un-clean \ˌən-ˈklēn, ˈən-ˌ/ *adj* 1 : morally or spiritually impure 2 : prohibited by ritual law for use or contact 3 : DIRTY, FILTHY — **un-clean-ness** \-ˈklēn-nəs/ *n*
un-clean-ly \-ˈklēn-lē/ *adv* : morally or physically unclean — **un-clean-li-ness** \-lē-nəs/ *n*
un-clench \-ˈklentʃ/ *vb* : to open from a clenched position : RELAX
Uncle Tom \ˌəŋ-kəl-ˈtām/ *n* [fr. *Uncle Tom*, faithful Negro slave in Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (1851-52)] : a black who is over-eager to win the approval of whites
un-cloak \ˌən-ˈklɒk, ˈən-ˌ/ *vb* 1 : to remove a cloak or cover from 2 : UNMASK, REVEAL
un-clog \-ˈklæg/ *vb* : to remove an obstruction from
un-close \-ˈklɒz/ *vb* : OPEN — **un-closed** \-ˈklɒzd/ *adj*
un-clothe \-ˈklɒθ/ *vb* : to strip of clothes or a covering — **un-clothed** \-ˈklɒθd/ *adj*
un-coil \ˌən-ˈkɔɪl, ˈən-ˌ/ *vb* : to release or become released from a coiled state
un-com-fort-able \ˌən-ˈkəm(p)f-tə-bəl, ˈən-, ˈkəm(p)-fɔrt-ə/ *adj* 1 : causing discomfort 2 : feeling discomfort : UNEASY — **un-com-fort-ably** \-blē/ *adv*
un-com-mit-ted \ˌən-kə-ˈmit-əd/ *adj* : not committed; *esp* : not pledged to a particular belief, allegiance, or program
un-com-mon \ˌən-ˈkäm-ən, ˈən-ˌ/ *adj* 1 : not ordinarily encountered : UNUSUAL, RARE 2 : REMARKABLE, EXCEPTIONAL — **un-com-mon-ly** *adv*
un-com-mu-ni-ca-tive \ˌən-kə-ˈmyü-nə-kāt-iv, -ni-kət-/ *adj* : not inclined to talk or impart information : RE-SERVED
un-com-pro-mis-ing \ˌən-ˈkäm-prə-, mī-zɪŋ/ *adj* : not making or accepting a compromise : UNYIELDING

un-con-cern \ˌən-kən-ˈsɜrn/ *n* 1 : lack of care or interest : INDIFFERENCE 2 : freedom from excessive concern or anxiety
un-con-cerned \-ˈsɜrnd/ *adj* 1 : not having any part or interest 2 : not anxious or upset : free of worry — **un-con-cern-ed-ly** \-ˈsɜr-nəd-lē/ *adv*
un-con-di-tion-al \ˌən-kən-ˈdɪʃ(ə)-nəl/ *adj* : not limited in any way — **un-con-di-tion-al-ly** \-lē/ *adv*
un-con-di-tioned \-ˈdɪʃ-ənd/ *adj* 1 : not subject to conditions 2 : not acquired or learned : INHERENT, NATURAL 3 : producing an unconditioned response (~ stimuli)
un-con-quer-able \ˌən-ˈkæŋ-k(ə)-rə-bəl, ˈən-ˌ/ *adj* : incapable of being conquered or overcome : INDOMITABLE
un-con-scio-na-ble \-ˈkæŋch(ə)-nə-bəl/ *adj* 1 : not guided or controlled by conscience 2 : not in accordance with what is right or just — **un-con-scio-na-bly** \-blē/ *adv*
un-con-scious \ˌən-ˈkän-ʃəs, ˈən-ˌ/ *adj* 1 : deprived of consciousness or awareness 2 : not realized by oneself : not consciously done 3 : of or relating to the unconscious — **un-con-scious-ly** *adv* — **un-con-scious-ness** *n*
un-conscious *n* : the part of one's mental life of which one is not ordinarily aware and which is revealed esp. in spontaneous behavior (as slips of the tongue) or in dreams
un-con-sti-tu-tion-al \ˌən-ˈkän-stə-ˈt(y)üş-(ə)-nəl/ *adj* : not according to or consistent with the constitution of a state or society — **un-con-sti-tu-tion-al-i-ty** \-t(y)üş-ə-ˈnəl-ət-ē/ *n* — **un-con-sti-tu-tion-al-ly** \-t(y)üş-(ə)-nə-lē/ *adv*
un-con-trol-la-ble \ˌən-kən-ˈtrɒl-lə-bəl/ *adj* : incapable of being controlled : UNGOVERNABLE — **un-con-trol-la-bly** \-blē/ *adv*
un-con-ven-tion-al \-ˈvenʃ-(ə)-nəl/ *adj* : not conventional : being out of the ordinary — **un-con-ven-tion-al-i-ty** \-ˈven-ʃə-ˈnəl-ət-ē/ *n* — **un-con-ven-tion-al-ly** \-ˈvenʃ-(ə)-nə-lē/ *adv*
un-cork \ˌən-ˈkɔrk, ˈən-ˌ/ *vb* 1 : to draw a cork from 2 : to release from a sealed or pent-up state; *also* : to let go
un-count-ed \-ˈkaʊnt-əd/ *adj* 1 : not counted 2 : INNUMERABLE
un-cou-ple \-ˈkəp-əl/ *vb* : DISCONNECT
un-couth \-ˈkūth/ *adj* [OE *uncūth* unknown, unfamiliar, fr. *un-* + *cūth* known] 1 : strange, awkward, and clumsy in shape or appearance 2 : vulgar in conduct or speech : RUDE
un-cov-er \-ˈkav-ər/ *vb* 1 : to make known : DISCLOSE, REVEAL 2 : to expose to view by removing some covering 3 : to take the cover from 4 : to remove the hat from; *also* : to take off the hat as a token of respect — **un-covered** \-ərɪd/ *adj*
un-crit-i-cal \ˌən-ˈkrit-i-kəl, ˈən-ˌ/ *adj* 1 : not critical : lacking in discrimination 2 : showing lack or improper use of critical standards or procedures
un-cross \-ˈkrɒs/ *vb* : to change from a crossed position (~ed his legs)
unction \ˈʌŋk-ʃən/ *n* 1 : the act of anointing as a rite of consecration or healing 2 : exaggerated, assumed, or superficial earnestness of language or manner
unc-tu-ous \ˈʌŋk-ʃə-(wə)s/ *adj* [ME, fr. MF or ML; MF *unctuēus*, fr. ML *unctuosus*, fr. L *unctum* ointment, fr. *ungere* to anoint] 1 : FATTY, OILY 2 : full of unction in speech and manner; *esp* : insincerely smooth — **unc-tu-ous-ly** *adv*
un-curl \ˌən-ˈkɜrl, ˈən-ˌ/ *vb* : to make or become straightened out from a curled or coiled position
un-cut \ˌən-ˈkət, ˈən-ˌ/ *adj* 1 : not cut down or into 2 : not shaped by cutting (an ~ diamond) 3 : not having the folds of the leaves slit (an ~ book) 4 : not abridged or curtailed
un-daunt-ed \-ˈdɒnt-əd/ *adj* : not daunted : not discouraged or dismayed — **un-daunt-ed-ly** *adv*
un-de-ceive \ˌən-di-ˈsēv/ *vb* : to free from deception, illusion, or error

un-de-mon-stra-tive \,ən-di-'mān-strə-tiv\ *adj* : restrained in expression of feeling : RESERVED

un-de-ni-able \,ən-di-'nī-ə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : plainly true : IN-CONTESTABLE 2 : unquestionably excellent or genuine — **un-de-ni-ably** \-blē\ *adv*

un-der \,ən-dər\ *adv* 1 : in or into a position below or beneath something 2 : below some quantity, level, or norm (\$10 or ~) 3 : in or into a condition of subjection, subordination, or unconsciousness (the ether put him ~)

un-der \,ən-dər, 'ən-ə\ *prep* 1 : lower than and overhung, surmounted, or sheltered by (~ a tree) 2 : subject to the authority or guidance of (served ~ him) (had the man ~ contract) 3 : subject to the action or effect of (~ an anesthetic) 4 : within the division or grouping of (items ~ this head) 5 : less or lower than (as in size, amount, or rank) (makes ~ \$5000)

under \,ən-dər\ *adj* 1 : lying below, beneath, or on the ventral side 2 : facing or protruding downward 3 : SUBORDINATE 4 : lower than usual, proper, or desired in amount, quality, or degree

un-der-achiev-er \,ən-dər-ə-'chē-vər\ *n* : one who performs below an expected level of proficiency

un-der-act \-'akt\ *vb* : to perform feebly or with restraint

un-der-ac-tive \-'ak-tiv\ *adj* : characterized by abnormally low activity (~ glands) — **un-der-ac-tiv-i-ty** \-,ak-'tiv-ət-ē\ *n*

un-der-age \-'āj\ *adj* : of less than mature or legal age
un-der-arm \-'ārm\ *adj* 1 : UNDERHAND 2 (an ~ throw) 2 : placed under or on the underside of the arms (~ seams) — **underarm** *adv* or *n*

un-der-bel-ly \,ən-dər-,bel-ē\ *n* 1 : the underside of a body or mass 2 : a vulnerable area

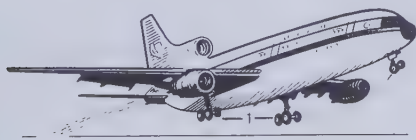
un-der-bid \,ən-dər-'bid\ *vb* -**bid**; **-bid-ding** 1 : to bid less than another 2 : to bid too low

un-der-body \,ən-dər-,bād-ē\ *n* : the lower parts of the body of a vehicle

un-der-bred \,ən-dər-'bred\ *adj* : marked by lack of good breeding

un-der-brush \,ən-dər-,brəsh\ *n* : shrubs and small trees growing beneath large trees

un-der-car-riage \-,kär-ij\ *n* 1 : a supporting framework (as of an automobile) 2 : the landing gear of an airplane



1 undercarriage 2

un-der-charge \,ən-dər-'chärj\ *vb* : to charge (as a person) too little — **undercharge** \,ən-dər-,chärj\ *n*

un-der-class-man \,ən-dər-'klas-mən\ *n* : a member of the freshman or sophomore class

un-der-clothes \,ən-dər-,klō(th)z\ *n pl* : UNDERWEAR

un-der-cloth-ing \-,klō-thīŋ\ *n* : UNDERWEAR

un-der-coat \-,kōt\ *n* 1 : a coat worn under another 2 : a growth of short hair or fur partly concealed by a longer growth (a dog's ~) 3 : a coat of paint under another

un-der-coat-ing \-,kōt-īŋ\ *n* : a special waterproof coating applied to the underside of a vehicle

un-der-cov-er \,ən-dər-'kāv-ər\ *adj* : acting or executed in secret; *esp* : employed or engaged in secret investigation (~ agent)

un-der-croft \,ən-dər-,krōft\ *n* [ME, fr. *under* + *crofte* crypt, fr. Middle Dutch, fr. ML *crypta*, fr. L *crypta*] : a vaulted chamber under a church

un-der-cur-rent \-,kər-ənt\ *n* 1 : a current below the surface 2 : a hidden tendency of feeling or opinion

un-der-cut \,ən-dər-'kət\ *vb* -**cut**; **-cut-ting** 1 : to cut away the underpart of 2 : to offer to sell or to work at a lower rate than 3 : to strike (the ball) obliquely downward so as to give a backward spin or elevation to the shot — **un-der-cut** \,ən-dər-,kət\ *n*

un-der-de-vel-op-ed \,ən-dər-di-'vel-əpt\ *adj* 1 : not normally or adequately developed (~ muscles) 2 : having a relatively low level of economic development (the ~ nations)

un-der-dog \,ən-dər-,dōg\ *n* 1 : the loser or predicted loser in a struggle 2 : a victim of injustice or persecution
un-der-done \,ən-dər-'dēn\ *adj* : not thoroughly done or cooked : RARE

un-der-draw-ers \,ən-dər-,drō(-ə)rz\ *n pl* : UNDERPANTS

un-der-em-pha-size \,ən-dər-'em-fə-sīz\ *vb* : to emphasize inadequately — **un-der-em-pha-sis** \-səs\ *n*

un-der-em-ployed \-im-'plōid\ *adj* : having less than full-time or adequate employment

un-der-es-ti-mate \-'es-tə-,mät\ *vb* : to set too low a value on

un-der-ex-pose \-ik-'spōz\ *vb* : to expose (a photographic plate or film) for less time than is needed — **un-der-ex-pose** \-'spō-zhər\ *n*

un-der-feed \,ən-dər-'fēd\ *vb* -**fed** \-'fed\; **-feed-ing** : to feed inadequately

un-der-foot \-'fūt\ *adv* 1 : under the feet (flowers trampled ~) 2 : close about one's feet : in the way

un-der-fur \,ən-dər-,fər\ *n* : the thick soft undercoat of fur lying beneath the longer and coarser hair of a mammal

un-der-gar-ment \-,gär-mənt\ *n* : a garment to be worn under another

un-der-gird \,ən-dər-'gərd\ *vb* 1 : to make secure underneath 2 : to brace up : STRENGTHEN

un-der-go \,ən-dər-'gō\ *vb* -**went** \-'went\; **-gone** \-'gōn-, 'gān\; **-go-ing** \-'gō-īŋ, -'gō(-)īŋ\ 1 : to be subjected to : ENDURE 2 : to pass through : EXPERIENCE

un-der-grad-u-ate \,ən-dər-'graj(-ə-)wət, -ə-,wāt\ *n* : a student at a university or college who has not taken a first degree

un-der-ground \,ən-dər-'gräund\ *adv* 1 : beneath the surface of the earth 2 : in secret

un-der-ground \,ən-dər-,gräund\ *n* 1 : a space under the surface of the ground; *esp* : SUBWAY 2 : a secret political movement or group; *esp* : an organized body working in secret to overthrow a government or an occupying power 3 : an avant-garde group or movement that operates outside the establishment

underground \,ən-dər-,gräund\ *adj* 1 : being or growing under the surface of the ground (~ stems) 2 : conducted by secret means 3 : produced or published outside the establishment *esp*. by the avant-garde (~ movies); *also* : of or relating to the avant-garde underground
un-der-growth \,ən-dər-,grōth\ *n* : low growth (as of herbs and shrubs) on the floor of a forest

un-der-hand \,ən-dər-,hand\ *adv* 1 : in an underhanded or secret manner 2 : with an underhand motion

underhand *adj* 1 : UNDERHANDED 2 : made with the hand kept below the level of the shoulder

un-der-hand-ed \,ən-dər-'han-dəd\ *adv* : UNDERHAND

underhanded *adj* : marked by secrecy and deception — **un-der-hand-ed-ly** *adv* — **un-der-hand-ed-ness** *n*

un-der-lie \-'li\ *vb* -**lay** \-'lā\; **-lain** \-'lān\; **-ly-ing** \-'li-īŋ\ 1 : to lie or be situated under 2 : to be at the basis of : form the foundation of : SUPPORT

un-der-line \,ən-dər-,līn\ *vb* 1 : to draw a line under 2 : EMPHASIZE, STRESS — **underline** *n*

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\\ʊfʊt \\vɪyət \\z\\h\\vɪʒən \\see also Pronunciation Symbols page

un-der-ling \ˈən-dər-lɪŋ\ *n* : SUBORDINATE, INFERIOR

un-der-lip \ˈən-dər-lɪp\ *n* : the lower lip

un-der-ly-ing \ˈən-dər-lɪ-ɪŋ\ *adj* 1 : lying under or below
2 : FUNDAMENTAL, BASIC (~ principles)

un-der-mine \-ˈmɪn\ *vb* 1 : to excavate beneath 2 : to weaken or wear away secretly or gradually

un-der-most \ˈən-dər-mɒst\ *adj* : lowest in relative position — **undermost** *adv*

un-der-neath \ˈən-dər-nēθ\ *prep* 1 : directly under 2 : under subjection to

underneath *adv* 1 : below a surface or object : BENEATH 2 : on the lower side

un-der-nour-ish \ˈən-dər-ˈnər-ɪʃt\ *adj* : supplied with insufficient nourishment — **un-der-nour-ish-ment** \-ˈnər-ɪʃ-mənt\ *n*

un-der-pants \ˈən-dər-ˈpænts\ *n pl* : short or long pants worn under an outer garment : DRAWERS

un-der-part \-,pɑːrt\ *n* 1 : a part lying on the lower side esp. of a bird or mammal 2 : a subordinate or auxiliary part or role

un-der-pass \-,pas\ *n* : a passage underneath something (a railroad ~)

un-der-pay \ˈən-dər-ˈpā\ *vb* : to pay too little

un-der-pin-ning \ˈən-dər-ˈpɪn-ɪŋ\ *n* : the material and construction (as a foundation) used for support of a structure — **un-der-pin** \ˈən-dər-ˈpɪn\ *vb*

un-der-play \ˈən-dər-ˈplā\ *vb* : to treat or handle with restraint; *esp* : to play a role with subdued force

un-der-pop-u-lat-ed \ˈən-dər-ˈpāp-yə-ˌlæt-əd\ *adj* : having a lower than normal or desirable density of population

un-der-priv-i-leged \-ˈprɪv-(ə-)lɪjd\ *adj* : having fewer esp. economic and social privileges than others

un-der-pro-duc-tion \ˈən-dər-prə-ˈdɒk-shən\ *n* : the production of less than enough to satisfy the demand or of less than the usual supply

un-der-rate \ˈən-də(r)-ˈrāt\ *vb* : to rate or value too low

un-der-rep-re-sent-ed \-,rep-ri-ˈzent-əd\ *adj* : inadequately represented

un-der-score \ˈən-dər-ˈskɔːr\ *vb* 1 : to draw a line under : UNDERLINE 2 : EMPHASIZE — **underscore** *n*

un-der-sea \ˈən-dər-ˈsē\ *adj* : being, carried on, or used beneath the surface of the sea

under-sea \ˈən-dər-ˈsē\ *or* **un-der-seas** \-ˈsēz\ *adv* : beneath the surface of the sea

under secretary *n* : a secretary immediately subordinate to a principal secretary (~ of state)

un-der-sell \-ˈsel\ *vb* -sold \-ˈsɒld\; -sell-ing : to sell articles cheaper than

un-der-sexed \-ˈseks\ *adj* : deficient in sexual desire

un-der-shirt \ˈən-dər-ˈʃərt\ *n* : a collarless undergarment with or without sleeves

un-der-shoot \ˈən-dər-ˈʃuːt\ *vb* -shot \-ˈʃʌt\; -shoot-ing 1 : to shoot short of or below (a target) 2 : to fall short of (a runway) in landing an airplane

un-der-shorts \ˈən-dər-ˈʃɔːrts\ *n pl* : SHORT 2

un-der-shot \ˈən-dər-ˈʃʌt\ *adj* 1 : having the lower front teeth projecting beyond the upper when the mouth is closed 2 : moved by water passing beneath (an ~ waterwheel)

un-der-side \ˈən-dər-ˈsɪd, ˈən-dər-ˈsɪd\ *n* : the side or surface lying underneath

un-der-signed \ˈən-dər-ˈsɪnd\ *n, pl* undersigned : one who signs his name at the end of a document

un-der-sized \ˈən-dər-ˈsɪzd\ *also* **un-der-size** \-ˈsɪz\ *adj* : of a size less than is common, proper, or normal

un-der-skirt \ˈən-dər-ˈʃkɔːrt\ *n* : a skirt worn under an outer skirt; *esp* : PETTICOAT

un-der-slung \ˈən-dər-ˈslɒŋ\ *adj* : suspended so as to extend below the axles (an ~ automobile frame)

un-der-stand \ˈən-dər-ˈstænd\ *vb* -stood \-ˈstʊd\; -stand-ing 1 : to grasp the meaning of : COMPREHEND 2 : to have thorough or technical acquaintance with or expertness

in (~ finance) 3 : GATHER, INFER (I ~ that you spread this rumor) 4 : INTERPRET (we ~ this to be a refusal) 5 : to have a sympathetic attitude 6 : to accept as settled (it is *understood* that he will pay the expenses) — **un-der-stand-able** \-ˈstænd-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **un-der-stand-ably** \-blē\ *adv*

un-der-stand-ing \ˈən-dər-ˈstænd-ɪŋ\ *n* 1 : knowledge and ability to apply judgment : INTELLIGENCE 2 : ability to comprehend and judge (a man of ~) 3 : agreement of opinion or feeling 4 : a mutual agreement informally or tacitly entered into

understanding *adj* : endowed with understanding : TOLERANT, SYMPATHETIC

un-der-state \ˈən-dər-ˈstæt\ *vb* 1 : to represent as less than is the case 2 : to state with restraint esp. for greater effect — **un-der-state-ment** *n*

un-der-stood \ˈən-dər-ˈstʊd\ *adj* 1 : agreed upon 2 : IMPLICIT

un-der-sto-ry \ˈən-dər-ˈstɔːr-ē, -ˈstɔːr-\ *n* : the plants of a forest undergrowth

un-der-study \ˈən-dər-ˈstəd-ē, ˈən-dər-ˈstəd-ē\ *vb* : to study another actor's part in order to be his substitute in an emergency — **understudy** \ˈən-dər-ˈstəd-ē\ *n*

un-der-sur-face \ˈən-dər-ˈsər-fəs\ *n* : UNDERSIDE

un-der-take \ˈən-dər-ˈtæk\ *vb* -took \-ˈtʊk\; -tak-en \-ˈtæ-kən\; -tak-ing 1 : to take upon oneself as a task : set about 2 : to put oneself under obligation 3 : GUARANTEE, PROMISE

un-der-tak-er \ˈən-dər-ˈtā-kər\ *n* : one whose business is to prepare the dead for burial and to take charge of funerals

un-der-tak-ing \ˈən-dər-ˈtā-kiŋ, ˈən-dər-ˈtā-kiŋ\ 2 *is* **un-der-ˈtā-kiŋ only** *n* 1 : the act of one who undertakes or engages in any project 2 : the business of an undertaker 3 : something undertaken 4 : PROMISE, GUARANTEE

under-the-counter *adj* : UNLAWFUL, ILLICIT (~ sale of drugs)

un-der-tone \ˈən-dər-ˈtɒn\ *n* 1 : a low or subdued tone or utterance 2 : a subdued color (as seen through and modifying another color)

un-der-tow \-,tɒn\ *n* : the current beneath the surface that sets seaward when waves are breaking upon the shore

un-der-trick \-,trɪk\ *n* : a trick by which a declarer in bridge falls short of making his contract

un-der-val-ue \ˈən-dər-ˈval-yū\ *vb* 1 : to value or estimate below the real worth 2 : to esteem lightly

un-der-wa-ter \ˈən-dər-ˈwɒt-ər, -ˈwāt-\ *adj* : lying, growing, worn, or operating below the surface of the water

— **un-der-wa-ter** \-ˈwɒt-, -ˈwāt-\ *adv*

under way \-ˈwā\ *adv* 1 : into motion from a standstill 2 : in progress

un-der-wear \ˈən-dər-ˈwa(ə)r\ *n* : clothing or a garment worn next to the skin and under other clothing

un-der-weight \ˈən-dər-ˈwəɪt\ *n* : weight below what is normal, average, or necessary — **underweight** *adj*

un-der-wood \ˈən-dər-ˈwʊd\ *n* : UNDERBRUSH, UNDERGROWTH

un-der-world \-,wɜːld\ *n* 1 : the place of departed souls : HADES 2 : a social sphere below the level of ordinary life; *esp* : the world of organized crime

un-der-write \ˈən-də(r)-ˈrɪt, ˈən-də(r)-ˈrɪt\ *vb* -wrote \-,rɒt, -ˈrɒt\; -writ-ten \-,rɪt-ˈn, -ˈrɪt-ˈn\; -writ-ing \-,rɪŋ, -ˈrɪt-\ 1 : to take upon or at the end of something else 2 : to set one's name to an insurance policy and thereby become answerable for a designated loss or damage 3 : to subscribe to : agree to 4 : to agree to purchase (as bonds) usu. on a fixed date at a fixed price; *also* : to guarantee financial support of — **un-der-writ-er** *n*

un-de-sign-ing \ˈən-di-ˈzi-nɪŋ\ *adj* : having no artful, ulterior, or fraudulent purpose : SINCERE

un-de-sir-able \-'zī-rə-bəl/ *adj* : not desirable — **undesirable** *n*

un-de-vi-at-ing \,ən-'dē-vē-ĭ-āt-īŋ, 'ən-/ *adj* : keeping a true course

un-dies \,ən-'dēz/ *n pl* : UNDERWEAR; *esp* : women's underwear

un-do \,ən-'dū, 'ən-/ *vb* **-did** \-'dɪd/; **-done** \-'dʌn/; **-do-ing** \-'dū-īŋ/ **1** : to make or become unfastened or loosened : OPEN **2** : to make null or as if not done : REVERSE **3** : to bring to ruin; *also* : UPSET

un-do-ing \-'dū-īŋ/ **n 1** : LOOSING, UNFASTENING **2** : RUIN; *also* : a cause of ruin **3** : REVERSAL

un-doubt-ed \-'daʊt-əd/ *adj* : not doubted or called into question : CERTAIN — **un-doubt-ed-ly** *adv*

un-dress \,ən-'dres, 'ən-/ *vb* : to remove the clothes or covering of : STRIP, DISROBE

undress **n 1** : informal dress; *esp* : a loose robe or dressing gown **2** : ordinary dress **3** : NUDITY

un-due \-'d(y)ū/ *adj 1* : not due **2** : exceeding or violating propriety or fitness

un-du-lant \,ən-jə-'lənt, 'ən-d(y)ə-/ *adj* : UNDULATING

undulant fever *n* : a human disease caused by bacteria and marked by intermittent fever, pain and swelling in the joints, and great weakness

un-du-late \-,lāt/ *vb* **-lated**; **-lating** [LL *undula* small wave, fr. L *unda* wave] **1** : to have a wavelike motion or appearance **2** : to rise and fall in pitch or volume

un-du-la-tion \,ən-jə-'lā-shən, 'ən-d(y)ə-/ **n 1** : wavy or wavelike motion **2** : pulsation of sound **3** : a wavy appearance or outline — **un-du-la-to-ry** \,ən-jə-'lə-,tōr-ē-, 'ən-d(y)ə-/ *adj*

un-du-ly \,ən-'d(y)ū-lē-, 'ən-/ *adv* : in an undue manner; *esp* : EXCESSIVELY

un-dy-ing \-'dī-īŋ/ *adj* : not dying : IMMORTAL, PERPETUAL

un-earned \-'ɔrnd/ *adj* : not earned by labor, service, or skill (~ income)

un-earth \,ən-'ɔrth, 'ən-/ *vb 1* : to draw from the earth : dig up (~ buried treasure) **2** : to bring to light : DISCOVER (~ a secret)

un-earth-ly \-'lē/ *adj 1* : not of or belonging to the earth **2** : SUPERNATURAL, WEIRD, TERRIFYING

un-easy \,ən-'ē-zē/ *adj 1* : AWKWARD, EMBARRASSED (~ among strangers) **2** : disturbed by pain or worry; *also* : RESTLESS — **un-eas-i-ly** \-'ē-zə-lē/ *adv* — **un-eas-i-ness** \-'ē-zē-nəs/ *n*

un-em-ployed \,ən-im-'plɔɪd/ *adj* : not employed; *esp* : not engaged in a gainful occupation

un-em-ploy-ment \-'plɔɪ-mənt/ *n* : lack of employment

un-end-ing \,ən-'en-dīŋ, 'ən-/ *adj* : having no ending : ENDLESS

un-equal \,ən-'ē-kwəl, 'ən-/ *adj 1* : not alike (as in size, amount, number, or value) **2** : not uniform : VARIABLE **3** : badly balanced or matched **4** : INADEQUATE, INSUFFICIENT — **un-equal-ly** \-'ē/ *adv*

unequaled or **un-equalled** \-kwəld/ *adj* : not equaled : UNPARALLELED

un-equiv-o-cal \,ən-i-'kwiv-ə-kəl/ *adj* : leaving no doubt : CLEAR — **un-equiv-o-cal-ly** \-'ē/ *adv*

un-err-ing \,ən-'e(ə)r-īŋ, 'ən-'ɔr-/ *adj* : making no errors : CERTAIN, UNFAILING — **un-err-ing-ly** *adv*

UNESCO \yü-'nes-kō/ *abbr* United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization

un-even \,ən-'ē-vən, 'ən-/ *adj 1* : ODD **2** : not even : not level or smooth : RUGGED, RAGGED **3** : IRREGULAR; *also* : varying in quality — **un-even-ly** *adv* — **un-even-ness** \-vən-nəs/ *n*

un-event-ful \,ən-i-'vent-fəl/ *adj* : not eventful : lacking interesting or noteworthy incidents

un-ex-am-pled \,ən-ig-'zəm-pəld/ *adj* : UNPRECEDENTED, UNPARALLELED

un-ex-cep-tion-able \,ən-ik-'sep-sh(ə)-nə-bəl/ *adj* : not open to exception or objection : beyond reproach

un-ex-pect-ed \,ən-ik-'spek-təd/ *adj* : not expected : UNFORESEEN — **un-ex-pect-ed-ly** *adv*

un-fail-ing \,ən-'fā-līŋ, 'ən-/ *adj 1* : not failing, flagging, or waning : CONSTANT **2** : INEXHAUSTIBLE **3** : INFALLIBLE, SURE — **un-fail-ing-ly** *adv*

un-fair \-'fær/ *adj 1* : marked by injustice, partiality, or deception : UNJUST, DISHONEST **2** : not equitable in business dealings — **un-fair-ly** *adv* — **un-fair-ness** *n*

un-faith-ful \,ən-'fāth-fəl, 'ən-/ *adj 1* : not observant of vows, allegiance, or duty : DISLOYAL **2** : INACCURATE, UNTRUSTWORTHY — **un-faith-ful-ly** \-'ē/ *adv* — **un-faith-ful-ness** *n*

un-fa-mil-iar \,ən-fə-'mil-yər/ *adj 1* : not well-known : STRANGE (an ~ place) **2** : not well acquainted (~ with the subject) — **un-fa-mil-iar-i-ty** \-,mil-'yar-ət-ē-, -,mil-'ē-(y)ar-/ *n*

un-fas-ten \,ən-'fas-n, 'ən-/ *vb* : to make or become loose : UNDO, DETACH

un-fa-vor-able \,ən-'fäv-(ə)-rə-bəl, 'ən-/ *adj* : not favorable — **un-fa-vor-ably** \-blē/ *adv*

un-feel-ing \-'fē-līŋ/ *adj 1* : lacking feeling : INSENSATE **2** : HARDHEARTED, CRUEL — **un-feel-ing-ly** *adv*

un-feigned \-'fānd/ *adj* : not feigned : not hypocritical : GENUINE

un-fet-ter \-'fet-ər/ *vb 1* : to free from fetters **2** : LIBERATE

un-fil-ial \,ən-'fil-ē-əl, 'ən-, 'fil-yəl/ *adj* : not observing the obligations of a child to a parent : UNDUTIFUL

un-fin-ish-ed \,ən-'fin-isht/ *adj 1* : not brought to an end **2** : being in a rough or unpolished state

un-fit \-'fit/ *adj* : not fit or suitable; *esp* : physically or mentally unsound — **un-fit-ness** *n*

unfit *vb* : DISABLE, DISQUALIFY

un-fix \-'fiks/ *vb 1* : to loosen from a fastening : DETACH **2** : UNSETTLE

un-flap-pa-ble \-'flap-ə-bəl/ *adj* : not easily upset or panicked — **un-flap-pa-bly** *adv*

un-fledged \,ən-'flejd/ *adj* : not feathered or ready for flight; *also* : IMMATURE, CALLOW

un-flinch-ing \-'flin-čīŋ/ *adj* : not flinching or shrinking : STEADFAST — **un-flinch-ing-ly** *adv*

un-fold \-'föld/ *vb 1* : to open the folds of : open up **2** : to lay open to view : DISCLOSE **3** : BLOSSOM, DEVELOP

un-for-get-ta-ble \,ən-fər-'get-ə-bəl/ *adj* : not to be forgotten — **un-for-get-ta-bly** \-blē/ *adv*

un-formed \-'förmd/ *adj* : not regularly formed : SHAPELESS

un-for-tu-nate \-'förch-(ə)-nət/ *adj 1* : not fortunate : UNLUCKY **2** : attended with misfortune **3** : UNSUITABLE — **unfortunate** *n* — **un-for-tu-nate-ly** *adv*

un-found-ed \,ən-'faʊn-dəd, 'ən-/ *adj* : lacking a sound basis : GROUNDLESS

un-freeze \-'frēz/ *vb* **-froze** \-'fröz/; **-fro-zen** \-'fröz-ən/; **-freez-ing** **1** : to cause to thaw **2** : to remove from a freeze (~ prices)

un-fre-quent-ed \,ən-frē-'kwent-əd; ,ən-'frē-kwənt-, 'ən-/ *adj* : seldom visited or traveled over

un-friend-ly \,ən-'fren-(d)lē, 'ən-/ *adj 1* : not friendly or kind : HOSTILE **2** : UNFAVORABLE — **un-friend-li-ness** \-'fren-(d)lē-nəs/ *n*

un-frock \-'fräk/ *vb* : to deprive (as a priest) of the right to exercise the functions of his office

un-fruit-ful \-'früt-fəl/ *adj 1* : not producing fruit or offspring : UNPRODUCTIVE **2** : yielding no desired or valuable result (~ efforts) — **un-fruit-ful-ness** *n*

un-furl \-'fər/ *vb* : to loose from a furled state : UNFOLD

un-gain-ly \-'gān-lē/ *adj* [un- + *gainly* graceful, fr. *gain* direct, handy, fr. ME *geyn*, fr. OE *gēn*, fr. ON *gegn*] : CLUMSY, AWKWARD — **un-gain-li-ness** \-lē-nəs/ *n*

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un-gen-er-ous \,ən-'jen-(ə)rəs, 'ən-\\ *adj* : not generous or liberal : STINGY

un-gird \-'gərd\\ *vb* : to divest of a restraining band or girdle : UNBIND

un-glued \,ən-'glüd\\ *adj* : UPSET, DISORDERED

un-god-ly \,ən-'gäd-lē, -'göd-; 'ən-\\ *adj* **1** : IMPIOUS, IRRELIGIOUS **2** : SINFUL, WICKED **3** : OUTRAGEOUS — **un-god-li-ness** \-lē-nəs\\ *n*

un-gov-ern-able \-'gəv-ər-nə-bəl\\ *adj* : not capable of being governed, guided, or restrained : UNRULY

un-gra-cious \-'grā-shəs\\ *adj* **1** : not courteous : RUDE **2** : not pleasing : DISAGREEABLE

un-grate-ful \,ən-'grāt-fəl, 'ən-\\ *adj* **1** : not thankful for favors **2** : not pleasing — **un-grate-ful-ly** \-ē\\ *adv* — **un-grate-ful-ness** *n*

un-guard-ed \-'gärd-əd\\ *adj* **1** : UNPROTECTED **2** : DIRECT, INCAUTIOUS

un-guent \-'əŋ-gwənt, 'ən-\\ *n* : a soothing or healing salve : OINTMENT

'un-gu-late \-'əŋ-gyə-lət, 'ən-, -lāt\\ *adj* [LL *ungulatus*, fr. L *ungula* hoof, fr. *unguis* nail, hoof] : having hoofs

2ungulate *n* : a hoofed mammal (as a cow, horse, or rhinoceros)

Unh *symbol* unnilhexium

un-hal-lowed \,ən-'hal-əd, 'ən-\\ *adj* **1** : not consecrated : UNHOLY **2** : IMPIOUS, PROFANE **3** : contrary to accepted standards : IMMORAL

un-hand \,ən-'hand\\ *vb* : to remove the hand from : let go

un-hand-some \-'han-səm\\ *adj* **1** : not beautiful or handsome : HOMELY **2** : UNBECOMING **3** : DISCOURTEOUS, RUDE

un-hand-y \-'han-dē\\ *adj* : INCONVENIENT; *also* : AWKWARD

un-hap-py \-'hap-ē\\ *adj* **1** : UNLUCKY, UNFORTUNATE **2** : SAD, MISERABLE **3** : INAPPROPRIATE — **un-hap-pi-ly** \-'hap-ə-lē\\ *adv* — **un-hap-pi-ness** \-ē-nəs\\ *n*

un-har-ness \-'här-nəs\\ *vb* : to remove the harness from (as a horse)

un-healthy \-'hel-thē\\ *adj* **1** : not conducive to health : UNWHOLESOME **2** : SICKLY, DISEASED

un-heard \-'hərd\\ *adj* **1** : not heard **2** : not granted a hearing

un-heard-of \-,əv, -'äv\\ *adj* : previously unknown : UNPRECEDENTED

un-hinge \,ən-'hinj, 'ən-\\ *vb* **1** : to take from the hinges **2** : to make unstable (as one's mind)

un-hitch \-'hich\\ *vb* : UNFASTEN, LOOSE

un-ho-ly \-'hō-lē\\ *adj* : not holy : PROFANE, WICKED — **un-ho-li-ness** \-lē-nəs\\ *n*

un-hook \-'hūk\\ *vb* : to loose from a hook

un-horse \-'hōrs\\ *vb* : to dislodge from or as if from a horse : UNSEAT

uni-ax-i-al \,yü-nē-'ak-sē-əl\\ *adj* : having only one axis

uni-cam-er-al \,yü-ni-kam-(ə)rəl\\ *adj* : having a single legislative house or chamber

UNI-CEF \yü-nə-'sef\\ *abbr* [United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, its former name] United Nations Children's Fund

uni-cel-lu-lar \,yü-ni-'sel-yə-lər\\ *adj* : of or having a single cell

uni-corn \yü-nə-'körn\\ *n* [ME *unicorne*, fr. OF, fr. LL *unicornis*, fr. L, having one horn, fr. *unus* one + *cornu* horn] : a mythical animal with one horn in the middle of the forehead

uni-cy-cle \yü-ni-'sī-kəl\\ *n* : a vehicle that has a single wheel and is usu. propelled by pedals

uni-di-rec-tion-al \,yü-ni-də-'rek-sh(ə)-nəl, -dī-\\ *adj* : having, moving in, or responsive in a single direction (a ~ current) (a ~ microphone)

uni-fi-ca-tion \,yü-nə-fə-'kā-shən\\ *n* : the act, process, or result of unifying : the state of being unified

'uni-form \yü-nə-'förm\\ *adj* **1** : having always the same form, manner, or degree : not varying **2** : of the same form with others : conforming to one rule — **uni-form-ly** *adv*

2uniform *vb* : to clothe with a uniform

3uniform *n* : distinctive dress worn by members of a particular group (as an army or a police force)

uni-for-mi-ty \,yü-nə-'förm-ət-ē\\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** : the state of being uniform

uni-fy \yü-nə-'fī\\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to make into a unit or a coherent whole : UNITE

uni-lat-er-al \,yü-nə-'lat-(ə)rəl\\ *adj* : of, having, affecting, or done by one side only — **uni-lat-er-al-ly** \-ē\\ *adv*

un-im-peach-able \,ən-im-'pē-chə-bəl\\ *adj* : exempt from liability to accusation : BLAMELESS; *also* : not doubtable (an ~ authority)

un-in-hib-it-ed \,ən-in-'hib-ət-əd\\ *adj* : free from inhibition; *also* : boisterously informal — **un-in-hib-it-ed-ly** *adv*

un-in-tel-li-gent \-'tel-ə-jənt\\ *adj* : lacking intelligence

un-in-tel-li-gi-ble \-jə-bəl\\ *adj* : not intelligible : OBSCURE — **un-in-tel-li-gi-bly** \-blē\\ *adv*

un-in-ten-tion-al \,ən-in-'tēnch-(ə)-nəl\\ *adj* : not intentional — **un-in-ten-tion-al-ly** \-ē\\ *adv*

un-in-ter-est-ed \,ən-'in-(ə)rəs-təd, -tə-,res-; 'ən-\\ *adj* : not interested : not having the mind or feelings engaged or aroused

un-in-ter-rupt-ed \,ən-,int-ə-'rəp-təd\\ *adj* : not interrupted : CONTINUOUS

union \yü-nyən\\ *n* **1** : an act or instance of uniting two or more things into one : the state of being so united : COMBINATION, JUNCTION **2** : a uniting in marriage **3** : something formed by a combining of parts or members; *esp* : a confederation of independent individuals (as nations or persons) for some common purpose **4** : an organization of workers (as a labor union or a trade union) formed to advance its members' interests *esp.* in respect to wages and working conditions **5** : a device emblematic of union used on or as a national flag; *also* : the upper inner corner of a flag **6** : a device for connecting parts (as of a machine); *esp* : a coupling for pipes

union-ism \yü-nyə-'niz-əm\\ *n* **1** : the principle or policy of forming or adhering to a union; *esp*, *cap* : adherence to the policy of a firm federal union prior to or during the U.S. Civil War **2** : the principles or system of trade unions — **union-ist** *n*

union-ize \yü-nyə-'niz\\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to form into or cause to join a labor union — **union-iza-tion** \,yü-nyən-ə-'zā-shən\\ *n*

union jack *n* **1** : a flag consisting of the part of a national flag that signifies union **2** *cap* U&J : the national flag of the United Kingdom

unique \yü-'nek\\ *adj* **1** : being the only one of its kind : SINGLE, SOLE **2** : very unusual : NOTABLE — **unique-ly** *adv* — **unique-ness** *n*

uni-sex \yü-nə-'seks\\ *adj* : not distinguishable as male or female; *also* : suitable or designed for both males or females — **unisex** *n*

uni-sex-u-al \,yü-nə-'sek-sh(ə-w)əl\\ *adj* **1** : having only male or only female sex organs **2** : UNISEX

uni-son \yü-nə-sən, -nə-zən\\ *n* [MF, fr. ML *unisonus* having the same sound, fr. L *unus* one + *sonus* sound] **1** : sameness or identity in musical pitch **2** : the condition of being tuned or sounded at the same pitch or at an octave (sing in ~ rather than in harmony) **3** : harmonious agreement or union : ACCORD

unit \yü-nət\\ *n* **1** : the least whole number : ONE **2** : a definite amount or quantity used as a standard of measurement **3** : a single thing or person or group that is a constituent of a whole; *also* : a part of a military establishment that has a prescribed organization — **unit** *adj*

Uni-tar-i-an \,yü-nə-'ter-ē-ən\\ *n* : a member of a religious denomination stressing individual freedom of belief — **Uni-tar-i-an-ism** *n*

uni-tary \yü-nə-'ter-ē\\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to a unit

: characterized by unity 2 : not divided — **uni-tar-i-ly** \yü-nä-ter-ə-lē/ *adv*

unite \yü-ˈnīt/ *vb* **unit-ed**; **unit-ing** 1 : to put or join together so as to make one : COMBINE, COALESCE 2 : to join by a legal or moral bond (as nations by treaty); *also* : to join in interest or fellowship 3 : AMALGAMATE, CONSOLIDATE 4 : to join in an act

unit-ed \yü-ˈnīt-əd/ *adj* 1 : made one : COMBINED 2 : relating to or produced by joint action 3 : being in agreement : HARMONIOUS

unit-ize \yü-nät-īz/ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** 1 : to form or convert into a unit 2 : to divide into units

uni-ty \yü-nät-ē/ *n*, *pl* **-ties** 1 : the quality or state of being one : ONENESS, SINGLENESSE 2 : a definite quantity or combination of quantities taken as one or for which 1 is made to stand in calculation 3 : CONCORD, ACCORD, HARMONY 4 : continuity without change (~ of purpose) 5 : reference of all the parts of a literary or artistic composition to a single main idea 6 : totality of related parts **syn** solidarity, union, integrity

univ *abbr* 1 universal 2 university

uni-val-ent \yü-ni-ˈvā-lənt/ *adj* : having a valence of one

uni-valve \yü-ni-ˈvāl/ *n* : a mollusk (as a snail or whelk) having a shell with one valve — **univalve** *adj*

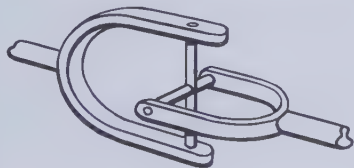
uni-ver-sal \yü-nä-ˈvər-səl/ *adj* 1 : including, covering, or affecting the whole without limit or exception : UNLIMITED, GENERAL (a ~ rule) 2 : present or occurring everywhere 3 : used or for use among all (a ~ language) — **uni-ver-sal-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

Uni-ver-sal-ist \yü-nä-ˈvər-s(ə)-ləst/ *n* : a member of a religious denomination now united with Unitarians that upholds the belief that all men will be saved

uni-ver-sal-i-ty \-vər-ˈsəl-ət-ē/ *n* : the quality or state of being universal

uni-ver-sal-ize \-vər-sə-ˈlīz/ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to make universal : GENERALIZE — **uni-ver-sal-iza-tion** \-vər-sə-lə-ˈzā-shən/ *n*

universal joint *n* : a shaft coupling for transmitting rotation from one shaft to another not in a straight line with it



universal joint

Universal Product Code *n* : a bar code that identifies a product's type and price for entry into a computer or cash register (as at a supermarket checkout)

uni-verse \yü-nä-ˈvərs/ *n* [L *universum*, fr. neut. of *universus* entire, whole, fr. *unus* one + *versus* turned toward, fr. pp. of *vertere* to turn] : all created things and phenomena viewed as constituting one system or whole

uni-ver-si-ty \yü-nä-ˈvər-s(ə)-tē/ *n*, *pl* **-ties** : an institution of higher learning authorized to confer degrees in various special fields (as theology, law, and medicine) as well as in the arts and sciences generally

un-just \ən-ˈjəst, ˈən-/ *adj* : characterized by injustice — **un-just-ly** *adv*

un-kempt \-ˈkempt/ *adj* 1 : ROUGH, UNPOLISHED 2 : not combed : DISHEVELED

un-kind \-ˈkɪnd/ *adj* : wanting in kindness or sympathy : CRUEL, HARSH — **un-kind-ly** \-ˈkɪn(d)-lē/ *adv* — **un-kind-ness** \-ˈkɪn(d)-nəs/ *n*

un-kind-ly \-ˈkɪn(d)-lē/ *adj* : UNKIND — **un-kind-li-ness** *n*

un-know-ing \ən-ˈnō-ɪŋ, ˈən-/ *adj* : not knowing : IGNORANT — **un-know-ing-ly** *adv*

un-known \-ˈnōn/ *adj* : not known : UNFAMILIAR; *also* : not ascertained — **unknown** *n*

un-lace \ən-ˈlās, ˈən-/ *vb* : to loose by undoing a lace

un-lade \-ˈlād/ *vb* **-lad-ed**; **-laded** or **-lad-en** \-ˈlād-ən/, **-lad-ing** : to take the load or cargo from : UNLOAD

un-latch \-ˈlatch/ *vb* 1 : to open or loose by lifting the latch 2 : to become loosed or opened

un-law-ful \ən-ˈlō-fəl, ˈən-/ *adj* 1 : not lawful : ILLEGAL 2 : ILLEGITIMATE — **un-law-ful-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

un-lead-ed \-ˈled-əd/ *adj* : not treated or mixed with lead or lead compounds

un-learn \-ˈlɜrn/ *vb* : to put out of one's knowledge or memory

un-learned \-ˈlɜr-nəd/ *for* 1, 2; **-lɜrnd** *for* 3 *adj* 1 : UNEDUCATED, ILLITERATE 2 : not learned by study : not known 3 : not learned by previous experience

un-leash \-ˈlesh/ *vb* : to free from or as if from a leash

un-less \ən-,les, ˈən-/ *conj* : except on condition that (won't go ~ you do)

un-let-tered \ən-ˈlet-əd, ˈən-/ *adj* : not educated : ILLITERATE

un-like \-ˈlik/ *adj* 1 : not like : DISSIMILAR, DIFFERENT 2 : UNEQUAL — **un-like-ness** *n*

unlike *prep* 1 : different from (he's quite ~ his brother) 2 : unusual for (it's ~ him to be late) 3 : differently from (behaves ~ his brother)

un-like-li-hood \ən-ˈli-klē-,hüd, ˈən-/ *n* : IMPROBABILITY

un-like-ly \-li-klē-/ *adj* 1 : not likely : IMPROBABLE 2 : likely to fail

un-lim-ber \ən-ˈlim-bər, ˈən-/ *vb* : to get ready for action

un-list-ed \ən-ˈlis-əd, ˈən-/ *adj* 1 : not appearing on a list; *esp* : not appearing in a telephone book 2 : being or involving a security not listed formally on an organized exchange

un-load \-ˈlōd/ *vb* 1 : to take away or off : REMOVE (~ cargo from a hold); *also* : to get rid of 2 : to take a load from; *also* : to relieve or set free : UNBURDEN (~ one's mind of worries) 3 : to get rid of or be relieved of a burden 4 : to sell in volume

un-lock \-ˈlɒk/ *vb* 1 : to unfasten through release of a lock 2 : RELEASE (~ed her emotions) 3 : DISCLOSE, REVEAL

un-looked-for \-ˈlukt-fər/ *adj* : UNEXPECTED

un-loose \ən-,ˈlūs/ *vb* : to relax the strain of : set free; *also* : UNTIE

un-loos-en \-ˈlūs-ən/ *vb* : UNLOOSE

un-love-ly \-ˈləv-lē/ *adj* : having no charm or appeal : not amiable

un-lucky \-ˈlək-ē/ *adj* 1 : UNFORTUNATE, ILL-FATED 2 : likely to bring misfortune : INAUSPICIOUS 3 : REGRETTABLE — **un-luck-i-ly** \-ˈlək-ə-lē/ *adv*

un-man \ən-,ˈmæn, ˈən-/ *vb* 1 : to deprive of manly courage 2 : CASTRATE

un-man-ly \-ˈmæn-lē/ *adj* : not manly : COWARDLY; *also* : EFFEMINATE

un-man-ner-ly \-ˈmæn-ər-lē/ *adj* : RUDE, IMPOLITE — **unmannerly** *adv*

un-mask \ən-,ˈmask/ *vb* 1 : to strip off a mask or a disguise : EXPOSE 2 : to remove one's own disguise (as at a masquerade)

un-mean-ing \-ˈmē-nɪŋ/ *adj* : having no meaning : SENSELESS

un-meet \-ˈmēt/ *adj* : not meet or fit : UNSUITABLE, IMPROPER

un-men-tion-able \-ˈmench-(ə)-nə-bəl/ *adj* : not fit or proper to be talked about

un-mer-ci-ful \-ˈmər-si-fəl/ *adj* : not merciful : CRUEL, MERCILESS — **un-mer-ci-ful-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

\ə/abut \ə/kitten \ə/further \ə/ash \ə/ace \ə/cot, cart
 \ə/ˈout \ch/ˈchin \ə/bet \ē/easy \ə/go \i/hit \i/vice \j/job
 \ŋ/sing \ŋ/go \ŋ/law \ŋ/boy \th/thin \th/the \l/loot
 \ʊ/foot \y/yet \zh/vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols *page*

un-mind-ful \-'mind-fəl *adj* : not mindful : CARELESS, UN-AWARE
un-mis-tak-able \,ən-mə-'stā-kə-bəl *adj* : not capable of being mistaken or misunderstood : CLEAR, OBVIOUS — **un-mis-tak-ably** \-blē *adv*
un-mit-i-gat-ed \,ən-'mit-ə-,gāt-əd, '-ən-ə *adj* 1 : not softened or lessened 2 : ABSOLUTE, DOWNRIGHT (an ~ liar)
un-moor \-'mūr *vb* 1 : to loose from or as if from moorings 2 : to cast off moorings
un-mor-al \-'môr-əl *adj* : having no moral perception or quality : being neither moral nor immoral — **un-mo-ral-i-ty** \,ən-mə-'ral-ət-ē *n*
un-muzz-zle \-'mæz-əl *vb* : to remove a muzzle from
un-nat-u-ral \,ən-'nach-(ə)-rəl, 'ən-ə *adj* : contrary to or acting contrary to nature or natural instincts : ARTIFICIAL, IRREGULAR; *also* : ABNORMAL — **un-nat-u-ral-ly** \-ē *adv* — **un-nat-u-ral-ness** *n*
un-nec-es-sar-i-ly \,ən-,nes-ə-'ser-ə-lē *adv* 1 : not by necessity (spent more money ~) 2 : to an unnecessary degree (~ harsh)
un-nerve \,ən-'nərv, 'ən-ə *vb* : to deprive of nerve, courage, or self-control
un-nil-hex-i-um \yün-'l-'hek-sē-əm *n* [NL *unnil-* (fr. L *unus* one + *nil* zero) + Gk *hex* six + NL *-ium*] : the chemical element of atomic number 106 — see ELEMENT table
un-nil-pen-ti-um \-'pent-ē-əm *n* : the chemical element of atomic number 105 — see ELEMENT table
un-nil-qua-di-um \-'kwād-ē-əm *n* : the chemical element of atomic number 104 — see ELEMENT table
un-num-bered \-'nəm-bərd *adj* : not numbered or counted : INNUMERABLE
un-ob-tru-sive \,ən-əb-'trü-siv *adj* : not obtrusive or forward : not bold : INCONSPICUOUS — **un-ob-tru-sive-ly** *adv*
un-oc-cu-pied \,ən-'äk-yə-,pid, 'ən-ə *adj* 1 : not busy : UNEMPLOYED 2 : not occupied : EMPTY, VACANT
un-or-ga-nized \-'ôr-gə-,nīzd *adj* 1 : not formed or brought into an integrated or ordered whole 2 : not organized into unions (~ labor)
unp *abbr* unpagéd
Unp *symbol* unilpentium
un-pack \,ən-'pak, 'ən-ə *vb* 1 : to separate and remove things packed 2 : to open and remove the contents of
un-par-al-leled \,ən-'par-ə-,leld *adj* : having no parallel; *esp* : having no equal or match
un-par-lia-men-ta-ry \,ən-,pär-lə-'ment-ə-rē, -,pär-l-yə-, '-men-trē *adj* : contrary to parliamentary practice
un-peg \,ən-'peg, 'ən-ə *vb* : to remove a peg from : UNFASTEN
un-per-son \,ən-'pərs-ən, -,pərs-ə *n* : a person who usu. for political or ideological reasons is removed from recognition, consideration, or memory
un-pile \,ən-'pil, 'ən-ə *vb* : to take or disentangle from a pile
un-pin \-'pin *vb* : to remove a pin from : UNFASTEN
un-pleas-ant \-'plez-ənt *adj* : not pleasant : DISAGREEABLE — **un-pleas-ant-ly** *adv* — **un-pleas-ant-ness** *n*
un-plug \,ən-'plæg, 'ən-ə *vb* 1 : UNCLOG 2 : to remove (a plug) from a receptacle; *also* : to disconnect from an electric circuit by removing a plug
un-plumbed \-'pləmd *adj* 1 : not tested or measured with a plumb line 2 : not thoroughly explored
un-pop-u-lar \,ən-'pāp-yə-lər, 'ən-ə *adj* : not popular : looked upon or received unfavorably — **un-pop-u-lar-i-ty** \,ən-,pāp-yə-'lar-ət-ē *n*
un-prec-e-dent-ed \,ən-'pres-ə-,dent-əd, 'ən-ə *adj* : having no precedent : NOVEL, NEW
un-pre-ten-tious \,ən-'pri-'ten-chəs *adj* : not pretentious or pompous : MODEST (~ homes)
un-prin-ci-pled \,ən-'prin-sə-pəld, 'ən-ə *adj* : lacking sound or honorable principles : UNSCRUPULOUS
un-print-able \-'print-ə-bəl *adj* : unfit to be printed

un-prof-it-able \,ən-'präf-ət-ə-bəl, 'ən-, '-präf-tə-bəl *adj* : not profitable : USELESS, VAIN
Unq *symbol* unnilquadium
un-qual-i-fied \,ən-'kwäl-ə-,fid, 'ən-ə *adj* 1 : not having requisite qualifications 2 : not modified or restricted by reservations — **un-qual-i-fied-ly** \-,fi(-ə)d-lē *adv*
un-ques-tion-able \-'kwes-chə-nə-bəl *adj* 1 : acknowledged as beyond doubt 2 : INDISPUTABLE — **un-ques-tion-ably** \-blē *adv*
un-ques-tion-ing \-chə-niŋ *adj* : not questioning : accept-ing without examination or hesitation — **un-ques-tion-ing-ly** *adv*
un-qui-et \-'kwī-ət *adj* 1 : not quiet : AGITATED, DISTURBED 2 : physically, emotionally, or mentally restless : UNEASY
un-quote \,ən-'kwōt *n* — used orally to indicate the end of a direct quotation
un-rav-el \,ən-'rav-əl, 'ən-ə *vb* 1 : to separate the threads of 2 : SOLVE (~ a mystery) 3 : to become unraveled
un-read \-'red *adj* 1 : not read 2 : not well informed through reading 3 : UNEDUCATED
un-re-al \-'rē(-ə)l *adj* : lacking in reality, substance, or genuineness — **un-re-al-i-ty** \,ən-rē-'al-ət-ē *n*
un-reason-able \-'rēz-(ə-)nə-bəl *adj* 1 : not governed by or acting according to reason; *also* : not conformable to reason : ABSURD 2 : exceeding the bounds of reason or moderation — **un-reason-able-ness** *n* — **un-reason-ably** *adv*
un-reasoned \-'rēz-'nd *adj* : not based on reason or reasoning
un-reason-ing \-'rēz-(ə-)niŋ *adj* : not using or showing the use of reason as a guide or control
un-re-con-struct-ed \,ən-,rē-kən-'strək-təd *adj* : not reconciled to some political, economic, or social change; *esp* : holding stubbornly to principles, beliefs, or views that are or are held to be outmoded
un-reel \,ən-'rēl, 'ən-ə *vb* 1 : to unwind from or as if from a reel 2 : perform successfully
un-re-gen-er-ate \,ən-rī-'jen-(ə)-rət *adj* : not regenerated or reformed
un-re-lent-ing \-'lent-iŋ *adj* 1 : not yielding in determination : STERN (~ leader) 2 : not letting up or weakening in vigor or pace : CONSTANT — **un-re-lent-ing-ly** *adv*
un-re-mit-ting \-'mit-iŋ *adj* : CONTINUOUS, INCESSANT, PERSEVERING — **un-re-mit-ting-ly** *adv*
un-re-served \-'zərvd *adj* 1 : not limited or partial : ENTIRE, UNQUALIFIED (~ enthusiasm) 2 : not cautious or reticent : FRANK, OPEN 3 : not set aside for special use — **un-re-serv-ed-ly** \-'zər-vəd-lē *adv*
un-rest \,ən-'rest, 'ən-ə *n* : a disturbed or uneasy state : TURMOIL
un-re-strained \,ən-rī-'strānd *adj* 1 : IMMODERATE, UN-CONTROLLED 2 : SPONTANEOUS
un-re-straint \-rī-'strānt *n* : lack of restraint
un-rid-dle \,ən-'rid-əl, 'ən-ə *vb* : to read the riddle of : SOLVE
un-righ-teous \-'ri-chəs *adj* 1 : SINFUL, WICKED 2 : UNJUST — **un-righ-teous-ness** *n*
un-ripe \-'rip *adj* : not ripe : IMMATURE
un-ri-valed or **un-ri-valled** \,ən-'rī-vəld, 'ən-ə *adj* : having no rival : INCOMPARABLE
un-robe \-'rōb *vb* : DISROBE, UNDESS
un-roll \-'rōl *vb* 1 : to unwind a roll of : open out 2 : DISPLAY, DISCLOSE 3 : to become unrolled or spread out
un-roof \-'rūf, 'rūf *vb* : to strip off the roof or covering of
un-ruf-fled \,ən-'raf-əld, 'ən-ə *adj* 1 : not agitated or upset 2 : not ruffled : SMOOTH (~ water)
un-ruly \-'rū-lē *adj* [ME *unruly*, fr. *un-* + *reuly* disciplined, fr. *reule* rule, fr. OF, fr. L *regula* straightedge, rule, fr. *regere* to lead straight] : not submissive to rule or restraint : TURBULENT (~ passions) — **un-rul-i-ness** \-'rū-lē-nəs *n*

UNRWA *abbr* United Nations Relief and Works Agency
un-sad-dle \,ən-'səd-əl, 'ən-\\ *vb* **1** : to remove the saddle from a horse **2** : UNHORSE
un-sat-u-rat-ed \-'sach-ə-'rāt-əd\\ *adj* **1** : capable of absorbing or dissolving more of something **2** : containing double or triple bonds between carbon atoms (~ fats or oils) — **un-sat-u-rate** \-'rət\\ *n*
un-saved \,ən-'səvd, 'ən-\\ *adj* : not saved; *esp* : not rescued from eternal punishment
un-sa-vory \-'säv-(ə-)rē\\ *adj* **1** : TASTELESS **2** : unpleasant to taste or smell **3** : morally offensive
un-say \-'sä\\ *vb* -**said** \-'sed\\, -**say-ing** \-'sä-ɪŋ\\ : to take back (something said) : RETRACT, WITHDRAW
un-scathed \-'skāthd\\ *adj* : wholly unharmed : not injured
un-schooled \-'sküld\\ *adj* : not schooled : UNTAUGHT, UN-TRAINED
un-sci-en-tif-ic \,ən-,sī-ən-'tif-ik\\ *adj* : not scientific : not in accord with the principles and methods of science
un-scam-ble \,ən-'skram-bəl, 'ən-\\ *vb* **1** : RESOLVE, CLARIFY **2** : to restore (as a radio message) to intelligible form
un-screw \-'skrū\\ *vb* **1** : to draw the screws from **2** : to loosen by turning
un-scru-pu-lous \-'skrū-py-ə-ləs\\ *adj* : not scrupulous : UNPRINCIPLED — **un-scru-pu-lous-ly** *adv* — **un-scru-pu-lous-ness** *n*
un-seal \-'sēl\\ *vb* : to break or remove the seal of : OPEN
un-search-able \-'sær-chə-bəl\\ *adj* : not capable of being searched or explored
un-sea-son-able \-'sēz-(ə-)nə-bəl\\ *adj* : not seasonable : happening or coming at the wrong time : UNTIMELY — **un-sea-son-ably** \-blē\\ *adv*
un-seat \-'sēt\\ *vb* **1** : to throw from one's seat *esp.* on horseback **2** : to remove from political office
un-seem-ly \-'sēm-lē\\ *adj* : not according with established standards of good form or taste; *also* : not suitable — **un-seem-li-ness** *n*
un-seen \,ən-'sēn, 'ən-\\ *adj* : not seen : INVISIBLE
un-seg-re-gat-ed \-'sēz-ri-,gāt-əd\\ *adj* : not segregated; *esp* : free from racial segregation
un-self-ish \-'sel-fish\\ *adj* : not selfish : GENEROUS — **un-self-ish-ly** *adv* — **un-self-ish-ness** *n*
un-set-tle \,ən-'set-əl, 'ən-\\ *vb* : to move or loosen from a settled position : DISPLACE, DISTURB
un-set-tled \-'set-ld\\ *adj* **1** : not settled : not fixed (as in position or character) **2** : not calm : DISTURBED **3** : not decided in mind : UNDETERMINED **4** : not paid (~ accounts) **5** : not occupied by settlers
un-shack-le \-'shak-əl\\ *vb* : to free from shackles
un-shaped \-'shāpt\\ *adj* : not shaped : RUDE (~ ideas) (~ timber)
un-sheathe \,ən-'shēthē, 'ən-\\ *vb* : to draw from or as if from a sheath
un-ship \-'ship\\ *vb* **1** : to remove from a ship **2** : to remove or become removed from position (~ an oar)
un-shod \,ən-'shād, 'ən-\\ *adj* : not shod : not wearing shoes
un-sight-ly \,ən-'sit-lē, 'ən-\\ *adj* : unpleasant to the sight : UGLY
un-skilled \-'skild\\ *adj* **1** : not skilled; *esp* : not skilled in a specified branch of work **2** : not requiring skill (~ labor)
un-skill-ful \-'skil-fəl\\ *adj* : lacking in skill or proficiency — **un-skill-ful-ly** \-ē\\ *adv*
un-sling \-'slɪŋ\\ *vb* -**slung** \-'sləŋ\\, -**sling-ing** \-'slɪŋ-ɪŋ\\ **1** : to remove from being slung **2** : to take off the slings of *esp.* aboard ship
un-snap \-'snap\\ *vb* : to loosen or free by or as if by undoing a snap
un-snarl \-'snärəl\\ *vb* : to remove snarls from : UNTANGLE
un-so-phis-ti-cat-ed \,ən-sə-'fɪs-tə-,kāt-əd\\ *adj* **1** : not worldly-wise : lacking sophistication **2** : SIMPLE

un-sought \,ən-'sôt, 'ən-\\ *adj* : not sought : not searched for or asked for : not obtained by effort
un-sound \-'saund\\ *adj* **1** : not healthy or whole; *also* : not mentally normal **2** : not valid **3** : not firmly made or fixed — **un-sound-ly** *adv* — **un-sound-ness** *n*
un-spar-ing \-'spa(ə)r-ɪŋ\\ *adj* **1** : HARD, RUTHLESS **2** : not frugal : LIBERAL, PROFUSE
un-speak-able \-'spē-kə-bəl\\ *adj* **1** : impossible to express in words **2** : extremely bad — **un-speak-ably** \-blē\\ *adv*
un-spot-ted \-'spāt-əd\\ *adj* : free from spot or stain; *esp* : free from moral stain
un-sprung \-'sprɪŋ\\ *adj* : not sprung; *esp* : not equipped with springs
un-sta-ble \-'stā-bəl\\ *adj* **1** : not stable **2** : FICKLE, VACILLATING; *also* : having defective emotional control **3** : readily changing (as by decomposing) in chemical or physical composition or in biological activity (an ~ atomic nucleus)
un-steady \,ən-'sted-ē\\ *adj* : not steady : UNSTABLE — **un-stead-ily** \-'sted-ē-ē\\ *adv* — **un-stead-i-ness** \-'sted-ē-nəs\\ *n*
un-stint-ing \-'stint-ɪŋ\\ *adj* : giving or being given freely or generously (~ praise)
un-stop \-'stāp\\ *vb* **1** : UNCLOG **2** : to remove a stopper from
un-strap \-'strap\\ *vb* : to remove or loose a strap from
un-stressed \,ən-'strest, 'ən-\\ *adj* : not stressed; *esp* : not bearing a stress or accent
un-strung \-'strɪŋ\\ *adj* **1** : having the strings loose or detached **2** : nervously tired or anxious
un-stud-ied \-'stad-əd\\ *adj* **1** : not acquired by study **2** : NATURAL, UNFORCED
un-sub-stan-tial \,ən-səb-'stan-chəl\\ *adj* : INSUBSTANTIAL
un-sung \,ən-'sɒŋ, 'ən-\\ *adj* **1** : not sung **2** : not celebrated in song or verse (~ heroes)
un-swerv-ing \,ən-'swer-vɪŋ, 'ən-\\ *adj* **1** : not swerving or turning aside **2** : STEADY
un-tan-gle \-'taŋ-gəl\\ *vb* **1** : DISENTANGLE **2** : to straighten out : RESOLVE (~ a problem)
un-taught \-'tɔt\\ *adj* **1** : not instructed or taught : IGNORANT **2** : NATURAL, SPONTANEOUS
un-think-able \-'thɪŋ-kə-bəl\\ *adj* : not to be thought of or considered as possible : INCREDIBLE
un-think-ing \,ən-'thɪŋ-ɪŋ, 'ən-\\ *adj* : not thinking; *esp* : THOUGHTLESS, HEEDLESS — **un-think-ing-ly** *adv*
un-thought \,ən-'thɔt\\ *adj* : not anticipated : UNEXPECTED (*unthought-of* development)
un-tie \-'tī\\ *vb* -**tied**, -**ty-ing** or -**tie-ing** **1** : to free from something that ties, fastens, or restrains : UNBIND **2** : DISENTANGLE, RESOLVE **3** : to become loosened or unbound
un-til \,(ə)ən-,tɪl\\ *prep* : up to the time of (worked ~ 5 o'clock)
until *conj* **1** : up to the time that (wait ~ he calls) **2** : to the point or degree that (ran ~ he was breathless)
un-time-ly \,ən-'tɪm-lē, 'ən-\\ *adv* : at an inopportune time : UNSEASONABLY; *also* : PREMATURELY
untimely *adj* : PREMATURE (~ death); *also* : INOPPORTUNE, UNSEASONABLE
un-tir-ing \,ən-'tɪ-rɪŋ\\ *adj* : not becoming tired : INDEFATIGABLE — **un-tir-ing-ly** *adv*
un-to \,ən-tə, 'ən-(ə)tū\\ *prep* : TO
un-told \,ən-'tɔld, 'ən-\\ *adj* **1** : not counted : VAST, NUMBERLESS **2** : not told : not revealed
un-touch-able \,ən-'təch-ə-bəl, 'ən-\\ *adj* : forbidden to the touch
untouchable *n* : a member of the lowest social class in

\ə\\abut \ə\\kitten \ə\\further \ə\\ash \ə\\ace \ə\\cot, cart
 \ə\\out \ch\\chin \e\\bet \ē\\easy \g\\go \i\\hit \i\\ice \j\\job
 \ŋ\\sing \ð\\go \ð\\law \o\\boy \th\\thin \th\\the \u\\loot
 \u\\foot \y\\yet \zh\\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

India having in traditional Hindu belief the quality of defiling by contact a member of a higher caste
un-tow-ard \ˈən-tō(-ə)r-d/ *adj* 1 : difficult to manage : STUBBORN, WILLFUL (an ~ child) 2 : INCONVENIENT, TROUBLESOME (an ~ encounter)
un-tried \ˈən-trīd, ˈən- / *adj* : not tested or proved by experience or trial; *also* : not tried in court
un-true \-ˈtrü / *adj* 1 : not faithful : DISLOYAL 2 : not according with a standard of correctness 3 : FALSE
un-truth \ˈən-ˈtrüth, ˈən- / *n* 1 : lack of truthfulness 2 : FALSEHOOD
un-tune \-t(y)ün/ *vb* 1 : to put out of tune 2 : DISARRANGE, DISCOMPOSE
un-tu-tored \-t(y)üt-ər-d/ *adj* : UNTAUGHT, UNLEARNED, IGNORANT
un-twine \-ˈtwīn/ *vb* : UNWIND, DISENTANGLE
un-twist \ˈən-ˈtwīst, ˈən- / *vb* 1 : to separate the twisted parts of : UNTWINE 2 : to become untwined
un-used \-ˈyüst, -ˈyüzd / *for* 1; -ˈyüzd / *for* 2 *adj* 1 : UNAC-CUSTOMED 2 : not used
un-usu-al \-ˈyü-zhə(-wə)/ *adj* : not usual : UNCOMMON, RARE — **un-usu-al-ly** \-ē/ *adv*
un-ut-ter-able \ˈən-ˈət-ə-rə-bəl, ˈən- / *adj* : being beyond the powers of description : INEXPRESSIBLE — **un-ut-ter-ably** \-blē/ *adv*
un-var-nished \-ˈvār-nīst/ *adj* 1 : not varnished 2 : not embellished : PLAIN (the ~ truth)
un-veil \ˈən-ˈvāl, ˈən- / *vb* 1 : to remove a veil or covering from : DISCLOSE 2 : to remove a veil : reveal oneself
un-voiced \-ˈvoist/ *adj* 1 : not verbally expressed : UN-SPOKEN 2 : VOICELESS 2
un-war-rant-able \-ˈwər-ənt-ə-bəl/ *adj* : not justifiable : INEXCUSABLE — **un-war-rant-ably** \-blē/ *adv*
un-weave \-ˈwēv/ *vb* -wove \-ˈwōv/; -wo-ven \-ˈwō-vən/; -weav-ing : DISENTANGLE, RAVEL
un-well \ˈən-ˈwəl/ *adj* 1 : SICK, AILING 2 : MENSTRUATING
un-whole-some \ˈhōl-səm/ *adj* 1 : harmful to physical, mental, or moral well-being 2 : CORRUPT, UNSOUND; *also* : offensive to the senses : LOATHSOME
un-wieldy \-ˈwēl-dē/ *adj* : not easily managed or handled because of size or weight : AWKWARD (an ~ tool)
un-will-ing \-ˈwīl-ɪŋ/ *adj* : not willing — **un-will-ing-ly** *adv* — **un-will-ing-ness** *n*
un-wind \-ˈwīnd/ *vb* -wound \-ˈwaʊnd/; -wind-ing 1 : to undo something that is wound : loose from coils 2 : to become unwound : be capable of being unwound 3 : RELAX
un-wise \ˈən-ˈwīz, ˈən- / *adj* : not wise : FOOLISH — **un-wise-ly** *adv*
un-wit-ting \-ˈwīt-ɪŋ/ *adj* 1 : not intended : INADVERTENT (~ mistake) 2 : not knowing : UNAWARE — **un-wit-ting-ly** *adv*
un-wont-ed \-ˈwɒnt-əd, -ˈwɒnt-, -ˈwənt-/ *adj* 1 : RARE, UNUSUAL 2 : not accustomed by experience — **un-wont-ed-ly** *adv*
un-world-ly \-ˈwɜrl-(d)lē/ *adj* 1 : not of this world; *esp* : SPIRITUAL 2 : NAIVE 3 : not swayed by worldly considerations — **un-world-li-ness** \-ˈwɜrl-(d)lē-nəs/ *n*
un-wor-thy \ˈən-ˈwɜr-thē, ˈən- / *adj* 1 : BASE, DISHONOR-ABLE 2 : not meritorious : not worthy : UNDESERVING 3 : not deserved : UNMERITED (~ treatment) **un-wor-thi-ly** \-thē-lē/ *adv* — **un-wor-thi-ness** \-thē-nəs/ *n*
un-wrap \-ˈrəp/ *vb* : to free from wrappings : DISCLOSE
un-writ-ten \-ˈrīt-ən/ *adj* 1 : not in writing : ORAL, TRADI-TIONAL (an ~ law) 2 : containing no writing : BLANK
un-yield-ing \ˈən-ˈyēl-dɪŋ, ˈən- / *adj* 1 : characterized by lack of softness or flexibility 2 : characterized by firm-ness or obduracy
un-yoke \-ˈyök/ *vb* : to free from a yoke; *also* : SEPARATE, DISCONNECT
un-zip \-ˈzɪp/ *vb* : to zip open : open by means of a zipper
up \ˈʌp/ *adv* 1 : in or to a higher position or level; *esp* : away from the center of the earth 2 : from beneath a

surface (as ground or water) 3 : from below the horizon 4 : in or into an upright position; *esp* : out of bed 5 : with greater intensity (speak ~) 6 : in or into a better or more advanced state or a state of greater intensity or activity (stir ~ a fire) 7 : into existence, evidence, or knowledge (the missing book turned ~) 8 : into consid-eration (brought the matter ~) 9 : to or at bat 10 : into possession or custody (gave himself ~) 11 : ENTIRELY, COMPLETELY (eat it ~) 12 — used for emphasis (clean ~ a room) 13 : ASIDE, BY (lay ~ supplies) 14 : so as to arrive or approach (ran ~ the path) 15 : in a direction opposite to down 16 : in or into parts (tear ~ paper) 17 : to a stop (pull ~ at the curb) 18 : for each side (the score was 15 ~)

up *adj* 1 : risen above the horizon (the sun is ~) 2 : being out of bed (~ by 6 o'clock) 3 : relatively high (prices are ~) 4 : RAISED, LIFTED (windows are ~) 5 : BUILT, CONSTRUCTED (the house is ~) 6 : grown above a surface (the corn is ~) 7 : moving, inclining, or directed up-ward 8 : marked by agitation, excitement, or activity 9 : READY; *esp* : highly prepared 10 : going on : taking place (find out what is ~) 11 : EXPIRED, ENDED (the time is ~) 12 : well informed (~ on the news) 13 : being ahead or in advance of an opponent (one hole ~ in a match) 14 : presented for or being under consideration 15 : charged before a court (~ for robbery)

up *prep* 1 : to, toward, or at a higher point of (~ a ladder) 2 : to or toward the source of (~ the river) 3 : to or toward the northern part of (~ the coast) 4 : to or toward the interior of (traveling ~ the country) 5 : ALONG (walk ~ the street)

up *n* 1 : an upward course or slope 2 : a period or state of prosperity or success (he had his ~s and downs)

up *vb* **upped** or *in* 2 **up**; **upped**; **up-ping**; **ups** or *in* 2 **up** 1 : to rise from a lying or sitting position 2 : to act abruptly or surprisingly (she **upped** and left home) 3 : to move or cause to move upward : ASCEND (**upped** prices)

Upa-ni-shad \ü-ˈpān-i-shād/ *n* : one of a set of Vedic philosophical treatises

up-beat \ˈəp-, bēt/ *n* : an unaccented beat in a musical measure; *esp* : the last beat of the measure

upbeat *adj* : OPTIMISTIC, CHEERFUL

up-braid \ˈəp-, brād/ *vb* : to criticize, reproach, or scold severely

up-bring-ing \ˈəp-, brɪŋ-ɪŋ/ *n* : the process of bringing up and training

UPC *abbr* Universal Product Code

up-chuck \ˈə-, chək/ *vb* : VOMIT

up-com-ing \ˈəp-, kəm-ɪŋ/ *adj* : FORTHCOMING, APPROACH-ING

up-coun-try \ˈəp-, kən-trē/ *adj* : of or relating to the inter-ior of a country or a region — **up-country** \ˈəp-ˈkən-/ *adv*

up-date \ˈəp-, dāt/ *vb* : to bring up to date — **update** \ˈəp-, dāt/ *n*

up-draft \ˈəp-, draft, -ˈdrāft/ *n* : an upward movement of gas (as air)

up-end \ˈəp-, ɛnd/ *vb* : to set, stand, or rise on end

up-front \ˈəp-, frənt/ *adj* 1 : HONEST, CANDID 2 : ADVANCE (~ payment)

up front *adv* : in advance (paid **up front**)

up-grade \ˈəp-, grād/ *n* 1 : an upward grade or slope 2 : INCREASE, RISE

up-grade \ˈəp-, grād, ˈəp-ˈgrād/ *vb* : to raise to a higher grade or position; *esp* : to advance to a job requiring a higher level of skill

up-growth \ˈəp-, grōth/ *n* : the process or result of grow-ing up : upward growth : DEVELOPMENT

up-heav-al \ˈəp-, hē-vəl/ *n* 1 : the action or an instance of uplifting esp. of part of the earth's crust 2 : a violent agitation or change

up-hill \ˈəp-, hɪl/ *adv* : upward on a hill or incline; *also* : against difficulties

up-hill \-ˈhil\ *adj* **1** : situated on elevated ground **2** : ASCENDING **3** : DIFFICULT, LABORIOUS
up-hold \ˈəp-ˈhōld\ *vb* -held \-ˈheld\; -hold-ing **1** : to give support to **2** : to support against an opponent **3** : to keep elevated — **up-hold-er** *n*
up-hol-ster \ˈəp-ˈhōl-stər\ *vb* -stered; -ster-ing \-st(ə-)rɪŋ\ : to furnish with or as if with upholstery — **up-hol-ster-er** *n*
up-hol-ster-y \-st(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* -ster-ies [ME *upholdester* upholsterer, fr. *upholden* to uphold, fr. *up* + *holden* to hold] : materials (as fabrics, padding, and springs) used to make a soft covering esp. for a seat
UPI *abbr* United Press International
up-keep \ˈəp-ˈkēp\ *n* : the act or cost of keeping up or maintaining; *also* : the state of being maintained
up-land \ˈəp-lənd, -ˈlænd\ *n* : high land esp. at some distance from the sea — **upland** *adj*
up-lift \ˈəp-ˈlɪft\ *vb* **1** : to lift or raise up : ELEVATE **2** : to improve the condition of esp. morally, socially, or intellectually
up-lift \ˈəp-ˈlɪft\ *n* **1** : a lifting up; *esp* : an upheaval of the earth's surface **2** : moral or social improvement; *also* : a movement to make such improvement
up-mar-ket \ˈəp-ˈmār-kət\ *adj* : appealing to wealthy consumers
up-most \ˈəp-ˈmōst\ *adj* : UPPERMOST
up-on \ə-ˈpɒn, -ˈpæn\ *prep* : ON
up-per \ˈəp-ər\ *adj* **1** : higher in physical position, rank, or order **2** : constituting the smaller and more restricted branch of a bicameral legislature **3** *cap* : being a later part or formation of a specific geological period **4** : being toward the interior (the ~ Amazon) **5** : NORTHERN (~ New York State)
upper *n* : one that is upper; *esp* : the parts of a shoe or boot above the sole
up-per-case \ˈəp-ər-ˈkās\ *adj* : CAPITAL **5** — **uppercase** *n*
upper class *n* : a social class occupying a position above the middle class and having the highest status in a society — **upper-class** *adj*
up-per-class-man \ˈəp-ər-ˈklas-mən\ *n* : a junior or senior in a college or high school
upper crust *n* : the highest social class or group; *esp* : the highest circle of the upper class
up-per-cut \ˈəp-ər-ˈkət\ *n* : a short swinging punch delivered (as in boxing) in an upward direction usu. with a bent arm
upper hand *n* : MASTERY, ADVANTAGE
up-per-most \ˈəp-ər-ˈmōst\ *adv* : in or into the highest or most prominent position — **uppermost** *adj*
up-pish \ˈəp-ɪʃ\ *adj* : UPPITY
up-pi-ty \ˈəp-ət-ē\ *adj* : ARROGANT, PRESUMPTUOUS
up-raise \ˈəp-ˈrāz\ *vb* : to lift up : ELEVATE
up-right \ˈəp-ˈrɪt\ *adj* **1** : PERPENDICULAR, VERTICAL **2** : erect in carriage or posture **3** : morally correct : JUST — **upright** *adv* — **up-right-ly** *adv* — **up-right-ness** *n*
upright *n* **1** : the state of being upright : a vertical position **2** : something that stands upright
upright piano *n* : a piano whose strings run vertically
up-ris-ing \ˈəp-ˈrɪ-zɪŋ\ *n* : INSURRECTION, REVOLT, REBELLION
up-riv-er \ˈəp-ˈrɪv-ər\ *adv* or *adj* : toward or at a point nearer the source of a river
up-roar \ˈəp-ˈrɔr\ *n* [Dutch *oproer*, fr. Middle Dutch, fr. *op* up + *roer* motion] : a state of commotion, excitement, or violent disturbance
up-roar-i-ous \ˈəp-ˈrɔr-ē-əs\ *adj* **1** : marked by uproar **2** : extremely funny — **up-roar-i-ous-ly** *adv*
up-root \ˈəp-ˈrūt, -ˈrʊt\ *vb* : to remove by or as if by pulling up by the roots
up-set \ˈəp-ˈset\ *vb* -set; -set-ting **1** : to force or be forced out of the usual upright, level, or proper position **2** : to disturb emotionally : WORRY; *also* : to make somewhat ill **3** : UNSETTLE, DISARRANGE **4** : to defeat unexpectedly

up-set \ˈəp-ˈset\ *n* **1** : an upsetting or being upset; *esp* : a minor physical disorder **2** : a derangement of plans or ideas
up-shot \ˈəp-ˈʃāt\ *n* : final result
up-side \ˈəp-ˈsaɪd\ *n* : the upper side
up-side down \ˈəp-ˈsaɪd-ˈdaʊn\ *adv* **1** : with the upper and the lower parts reversed in position **2** : in or into confusion or disorder — **upside-down** *adj*
up-si-lon particle \ˈyü-p-sə-län-, ˈəp-ˈ\ *n* : any of a group of unstable electrically neutral elementary particles that have a mass about 10 times that of a proton
up-stage \ˈəp-ˈstāj\ *adv* or *adj* : toward or at the rear of a theatrical stage
up-stage \ˈəp-ˈstāj\ *vb* : to steal the show from
up-stairs \ˈəp-ˈstærz\ *adv* **1** : up the stairs : to or on a higher floor **2** : to or at a higher position
up-stairs \ˈəp-ˈstærz\ *adj* : situated above the stairs esp. on an upper floor (~ bedroom)
up-stairs \ˈəp-ˈstærz, ˈəp-ˈstærz\ *n* *sing* or *pl* : the part of a building above the ground floor
up-stand-ing \ˈəp-ˈstan-dɪŋ, ˈəp-ˈstan-dɪŋ\ *adj* **1** : ERECT **2** : STRAIGHTFORWARD, HONEST
up-start \ˈəp-ˈstɑrt\ *vb* : to jump up suddenly
up-start \ˈəp-ˈstɑrt\ *n* : one that has risen suddenly; *esp* : one that claims more personal importance than he warrants — **up-start** \ˈəp-ˈ\ *adj*
up-state \ˈəp-ˈstāt\ *adj* : of, relating to, or characteristic of a part of a state away from a large city and esp. to the north — **upstate** *adv* — **upstate** *n*
up-stream \ˈəp-ˈstrēm\ *adv* : at or toward the source of a stream — **upstream** *adj*
up-stroke \ˈəp-ˈströk\ *n* : an upward stroke (as of a pen)
up-surge \-ˈsɜrj\ *n* : a rapid or sudden rise
up-swept \ˈəp-ˈswept\ *adj* : swept upward (~ hairdo)
up-swing \ˈəp-ˈswɪŋ\ *n* : an upward swing; *esp* : a marked increase or rise (as in activity)
up-take \ˈəp-ˈtāk\ *n* **1** : UNDERSTANDING, COMPREHENSION (quick on the ~) **2** : the process of absorbing and incorporating esp. into a living organism (~ of iodine by the thyroid gland)
up-thrust \ˈəp-ˈθrəst\ *n* : an upward thrust; *esp* : an uplift of part of the earth's crust — **upthrust** *vb*
up-tight \ˈəp-ˈtɪt\ *adj* **1** : TENSE, NERVOUS, UNEASY; *also* : ANGRY, INDIGNANT **2** : rigidly conventional
up-to-date *adj* **1** : extending up to the present time **2** : abreast of the times : MODERN — **up-to-date-ness** *n*
up-town \ˈəp-ˈtaʊn\ *n* : the upper part of a town or city; *esp* : the residential district — **up-town** \ˈəp-ˈtaʊn\ *adj* or *adv*
up-turn \ˈəp-ˈtɜrn, ˈəp-ˈtɜrn\ *vb* **1** : to turn (as earth) up or over **2** : to turn or direct upward
up-turn \ˈəp-ˈtɜrn\ *n* : an upward turn esp. toward better conditions or higher prices
up-ward \ˈəp-ˈwɜrd\ or **up-wards** \-ˈwɜrdz\ *adv* **1** : in a direction from lower to higher **2** : toward a higher or better condition **3** : toward a greater amount or higher number, degree, or rate
upward *adj* : directed or moving toward or situated in a higher place or level : ASCENDING
upwards of *also* **upward of** *adv* : more than : in excess of (they cost upwards of \$25 each)
up-well \ˈəp-ˈwel\ *vb* : to move or flow upward
up-well-ing \-ˈwel-ɪŋ\ *n* : a rising or an appearance of rising to the surface and flowing outward; *esp* : the movement of deep cold usu. nutrient-rich ocean water to the surface
up-wind \ˈəp-ˈwɪnd\ *adv* or *adj* : in the direction from which the wind is blowing

\əˈbʊt \əˈkɪtən \əˈfʊrðər \əˈʌʃ \əˈvʌs \əˈkɒt, kɑrt
 \aʊˈt \tʃˌtʃɪn \eɪˈbet \eɪˈeɪsɪ \gɒˈgo \ɪˈhɪt \ɪˈvɪs \jɒb
 \ŋˌsɪŋ \dɒˈgo \dɒˈlɒw \dɒˈbɔɪ \tʰtʰɪn \tʰtʰe \ʊˈlʊt
 \ʊˈfʊt \vˌyɛt \zʰvɪʒən *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

ura-cil \yûr-ə-,sil\ *n* : a pyrimidine base that is one of the four bases coding genetic information in the molecular chain of RNA

ura-ni-um \yû-'rā-nē-əm\ *n* : a silvery heavy radioactive metallic chemical element used as a source of atomic energy — see ELEMENT table

Ura-nus \yûr-ə-nəs, yû-'rā-\ *n* [LL, heaven personified as a god, fr. Gk *Ouranos*, fr. *ouranos* sky, heaven] : the planet 7th in order from the sun

ur-ban \ər-bən\ *adj* : of, relating to, characteristic of, or constituting a city

ur-bane \ər-'bān\ *adj* [L *urbanus* urban, urbane, fr. *urbs* city] : very polite and polished in manner : SUAVE

ur-ban-ite \ər-bə-,nit\ *n* : one living in a city

ur-ban-ity \ər-'bān-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties : the quality or state of being urbane

ur-ban-ize \ər-bə-,nīz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to cause to take on urban characteristics — **ur-ban-iza-tion** \ər-bə-nə-'zā-shən\ *n*

ur-chin \ər-čən\ *n* [ME, hedgehog, fr. MF *herichon*, fr. L *ericius*] : a pert or mischievous youngster

Ur-du \ûr-dû, 'ər-\ *n* [Hindi *urdū-zabān*, lit., camp language] : a language that is an official literary language of Pakistan and is widely used in India

urea \yû-'rē-\ *n* : a soluble nitrogenous compound that is the chief solid constituent of mammalian urine

ure-mia \yû-'rē-mē-\ *n* : accumulation in the blood of materials normally passed off in the urine resulting in a poisoned condition — **ure-mic** \-mik\ *adj*

ure-ter \yûr-ət-ər\ *n* : a duct that carries the urine from a kidney to the bladder

ure-thra \yû-'rē-thrə\ *n*, *pl* -thras or -thrae \-(t)thrə\ : the canal that in most mammals carries off the urine from the bladder and in the male also serves as a genital duct — **ure-thral** \-thral\ *adj*

ure-thri-tis \yûr-i-'thrīt-əs\ *n* : inflammation of the urethra

urge \'ərj\ *vb* urged; **urging** **1** : to present, advocate, or demand earnestly **2** : to try to persuade or sway (~ a guest to stay) **3** : to serve as a motive or reason for **4** : to impress or impel to some course or activity (the dog urged the sheep onward)

urge *n* **1** : the act or process of urging **2** : a force or impulse that urges or drives

ur-gent \'ər-jənt\ *adj* **1** : calling for immediate attention : PRESSING **2** : urging insistently — **ur-gen-cy** \-jən-sē\ *n* — **ur-gent-ly** *adv*

uric \yûr-ik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or found in urine

uric acid *n* : a nearly insoluble acid that is the chief nitrogenous excretory product of birds but is present in only small amounts in mammalian urine

uri-nal \yûr-ən-əl\ *n* **1** : a receptacle for urine **2** : a place for urinating

uri-nal-y-sis \yûr-ə-'nal-ə-səs\ *n* : analysis of urine usu. for medical purposes

uri-nary \yûr-ə-,ner-ē\ *adj* **1** : relating to, occurring in, or being organs for the formation and discharge of urine **2** : of, relating to, or found in urine

urinary bladder *n* : a membranous sac in many vertebrates that serves for the temporary retention of urine and discharges by the urethra

uri-nate \yûr-ə-,nāt\ *vb* -nat-ed; -nat-ing : to discharge urine — **uri-na-tion** \yûr-ə-'nā-shən\ *n*

urine \yûr-ən\ *n* : a waste material from the kidneys that is usu. a yellowish watery liquid in mammals but is highly viscous in birds and reptiles

urn \'ərn\ *n* **1** : a vessel that typically has the form of a vase on a pedestal and often is used to hold the ashes of the dead **2** : a closed vessel usu. with a spout for serving a hot beverage

uro-gen-i-tal \yûr-ō-'jen-ə-təl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the organs or functions of excretion and reproduction

urol-o-gy \yû-'rāl-ə-jē\ *n* : a branch of medical science dealing with the urinary or urogenital tract and its disorders — **uro-log-ic** \yûr-ə-'lāj-ik\ *also* **uro-log-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj* — **urol-o-gist** \yû-'rāl-ə-jəst\ *n*

Ur-sa Ma-jor \ər-sə-'mā-jər-\ *n* [L, lit., greater bear] : the most conspicuous of the northern constellations that contains the stars which form the Big Dipper

Ursa Mi-nor \-'mī-nər-\ *n* [L, lit., lesser bear] : the constellation including the north pole of the heavens and the stars that form the Little Dipper with the North Star at the tip of the handle

ur-sine \'ər-,sīn\ *adj* : of, relating to, or resembling a bear

ur-ti-car-ia \'ört-ə-'kar-ē-\ *n* [NL, fr. L *urtica* nettle] : HIVES

us \(')əs\ *pron*, *objective case of we*

US *abbr* United States

USA *abbr* **1** United States Army **2** United States of America

us-able *also* **use-able** \yû-zə-bəl\ *adj* : suitable or fit for use — **us-abil-ity** \yû-zə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n*

USAF *abbr* United States Air Force

us-age \yû-sij, -zij\ *n* **1** : habitual or customary practice or procedure **2** : the way in which words and phrases are actually used **3** : the action or mode of using **4** : manner of treating

USCG *abbr* United States Coast Guard

USDA *abbr* United States Department of Agriculture

use \yūs\ *n* **1** : the act or practice of using or employing something : EMPLOYMENT, APPLICATION **2** : the fact or state of being used **3** : the way of using **4** : USAGE, CUSTOM **5** : the privilege or benefit of using something **6** : the ability or power to use something (as a limb) **7** : the legal enjoyment of property that consists in its employment, occupation, or exercise; *also* : the benefit or profit esp. from property held in trust **8** : USEFULNESS, UTILITY; *also* : the end served : OBJECT, FUNCTION **9** : the occasion or need to employ (he had no more ~ for it) **10** : ESTEEM, LIKING (had no ~ for modern art)

use \yūz\ *vb* used \yūzd; "used to" usu \yūs-tə; **us-ing** \yū-zīŋ\ **1** : to put into action or service : EMPLOY **2** : to consume or take (as drugs) regularly **3** : UTILIZE (~ tact); *also* : MANIPULATE (used his friends to get ahead) **4** : to expend or consume by putting to use **5** : to behave toward : TREAT (used the horse cruelly) **6** : to benefit from (house could ~ a coat of paint) **7** — used in the past with *to* to indicate a former practice, fact, or state (we used to work harder) — **us-er** *n*

used \yūzd\ *adj* **1** : having been used by another : SECONDHAND (~ cars) **2** : ACCUSTOMED, HABITUATED (~ to the heat)

use-ful \yūs-fəl\ *adj* : capable of being put to use : ADVANTAGEOUS; *esp* : serviceable for a beneficial end — **use-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **use-ful-ness** *n*

use-less \yūs-ləs\ *adj* : having or being of no use : WORTHLESS — **use-less-ly** *adv* — **use-less-ness** *n*

USES *abbr* United States Employment Service

use up *vb* : to consume completely

ush-er \'əsh-ər\ *n* [ME *ussher*, fr. MF *ussier*, fr. (assumed) VL *ustarius* doorkeeper, fr. L *ostium*, *ustium* door, mouth of a river] **1** : an officer who walks before a person of rank **2** : one who escorts people to their seats (as in a church or theater)

usher *vb* **1** : to conduct to a place **2** : to precede as an usher, forerunner, or harbinger **3** : INAUGURATE, INTRODUCE (~ in a new era)

ush-er-ette \əsh-ə-'ret\ *n* : a female usher (as in a theater)

USIA *abbr* United States Information Agency

USM *abbr* United States mail

USMC *abbr* United States Marine Corps

USN *abbr* United States Navy

USO *abbr* United Service Organizations

USP *abbr* United States Pharmacopeia

USPS *abbr* United States Postal Service

USS *abbr* United States ship

USSR *abbr* Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

usu *abbr* usual; usually

usu-al \yü-zhə(-wə)\ *adj* **1** : accordant with usage, custom, or habit : **NORMAL** **2** : commonly or ordinarily used **3** : **ORDINARY** *syn* customary, habitual, accustomed, routine — **usu-al-ly** \yüzh-(ə)-wə-lē, \yüzh-(ə)-lē\ *adv*

usu-fruct \yü-zə-,frəkt\ *n* [*L* *ususfructus*, fr. *usus et fructus* use and enjoyment] : the legal right to use and enjoy the benefits and profits of something belonging to another

usu-rer \yü-zhər-ər\ *n* : one that lends money esp. at an exorbitant rate

usu-ri-ous \yü-'zhür-ē-əs\ *adj* : practicing, involving, or constituting usury (a ~ rate of interest)

usurp \yü-'sərp, -'zərp\ *vb* [*ME* *usurpen*, fr. *MF* *usurper*, fr. *L* *usurare*, lit., to take possession of by use, fr. *usu* (abl. of *usus* use) + *rapere* to seize] : to seize and hold by force or without right (~ a throne) — **usur-pa-tion** \yü-sər-'pā-shən, -zər-\ *n* — **usur-per** \yü-'sər-pər, -'zər-\ *n*

usu-ry \yüzh-(ə)-rē\ *n*, *pl* **-ries** [*ME*, fr. *ML* *usura*, alter. of *L* *usura*, fr. *usus*, pp. of *uti* to use] **1** : the lending of money with an interest charge for its use **2** : an excessive rate or amount of interest charged; *esp* : interest above an established legal rate

UT *abbr* Utah

Ute \yüt\ *n*, *pl* **Ute** or **Utes** : a member of an American Indian people orig. ranging through Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico

uten-sil \yü-'ten-səl\ *n* [*ME*, vessels for domestic use, fr. *MF* *utensile*, fr. *L* *utensilia*, fr. neut. pl. of *utensilis* useful, fr. *uti* to use] **1** : an instrument or vessel used in a household and esp. a kitchen **2** : an article serving a useful purpose

uter-us \yüt-ə-rəs\ *n*, *pl* **uteri** \yüt-ə-,rī\ *also* **uter-us-es** : the muscular organ of a female mammal in which the young develop before birth — **uter-ine** \-,rīn, -rən\ *adj*

utile \yüt-,l, \yü-,tīl\ *adj* : **USEFUL**

util-i-tar-i-an \yü-,tīl-ə-'ter-ē-ən\ *n* : a person who believes in utilitarianism

utilitarian *adj* **1** : of or relating to utilitarianism **2** : of or relating to utility : aiming at usefulness rather than beauty; *also* : serving a useful purpose

util-i-tar-i-an-ism \-ē-ə-,nīz-əm\ *n* : a theory that the greatest good for the greatest number should be the main consideration in making a choice of actions

util-i-ty \yü-'tīl-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : **USEFULNESS** **2** : something useful or designed for use **3** : a business organization performing a public service and subject to special

governmental regulation **4** : a public service or a commodity (as electricity or water) provided by a public utility; *also* : equipment to provide such or a similar service

utility *adj* **1** : capable of serving esp. as a substitute in various uses or positions (a ~ outfielder) (a ~ knife) **2** : being of a usable but inferior grade (~ beef)

uti-lize \yüt-,l-,īz\ *vb* **-lized**; **-liz-ing** : to make use of : turn to profitable account or use — **uti-li-za-tion** \yüt-,l-,ə-'zā-shən\ *n*

ut-most \ət-,mōst\ *adj* **1** : situated at the farthest or most distant point : **EXTREME** **2** : of the greatest or highest degree, quantity, number, or amount — **utmost** *n*

uto-pia \yü-'tō-pē-ə\ *n* [*fr.* *Utopia*, imaginary island described in Sir Thomas More's *Utopia*, fr. *Gk* *ou* not, no + *topos* place] **1** *often cap* : a place of ideal perfection esp. in laws, government, and social conditions **2** : an impractical scheme for social improvement

uto-pi-an \-pē-ən\ *adj*, *often cap* **1** : of, relating to, or resembling a utopia **2** : proposing ideal social and political schemes that are impractical : **VISIONARY**

utopian *n* **1** : a believer in the perfectibility of human society **2** : one that proposes or advocates utopian schemes

ut-ter \ət-ər\ *adj* [*ME*, remote, fr. *OE* *ūtera* outer, compar. *adj.* fr. *ūt* out, adv.] : **ABSOLUTE**, **TOTAL** (~ ruin) — **ut-ter-ly** *adv*

utter *vb* [*ME* *uttren*, fr. *utter* outside, adv., fr. *OE* *ūtor*, compar. of *ūt* out] **1** : to send forth as a sound : express in usu. spoken words : **PRONOUNCE**, **SPEAK** **2** : to put (as currency) into circulation

ut-ter-ance \ət-ə-rəns, 'ə-trəns\ *n* **1** : something uttered; *esp* : an oral or written statement **2** : the action of uttering with the voice : **SPEECH** **3** : power, style, or manner of speaking

ut-ter-most \ət-ər-,mōst\ *adj* : **EXTREME**, **UTMOST** (the ~ parts of the earth) — **utmostest** *n*

U-turn \yü-'tərn\ *n* : a turn resembling the letter U; *esp* : a 180-degree turn made by a vehicle in a road

UV *abbr* ultraviolet

U-val-ue \yü-,vəl-yü\ *n* : a measure of the heat transmission through a building part (as a wall) or a given thickness of insulating material a low value of which indicates high insulating effectiveness

uvu-la \yü-vyə-lə\ *n*, *pl* **-las** or **-lae** \-,lē, -lī\ : the fleshy lobe hanging at the back of the palate — **uvu-lar** \-lərl\ *adj*

UW *abbr* underwriter

ux-o-ri-ous \ək-'sör-ē-əs, 'æg-'zör-\ *adj* : excessively devoted or submissive to a wife

V

v \və\ *n*, *pl* **v's** or **vs** \vēz\ *often cap* : the 22d letter of the English alphabet

v *abbr*, *often cap* **1** vector **2** velocity **3** verb **4** verse **5** versus **6** victory **7** vide **8** voice **9** volt; voltage **10** volume **11** vowel

V *symbol* vanadium

Va *abbr* Virginia

VA *abbr* **1** Veterans Administration **2** vice admiral **3** Virginia

va-can-cy \və-kən-sē\ *n*, *pl* **-cies** **1** : a vacating esp. of an office, position, or piece of property **2** : the state of being vacant **3** : a vacant office, position, or tenancy; *also* : the period during which it stands vacant **4** : empty space : **VOID**

va-cant \və-kənt\ *adj* **1** : not occupied (~ seat) (~ room)

2 : **EMPTY** (~ space) **3** : free from business or care (a few ~ hours) **4** : devoid of thought, reflection, or expression (a ~ smile) — **va-cant-ly** *adv*

va-cate \və-,kāt\ *vb* **va-cat-ed**; **va-cat-ing** **1** : to make void : **ANNUL** **2** : to make vacant (as an office or house); *also* : to give up the occupancy of

va-ca-tion \və-'kā-shən, və-\ *n* : a period of rest from work : **HOLIDAY**

vacation *vb* **-tioned**; **-tion-ing** \-sh(ə)-nīŋ\ : to take or spend a vacation — **va-ca-tion-er** \-sh(ə)-nər\ *n*

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\vice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ŋ\go \ŋ\law \ŋ\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

va-ca-tion-ist \-sh(ə)-nəst/ *n* : a person taking a vacation
va-ca-tion-land \-shən-,land/ *n* : an area with recreational attractions and facilities for vacationists
vac-ci-nate \ˈvak-sə-,nāt/ *vb* -**nat-ed**; -**nat-ing** : to inoculate with a related harmless virus to produce immunity to smallpox; *also* : to administer a vaccine to usu. by injection
vac-ci-na-tion \ˈvak-sə-ˈnā-shən/ *n* 1 : the act of vaccinating 2 : the scar left by vaccinating
vac-cine \ˈvak-ˈsēn, ˈvak-ˌsēn/ *n* [L *vaccinus* of or from cows, fr. *vacca* cow; so called from the derivation of smallpox vaccine from cows] : material (as a preparation of killed or weakened virus or bacteria) used in vaccinating to induce immunity to a disease
vac-cin-ia \ˈvak-ˈsīn-ē-ə/ *n* : COWPOX
vac-il-late \ˈvas-ə-,lāt/ *vb* -**lat-ed**; -**lat-ing** 1 : SWAY, TOTTER; *also* : FLUCTUATE 2 : to incline first to one course or opinion and then to another : WAVER — **vac-il-la-tion** \ˈvas-ə-ˈlā-shən/ *n*
va-cu-ity \ˈvɑ-kyū-ət-ē, və-/ *n*, *pl* -**ities** 1 : an empty space 2 : the state, fact, or quality of being vacuous 3 : something that is vacuous
vac-u-ole \ˈvak-yə-,wōl/ *n* : a usu. fluid-filled cavity in tissues or in the protoplasm of an individual cell — **vac-u-o-lar** \ˈvak-yə-ˈwō-lər, -lār/ *adj*
vac-u-ous \ˈvak-yə-wəs/ *adj* 1 : EMPTY, VACANT, BLANK 2 : DULL, STUPID, INANE — **vac-u-ous-ly** *adv* — **vac-u-ous-ness** *n*
¹**vac-u-um** \ˈvak-yū-əm, -(ˌ)yūm, -yəm/ *n*, *pl* **vacuums** or **vac-u-a** \-yə-wə/ [L, fr. neut. of *vacuus* empty] 1 : a space entirely empty of matter 2 : a space from which most of the air has been removed (as by a pump) 3 : VOID, GAP 4 : VACUUM CLEANER — **vacuum** *adj*
²**vacuum** *vb* : to use a vacuum device (as a vacuum cleaner) on
vacuum bottle *n* : a cylindrical container with a vacuum between an inner and an outer wall used to keep liquids hot or cold
vacuum cleaner *n* : an electrical appliance for cleaning (as floors or rugs) by suction
vac-u-um-packed \ˈvak-yūm-ˈpakt, -yəm-/ *adj* : having much of the air removed before being hermetically sealed
vacuum tube *n* : an electron tube from which most of the air has been removed
va-de-me-cum \ˈvād-ē-ˈmē-kəm/ *n*, *pl* **vade mecums** [L, go with me] : something (as a handbook or manual) carried as a constant companion
VADM *abbr* vice admiral
¹**vag-a-bond** \ˈvag-ə-,bānd/ *adj* 1 : WANDERING, HOMELESS 2 : of, characteristic of, or leading the life of a vagrant or tramp 3 : leading an unsettled or irresponsible life
²**vagabond** *n* : one leading a vagabond life; *esp* : TRAMP
va-gar-i-ous \və-ˈger-ē-əs, və-/ *adj* : marked by vagaries : CAPRICIOUS — **va-gar-i-ous-ly** *adv*
va-ga-ry \ˈvā-gə-rē, və-ˈger-ē/ *n*, *pl* -**ries** : an odd or eccentric idea or action : WHIM, CAPRICE
va-gi-na \və-ˈjī-nə/ *n*, *pl* -**nae** -(ˌ)nē/ or -**nas** [L, lit., sheath] : a canal that leads from the uterus to the external opening of the female sex organs — **vag-i-nal** \ˈvaj-ən-/ *adj*
vag-i-ni-tis \ˈvaj-ə-ˈnīt-əs/ *n* : inflammation of the vagina
va-gran-cy \ˈvā-grən(t)-sē/ *n*, *pl* -**cies** 1 : the quality or state of being vagrant; *also* : a vagrant act or notion 2 : the offense of being a vagrant
¹**va-grant** \ˈvā-grənt/ *n* : a person who has no job and wanders from place to place
²**vagrant** *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or characteristic of a vagrant 2 : following no fixed course : RANDOM, CAPRICIOUS (~ thoughts) — **va-grant-ly** *adv*
vague \ˈvæg/ *adj* **vagu-er**; **vagu-est** [MF, fr. L *vagus*, lit., wandering] 1 : not clear, definite, or distinct 2 : not clearly felt or analyzed (a ~ unrest) **syn** obscure, dark,

enigmatic, ambiguous, equivocal — **vague-ly** *adv* — **vague-ness** *n*

vain \ˈvān/ *adj* [ME, fr. OF, fr. L *vanus* empty, vain] 1 : of no real value : IDLE, WORTHLESS 2 : FUTILE, UNSUCCESSFUL 3 : proud of one's looks or abilities **syn** conceited, narcissistic, vainglorious — **vain-ly** *adv*

vain-glo-ri-ous \ˈvān-ˈglōr-ē-əs/ *adj* : marked by vain-glory : BOASTFUL

vain-glo-ry \ˈvān-,glōr-ē/ *n* 1 : excessive or ostentatious pride esp. in one's own achievements 2 : vain display : VANITY

val *abbr* value; valued

va-lance \ˈval-əns, ˈvāl-/ *n* 1 : drapery hanging from an edge (as of an altar, table, or bed) 2 : a drapery or a decorative frame across the top of a window

vale \ˈvāl/ *n* : VALLEY, DALE

vale-dic-tion \ˈval-ə-ˈdik-shən/ *n* [L *valedictus*, pp. of *valedicere* to say farewell, fr. *vale* farewell + *dicere* to say] : an act or utterance of leave-taking : FAREWELL

vale-dic-to-ri-an \-ˈdik-ˈtōr-ē-ən/ *n* : the student usu. of the highest rank in a graduating class who pronounces the valedictory oration at commencement

vale-dic-to-ry \-ˈdik-t(ə-)rē/ *adj* : bidding farewell : delivered as a valediction (a ~ address) — **valedictory** *n*

va-lence \ˈvā-ləns/ *n* [LL *valentia* power, capacity, fr. L *valere* to be strong] : the combining power of an atom as shown by the number of electrons in its outermost energy level that are lost, gained, or shared in the formation of chemical bonds

valence electron *n* : an electron in the outer shell of an atom that determines the atom's chemical properties

Va-len-ci-ennes \və-,len-sē-ˈen(z), ˈval-ən-sē-/ *n* : a fine handmade lace

val-en-time \ˈval-ən-,tīn/ *n* : a sweetheart chosen or complimented on St. Valentine's Day; *also* : a greeting card sent on this day

Valentine Day or **Valentine's Day** *n* : SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY

¹**va-let** \ˈval-ət, ˈval-(ˌ)ā, va-ˈlā/ *n* 1 : a male servant who takes care of a man's clothes and performs personal services 2 : an attendant in a hotel who performs personal services for customers

²**valet** *vb* : to serve as a valet

val-e-tu-di-nar-i-an \ˈval-ə-,t(y)ūd-ˈn-er-ē-ən/ *n* : a person of a weak or sickly constitution; *esp* : one whose chief concern is his invalidism — **val-e-tu-di-nar-i-an-ism** \-ē-ə-,niz-əm/ *n*

val-iant \ˈval-yənt/ *adj* : having or showing valor : BRAVE, HEROIC **syn** valorous, doughty, courageous, bold, audacious, dauntless, undaunted, intrepid — **val-iant-ly** *adv*

val-id \ˈval-əd/ *adj* 1 : having legal force (a ~ contract) 2 : founded on truth or fact : capable of being justified or defended : SOUND (a ~ argument) (~ reasons) — **val-id-ity** \və-ˈlīd-ət-ē, vā-/ *n* — **val-id-ly** \ˈval-əd-lē/ *adv*

val-i-date \ˈval-ə-,dāt/ *vb* -**dat-ed**; -**dat-ing** 1 : to make legally valid 2 : to confirm the validity of 3 : VERIFY — **val-i-da-tion** \ˈval-ə-ˈdā-shən/ *n*

va-lise \və-ˈlēs/ *n* [F] : TRAVELING BAG

val-ley \ˈval-ē/ *n*, *pl* **valleys** : a long depression between ranges of hills or mountains

val-or \ˈval-ər/ *n* [ME, fr. MF *valour*, fr. ML *valor* value, valor, fr. L *valere* to be strong] : personal bravery **syn** heroism, prowess, gallantry — **val-or-ous** \ˈval-ə-rəs/ *adj*

val-o-ri-za-tion \ˈval-ə-rə-ˈzā-shən/ *n* : the support of commodity prices by any of various forms of government subsidy — **val-o-rize** \ˈval-ə-,rīz/ *vb*

val-se \ˈvāls/ *n* [F] : WALTZ; *esp* : a concert waltz

¹**valu-able** \ˈval-yə-(wə-)bjəl/ *adj* 1 : having money value 2 : having great money value 3 : of great use or service **syn** invaluable, priceless, costly, expensive, dear, precious

2valuable *n* : a usu. personal possession of considerable value (their ~s were stolen)

val-u-ate \ˈval-yə-, wāt\ *vb* -at-ed; -at-ing : to place a value on : APPRAISE — **val-u-a-tor** \-y, wāt-ər\ *n*

val-u-a-tion \ˌval-yə-ˈwā-shən\ *n* **1** : the act or process of valuing; *esp* : appraisal of property **2** : the estimated or determined market value of a thing

1val-ue \ˈval-yū\ *n* **1** : a fair return or equivalent in money, goods, or services for something exchanged **2** : the worth of a thing : market price, purchasing power, or estimated worth **3** : an assigned or computed numerical quantity (the ~ of *x* in an equation) **4** : precise meaning (~ of a word) **5** : distinctive quality of sound in speech **6** : luminosity of a color : BRILLIANCE; *also* : the relation of one detail in a picture to another with respect to lightness or darkness **7** : the relative length of a tone or note **8** : something (as a principle or ideal) intrinsically valuable or desirable (human rather than material ~s) — **val-ue-less** *adj*

2value *vb* **val-ued**; **valu-ing** **1** : to estimate the monetary worth of : APPRAISE **2** : to rate in usefulness, importance, or general worth **3** : to consider or rate highly : PRIZE, ESTEEM — **val-u-er** *n*

val-ue-added tax *n* : an incremental excise tax that is levied on the value added at each stage of the processing of a raw material or the production and distribution of a commodity

val-ued \ˈval-yūd\ *adj* : highly esteemed : PRIZED

valve \ˈvāl\ *n* **1** : a structure (as in a vein) that temporarily closes a passage or that permits movement in one direction only **2** : one of the pieces into which a ripe seed capsule or pod separates **3** : a device by which the flow of liquid, gas, or loose material in bulk may be regulated by a movable part; *also* : the movable part of such a device **4** : a device in a brass wind instrument for quickly varying the tube length in order to change the fundamental tone by some definite interval **5** : one of the separable usu. hinged pieces of which the shell of some animals and esp. bivalve mollusks consists — **valved** \ˈvālv\ *adj* — **valve-less** *adj*

val-vu-lar \ˈval-vy-ə-lər\ *adj* **1** : resembling or functioning as a valve; *also* : opening by valves **2** : of or relating to a valve esp. of the heart

va-moose \və-ˈmūs-, vā-\ *vb* **va-moosed**; **va-moos-ing** [Sp *vamos* let us go] *slang* : to leave or go away quickly

1vamp \ˈvāmp\ *vb* **1** : to provide with a new vamp **2** : to patch up with a new part **3** : INVENT, IMPROVISE (~ up an excuse)

2vamp *n* **1** : the part of a boot or shoe upper covering esp. the front part of the foot **2** : a short introductory musical passage often repeated

3vamp *n* : a woman who uses her charm and allurements to seduce and exploit men

4vamp *vb* : to practice seductive wiles on

vam-pire \ˈvām-pī(ə)r\ *n* **1** : a night-wandering blood-sucking ghost **2** : a person who preys on other people; *esp* : a woman who exploits and ruins her lover **3** : any of various bats of Mexico and Central and South America that feed on the blood of animals including man; *also* : any of several bats believed to suck blood

1van \ˈvān\ *n* : VANGUARD

2van *n* : a usu. enclosed wagon or motortruck for moving goods or animals; *also* : a versatile enclosed boxlike motor vehicle with side or rear doors and side panels that often have windows

va-na-di-um \və-ˈnād-ē-əm\ *n* : a soft ductile metallic chemical element used to form alloys — see ELEMENT table

Van Al-len belt \ˈvān-ˈal-ən-\ *n* : a belt of intense ionizing radiation in the earth's magnetosphere

van-dal \ˈvān-dəl\ *n* **1** *cap* : a member of a Germanic people who sacked Rome in A.D. 455 **2** : one who willfully mars or destroys property

van-dal-ism \-ˌiz-əm\ *n* : willful or malicious destruction or defacement of public or private property

van-dal-ize \-ˌiz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to subject to vandalism : DAMAGE

Van-dyke \ˈvān-dīk\ *n* : a trim pointed beard

vane \ˈvān\ *n* [ME, fr. OE *fana* banner] **1** : a movable device attached to a high object to show the way the wind blows **2** : a thin flat or curved object that is rotated about an axis by a flow of fluid or that rotates to cause a fluid to flow or that redirects a flow of fluid (the ~s of a windmill)

van-guard \ˈvān-, gärd\ *n* **1** : the troops moving at the front of an army : VAN **2** : the forefront of an action or movement

va-nil-la \və-ˈnīl-ə\ *n* [NL, genus name, fr. Sp *vainilla* vanilla (plant and fruit), dim. of *vaina* sheath, fr. L *vagina* sheath, vagina] : a tropical American climbing orchid with beanlike pods; *also* : its pods or a flavoring extract made from these

van-ish \ˈvān-ish\ *vb* : to pass from sight or existence : disappear completely — **van-ish-er** *n*

van-i-ty \ˈvān-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties **1** : something that is vain, empty, or useless **2** : the quality or fact of being useless or futile : FUTILITY **3** : undue pride in oneself or one's appearance : CONCEIT **4** : a small case for cosmetics : COMPACT

vanity plate *n* : an automobile license plate bearing distinctive letters or numbers designated by the owner

van-quish \ˈvān-kwɪʃ-, ˈvān-\ *vb* **1** : to overcome in battle or in a contest **2** : to gain mastery over (as an emotion)

van-tage \ˈvānt-ij\ *n* **1** : superiority in a contest **2** : a position giving a strategic advantage or a commanding perspective

van-ward \ˈvān-wərd\ *adj* : being in or toward the vanguard : ADVANCED — **vanward** *adv*

va-pid \ˈvāp-əd-, ˈvā-pəd\ *adj* : lacking spirit, liveliness, or zest : FLAT, INSIPID — **va-pid-i-ty** \vā-ˈpɪd-ət-ē\ *n* — **va-pid-ly** \ˈvāp-əd-lē\ *adv* — **vap-id-ness** *n*

1va-por \ˈvā-pər\ *n* **1** : fine separated particles (as fog or smoke) floating in the air and clouding it **2** : a substance in the gaseous state; *esp* : one that is liquid under ordinary conditions **3** : something insubstantial or fleeting **4** *pl* : a depressed or hysterical nervous condition

2vapor *vb* **1** : to rise or pass off in vapor **2** : to emit vapor

va-por-ing \ˈvā-p(ə-)rɪŋ\ *n* : an idle, boastful, or high-flown expression or speech — usu. used in *pl*.

va-por-ish \ˈvā-p(ə-)rɪʃ\ *adj* **1** : resembling or suggestive of vapor **2** : given to fits of depression or hysteria — **va-por-ish-ness** *n*

va-por-ize \ˈvā-pə-, rɪz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to convert into vapor — **va-por-iza-tion** \ˌvā-pə-rə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*

va-por-iz-er \-, rɪ-zər\ *n* : a device that vaporizes something (as a medicated liquid)

vapor lock *n* : a partial or complete interruption of flow of a fluid (as fuel in an internal-combustion engine) caused by the formation of bubbles of vapor in the feeding system

va-por-ous \ˈvā-p(ə-)rəs\ *adj* **1** : consisting of or characteristic of vapor **2** : producing vapors : VOLATILE **3** : full of vapors : FOGGY, MISTY — **va-por-ous-ly** *adv* — **va-por-ous-ness** *n*

va-pory \ˈvā-p(ə-)rē\ *adj* : VAPOROUS, VAGUE

va-que-ro \və-ˈker-ə\ *n*, *pl* -ros [Sp, fr. *vaca* cow, fr. L *vacca*] : a ranch hand : COWBOY

var *abbr* **1** variable **2** variant; variation **3** variety **4** variations

1vari-able \ˈver-ē-ə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : able or apt to vary

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ə\rfurther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \a\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \d\go \d\law \d\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \v\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

: CHANGEABLE 2 : FICKLE 3 : not true to type : ABERRANT (a ~ wheat) — **vari-abil-ity** \ˌver-ē-ə-ˈbil-ət-ē\ *n* — **vari-able-ness** \ˌver-ē-ə-bəl-nəs\ *n* — **vari-ably** \-blē\ *adv*

²**variable** *n* 1 : something that is variable 2 : a quantity that may assume a succession of values; *also* : a symbol standing for any one of a class of things

vari-ance \ˌver-ē-əns\ *n* 1 : variation or a degree of variation : DEVIATION 2 : DISAGREEMENT, DISPUTE 3 : a license to do something contrary to the usual rule (a zoning ~) **syn** discord, contention, dissension, strife, conflict

¹**vari-ant** \ˌver-ē-ənt\ *adj* 1 : differing from others of its kind or class 2 : varying usu. slightly from the standard or type

²**variant** *n* 1 : one that exhibits variation from a type or norm 2 : one of two or more different spellings or pronunciations of a word

vari-a-tion \ˌver-ē-ə-ˈshən\ *n* 1 : an act or instance of varying : a change in form, position, or condition : MODIFICATION, ALTERATION 2 : extent of change or difference 3 : divergence in qualities from those typical or usual to a group; *also* : one exhibiting such variation 4 : repetition of a musical theme with modifications in rhythm, tune, harmony, or key

vari-col-ored \ˌver-i-,kəl-ərd\ *adj* : having various colors : VARIEGATED

vari-i-cose \ˌvar-ē-ə-,kōs\ *adj* : abnormally and irregularly swollen (~ veins)

var-i-cos-i-ty \ˌvar-ē-ə-ˈkās-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : the quality or state of being varicose 2 : a varicose part or lesion (as of a vein)

var-ied \ˌver-ēd\ *adj* 1 : having many forms or types : DIVERSE 2 : VARIEGATED — **var-ied-ly** *adv*

var-ie-gate \ˌver-ē-ə-,gāt, ˌver-i-,gāt\ *vb* -**gat-ed**; -**gat-ing** 1 : to diversify in external appearance esp. with different colors 2 : to introduce variety into : DIVERSIFY — **var-ie-gat-ed** *adj* — **var-ie-ga-tion** \ˌver-ē-ə-ˈgā-shən, ˌver-i-ˈgā-\ *n*

vari-etal \və-ˈrī-ət-əl\ *adj* : of or relating to a variety; *also* : being a variety rather than an individual or species

vari-ety \və-ˈrī-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -eties 1 : the state of being varied or various : DIVERSITY 2 : a collection of different things 3 : something varying from other things of the same general kind 4 : any of various groups of plants or animals within a species distinguished by characteristics not constant enough or too unimportant to separate species 5 : entertainment such as is given in a stage presentation comprising a series of performances (as songs, dances, or acrobatic acts)

var-i-o-rum \ˌver-ē-ˈōr-əm\ *n* : an edition or text of a work containing notes by various persons or variant readings of the text

var-i-ous \ˌver-ē-əs\ *adj* 1 : VARICOLORED 2 : of differing kinds : MULTIFARIOUS 3 : UNLIKE (animals as ~ as the jaguar and the sloth) 4 : having a number of different aspects 5 : NUMEROUS, MANY 6 : INDIVIDUAL, SEPARATE **syn** divergent, disparate, different, dissimilar, diverse, unlike — **var-i-ous-ly** *adv*

var-is-tor \və-ˈris-tər\ *n* : a voltage-dependent electrical resistor

var-let \ˌvār-lət\ *n* [ME, fr. MF *vaslet*, *varlet* young nobleman, page] 1 : ATTENDANT 2 : SCOUNDREL, KNAVE

var-mint \ˌvār-mənt\ *n* [alter. of *vermin*] 1 : an animal considered a pest; *esp* : a mammal or bird classed as vermin and unprotected by game law 2 : a contemptible person : RASCAL

¹**var-nish** \ˌvār-nish\ *n* 1 : a liquid preparation that is spread on a surface and dries into a hard glossy coating; *also* : the glaze of this coating 2 : something suggesting varnish by its gloss 3 : outside show : GLOSS

²**varnish** *vb* 1 : to cover with varnish 2 : to cover or conceal with something that gives a fair appearance : gloss over

var-si-ty \ˌvār-sət-ē, -stē\ *n*, *pl* -ties [by shortening &

alter. fr. *university*] 1 *Brit* : UNIVERSITY 2 : the principal team representing a college, school, or club

vary \ˌver-ē\ *vb* **var-ied**; **var-ying** 1 : ALTER, CHANGE 2 : to make or be of different kinds : introduce or have variety : DIVERSIFY, DIFFER 3 : DEVIATE, SWERVE 4 : to diverge structurally or physiologically from typical members of a group

vas-cu-lar \ˌvas-kyə-lər\ *adj* [NL *vascularis*, fr. L *vas-culum* small vessel, dim. of *vas* vase, vessel] : of or relating to a channel or system of channels for the conveyance of a body fluid (as blood or sap); *also* : supplied with or containing such vessels and esp. blood vessels

vascular plant *n* : a plant having a specialized conducting system that includes xylem and phloem

vase \ˈvās, ˈvāz\ *n* : a usu. round vessel of greater depth than width used chiefly for ornament or for flowers

vas-ec-to-my \və-ˈsek-tə-mē, vā-ˈzek-\ *n*, *pl* -mies : surgical excision of all or part of the sperm-carrying ducts of the testis usu. to induce permanent sterility

vas-o-con-stric-tion \ˌvas-ō-kən-ˈstrik-shən, ˌvāz-\ *n* : narrowing of the interior diameter of blood vessels

vas-o-con-stric-tor \-tər\ *n* : an agent (as a nerve fiber or a drug) that initiates or induces vasoconstriction

vas-sal \ˌvas-əl\ *n* 1 : a person under the protection of a feudal lord to whom he owes homage and loyalty : a feudal tenant 2 : one occupying a dependent or subordinate position — **vassal** *adj*

vas-sal-age \-ə-līj\ *n* 1 : the state of being a vassal 2 : the homage and loyalty due from a vassal 3 : SERVITUDE, SUBJECTION

¹**vast** \ˈvʌst\ *adj* : very great in size, amount, degree, intensity, or esp. extent **syn** enormous, huge, gigantic, colossal, mammoth — **vast-ly** *adv* — **vast-ness** *n*

²**vast** *n* : a great expanse : IMMENSITY

vasty \ˈvas-tē\ *adj* : VAST, IMMENSE

vat \ˈvʌt\ *n* : a large vessel (as a tub or barrel) esp. for holding liquids in manufacturing processes

VAT *abbr* value-added tax

vat-ic \ˌvat-ik\ *adj* : PROPHETIC, ORACULAR

Vat-i-can \ˌvat-i-kən\ *n* 1 : the papal headquarters in Rome 2 : the papal government

va-tu \ˈvā-,tū\ *n*, *pl* **vat-uu** — see MONEY table

vaude-ville \ˈvɒd-(ə-)vəl, ˈvād-, ˈvɒd-, -(ə-)ˈvil\ *n* [F, fr. MF, popular satirical song, alter. of *vaudevire*, fr. *vau-de-Vire* valley of Vire, fr. *Vire*, town in northwest France where such songs were composed] : a stage entertainment consisting of unrelated acts (as of acrobats, comedians, dancers, or singers)

¹**vault** \ˈvɔlt\ *n* 1 : an arched masonry structure usu. forming a ceiling or roof; *also* : something (as the sky) resembling a vault 2 : a room or space covered by a vault esp. when underground and used for a special purpose (as for storage of valuables or wine supplies) 3 : a burial chamber; *also* : a usu. metal or concrete case in which a casket is enclosed at burial — **vaulty** *adj*



ˈvault 1

²**vault** *vb* : to form or cover with a vault

³**vault** *vb* : to leap vigorously esp. by aid of the hands or a pole — **vault-er** *n*

⁴**vault** *n* : an act of vaulting : LEAP

vault-ed \ˈvɔlt-əd\ *adj* 1 : built in the form of a vault : ARCHED 2 : covered with a vault

vault-ing \-tɪŋ\ *adj* : leaping upward : reaching for the heights (~ ambition)

vaunt \ˈvɔnt\ *vb* [ME *vaunten*, fr. MF *vanter*, fr. LL

vanitare, fr. *L. vanitas* vanity] : BRAG, BOAST — **vaunt** *n*
vb *abbr* verb

VCR \ˈvĕ-ˈsē-ˈār\ *n* [videocassette recorder] : a videotape recorder that uses videocassettes

VD *abbr* venereal disease

veal \ˈvĕl\ *n* : the flesh of a young calf

vector \ˈvek-tər\ *n* 1 : a quantity that has magnitude and direction 2 : an organism (as a fly) that transmits disease germs

Ve-da \ˈvād-ə\ *n* [Skt, lit., knowledge] : any of a class of Hindu sacred writings — **Ve-dic** \ˈvād-ik\ *adj*

Ve-dan-ta \vā-ˈdānt-ə, vā-, -ˈdānt-\ *n* : an orthodox Hindu philosophy based on the Upanishads

veep \ˈvĕp\ *n* : VICE PRESIDENT

veer \ˈviər\ *vb* : to shift from one direction or course to another **syn** turn, avert, deflect, divert — **veer** *n*

vee-ry \ˈvi(ə)r-ē\ *n*, *pl* **veeries** : a tawny brown thrush of the woods of the eastern U.S.

veg-an \ˈvej-ən, ˈvĕ-gən\ *n* : a strict vegetarian; *esp* : one who consumes no animal food or dairy products — **veg-an-ism** \ˈvej-ə-, niz-əm, ˈvĕ-gə-\ *n*

1 **veg-e-ta-ble** \ˈvej-(ə)-tə-bəl\ *adj* [ME, fr. ML *vegetabilis* vegetative, fr. *vegetare* to grow, fr. *L.* to animate, fr. *vegetus* lively, fr. *vegĕre* to rouse, excite] 1 : of, relating to, or growing like plants 2 : made or obtained from plants (~ oils) (the ~ kingdom) 3 : suggesting that of a plant (a ~ existence)

2 **vegetable** *n* 1 : PLANT 1 2 : a usu. herbaceous plant grown for an edible part that is usu. eaten with the principal course of a meal; *also* : such an edible part

veg-e-tal \ˈvej-ət-\ *adj* 1 : VEGETABLE 2 : VEGETATIVE

veg-e-tar-i-an \ˈvej-ə-ˈter-ē-ən\ *n* : one that believes in or practices living solely on plant products — **vegetarian** *adj* — **veg-e-tar-i-an-ism** \-ē-ə-, niz-əm\ *n*

veg-e-tate \ˈvej-ə-, tāt\ *vb* -**tat-ed**; -**tat-ing** : to grow in the manner of a plant; *esp* : to lead a dull inert life

veg-e-ta-tion \ˈvej-ə-ˈtā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act or process of vegetating; *also* : a dull inert existence 2 : plant life or cover (as of an area) — **veg-e-ta-tion-al** \-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj*

veg-e-ta-tive \ˈvej-ə-, tāt-iv\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to nutrition and growth *esp.* as contrasted with reproduction 2 : of, relating to, or composed of vegetation 3 : leading or marked by a passive, stupid, and dull existence

ve-he-mence \ˈvĕ-ə-məns\ *n* : the quality or state of being vehement : INTENSITY, VIOLENCE

ve-he-ment \-mənt\ *adj* 1 : marked by great force or energy 2 : marked by strong feeling or expression : PASSIONATE 3 : strong in effect : INTENSE — **ve-he-ment-ly** *adv*

ve-hi-cle \ˈvĕ-, (h)ik-əl, ˈvĕ-ə-kəl\ *n* 1 : a medium by which a thing is applied or administered (linseed oil is a ~ for pigments) 2 : a medium through or by means of which something is conveyed or expressed 3 : a means of carrying or transporting something : CONVEYANCE **syn** means, instrument, agent, agency, organ, channel — **ve-hic-u-lar** \vĕ-ˈhik-yə-lər\ *adj*

1 **veil** \ˈvāl\ *n* 1 : a piece of often sheer or diaphanous material used to screen or curtain something or to cover the head or face 2 : the state accepted when a woman becomes a nun (take the ~) 3 : something that hides or obscures like a veil

2 **veil** *vb* : to cover with or as if with a veil : wear a veil **veil-ing** \ˈvā-lɪŋ\ *n* 1 : VEIL 2 : any of various sheer fabrics (as net or chiffon)

1 **vein** \ˈvān\ *n* 1 : a fissure in rock filled with mineral matter; *also* : a bed of useful mineral matter 2 : one of the tubular branching vessels that carry blood from the capillaries toward the heart 3 : one of the vascular bundles forming the framework of a leaf 4 : one of the thickened ribs that stiffen the wings of an insect 5 : something (as a wavy variegation in marble) suggesting veins 6 : a distinctive mode of expression : STYLE 7 : something of distinctive character considered as run-

ning through something else : STRAIN 8 : MOOD, HUMOR — **veined** \ˈvānd\ *adj*

2 **vein** *vb* : to form or mark with or as if with veins — **vein-ing** *n*

vel *abbr* velocity

ve-lar \ˈvĕ-lər\ *adj* : of or relating to a velum and *esp.* that of the soft palate

veld or veldt \ˈvelt, ˈfelt\ *n* [Afrikaans *veld*, fr. Middle Dutch, field] : open grassland *esp.* in Africa usu. with scattered shrubs or trees

vel-lum \ˈvel-əm\ *n* [ME *velim*, fr. MF *veelin*, fr. *veelin*, *adj.*, of a calf, fr. *veel* calf] 1 : a fine-grained lambskin, kidskin, or calfskin prepared for writing on or for binding books 2 : a paper manufactured to resemble vellum — **vellum** *adj*

ve-loc-i-pede \və-ˈlās-ə-, pēd\ *n* : an early bicycle.

ve-loc-i-ty \və-ˈlās-(ə)-tē\ *n*, *pl* -**ties** : quickness of motion : SPEED (the ~ of light)

ve-lour or ve-lours \və-ˈlūr\ *n*, *pl* **velours** \-ˈlürz\ : any of various textile fabrics with pile like that of velvet

ve-lum \ˈvĕ-ləm\ *n*, *pl* **ve-la** \-lə\ : a membranous partition (as the soft palate) resembling a veil

1 **vel-vet** \ˈvel-vət\ *n* [ME *veluet*, *velvet*, fr. MF *velu* shaggy, fr. *L. villus* shaggy hair] 1 : a fabric characterized by a short soft dense warp pile 2 : something resembling or suggesting velvet (as in softness or luster) 3 : soft skin covering the growing antlers of deer 4 : the winnings of a player in a gambling game — **velvety** *adj*

2 **velvet** *adj* 1 : made of or covered with velvet 2 : resembling or suggesting velvet : SMOOTH, SOFT, SLEEK

vel-ve-teen \ˈvel-və-ˈtēn\ *n* 1 : a fabric woven usu. of cotton in imitation of velvet 2 *pl* : clothes made of velveteen

Ven *abbr* venerable

ve-nal \ˈvĕn-\ *adj* : capable of being bought *esp.* by underhanded means : MERCENARY, CORRUPT — **ve-nal-i-ty** \ˈvi-nəl-ət-ē\ *n* — **ve-nal-ly** \ˈvĕn-əl-ē\ *adv*

ve-na-tion \ve-ˈnā-shən, vĕ-\ *n* : an arrangement or system of veins (the ~ of the hand) (leaf ~)

vend \ˈvend\ *vb* : SELL; *esp* : to sell as a hawker or peddler — **vend-ible** *adj*

vend-ee \ven-ˈdē\ *n* : one to whom a thing is sold : BUYER

vend-er \ˈven-dər\ *n* : VENDOR

ven-det-ta \ven-ˈdet-ə\ *n* : a feud between clans or families

vending machine *n* : a coin-operated machine for vending merchandise

ven-dor \ˈven-dər, for 1 *also* ven-ˈdôr\ *n* 1 : one that vends : SELLER 2 : VENDING MACHINE

1 **ve-neer** \və-ˈniər\ *n* [G *furnier*, fr. *furnieren* to veneer, fr. *F. fournir* to furnish] 1 : a thin usu. superficial layer of material (brick ~); *esp* : a thin layer of fine wood glued over a cheaper wood 2 : superficial display : GLOSS

2 **veneer** *vb* : to overlay with a veneer

ven-er-a-ble \ˈven-ər-(ə)-bəl, ˈven-rə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : deserving to be venerated — often used as a religious title 2 : made sacred by association

ven-er-ate \ˈven-ə-, rāt\ *vb* -**at-ed**; -**at-ing** : to regard with reverential respect **syn** adore, revere, reverence, worship — **ven-er-a-tion** \ˈven-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

ve-ne-re-al \və-ˈnir-ē-əl\ *adj* : of or relating to sexual intercourse or to diseases transmitted by it (a ~ infection)

venereal disease *n* : a contagious disease (as gonorrhea or syphilis) that is usu. acquired by having sexual intercourse with someone who already has it

ve-ne-tian blind \və-, nē-shən-\ *n* : a blind having thin horizontal parallel slats that can be adjusted to admit a desired amount of light

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\a\out \ch\chin \e\bet \ē\easy \ə\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \o\go \ō\law \oi\boy \th\thin \th\the \ū\foot
\u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

Ven-e-zue-lan \, ven-əz-'wā-lən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Venezuela — **Venezuelan** *adj*

ven-geance \ˈven-jəns\ *n* : punishment inflicted in retaliation for an injury or offense : RETRIBUTION

venge-ful \ˈvenj-fəl\ *adj* : filled with a desire for revenge : VINDICTIVE — **venge-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

ve-nial \ˈvē-nē-əl, -nyəl\ *adj* : capable of being forgiven : EXCUSABLE (∼ sin)

ven-i-punc-ture \ˈvën-ə-, pənjk-chər, ˈven-ə-\ *n* : surgical puncture of a vein esp. for withdrawal of blood or for intravenous medication

ve-ni-re \və-'ni-rē\ *n* : a panel from which a jury is drawn

ve-ni-re fa-ci-as \-'fā-shē-as\ *n* [ME, fr. ML, you should cause to come] : a writ summoning persons to appear in court to serve as jurors

ve-ni-re-man \və-'ni-rē-mən, -'nir-ē-\ *n* : a member of a venire

ven-i-son \ˈven-ə-sən, -ə-zən\ *n*, *pl* venisons also venison [ME, fr. OF *venaison* hunting, game, fr. L *venatio*, fr. *venari* to hunt, pursue] : the edible flesh of a deer

ven-om \ˈven-əm\ *n* [ME *venim*, *venom*, fr. OF *venim*, deriv. of L *venenum* magic charm, drug, poison] 1 : poisonous material secreted by some animals (as snakes, spiders, or bees) and transmitted usu. by biting or stinging 2 : something that poisons or embitters the mind or spirit : MALIGNITY, MALICE

ven-om-ous \ˈven-ə-məs\ *adj* 1 : full of venom : POISONOUS 2 : MALIGNANT, SPITEFUL, MALICIOUS 3 : secreting and using venom (∼ snakes) — **ven-om-ous-ly** *adv*

ve-nous \ˈvē-nəs\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or full of veins 2 : being purplish red oxygen-deficient blood present in most veins

1vent \ˈvent\ *vb* 1 : to provide with a vent 2 : to serve as a vent for 3 : EXPEL, DISCHARGE 4 : to give expression to

2vent *n* 1 : an opportunity or way of escape or passage : OUTLET 2 : an opening for passage or escape (as of a fluid, gas, or smoke) or for relieving pressure

3vent *n* : a slit in a garment esp. in the lower part of a seam (as of a jacket or skirt)

ven-ti-late \ˈvent-'l-, āt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing 1 : to discuss freely and openly (∼ a question) 2 : to give vent to (∼ one's grievances) 3 : to cause fresh air to circulate through (as a room or mine) so as to replace foul air 4 : to provide with a vent or outlet *syn* express, vent, air, utter, voice, broach — **ven-ti-la-tor** \-'l-, āt-ər\ *n*

ven-ti-la-tion \ˈvent-'l-'ā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act or process of ventilating 2 : circulation of air (as in a room) 3 : a system or means of providing fresh air

ven-tral \ˈven-trəl\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to the belly : ABDOMINAL 2 : of, relating to, or located on or near the surface of the body that in humans is the front but in most other animals is the lower surface — **ven-tral-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

ven-tri-cle \ˈven-tri-kəl\ *n* 1 : a chamber of the heart that receives blood from the atrium of the same side and pumps it into the arteries 2 : any of the communicating cavities of the brain that are continuous with the central canal of the spinal cord

ven-tril-o-quism \ven-'tril-ə-, kwiz-əm\ *n* [LL *ventriloquus* ventriloquist, fr. L *venter* belly + *loqui* to speak; fr. the belief that the voice is produced from the ventriloquist's stomach] : the production of the voice in such a manner that the sound appears to come from a source other than the speaker — **ven-tril-o-quist** \-kwəst\ *n*

ven-tril-o-quy \-kwē\ *n* : VENTRILQUIISM

1ven-ture \ˈven-čər\ *vb* **ven-tured**; **ven-tur-ing** \ˈvench-(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to expose to hazard : RISK 2 : to undertake the risks of : BRAVE 3 : to advance or put forward or expose to criticism or argument (∼ an opinion) 4 : to make a venture : run a risk : proceed despite danger : DARE

2venture *n* 1 : an undertaking involving chance or risk;

esp : a speculative business enterprise 2 : something risked in a speculative venture : STAKE

ven-ture-some \ˈven-čər-səm\ *adj* 1 : involving risk : DANGEROUS, HAZARDOUS 2 : inclined to venture : BOLD, DARING *syn* adventurous, venturous, rash, reckless, foolhardy — **ven-ture-some-ly** *adv* — **ven-ture-some-ness** *n*

ven-tur-ous \ˈvench-(ə-)rəs\ *adj* : VENTURESOME — **ven-tur-ous-ly** *adv* — **ven-tur-ous-ness** *n*

ven-ue \ˈven-yü\ *n* : the place in which the alleged events from which a legal action arises took place; *also* : the place from which the jury is taken and where the trial is held

Ve-nus \ˈvē-nəs\ *n* : the planet second in order from the sun

Ve-nu-sian \vi-'n(y)ü-zhən\ *adj* : of or relating to the planet Venus

Venus's-fly-trap \, vē-nəs-(əz)-'fli-, trap\ or **Venus fly-trap** *n* : an insectivorous plant of the Carolina coast that has the leaf tip modified into an insect trap

ve-ra-cious \və-'rā-shəs\ *adj* 1 : TRUTHFUL, HONEST 2 : TRUE, ACCURATE — **ve-ra-cious-ly** *adv*

ve-rac-i-ty \və-'ras-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* -ties 1 : devotion to truth : TRUTHFULNESS 2 : conformity with fact : ACCURACY 3 : something true

ve-ran-da or **ve-ran-dah** \və-'ran-də\ *n* : a long open usu. roofed porch

verb \ˈvərb\ *n* : a word that is the grammatical center of a predicate and expresses an act, occurrence, or mode of being

1ver-bal \ˈvər-bəl\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or consisting of words; *esp* : having to do with words rather than with the ideas to be conveyed 2 : expressed in usu. spoken words : not written : ORAL (a ∼ contract) 3 : of, relating to, or formed from a verb 4 : LITERAL, VERBATIM — **ver-bal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

2verbal *n* : a word that combines characteristics of a verb with those of a noun or adjective

verbal auxiliary *n* : an auxiliary verb

ver-bal-ize \ˈvər-bə-, liz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing 1 : to speak or write in wordy or empty fashion 2 : to express something in words : describe verbally 3 : to convert into a verb — **ver-bal-iza-tion** \, vər-bə-lə-'zā-shən\ *n*

verbal noun *n* : a noun derived directly from a verb or verb stem and in some uses having the sense and constructions of a verb

ver-ba-tim \ˌ(,)vər-'bāt-əm\ *adv* or *adj* : in the same words : word for word

ver-be-na \ˌ(,)vər-'bē-nə\ *n* : VERVAIN; *esp* : any of several garden plants with showy spikes of bright often fragrant flowers

ver-bi-age \ˈvər-bē-ij\ *n* 1 : superfluity of words or words with little meaning : WORDINESS 2 : DICTION, WORDING

ver-bose \ˌ(,)vər-'bōs\ *adj* : using more words than are needed : WORDY *syn* prolix, diffuse, redundant, windy — **ver-bos-i-ty** \-'bās-ət-ē\ *n*

ver-bo-ten \vər-'böt-ən\ *adj* [G] : forbidden usu. by authority and often unreasonably

ver-dant \ˈvərd-'nt\ *adj* 1 : green with growing plants 2 : unripe in experience : GREEN — **ver-dant-ly** *adv*

ver-dict \ˈvər-(,)dikt\ *n* [alter. of ME *verdit*, fr. Anglo-French (the French of medieval England), fr. OF *ver* true (fr. L *verus*) + *dit* saying, dictum, fr. L *dictum*, fr. *dicere* to say] 1 : the finding or decision of a jury on the matter submitted to it in trial 2 : DECISION, JUDGMENT

ver-di-gris \ˈvərd-ə-, grēs, -'grīs\ *n* : a green or bluish deposit that forms on copper, brass, or bronze surfaces when exposed to the weather

ver-dure \ˈvər-jər\ *n* : the greenness of growing vegetation; *also* : green vegetation

1verge \ˈvərj\ *n* 1 : a staff carried as an emblem of authority or office 2 : something that borders or bounds : EDGE, MARGIN 3 : BRINK, THRESHOLD

2verge *vb* verged; **verging** 1 : to be contiguous 2 : to be on the verge or border

3verge *vb* verged; **verging** 1 : to move or extend in some direction or toward some condition : INCLINE 2 : to be in transition or change

verger \ˈvər-jər/ *n* 1 chiefly *Brit* : an attendant who carries a verge (as before a bishop) 2 : SEXTON

veridical \və-ˈrɪd-ɪ-kəl/ *adj* 1 : TRUTHFUL 2 : not illusory : GENUINE

ver-ify \ˈvər-ə-,fɪ/ *vb* -fied; -fy-**ing** 1 : to confirm in law by oath 2 : to establish the truth, accuracy, or reality of **syn** authenticate, confirm, corroborate, substantiate, validate — **ver-i-fi-able** *adj* — **ver-i-fi-ca-tion** \ˌvər-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən/ *n*

ver-ily \ˈvər-ə-lē/ *adv* 1 : in very truth : CERTAINLY 2 : TRULY, CONFIDENTLY

veri-sim-il-i-tude \ˌvər-ə-sə-ˈmɪ-lə-,t(y)ūd/ *n* : the quality or state of appearing to be true : PROBABILITY; *also* : a statement that is apparently true **syn** plausibility

ver-i-ta-ble \ˈvər-ət-ə-bəl/ *adj* : ACTUAL, GENUINE, TRUE — **ver-i-ta-bly** *adv*

ver-ity \ˈvər-ət-ē/ *n, pl* -ties 1 : the quality or state of being true or real : TRUTH, REALITY 2 : something (as a statement) that is true 3 : HONESTY, VERACITY

ver-mil *n* [MF] 1 \ˈvər-məl, -māl/ : VERMILION 2 \ˈvər-māl/ : gilded silver

ver-mi-cel-li \ˌvər-mə-ˈchel-ē-, -ˈsɛl-/ *n* [It, lit., little worms] : a dough made in long solid strings smaller in diameter than spaghetti

ver-mic-u-lite \ˌvər-ˈmɪk-yə-,lɪt/ *n* : any of various minerals that result usu. from the expansion of mica granules at high temperatures to give a lightweight highly water-absorbent material

ver-mi-form *appendix* \ˈvər-mə-,fɔrm-/ *n* : APPENDIX 2

ver-mi-fuge \ˈvər-mə-,fju/ *n* : a medicine for destroying or expelling intestinal worms

ver-mil-ion *also* **ver-mil-lion** \vər-ˈmɪl-yən/ *n* : any of a number of very bright red colors not quite as bright as scarlet; *also* : a pigment yielding one of these colors

ver-min \ˈvər-mən/ *n, pl* vermin [ME, fr. MF, deriv. of L *vermis* worm] : small common harmful or disgusting animals (as lice or mice) that are difficult to get rid of — **ver-min-ous** *adj*

ver-mouth \vər-ˈmüth/ *n* [F *vermout*, fr. G *wermut* wormwood] : a white wine flavored with herbs and often used in combination with other beverages

1ver-nac-u-lar \və(r)-ˈnak-yə-lər/ *adj* [L *vernaculus* native, fr. *verna* slave born in his master's house] 1 : of, relating to, or being a language or dialect native to a region or country rather than a literary, cultured, or foreign language 2 : of, relating to, or being the normal spoken form of a language 3 : applied to a plant or animal in common speech as distinguished from biological nomenclature (~ names)

2vernacular *n* 1 : a vernacular language 2 : the mode of expression of a group or class 3 : a vernacular name of a plant or animal

ver-nal \ˈvɜrn-/ *adj* : of, relating to, or occurring in the spring

ver-nal-iza-tion \ˌvɜrn-əl-ə-ˈzā-shən/ *n* : the act or process of hastening the flowering and fruiting of plants by treating seeds, bulbs, or seedlings so as to shorten the vegetative period — **ver-nal-ize** \ˈvɜrn-əl-,ɪz/ *vb*

ver-ni-er \ˈvər-nē-ər/ *n* : a short scale made to slide along the divisions of a graduated instrument to indicate parts of divisions

ve-ron-i-ca \və-ˈrən-ɪ-kə/ *n* : SPEEDWELL

ver-sa-tile \ˈvər-sət-əl/ *adj* : turning with ease from one thing or position to another; *esp* : having many aptitudes — **ver-sa-til-i-ty** \ˌvər-sə-ˈtɪl-ət-ē/ *n*

verse \ˈvɜrs/ *n* 1 : a line of poetry; *also* : STANZA 2 : metrical writing distinguished from poetry *esp.* by its lower

level of intensity 3 : POETRY 4 : POEM 5 : one of the short divisions of a chapter in the Bible

versed \ˈvɜrst/ *adj* : familiar from experience, study, or practice : SKILLED

ver-si-cle \ˈvɜr-sɪ-kəl/ *n* : a verse or sentence said or sung by a clergyman and followed by a response from the people

ver-si-fi-ca-tion \ˌvər-sə-fə-ˈkā-shən/ *n* 1 : the making of verses 2 : metrical structure

ver-si-fy \ˈvər-sə-,fɪ/ *vb* -fied; -fy-**ing** 1 : to write verse 2 : to turn into verse — **ver-si-fi-er** \-,fɪ(-ə)r/ *n*

ver-sion \ˈvər-zhən/ *n* 1 : TRANSLATION; *esp* : a translation of the Bible 2 : an account or description from a particular point of view *esp.* as contrasted with another 3 : a form or variant of a type or original

vers li-bre \ˌvər-ˈlēbrə/ *n, pl* vers li-bres \same/ [F] : FREE VERSE

ver-so \ˈvər-sō/ *n, pl* versos : a left-hand page

ver-sus \ˈvɜr-səs/ *prep* 1 : AGAINST (the champion ~ the challenger) 2 : in contrast or as an alternative to (free trade ~ protection)

vert *abbr* vertical

ver-te-bra \ˈvɜrt-ə-brə/ *n, pl* -brae \-,brā, -(ɪ)brē/ *or* -bras [L] : one of the segments of bone or cartilage making up the backbone

ver-te-bral \-(ɪ)vər-ˈtē-brəl, ˈvɜrt-ə-/ *adj* : of, relating to, or made up of vertebrae : SPINAL

vertebral column *n* : BACKBONE

1ver-te-brate \ˈvɜrt-ə-brət, -brāt/ *adj* 1 : having a backbone 2 : of or relating to the vertebrates

2vertebrate *n* : any of a large group of animals (as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, or fishes) that have a backbone or in some primitive forms a flexible rod of cells and that have a tubular nervous system arranged along the back and divided into a brain and spinal cord

ver-tex \ˈvɜr-,tek/ *n, pl* ver-ti-ces \ˈvɜrt-ə-,sɛz/ *also* ver-tes-es [L *vertex*, vortex whirl, whirlpool, top of the head, summit, fr. *vertere* to turn] 1 : the point opposite to and farthest from the base of a geometrical figure 2 : the termination or intersection of lines or curves (the ~ of an angle) 3 : ZENITH 1 4 : the highest point : TOP, SUMMIT

ver-ti-cal \ˈvɜrt-ɪ-kəl/ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or located at the vertex : directly overhead 2 : rising perpendicularly from a level surface : UPRIGHT — **vertical** *n* — **ver-ti-cal-i-ty** \ˌvɜrt-ə-ˈkal-ət-ē/ *n* — **ver-ti-cal-ly** \-k(ə-)lē/ *adv*

ver-tig-i-nous \-(ɪ)vər-ˈtɪj-ə-nəs/ *adj* : marked by, suffering from, or tending to cause dizziness

ver-ti-go \ˈvɜrt-ɪ-,gō/ *n, pl* -gos *or* -gos : DIZZINESS, GIDDINESS

ver-vain \ˈvər-,vān/ *n* : any of a genus of herbs or low woody plants with often showy heads or spikes of tubular flowers

verve \ˈvɜrv/ *n* : liveliness of imagination; *also* : VIVACITY

1very \ˈvɜr-ē/ *adj* ver-ier; -est [ME *verray*, *verry*, fr. OF *verai*, fr. L *verax* truthful, fr. *verus* true] 1 : EXACT, PRECISE (the ~ heart of the city) 2 : exactly suitable (the ~ tool for the job) 3 : ABSOLUTE, UTTER (the *veriest* nonsense) 4 — used as an intensive *esp.* to emphasize identity (made the ~ walls shake) 5 : MERE, BARE (the ~ idea scared him) 6 : SELF-SAME, IDENTICAL (the ~ man I saw)

2very *adv* 1 : in actual fact : TRULY 2 : to a high degree : EXTREMELY

very high frequency *n* : a radio frequency of between 30 and 300 megahertz

ves-i-cant \ˈvɛs-ɪ-kənt/ *n* : an agent that causes blistering — **vesicant** *adj*

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \d\go \d\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\thin \t\foot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

ves-i-cle \ˈves-i-kəl\ *n* : a membranous and usu. fluid-filled cavity in a plant or animal; *also* : BLISTER — **vesic-u-lar** \və-ˈsɪk-yə-lər\ *adj*

ves-per \ˈves-pər\ *n* 1 *cap* : EVENING STAR 2 : a vesper bell 3 *archaic* : EVENING, EVENTIDE

vesper *adj* : of or relating to vespers or to the evening **ves-pers** \-pərz\ *n pl*, *often cap* : a late afternoon or evening worship service

ves-per-tine \ˈves-pər-,tɪn\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or taking place in the evening 2 : active, flowering, or flourishing in the evening

ves-sel \ˈves-əl\ *n* 1 : a hollow or concave utensil (as a barrel, bottle, bowl, or cup) for holding something 2 : a person held to be the recipient of a quality (as grace) 3 : a craft bigger than a rowboat for navigation of the water 4 : a tube in which a body fluid (as blood) is contained and circulated

vest \ˈvest\ *vb* 1 : to place or give into the possession or discretion of some person or authority 2 : to clothe with a particular authority, right, or property 3 : to become legally vested 4 : to clothe with or as if with a garment; *esp* : to garb in ecclesiastical vestments

vest *n* 1 : a man's sleeveless garment for the upper body usu. worn under a suit coat; *also* : a similar garment for women 2 *chiefly Brit* : a man's sleeveless undershirt 3 : a front piece of a dress resembling the front of a vest

ves-tal \ˈves-təl\ *adj* : CHASTE — **ves-tal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

vestal *n* : a chaste woman

vestal virgin *n* : a virgin consecrated to the Roman goddess Vesta and to the service of watching the sacred fire perpetually kept burning on her altar

vest-ed \ˈves-təd\ *adj* : fully and unconditionally guaranteed as a legal right, benefit, or privilege

vested interest *n* : an interest (as in an existing political, economic, or social arrangement) to which the holder has a strong commitment; *also* : one (as a corporation) having a vested interest

ves-ti-bule \ˈves-tə-,byū\ *n* 1 : any of various bodily cavities forming or suggesting an entrance to some other part 2 : a passage or room between the outer door and the interior of a building — **ves-tib-u-lar** \ve-ˈstɪb-yə-lər\ *adj*

ves-tige \ˈves-tij\ *n* [F, fr. L *vestigium* footprint, track, vestige] : a trace or visible sign left by something lost or vanished; *also* : a minute remaining amount — **ves-tigial** \ve-ˈstij(-ē)-əl\ *adj* — **ves-tigial-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

vest-ing \ˈves-tɪŋ\ *n* : the conveying to an employee of inalienable rights to share in a pension fund; *also* : the right so conveyed

vest-ment \ves(t)-mənt\ *n* 1 : an outer garment; *esp* : a ceremonial or official robe 2 *pl* : CLOTHING, GARB 3 : a garment or insignia worn by a clergyman when officiating or assisting at a religious service

vest-pocket *adj* : very small (a ~ park)

ves-try \ˈves-trē\ *n*, *pl vestries* 1 : a room in a church for vestments, altar linens, and sacred vessels 2 : a room used for church meetings and classes 3 : a body administering the temporal affairs of an Episcopal parish

ves-try-man \-mən\ *n* : a member of a vestry

ves-ture \ˈves-chor\ *n* 1 : a covering garment (as a robe) 2 : CLOTHING, APPAREL

vet \ˈvet\ *n* : VETERINARIAN, VETERINARY

vet *adj* or *n* : VETERAN

vetch \ˈvech\ *n* : any of several herbs related to the pea including some valued for fodder

vet-er-an \ˈvet(-ə)-rən\ *n* [L *veteranus*, fr. *veteranus* old, of long experience, fr. *veter-*, *vetus* old] 1 : an old soldier of long service 2 : a former member of the armed forces 3 : a person of long experience in an occupation or skill — **veteran** *adj*

Veterans Day *n* : November 11 observed as a legal holiday in commemoration of the end of hostilities in 1918 and 1945

vet-er-i-nar-i-an \ˈvet(-ə)-rən-ˈer-ē-ən, ˈvet-ən\ *n* : one qualified and authorized to treat injuries and diseases of animals

vet-er-i-nary \ˈvet(-ə)-rən-,er-ē, ˈvet-ən\ *adj* : of, relating to, or being the medical care of animals and esp. domestic animals

veterinary *n*, *pl -nar-ies* : VETERINARIAN

ve-to \ˈvət-ō\ *n*, *pl vetoes* [L, I forbid] 1 : an authoritative prohibition 2 : a power of one part of a government to forbid the carrying out of projects attempted by another part; *esp* : a power vested in a chief executive to prevent the carrying out of measures adopted by a legislature 3 : the exercise of the power of veto; *also* : a document or message stating the reasons for a specific use of this power

veto *vb* 1 : FORBID, PROHIBIT 2 : to refuse assent to (a legislative bill) so as to prevent enactment or cause reconsideration — **ve-to-er** *n*

vex \ˈveks\ *vb* **vexed** *also* **vext**; **vex-ing** 1 : to bring trouble, distress, or agitation to 2 : to irritate or annoy by petty provocations 3 : to shake or toss about

vex-a-tion \vek-ˈsā-shən\ *n* 1 : the act of vexing 2 : the quality or state of being vexed : IRRITATION 3 : a cause of trouble or annoyance

vex-a-tious \-shəs\ *adj* 1 : causing vexation : ANNOYING, DISTRESSING 2 : full of distress or annoyance : TROUBLED — **vex-a-tious-ly** *adv* — **vex-a-tious-ness** *n*

vexed \ˈvekst\ *adj* : fully debated or discussed (a ~ question)

VF abbr 1 video frequency 2 visual field

VFD abbr volunteer fire department

VFW abbr Veterans of Foreign Wars

VG abbr 1 very good 2 vicar-general

VHF abbr very high frequency

VI abbr Virgin Islands

via \ˌvi-,ə, ˌvē-ə\ *prep* : by way of (goods shipped ~ the Panama Canal)

vi-a-ble \ˌvi-ə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : capable of living; *esp* : capable of surviving outside the mother's womb without artificial support (a ~ fetus) 2 : capable of being put into practice : WORKABLE 3 : having a reasonable chance of succeeding (a ~ candidate) — **vi-a-bil-i-ty** \ˌvi-ə-bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **vi-a-bly** \ˌvi-ə-blē\ *adv*

via-duct \ˌvi-ə-,dəkt\ *n* : a bridge with high supporting towers or piers for carrying a road or railroad over something (as a valley, river, or road)

vial \ˌvi(-ə)\ *n* : a small vessel for liquids

vi-and \ˌvi-ənd\ *n* : an article of food

vi-at-i-cum \ˌvi-at-i-kəm, vē-\ *n*, *pl -cums* or **-ca** \-kə\ 1 : the Christian Eucharist given to a person in danger of death 2 : an allowance esp. in money for traveling needs and expenses

vibes \ˌvɪbz\ *n pl* 1 : VIBRAPHONE 2 : VIBRATIONS

vi-brant \ˌvi-brənt\ *adj* 1 : VIBRATING, PULSATING 2 : pulsating with vigor or activity 3 : readily set in vibration : RESPONSIVE, SENSITIVE 4 : sounding from vibration — **vi-bran-cy** \-brən-sē\ *n*

vi-bra-phone \ˌvi-brə-,fōn\ *n* : a percussion instrument like the xylophone but with metal bars and motor-driven resonators

vibrate \ˌvi-,brāt\ *vb* **vi-brat-ed**; **vi-brat-ing** 1 : OSCILLATE 2 : to set in vibration 3 : to be in vibration 4 : to respond sympathetically : THRILL 5 : WAVE, FLUCTUATE

vi-bra-tion \ˌvi-ˈbrā-shən\ *n* 1 : a rapid to-and-fro motion of the particles of an elastic body or medium (as a stretched cord) that produces sound 2 : an act of vibrating : a state of being vibrated : OSCILLATION 3 : a trembling motion 4 : VACILLATION 5 : a distinctive usu. emotional emanation or atmosphere that can be instinctively sensed — usu. used in pl. — **vi-bra-tional** \-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj*

vi-bra-to \ˌvi-ˈbrāt-ō\ *n*, *pl -tos* [It] : a slightly tremulous effect imparted to vocal or instrumental music

vi-bra-tor \ˈvī-brāt-ər\ *n* : one that vibrates or causes vibration; *esp* : a vibrating electrical device used in massage or for sexual stimulation

vi-bra-to-ry \ˈvī-brə-tōr-ē\ *adj* : consisting in, capable of, or causing vibration

vi-bur-num \vī-ˈbər-nəm\ *n* : any of a genus of widely distributed shrubs or trees related to the honeysuckle and bearing small usu. white flowers in broad clusters

vic *abbr* vicinity

Vic *abbr* Victoria

vic-ar \ˈvik-ər\ *n* 1 : an administrative deputy 2 : an Anglican clergyman in charge of a dependent parish — **vi-car-i-ate** \vī-ˈker-ē-ə\ *n*

vic-ar-age \ˈvik-ə-rj\ *n* : the benefice or house of a vicar

vic-ar-general, *pl* **vicars-general** : an administrative deputy (as of a Roman Catholic or Anglican bishop)

vi-car-i-ous \vī-ˈker-ē-əs, -ˈkar-əl\ *adj* 1 : acting for another 2 : done or suffered by one person on behalf of another or others (a ~ sacrifice) 3 : realized or experienced by one person through sympathetic sharing in the experience of another — **vi-car-i-ous-ly** *adv* — **vi-car-i-ous-ness** *n*

vice \ˈvīs\ *n* 1 : DEPRAVITY, WICKEDNESS 2 : a moral fault; *esp* : an immoral habit 3 : a physical imperfection : BLEMISH 4 : an undesirable behavior pattern in a domestic animal

vice chiefly *Brit* *var* of **VISE**

vi-ce \vī-sē\ *prep* : in the place of : SUCCEEDING

vice admiral *n* : a commissioned officer in the navy or coast guard ranking above a rear admiral

vice-ge-rent \ˈvīs-ˈjir-ənt\ *n* : an administrative deputy of a king or magistrate — **vice-ge-ren-cy** \-ən-sē\ *n*

vi-cen-ni-al \vī-ˈsen-ē-əl\ *adj* : occurring once every 20 years

vice presidency *n* : the office of vice president

vice president *n* 1 : an officer ranking next to a president and usu. empowered to act for the president during an absence or disability 2 : a president's deputy in charge of a particular location or function

vice-re-gal \ˈvīs-ˈrē-gəl\ *adj* : of or relating to a viceroy

vice-roy \ˈvīs-ˈrōi\ *n* : the governor of a country or province who rules as representative of the sovereign — **vice-roy-al-ty** \-əl-tē\ *n*

vice ver-sa \, vī-si-ˈvər-sə, (ˈ)vīs-ˈvər-\ *adv* : with the order reversed : CONVERSELY

vi-chys-soise \, vish-ē-ˈswāz, ˌvī-shē-\ *n* [F] : a thick soup made esp. from leeks or onions and potatoes, cream, and chicken stock and usu. served cold

Vi-chy water \ˈvish-ē-\ *n* : carbonated water

vic-i-nage \ˈvīs-n-ij\ *n* : a neighboring or surrounding district : VICINITY

vi-cin-i-ty \və-ˈsin-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** [MF *vicinité*, fr. L *vicinitas*, fr. *vicinus* neighboring, fr. *vicus* row of houses, village] 1 : NEARNESS, PROXIMITY 2 : a suitrounding area : NEIGHBORHOOD

vi-cious \ˈvish-əs\ *adj* 1 : addicted to vice : WICKED, DEPRAVED 2 : DEFECTIVE, FAULTY; *also* : INVALID 3 : IMPURE, FOUL 4 : having a savage disposition 5 : MALICIOUS, SPITEFUL 6 : worsened by internal causes that augment each other (~ wage-price spiral) — **vi-cious-ly** *adv* — **vi-cious-ness** *n*

vi-cis-si-tude \və-ˈsis-ə-, t(y)ūd, vī-\ *n* 1 : the quality or state of being changeable 2 : a change or succession from one thing to another; *esp* : an irregular, unexpected, or surprising change

vic-tim \ˈvik-təm\ *n* 1 : a living being offered as a sacrifice in a religious rite 2 : an individual injured or killed (as by disease or accident) 3 : a person cheated, fooled, or injured (a ~ of circumstances)

vic-tim-ize \ˈvik-tə-, mīz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to make a victim of — **vic-tim-iza-tion** \, vik-tə-mə-ˈzā-shən\ *n* — **vic-tim-iz-er** \ˈvik-tə-, mī-zər\ *n*

vic-tim-less *adj* : having no victim (considered gambling to be a ~ crime)

vic-tor \ˈvik-tər\ *n* : WINNER, CONQUEROR

vic-to-ria \ˈvik-tōr-ē-ə\ *n* : a low 4-wheeled carriage with a folding top and a raised seat in front for the driver

vic-to-ri-an \ˈvik-tōr-ē-ən\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to the reign of Queen Victoria of England or the art, letters, or tastes of her time 2 : typical of the standards, attitudes, or conduct of the age of Victoria *esp.* when considered prudish or narrow

Victorian *n* : a person and *esp.* an author of the Victorian period

vic-to-ri-ous \ˈvik-tōr-ē-əs\ *adj* 1 : having won a victory : CONQUERING 2 : of, relating to, or characteristic of victory — **vic-to-ri-ous-ly** *adv*

vic-to-ry \ˈvik-t(ə-)rē\ *n*, *pl* **-ries** 1 : the overcoming of an enemy or an antagonist 2 : achievement of mastery or success in a struggle or endeavor against odds

vict-u-al \ˈvit-əl\ *n* 1 : food usable by man 2 *pl* : food supplies : PROVISIONS

victual *vb* -ual-ed or -ualled; -ual-ing or -ual-ling 1 : to supply with food 2 : to store up provisions

vict-u-al-ler or **vict-u-al-er** \ˈvit-əl-ər\ *n* : one that supplies provisions (as to an army or a ship)

vi-cu-ña or **vi-cu-na** \vi-ˈkūn-yə, vī-, vī-ˈk(y)ū-nə\ *n* 1 : a So. American wild mammal related to the llama and alpaca; *also* : its wool 2 : a soft fabric woven from the wool of the vicuña; *also* : a sheep's wool imitation of this

vi-de \ˈvid-ē, ˈvē-, dā\ *vb* *imper* [L] : SEE — used to direct a reader to another item

vi-de-li-cet \və-ˈdel-ə-, set, vī-, vī-ˈdā-li-, ket\ *adv* [ME, fr. L, fr. *videre* to see + *licet* it is permitted] : that is to say : NAMELY

vid-eo \ˈvid-ē-, ō\ *n* 1 : TELEVISION 2 : VIDEOTAPE

video *adj* 1 : relating to or used in transmission or reception of the television image 2 : relating to or being images on a television screen or computer display (a ~ terminal)

vid-eo-cas-sette \ˈvid-ē-ō-kə-, set\ *n* 1 : a case containing videotape for use with a VCR 2 : a recording (as of a movie) on a videocassette

videocassette recorder *n* : VCR

vid-eo-disc or **vid-eo-disk** \-, disk\ *n* 1 : a disc similar in appearance and use to a phonograph record on which programs have been recorded for playback on a television set; *also* : OPTICAL DISC 2 : a recording (as of a movie) on a videodisc

video game *n* : an electronic game played on a video screen

vid-eo-phone \ˈvid-ē-ə-, fōn\ *n* : a telephone for transmitting both audio and video signals

vid-eo-tape \ˈvid-ē-ō-, tāp\ *n* : a recording of visual images and sound made on magnetic tape; *also* : the magnetic tape used for such a recording

videotape *vb* : to make a videotape of (~ a show)

videotape recorder *n* : a device for recording and playing back videotapes

vid-eo-tex \-, teks\ *also* **vid-eo-text** \-, tekst\ *n* : an interactive electronic communications system in which data transmitted by a computer appears on a subscriber's video display

vie \ˈvī\ *vb* vied; **vy-ing** \ˈvī-ɪŋ\ : to strive for superiority : CONTEND — **vi-er** \ˈvī-(ə)r\ *n*

Viet-cong \vē-ˈet-ˈkäng, ˌvē-ət-, -ˈkōŋ\ *n*, *pl* **Vietcong** : an adherent of the Vietnamese communist movement

Viet-nam-ese \vē-ˈet-nə-ˈmēz, ˌvē-ət-, -ˈmēs\ *n*, *pl*

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \ərˈfurther \əˈlāsh \āˈlāce \āˈcot, cart
 \əˈdout \chˈchin \eˈbet \ēˈeas-y \əˈgo \iˈhlt \iˈvice \iˈjob
 \ŋˈsɪŋg \dʒo \dʒlaw \dʒoɪˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \dʒloot
 \dʒfoot \yˈyet \zhˈvision *see* also Pronunciation Symbols page

Vietnamese : a native or inhabitant of Vietnam — **Vietnamese** *adj*

view \ˈvyū\ *n* 1 : the act of seeing or examining : INSPECTION; *also* : SURVEY 2 : a way of looking at or regarding something 3 : ESTIMATE, JUDGMENT (stated his ~s) 4 : a sight (as of a landscape) regarded for its pictorial quality 5 : extent or range of vision (within ~) 6 : OBJECT, PURPOSE (done with a ~ to promotion) 7 : a picture of a scene

view *vb* 1 : to look at attentively : EXAMINE 2 : SEE, BEHOLD 3 : to examine mentally : CONSIDER — **view-er** *n*

view-er-ship \-,ship\ *n* : a television audience esp. with respect to size or makeup

view-find-er \ˈvyū-,fin-dər\ *n* : a device on a camera for showing the view to be included in the picture

view-point \-,pɔɪnt\ *n* : a position from which something is considered : POINT OF VIEW, STANDPOINT

vi-ges-i-mal \vī-ˈjes-ə-məl\ *adj* : based on the number 20

vig-il \ˈvij-əl\ *n* 1 : a religious observance formerly held on the night before a religious feast 2 : the day before a religious feast observed as a day of spiritual preparation 3 : evening or nocturnal devotions or prayers — *usu.* used in pl. 4 : an act or a time of keeping awake when sleep is customary; *esp.* : WATCH 1

vig-i-lance \ˈvij-ə-ləns\ *n* : the quality or state of being vigilant

vigilance committee *n* : a committee of vigilantes

vig-i-lant \ˈvij-ə-lənt\ *adj* : alertly watchful esp. to avoid danger — **vig-i-lant-ly** *adv*

vig-i-lan-te \,vij-ə-ˈlant-ē\ *n* : a member of a volunteer committee organized to suppress and punish crime summarily (as when the processes of law appear inadequate)

vign-ette \vin-ˈyet\ *n* [F, fr. MF *vignete*, fr. dim. of *vigne* vine] 1 : a small decorative design on or just before the title page of a book or at the beginning or end of a chapter 2 : a picture (as an engraving or a photograph) that shades off gradually into the surrounding ground 3 : a short descriptive literary sketch

vignette *vb* **vi-gnett-ed**; **vi-gnett-ing** : to finish (as a photograph) in the manner of a vignette

vig-or \ˈvig-ər\ *n* 1 : active strength or energy of body or mind 2 : INTENSITY, FORCE

vig-or-ous \ˈvig-(ə-)rəs\ *adj* 1 : having vigor : ROBUST 2 : done with vigor : carried out forcefully and energetically — **vig-or-ous-ly** *adv* — **vig-or-ous-ness** *n*

Vi-king \vi-ˈkɪŋ\ *n* [ON *vikings*] : one of the pirate Norsemen plundering the coasts of Europe in the 8th to 10th centuries

vil *abbr* village

vile \ˈvil\ *adj* **vil-er**; **vil-est** 1 : morally despicable 2 : physically repulsive : FOUL 3 : of little worth 4 : DEGRADING, IGNOMINIOUS 5 : utterly bad or inferior (~ weather) — **vile-ly** \ˈvil-lē\ *adv* — **vile-ness** *n*

vil-i-fy \ˈvil-ə-,fi\ *vb* **-fied**; **-fy-ing** : to blacken the character of with abusive language : DEFAME *syn* malign, calumniate, slander, libel, traduce — **vil-i-fi-ca-tion** \,vil-ə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* — **vil-i-fi-er** \ˈvil-ə-,fi-(ə)r\ *n*

vil-la \ˈvil-ə\ *n* 1 : a country estate 2 : the rural or suburban residence of a wealthy person

vil-lage \ˈvil-ij\ *n* 1 : a settlement usu. larger than a hamlet and smaller than a town 2 : an incorporated minor municipality 3 : the people of a village

vil-lag-er \ˈvil-ij-ər\ *n* : an inhabitant of a village

vil-lain \ˈvil-ən\ *n* 1 : VILLEIN 2 : a deliberate scoundrel or criminal

vil-lain-ess \-ə-nəs\ *n* : a woman who is a villain

vil-lain-ous \-ə-nəs\ *adj* 1 : befitting a villain : WICKED, EVIL 2 : highly objectionable : DETESTABLE *syn* vicious, iniquitous, nefarious, infamous, corrupt, degenerate — **vil-lain-ous-ly** *adv* — **vil-lain-ous-ness** *n*

vil-lainy \-ə-nē\ *n*, *pl* **-lain-ies** 1 : villainous conduct; *also*

: a villainous act 2 : villainous character or nature : DEPRAVITY

vil-lein \ˈvil-ən, ˈvil-,ān\ *n* 1 : a free villager of Anglo-Saxon times 2 : an unfree peasant having the status of a slave to a feudal lord

vil-len-age \ˈvil-ə-nij\ *n* 1 : the holding of land at the will of a feudal lord 2 : the status of a villein

vil-lous \ˈvil-əs\ *adj* : covered with fine hairs or villi

vil-lus \ˈvil-əs\ *n*, *pl* **vil-li** \ˈvil-,ī, -(j)ē\ : a slender usu. vascular process; *esp.* : one of the tiny projections of the mucous membrane of the small intestine that function in the absorption of food

vim \ˈvim\ *n* : robust energy and enthusiasm : VITALITY

vin-aigrette \,vin-i-ˈgret\ *n* [F] 1 : a sauce made typically of oil and vinegar, onions, parsley, and herbs 2 : a small box or bottle for holding aromatic preparations (as smelling salts)

vin-ci-ble \ˈvin-sə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being overcome or subdued

vin-di-cate \ˈvin-də-,kāt\ *vb* **-cat-ed**; **-cat-ing** 1 : AVENGE 2 : EXONERATE, ABSOLVE 3 : CONFIRM, SUBSTANTIATE 4 : to provide defense for : JUSTIFY 5 : to maintain a right to : ASSERT — **vin-di-ca-tor** \-,kāt-ər\ *n*

vin-di-ca-tion \,vin-də-ˈkā-shən\ *n* : a vindicating or being vindicated; *esp.* : justification against denial or censure

vin-dic-tive \ˈvin-ˈdik-tiv\ *adj* 1 : disposed to revenge 2 : intended for or involving revenge 3 : VICIOUS, SPITEFUL — **vin-dic-tive-ly** *adv* — **vin-dic-tive-ness** *n*

vine \ˈvin\ *n* [ME, fr. OF *vigne*, fr. L *vinea* vine, vineyard, fr. fem. of *vineus* of wine, fr. *vinum* wine] 1 : GRAPE 2 2 : a plant whose stem requires support and which climbs (as by tendrils) or trails along the ground; *also* : the stem of such a plant

vin-e-gar \ˈvin-i-gər\ *n* [ME *vinegre*, fr. OF *vinaigre*, fr. *vin* wine + *aigre* keen, sour] : a sour liquid obtained by fermentation (as of cider, wine, or malt) and used in cookery and pickling

vin-e-gary \ˈvin-i-g(ə-)rē\ *adj* 1 : resembling vinegar : SOUR 2 : disagreeable in manner or disposition : CRABBED

vine-yard \ˈvin-yərd\ *n* 1 : a plantation of grapevines 2 : an area of physical or mental occupation

vi-nous \ˈvi-nəs\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or made with wine (~ medications) 2 : showing the effects of the use of wine

vin-tage \ˈvint-ij\ *n* 1 : a season's yield of grapes or wine 2 : WINE; *esp.* : a usu. superior wine which comes from a single year 3 : the act or period of gathering grapes or making wine 4 : a period of origin (clothes of 1890 ~)

vintage *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or produced in a particular vintage 2 : of old, recognized, and enduring interest, importance, or quality : CLASSIC (~ cars) 3 : of the best and most characteristic — used with a proper noun

vint-ner \ˈvint-nər\ *n* : a dealer in wines

vi-nyl \ˈvin-əl\ *n* 1 : a chemical derived from ethylene by the removal of one hydrogen atom 2 : a polymer of a vinyl compound or a product (as a textile fiber) made from one

vinyl chloride *n* : a flammable gaseous carcinogenic compound used esp. to make vinyl resins

vi-ol \ˈvi-(ə)\ *n* : a bowed stringed instrument chiefly of the 16th and 17th centuries having a fretted neck and usu. six strings

vi-o-la \vi-ˈō-lə, ˈvi-ə-lə\ *n* : VIOLET 1; *esp.* : any of various hybrid garden plants with white, yellow, purple, or variously colored flowers that resemble but are smaller than the related pansies

vi-o-la \və-ˈō-lə\ *n* : an instrument of the violin family slightly larger and tuned lower than a violin — **vi-o-list** \-ləst\ *n*

vi-o-la-ble \ˈvi-ə-lə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being violated

vi-o-late \ˈvi-ə-,lāt\ *vb* **-lat-ed**; **-lat-ing** 1 : BREAK, DISREGARD (~ a law) (~ a frontier) 2 : RAPE 3 : PROFANE,

DESECRATE **4** : INTERRUPT, DISTURB (*violated his privacy*)
— **vi-o-la-tor** \-lāt-ər/ *n*

vi-o-la-tion \-vī-ə-lā-shən/ *n* : an act or instance of violating : the state of being violated **syn** breach, infraction, trespass, infringement, transgression

vi-o-lence \-vī-ə-ləns/ *n* **1** : exertion of physical force so as to injure or abuse **2** : injury by or as if by infringement or profanation **3** : intense or furious often destructive action or force **4** : vehement feeling or expression : INTENSITY **5** : jarring quality : DISCORDANCE **syn** compulsion, coercion, duress, constraint

vi-o-lent \-lənt/ *adj* **1** : marked by extreme force or sudden intense activity; *esp* : marked by improper use of such force **2** : caused by or showing strong feeling (~ words) **3** : EXTREME, INTENSE **4** : caused by force : not natural (~ death) — **vi-o-lent-ly** *adv*

vi-o-let \-vī-ə-lət/ *n* **1** : any of a genus of herbs or woody-stemmed plants usu. with heart-shaped leaves and both aerial and underground flowers; *esp* : one with small solid-colored flowers **2** : a variable color averaging a reddish blue

vi-o-lin \-vī-ə-lin/ *n* : a bowed stringed instrument with four strings that has a shallower body and a more curved bridge than a viol — **vi-o-lin-ist** \-əst/ *n*



violin

vi-o-lon-cel-lo \-vī-ə-lən-ˈchel-ō/ *n* [It] : CELLO — **vi-o-lon-cel-list** \-əst/ *n*

VIP \-vē-,ī-ˈpē/ *n*, *pl* **VIPs** \-ˈpēz/ [very important person] : a person of great influence or prestige; *esp* : a high official with special privileges

vi-per \-vī-pər/ *n* **1** : any of various sluggish heavy-bodied Old World venomous snakes **2** : PIT VIPER **3** : any venomous or reputedly venomous snake **4** : a vicious or treacherous person — **vi-per-ine** \-pə-,rīn/ *adj*

vi-ra-go \-və-ˈrāg-ō, -ˈrāg-/ *n*, *pl* **-goes** or **-gos** [L, manlike heroic woman, fr. *vir* man] : a scolding, quarrelsome, or loud overbearing woman **syn** amazon, termagant, scold, shrew, vixen

vi-ral \-vī-rəl/ *adj* : of, relating to, or caused by a virus
vir-eo \-vir-ē-,ō/ *n*, *pl* **-eos** [L, a small bird, fr. *virēre* to be green] : any of various small insect-eating American songbirds mostly olive green and grayish in color

ˈvir-gin \-vər-jən/ *n* **1** : an unmarried woman devoted to religion **2** : an unmarried girl or woman **3** *cap* : the mother of Jesus **4** : a person who has not had sexual intercourse

ˈvirgin *adj* **1** : free from stain : PURE, SPOTLESS **2** : CHASTE **3** : befitting a virgin : MODEST **4** : FRESH, UNSPOILED; *esp* : not altered by human activity (~ forest) **5** : INITIAL, FIRST

ˈvir-gin-al \-vər-jən-əl/ *adj* : of, relating to, or characteristic of a virgin or virginity — **vir-gin-al-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

ˈvirginal *n* : a small rectangular spinet without legs popular in the 16th and 17th centuries

Vir-gin-i-a creeper \-vər-jin-yə-/ *n* : a No. American vine having leaves with five leaflets and bluish black berries

Virginia reel *n* : an American country-dance

vir-gin-i-ty \-vər-jin-ət-ē/ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : the quality or state of being virgin; *esp* : MAIDENHOOD **2** : the unmarried life : CELIBACY

Vir-go \-vər-,gō/ *n* [L, lit., virgin] **1** : a zodiacal constellation between Leo and Libra usu. pictured as a young woman **2** : the 6th sign of the zodiac in astrology; *also* : one born under this sign

vir-gule \-vər-gyūl/ *n* : a mark / used typically to denote "or" (as in *and/or*) or "per" (as in *feet/second*)

vir-i-des-cent \-vī-rə-ˈdes-ənt/ *adj* : slightly green : GREENISH

vir-ile \-vī-rəl/ *adj* **1** : having the nature, powers, or qualities of a man **2** : MASCULINE, MALE **3** : MASTERFUL, FORCEFUL — **vi-ri-l-i-ty** \-və-ˈrīl-ət-ē/ *n*

vi-ri-on \-vī-rē-,ān, ˈvī-rē-/ *n* : a complete virus particle consisting of an RNA or DNA core with a protein coat

vir-ol-o-gy \-vī-ˈrāl-ə-jē/ *n* : a branch of science that deals with viruses — **vir-ol-o-gist** \-jəst/ *n*

vir-tu \-vər-ˈtū, ˈvī-r-/ *n* **1** : a love of or taste for objects of art **2** : objects of art (as curios and antiques)

vir-tu-al \-vīr-chə-(wə)/ *adj* : being in essence or in effect though not formally recognized or admitted (a ~ dictator) — **vir-tu-al-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

vir-tue \-vər-ˈchü/ *n* [ME *virtu*, fr. OF, fr. L *virtus* strength, manliness, virtue, fr. *vir* man] **1** : conformity to a standard of right : MORALITY **2** : a particular moral excellence **3** : manly strength or courage : VALOR **4** : a commendable quality : MERIT **5** : active power to accomplish a given effect : POTENCY, EFFICACY **6** : chastity *esp.* in a woman

vir-tu-os-i-ty \-vər-chə-ˈwäs-ət-ē/ *n*, *pl* **-ties** : great technical skill in the practice of a fine art

vir-tu-o-so \-vər-chə-ˈwō-sō, -zō/ *n*, *pl* **-sos** or **-si** \-sē, -zē/ [It] **1** : one skilled in or having a taste for the fine arts **2** : one who excels in the technique of an art; *esp* : a highly skilled musical performer **syn** expert, adept, artist, doyen, master — **virtuoso** *adj*

vir-tu-ous \-vər-ch(ə)-wəs/ *adj* **1** : having or showing virtue and *esp.* moral virtue **2** : CHASTE — **vir-tu-ous-ly** *adv*

vir-u-lent \-vīr-(y)ə-lənt/ *adj* **1** : highly infectious (a ~ germ); *also* : marked by a rapid and very severe course (a ~ disease) **2** : extremely poisonous or venomous : NOXIOUS **3** : bitterly hostile : MALIGN — **vir-u-lence** \-ləns/ *n* — **vir-u-lent-ly** *adv*

vi-rus \-vī-rəs/ *n* [L, slimy liquid, poison, stench] **1** : any of a large group of submicroscopic infectious agents that have an outside coat of protein around a core of RNA or DNA, that can grow and multiply only in living cells, and that cause important diseases in human beings, lower animals, and plants; *also* : a disease caused by a virus **2** : something (as a corrupting influence) that poisons the mind or spirit

vis *abbr* **1** visibility **2** visual

ˈvi-sa \-vē-zə, -sə/ *n* [F] **1** : an endorsement by the proper authorities on a passport to show that it has been examined and the bearer may proceed **2** : a signature by a superior official signifying approval of a document

ˈvisa *vb* **vi-saed** \-zəd, -səd; **vi-sa-ing** \-zə-ɪŋ, -sə-/ : to give a visa to (a passport)

vis-age \-vīz-ij-/ *n* : the face or countenance of a person or sometimes an animal; *also* : LOOK, APPEARANCE

ˈvis-à-vis \-vēz-ə-ˈvī, ˈvēs-/ *prep* [F, lit., face-to-face] **1** : face-to-face with : OPPOSITE **2** : in relation to **3** : as compared with

ˈvis-à-vis *n*, *pl* **vis-à-vis** \-ə-ˈvīz-/ **1** : one that is face-to-face with another **2** : ESCORT **3** : COUNTERPART **4** : TÊTE-À-TÊTE

ˈvis-à-vis *adv* : in company : TOGETHER

viscera *pl* of **VISCUS**

vis-cer-al \-vis-ə-rəl/ *adj* **1** : felt in or as if in the viscera **2** : of or relating to the viscera — **vis-cer-al-ly** \-ē/ *adv*

vis-cid \-vis-əd/ *adj* : viscous — **vis-cid-i-ty** \-vis-ˈid-ət-ē/ *n*

vis-cos-i-ty \-vis-ˈkäs-ət-ē/ *n*, *pl* **-ties** : the quality of being viscous; *esp* : the property of a fluid that causes it to resist flow

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\j\sing \d\go \d\law \d\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
\ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

vis-count \ˈvī-,kaʊnt\ *n* : a member of the British peerage ranking below an earl and above a baron

vis-count-ess \-,kaʊnt-əs\ *n* **1** : the wife or widow of a viscount **2** : a woman who holds the rank of viscount in her own right

vis-cous \ˈvīs-kəs\ *adj* [ME *viscouse*, fr. LL *viscosus* full of birdlime, viscous, fr. L *viscum* mistletoe, birdlime] **1** : having the sticky consistency of glue **2** : having or characterized by viscosity

vis-cus \ˈvīs-kəs\ *n*, *pl vis-cera* \ˈvīs-ə-rə\ : an internal organ of the body; *esp* : one (as the heart or liver) located in the cavity of the trunk

vise \ˈvīs\ *n* [MF *vis* something winding, fr. L *vitis* vine] : a tool with two jaws for holding or clamping work that typically close by a screw or lever

vis-i-bil-i-ty \,vīz-əˈbīl-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl -ties* **1** : the quality, condition, or degree of being visible **2** : the degree of clearness of the atmosphere

vis-i-ble \ˈvīz-ə-bəl\ *adj* : capable of being seen (~ stars); *also* : MANIFEST, APPARENT (has no ~ means of support) — **vis-i-bly** *adv*

vi-sion \ˈvīzh-ən\ *n* **1** : something seen otherwise than by ordinary sight (as in a dream or trance) **2** : a vivid picture created by the imagination **3** : the act or power of imagination **4** : unusual wisdom in foreseeing what is going to happen **5** : the act or power of seeing : SIGHT **6** : something seen; *esp* : a lovely sight

2 vision *vb* **vi-sioned**; **vi-sion-ing** \ˈvīzh-(ə-)nɪŋ\ : to see in or as if in a vision : IMAGINE, ENVISION

vi-sion-ary \ˈvīzh-ə-,ner-ē\ *adj* **1** : of the nature of a vision : ILLUSORY, UNREAL **2** : seeing or likely to see visions : given to dreaming or imagining **3** : not practical : UTOPIAN *syn* imaginary, fantastic, chimerical, quixotic

2 visionary *n*, *pl -aries* **1** : one whose ideas or projects are impractical : DREAMER **2** : one who sees visions

vis-it \ˈvīz-ət\ *vb* **1** : to go to see in order to comfort or help **2** : to call upon either as an act of courtesy or in a professional capacity **3** : to dwell with for a time as a guest **4** : to come to or upon as a reward, affliction, or punishment **5** : INFLICT **6** : to make a visit or regular or frequent visits **7** : CHAT, CONVERSE — **vis-it-able** *adj*

2 visit *n* **1** : a short stay : CALL **2** : a brief residence as a guest **3** : a journey to and stay at a place **4** : a formal or professional call (as by a doctor)

vis-i-tant \ˈvīz-ət-ənt\ *n* : VISITOR

vis-i-ta-tion \,vīz-əˈtā-shən\ *n* **1** : VISIT; *esp* : an official visit **2** : a special dispensation of divine favor or wrath; *also* : a severe trial

visiting nurse *n* : a nurse employed to visit sick persons or perform public-health services in a community

vis-i-tor \ˈvīz-ət-ər\ *n* : one that visits

vis-or \ˈvī-zər\ *n* **1** : the front piece of a helmet; *esp* : a movable upper piece **2** : VIZARD **3** : a projecting part (as on a cap) to shade the eyes — **vis-ored** \-zərd\ *adj*

vis-ta \ˈvīs-tə\ *n* **1** : a distant view through or along an avenue or opening **2** : an extensive mental view over a series of years or events

VISTA *abbr* Volunteers in Service to America

vi-su-al \ˈvīzh-(ə-)wəl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or used in sight (~ organs) **2** : perceived by vision (a ~ impression) **3** : VISIBLE **4** : done by sight only (~ navigation) **5** : of or relating to instruction by means of sight (~ aids) — **vi-su-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

2 visual *n* : something (as a picture, chart, or film) that appeals to the sight and is used for illustration, demonstration, or promotion — *usu.* used in *pl*.

vi-su-al-ize \ˈvīzh-(ə-)wə-,līz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to make visible; *esp* : to form a mental image of — **vi-su-al-iza-tion** \,vīzh-ə-(wə-)lī-zā-shən\ *n* — **vi-su-al-iz-er** \ˈvīzh-ə-(wə-)lī-zər\ *n*

vi-ta \ˈvīt-ə-,ˈvīt-ə\ *n*, *pl vi-tae \ˈvīt-ē-,ˈvīt-ē\ [L, lit., life] : a brief autobiographical sketch*

vi-tal \ˈvīt-əl\ *adj* **1** : concerned with or necessary to the

maintenance of life **2** : full of life and vigor : ANIMATED **3** : of, relating to, or characteristic of life **4** : FATAL, MORTAL (~ wound) **5** : FUNDAMENTAL, BASIC, INDISPENSABLE — **vi-tal-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

vi-tal-i-ty \vī-ˈtāl-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl -ties* **1** : the peculiarity distinguishing the living from the nonliving; *also* : capacity to live : mental and physical vigor **2** : enduring quality **3** : ANIMATION, LIVELINESS

vi-tal-ize \ˈvīt-əl-,īz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to impart life or vigor to : ANIMATE, ENERGIZE — **vi-tal-iza-tion** \,vīt-əl-ə-zā-shən\ *n*

vi-tals \ˈvīt-əl-z\ *n* *pl* **1** : vital organs **2** : essential parts

vital signs *n* *pl* : the pulse rate, respiratory rate, body temperature, and sometimes blood pressure of a person

vital statistics *n* *pl* : statistics dealing with births, deaths, marriages, health, and disease

vi-ta-min \ˈvīt-ə-mən\ *n* : any of various organic substances that are essential in tiny amounts to most animals and some plants and are mostly obtained from foods

vitamin A *n* : any of several vitamins (as from egg yolk or fish-liver oils) required for healthy epithelium and sight

vitamin B *n* **1** : VITAMIN B COMPLEX **2** or **vitamin B₁** : THIAMINE

vitamin B complex *n* : a group of vitamins that are found widely in foods and are essential for normal function of certain enzymes and for growth

vitamin B₆ \ˈbē-ˈsiks\ *n* : any of several compounds that are considered essential to vertebrate nutrition

vitamin B₁₂ \ˈbē-ˈtwelv\ *n* : a complex cobalt-containing compound that occurs *esp.* in liver and is essential to normal blood formation, neural function, and growth; *also* : any of several compounds of similar action

vitamin C *n* : a vitamin found *esp.* in fruits and vegetables and needed by the body to prevent scurvy

vitamin D *n* : any or all of several vitamins that are needed for normal bone and tooth structure and are found *esp.* in fish-liver oils, egg yolk, and milk or are produced in response to ultraviolet light

vitamin E *n* : any of various oily fat-soluble liquid compounds that are found *esp.* in plants and are necessary in the body to prevent such ailments as infertility, the breakdown of muscles, and vascular problems

vitamin K *n* [Dan *koagulation* coagulation] : any of several vitamins that are needed in order for blood to clot properly

vi-tate \ˈvīsh-ē-,āt\ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** **1** : CONTAMINATE, POLLUTE; *also* : DEBASE, PERVERT **2** : to make legally without force : INVALIDATE — **vi-ti-a-tion** \,vīsh-ē-ˈā-shən\ *n* — **vi-ti-a-tor** \ˈvīsh-ē-,āt-ər\ *n*

vi-ti-cul-ture \vīt-ə-,kəl-cher\ *n* : the growing of grapes — **vi-ti-cul-tur-al** \,vīt-əˈkəlch-(ə-)rəl\ *adj* — **vi-ti-cul-tur-ist** \-rəst\ *n*

vit-re-ous \vi-trē-əs\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or resembling glass **2** : GLASSY (~ rocks) **3** : of, relating to, or being the clear colorless transparent jelly (**vitreous humor**) behind the lens in the eyeball

vit-ri-ol \vi-trē-əl\ *n* : something resembling acid in being caustic, corrosive, or biting — **vit-ri-ol-ic** \,vi-trē-ˈāl-ik\ *adj*

vit-tles \ˈvīt-əl-z\ *n* *pl* : VICTUALS

vi-tu-per-ate \vī-ˈt(y)ü-pə-,rāt, və- \ *vb* **-at-ed**; **-at-ing** : to abuse in words : SCOLD *syn* revile, berate, rate, upbraid, rail, lash — **vi-tu-per-a-tive** \-ˈt(y)ü-p(ə-)rət-iv, -pə-,rāt- \ *adj* — **vi-tu-per-a-tive-ly** *adv*

vi-tu-per-a-tion \,vī-t(y)ü-pə-ˈrā-shən, və- \ *n* : lengthy harsh criticism or abuse

vi-va \ˈvē-və\ *interj* [It, long live, fr. *vivere* to live, fr. L.] — used to express goodwill or approval

vi-va-ce \vē-ˈväch-ə\ *adv* or *adj* [It] : in a brisk spirited manner — used as a direction in music

vi-va-cious \və-ˈvā-shəs, vī- \ *adj* : lively in temper or con-

duct : ANIMATED, SPRIGHTLY — **vi-va-cious-ly** *adv* — **vi-va-cious-ness** *n*

vi-vac-i-ty \ˈv-as-ət-ē\ *n* : the quality or state of being vivacious

vi-var-i-um \vī-ˈvar-ē-əm, -ˈver-\ *n*, *pl* -ia \-ē-ə\ or -iums : an enclosure for keeping or raising and observing animals or plants indoors; *esp* : one for terrestrial animals

vi-va vo-ce \vī-və-ˈvō-sē\ *adj* [ML, with the living voice] : expressed or conducted by word of mouth : ORAL (*vi-va voce* examination) (*vi-va voce* voting) — **vi-va voce** *adv*

viv-id \viv-əd\ *adj* 1 : having the appearance of vigorous life or freshness : LIVELY 2 : BRILLIANT, INTENSE (a ~ red) 3 : producing a strong impression on the senses : SHARP 4 : calling forth lifelike mental images — **viv-id-ly** *adv* — **viv-id-ness** *n*

viv-i-fy \viv-ə-,fī\ *vb* -fied, -fy-ing 1 : to endure with life : ANIMATE 2 : to make vivid — **viv-i-fi-ca-tion** \viv-ə-fə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* — **viv-i-fi-er** \viv-ə-,fī-(ə)r\ *n*

vi-vip-a-rous \vī-ˈvip-(ə)-rəs, və-\ *adj* : producing living young from within the body rather than from eggs — **vi-vi-par-i-ty** \vī-və-ˈpar-ət-ē-, vī-və-\ *n*

vivi-sec-tion \viv-ə-ˈsek-shən, ˈviv-ə-,sek-shən\ *n* : the cutting of or operation on a living animal; *also* : animal experimentation

vix-en \vik-sən\ *n* 1 : a female fox 2 : an ill-tempered scolding woman **syn** shrew, scold, termagant, virago **viz** \ˈnām-lē-, ˈviz, və-ˈdel-ə-,set\ *abbr* videlicet

viz-ard \ˈviz-ərd\ *n* : a mask for disguise or protection

vi-zier \və-ˈzi-ər\ *n* : a high executive officer of many Muslim countries and *esp.* of the former Turkish empire **vi-zor** *var* of VISOR

VOA *abbr* Voice of America

voc *abbr* 1 vocational 2 vocative

vocab *abbr* vocabulary

vo-ca-ble \ˈvō-kə-bəl\ *n* : TERM, NAME; *esp* : a word composed of various sounds or letters without regard to its meaning

vo-cab-u-lary \vō-ˈkab-yə-,ler-ē\ *n*, *pl* -lar-ies 1 : a list or collection of words usu. alphabetically arranged and defined or explained : LEXICON 2 : a stock of words used in a language by a class or individual or in relation to a subject

vocabulary entry *n* : a word (as the noun *book*), hyphenated or open compound (as the verb *cross-refer* or the noun *boric acid*), word element (as the affix *-an*), abbreviation (as *agt*), verbalized symbol (as *Na*), or term (as *master of ceremonies*) entered alphabetically in a dictionary for the purpose of definition or identification or expressly included as an inflected form (as the noun *mice* or the verb *saw*) or as a derived form (as the noun *godlessness* or the adverb *globally*) or related phrase (as *in spite of*) run on at its base word and usu. set in a type (as boldface) readily distinguishable from that of the lightface running text which defines, explains, or identifies the entry

vo-cal \ˈvō-kəl\ *adj* 1 : uttered by the voice : ORAL 2 : relating to, composed or arranged for, or sung by the human voice (~ music) 3 : of, relating to, or having the power of producing voice 4 : full of voices : RESOUNDING 5 : given to expressing one's feelings or opinions in speech : TALKATIVE; *also* : OUTSPOKEN **syn** articulate, fluent, eloquent

2vocal *n* 1 : a vocal sound 2 : a vocal composition or its performance

vocal cords *n pl* : either of two pairs of elastic folds of mucous membrane that project into the cavity of the larynx and function in the production of vocal sounds **vo-cal-ic** \vō-ˈkal-ik\ *adj* : of, relating to, or functioning as a vowel

vo-cal-ist \ˈvō-kə-ləst\ *n* : SINGER

vo-cal-ize \-līz\ *vb* -ized, -iz-ing 1 : to give vocal expression to : UTTER; *esp* : SING 2 : to make voiced rather than voiceless — **vo-cal-iz-er** *n*

vo-ca-tion \vō-ˈkā-shən\ *n* 1 : a summons or strong inclination to a particular state or course of action (religious ~) 2 : regular employment : OCCUPATION, PROFESSION — **vo-ca-tion-al** \-sh(ə)-nəl\ *adj*

vo-ca-tion-al-ism \-sh(ə)-nəl-,iz-əm\ *n* : emphasis on vocational training in education

voc-a-tive \ˈvāk-ət-iv\ *adj* : of, relating to, or constituting a grammatical case marking the one addressed — **vocative** *n*

vo-cif-er-ate \vō-ˈsif-ə-,rāt\ *vb* -at-ed, -at-ing [L. *vociferari*, fr. *voc*-, *vox* voice + *ferre* to bear] : to cry out loudly : CLAMOR, SHOUT — **vo-cif-er-a-tion** \-,sif-ə-ˈrā-shən\ *n*

vo-cif-er-ous \vō-ˈsif-(ə)-rəs\ *adj* : making or given to loud outcry : CLAMOROUS — **vo-cif-er-ous-ly** *adv* — **vo-cif-er-ous-ness** *n*

vod-ka \ˈväd-kə\ *n* [Russ, fr. *voda* water] : a colorless liquor of neutral spirits distilled from a mash (as of rye or wheat)

vogue \ˈvōg\ *n* [MF, action of rowing, course, fashion, fr. *It voga*, fr. *vogare* to row] 1 : popular acceptance or favor : POPULARITY 2 : a period of popularity 3 : something or someone in fashion at a particular time **syn** mode, fad, rage, craze, trend, fashion

vogu-ish \ˈvō-gish\ *adj* 1 : FASHIONABLE, SMART 2 : suddenly or temporarily popular

1voice \ˈvōis\ *n* 1 : sound produced through the mouth by vertebrates and *esp.* by human beings in speaking or shouting 2 : musical sound produced by the vocal cords : the power to produce such sound; *also* : one of the melodic parts in a vocal or instrumental composition 3 : the vocal organs as a means of tone production (train the ~) 4 : sound produced by vibration of the vocal cords as heard in vowels and some consonants 5 : the faculty of speech 6 : a sound suggesting vocal utterance (the ~ of the sea) 7 : an instrument or medium of expression 8 : a choice, opinion, or wish openly expressed; *also* : right of expression 9 : distinction of form of a verb to indicate the relation of the subject to the action expressed by the verb

2voice *vb* voiced; **voice-ing** 1 : to give voice or expression to : UTTER; *also* : ANNOUNCE 2 : to regulate the tone of (~ the pipes of an organ) **syn** express, vent, air, ventilate **voice box** *n* : LARYNX

voiced \ˈvōist\ *adj* 1 : furnished with a voice (soft-voiced) 2 : uttered with voice — **voiced-ness** \ˈvōis(t)-nəs, ˈvōisəd-nəs\ *n*

voice-less \ˈvōis-ləs\ *adj* 1 : having no voice 2 : not pronounced with voice — **voice-less-ly** *adv* — **voice-less-ness** *n*

voice-print \ˈvōis-,print\ *n* : an individually distinctive pattern of voice characteristics that is spectrographically produced

1void \ˈvōid\ *adj* 1 : containing nothing : EMPTY 2 : UNOCCUPIED, VACANT 3 : LACKING, DEVOID (proposals ~ of sense) 4 : VAIN, USELESS 5 : of no legal force or effect : NULL

2void *n* 1 : empty space : EMPTINESS, VACUUM 2 : a feeling of want or hollowness

3void *vb* 1 : to make or leave empty; *also* : VACATE, LEAVE 2 : DISCHARGE, EMIT (~ urine) 3 : to render void : ANNUL, NULLIFY — **void-able** *adj* — **void-er** *n*

voi-là \vōä-ˈlā\ *interj* [F] — used to call attention or to express satisfaction or approval

voile \ˈvōil\ *n* : a sheer fabric from various fibers used for women's clothing and curtains

vol *abbr* 1 volume 2 volunteer

vol-a-tile \ˈvāl-ət-əl\ *adj* 1 : readily becoming a vapor at a relatively low temperature (a ~ liquid) 2 : LIGHTHEART-

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \əˈfurther \əˈwash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
 \əˈout \chˈchin \əˈbet \əˈeasy \əˈgo \iˈhit \iˈice \iˈjob
 \ŋˈsing \əˈgo \əˈlaw \əˈboy \thˈthin \thˈthe \üˈloot
 \üˈfoot \yˈyet \zhˈvision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

ED 3 : easily erupting into violent action **4** : CHANGEABLE
 — **vol-a-til-i-ty** \vāl-ə-'til-ət-ē\ *n* — **vol-a-til-ize** \vāl-ət-
 'l-īz\ *vb*

vol-ca-nic \vāl-'kan-ik\ *adj* **1** : of or relating to a volcano
2 : explosively violent : **VOLATILE** (∼ emotions)

volcanic glass *n* : natural glass produced by cooling of molten lava

vol-ca-nism \vāl-kə-,niz-əm\ *n* : volcanic power or action

vol-ca-no \vāl-'kā-nō\ *n*, *pl* -**noes** or -**nos** [It *vulcano*, fr. L *Volcanus*, *Vulcanus* Roman god of fire and metalworking] : an opening in the earth's crust from which molten rock and steam issue; *also* : a hill or mountain composed of the ejected material

vol-ca-nol-o-gy \vāl-kə-'nāl-ə-jē\ *n* : a branch of geology that deals with volcanic phenomena — **vol-ca-nol-o-gist** \-kə-'nāl-ə-jəst\ *n*

vole \vōl\ *n* : any of various mouse-like or rat-like rodents that are closely related to the lemmings and muskrats

vol-li-tion \vō-'lish-ən\ *n* **1** : the act or the power of making a choice or decision : **WILL** **2** : a choice or decision made — **vol-li-tion-al** \-'lish-(ə-)nəl\ *adj*

vol-ley \vāl-ē\ *n*, *pl* **volleys** **1** : a flight of missiles (as arrows or bullets) **2** : simultaneous discharge of a number of missile weapons **3** : a pouring forth of many things at the same instant (a ∼ of oaths)

volley *vb* **vol-leyed**; **vol-ley-ing** **1** : to discharge or become discharged in or as if in a volley **2** : to hit an object of play in the air before it touches the ground

vol-ley-ball \-,bōl\ *n* : a game played by volleying an inflated ball over a net; *also* : the ball used in this game

volt \vōlt\ *n* : the mks unit of potential difference and electromotive force equal to the difference in potential between two points in a conducting wire carrying a constant current of one ampere when the power dissipated between the points is equal to one watt

volt-age \vōl-tij\ *n* : potential difference measured in volts

vol-ta-ic \vāl-'tā-ik, vōl-\ *adj* : of, relating to, or producing direct electric current by chemical action (∼ current)

volte-face \,vōlt-(ə)-'fās\ *n* : a reversal in policy : ABOUT-FACE

volt-me-ter \vōlt-,mēt-ər\ *n* : an instrument for measuring in volts the difference in potential between different points of an electrical circuit

vol-u-ble \vāl-yə-bəl\ *adj* : fluent and smooth in speech : GLIB *syn* garrulous, loquacious, talkative — **vol-u-bil-i-ty** \vāl-yə-'bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **vol-u-bly** \vāl-yə-blē\ *adv*

vol-ume \vāl-yəm\ *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. L *volumen* roll, scroll, fr. *volvere* to roll] **1** : a series of printed sheets bound typically in book form; *also* : an arbitrary number of issues of a periodical **2** : space occupied as measured by cubic units (the ∼ of a cylinder) **3** : sufficient matter to fill a book (her glance spoke ∼s) **4** : AMOUNT (increasing ∼ of business); *also* : an aggregate forming a body or unit **5** : the degree of loudness of a sound *syn* body, bulk, mass

vol-u-mi-nous \və-'lū-mə-nəs\ *adj* **1** : consisting of many folds or windings **2** : BULKY, LARGE **3** : filling or sufficient to fill a large volume or several volumes — **vol-u-mi-nous-ly** \-'lū-mə-nəs-lē\ *adv* — **vol-u-mi-nous-ness** *n*

vol-un-tary \vāl-ən-,ter-ē\ *adj* **1** : done, made, or given freely and without compulsion (a ∼ sacrifice) **2** : not accidental : INTENTIONAL (a ∼ slight) **3** : of, relating to, or regulated by the will (∼ behavior) **4** : having power of free choice (man is a ∼ agent) **5** : provided or supported by voluntary action (a ∼ hospital) *syn* deliberate, willful, willing, witting — **vol-un-tari-ly** \vāl-ən-'ter-ə-lē\ *adv*

voluntary *n*, *pl* -**tar-ies** : an organ solo played in a religious service

voluntary muscle *n* : muscle (as most striated muscle) under voluntary control

vol-un-teer \vāl-ən-'ti-ər\ *n* **1** : a person who of his own free will offers himself for a service or duty **2** : a plant growing spontaneously esp. from seeds lost from a previous crop

volunteer *vb* **1** : to offer or give voluntarily **2** : to offer oneself as a volunteer

vol-lup-tu-ary \və-'lɒp-chə-,wer-ē\ *n*, *pl* -**ar-ies** : one whose chief interest in life is the indulgence of sensual appetites

vo-lup-tuous \-chə-(wə)s\ *adj* **1** : giving sensual gratification (∼ furnishings) **2** : given to or spent in enjoyment of luxury or pleasure *syn* luxurious, epicurean, sensuous, sensual — **vo-lup-tuous-ly** *adv* — **vo-lup-tuous-ness** *n*

vo-lute \və-'lüt\ *n* : a spiral or scroll-shaped decoration

vom-it \vəm-ət\ *n* : an act or instance of throwing up the contents of the stomach through the mouth; *also* : the matter discharged

vomit *vb* **1** : to throw up the contents of the stomach as vomit **2** : to belch forth : GUSH

voo-doo \vüd-ü\ *n*, *pl* **voodooos** [LaF *voudou*] **1** : VODOOISM **2** : one who practices voodooism **3** : a charm or a fetish used in voodooism — **voodoo** *adj*

voo-doo-ism \-,iz-əm\ *n* **1** : a religion derived from African ancestor worship and consisting largely of sorcery **2** : the practice of sorcery

vo-ra-cious \və-'rā-shəs, və-\ *adj* **1** : greedy in eating : RAVENOUS **2** : excessively eager : INSATIABLE (a ∼ reader) *syn* gluttonous, ravening, rapacious — **vo-ra-cious-ly** *adv* — **vo-ra-cious-ness** *n* — **vo-rac-i-ty** \-ras-ət-ē\ *n*

vor-tex \vər-,teks\ *n*, *pl* **vor-ti-ces** \vört-ə-,sēz\ *also* **vor-tex-es** \vər-,tek-səz\ : a mass of whirling liquid forming a cavity in the center toward which things are drawn : WHIRLPOOL

vo-ta-ry \vōt-ə-rē\ *n*, *pl* -**ries** **1** : ENTHUSIAST, DEVOTEE; *also* : a devoted adherent or admirer **2** : a devout or zealous worshiper

vote \vōt\ *n* [ME, fr. L *vtum* vow, wish, fr. *vovēre* to vow] **1** : a choice or opinion of a person or body of persons expressed usu. by a ballot, spoken word, or raised hand; *also* : the ballot, word, or gesture used to express a choice or opinion **2** : the decision reached by voting **3** : the right of suffrage **4** : a group of voters with some common characteristics (the big city ∼) — **vote-less** *adj*

vote *vb* **vot-ed**; **vot-ing** **1** : to cast a vote **2** : to choose, endorse, authorize, or defeat by vote **3** : to express an opinion **4** : to adjudge by general agreement : DECLARE **5** : to offer as a suggestion : PROPOSE **6** : to cause to vote esp. in a given way — **vot-er** *n*

vo-tive \vōt-iv\ *adj* : offered or performed in fulfillment of a vow or in petition, gratitude, or devotion

vou *abbr* voucher

vouch \vauch\ *vb* **1** : PROVE, SUBSTANTIATE **2** : to verify by examining documentary evidence **3** : to give a guarantee **4** : to supply supporting evidence or testimony; *also* : to give personal assurance

vouch-er \vauch-ər\ *n* **1** : an act of vouching **2** : one that vouches for another **3** : a documentary record of a business transaction **4** : a written affidavit or authorization **5** : a form indicating a credit against future purchases or expenditures

vouch-safe \vauch-'sāf\ *vb* **vouch-safed**; **vouch-saf-ing** **1** : to grant or give often in a condescending manner **2** : to grant as a privilege or as a special favor — **vouch-safe-ment** *n*

vow \vaü\ *n* : a solemn promise or assertion; esp : one by which a person binds himself or herself to an act, service, or condition

- vow** *vb* **1** : to make a vow or as a vow **2** : to bind or commit by a vow — **vow-er** \ˈvaʊ-(ə)r\ *n*
vow-el \ˈvaʊ-(ə)\ *n* **1** : a speech sound produced without obstruction or friction in the mouth **2** : a letter representing such a sound
vox po-pu-li \ˈvɒks-ˈpəp-yə-lɪ\ *n* [L, voice of the people] : popular sentiment
voy-age \ˈvɔɪ-ɪ\ *n* [ME, fr. OF *voiage*, fr. LL *viaticum*, fr. L, traveling money, fr. neut. of *viaticus* of a journey, fr. *via* way] : a journey esp. by water from one place or country to another
voyage *vb* **voy-aged**; **voy-ag-ing** : to take or make a voyage — **voy-ag-er** *n*
voya-geur \ˈvɔɪ-ə-ˈʒhər, ˈvɔw-ä-yä-\ *n* [CanF] : a person employed by a fur company to transport goods and men to and from remote stations esp. in the Canadian Northwest
voy-eur \ˈvɔw-ɪ-yər, ˈvɔɪ-ər\ *n* : one who habitually seeks sexual stimulation by visual means — **voy-eur-ism** \-ˈiz-əm\ *n*
VP abbr **1** verb phrase **2** vice president
vs abbr **1** verse **2** versus
vss abbr **1** verses **2** versions
V/STOL abbr vertical short takeoff and landing
Vt or VT abbr Vermont
VTOL abbr vertical takeoff and landing
VTR abbr videotape recorder
vul-ca-nism \ˈvʊl-kə-,nɪz-əm\ *n* : VOLCANISM
vul-ca-nize \ˈvʊl-kə-,nɪz\ *vb* **-nized**; **-niz-ing** : to treat rubber or rubberlike material chemically to give useful properties (as elasticity and strength) — **vul-ca-ni-za-tion** \ˈvʊl-kə-nə-ˈzā-shən\ *n*
Vulg abbr Vulgate
vul-gar \ˈvʊl-gər\ *adj* [ME, fr. L *vulgaris* of the mob,

- vulgar, fr. *vulgus* mob, common people] **1** : VERNACULAR (the ~ tongue) **2** : of or relating to the common people : GENERAL, COMMON **3** : lacking cultivation or refinement : BOORISH; *also* : offensive to good taste or refined feelings **syn** gross, obscene, ribald, dirty, indecent, profane — **vul-gar-ly** *adv*
vul-gar-i-an \ˈvʊl-ˈgar-ē-ən\ *n* : a vulgar person
vul-gar-ism \ˈvʊl-gər-,rɪz-əm\ *n* **1** : a word or expression originated or used chiefly by illiterate persons **2** : a coarse expression : OBSCENITY **3** : VULGARITY
vul-gar-i-ty \ˈvʊl-ˈgar-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** **1** : an instance of coarseness of manners or language **2** : the quality or state of being vulgar
vul-gar-ize \ˈvʊl-gər-,rɪz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to make vulgar — **vul-gar-iza-tion** \ˈvʊl-gər-ə-ˈzā-shən\ *n* — **vul-gar-iz-er** \ˈvʊl-gər-,rɪ-zər\ *n*
Vul-gate \ˈvʊl-,gāt\ *n* [ML *vulgata*, fr. LL *vulgata editio* edition in general circulation] : a Latin version of the Bible used by the Roman Catholic Church
vul-ner-a-ble \ˈvʊln-(ə)-rə-bəl\ *adj* **1** : capable of being wounded : susceptible to wounds **2** : open to attack **3** : liable to increased penalties in contract bridge — **vul-ner-a-bil-i-ty** \ˈvʊln-(ə)-rə-bil-ət-ē\ *n* — **vul-ner-a-bly** \ˈvʊln-(ə)-rə-blē\ *adv*
vul-pine \ˈvʊl-,pɪn\ *adj* : of, relating to, or resembling a fox esp. in cunning
vul-ture \ˈvʊl-çər\ *n* **1** : any of various large birds (as a turkey vulture) related to hawks and eagles but having weaker claws and the head usu. naked and living chiefly on carrion **2** : a rapacious person
vul-va \ˈvʊl-və\ *n*, *pl* **vul-vae** \-vē\ [L] : the external parts of the female genital organs
vv abbr **1** verses **2** vice versa
ying *pres part of* VIE

W

- w** \ˈdɒb-əl-(ɪ)yü\ *n*, *pl* **w's** or **ws** *often cap* : the 23d letter of the English alphabet
w *abbr*, *often cap* **1** water **2** watt **3** week **4** weight **5** west **6** western **7** wide; width **8** wife **9** with
W *symbol* [G *Wolfram*] tungsten
WA abbr **1** Washington **2** Western Australia
Wac \ˈwæk\ *n* [Women's Army Corps] : a member of the Women's Army Corps
wacky \ˈwæk-ē\ *adj* **wacki-er**; **-est** : ECCENTRIC, CRAZY
wad \ˈwäd\ *n* **1** : a little mass, bundle, or tuft (~s of clay) **2** : a soft mass of usu. light fibrous material **3** : a pliable plug (as of felt) used to retain a powder charge (as in a cartridge) **4** : a considerable amount (as of money) **5** : a roll of paper money
wad *vb* **wad-ded**; **wad-ding** **1** : to push a wad into (~ a gun) **2** : to form into a wad **3** : to hold in by a wad (~ a bullet in a gun) **4** : to stuff or line with a wad : **PAD**
wad-ding \ˈwäd-ɪŋ\ *n* **1** : WADS; *also* : material for making wads **2** : a soft mass or sheet of short loose fibers used for stuffing or padding
wad-dle \ˈwäd-əl\ *vb* **wad-dled**; **wad-dling** \ˈwäd-(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to walk with short steps swaying from side to side like a duck — **wad-dle** *n*
wade \ˈwäd\ *vb* **wad-ed**; **wad-ing** **1** : to step in or through a medium (as water) more resistant than air **2** : to move or go with difficulty or labor and often with determined vigor (~ through a dull book) — **wad-able** or **wade-able** \ˈwäd-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **wade** *n*
wad-er \ˈwäd-ər\ *n* **1** : one that wades **2** : WADING BIRD **3** *pl* : high waterproof rubber boots or trousers for wading
wad-i \ˈwäd-ē\ *n* [Ar] : a watercourse dry except in the

- rainy season esp. in southwestern Asia and northern Africa
wading bird *n* : any of many long-legged birds (as sandpipers, cranes, or herons) that wade in water in search of food
Waf \ˈwaf\ *n* [Women in the Air Force] : a member of the women's component of the Air Force
wa-fer \ˈwä-fər\ *n* **1** : a thin crisp cake or cracker **2** : a thin round piece of unleavened bread used in the Eucharist **3** : something (as a piece of candy or an adhesive seal) that resembles a wafer
waf-fle \ˈwäf-əl\ *n* : a soft but crisped cake of batter cooked in a special hinged metal utensil (**waffle iron**)
waft \ˈwäft, ˈwaf\ *vb* : to cause to move or go lightly by or as if by the impulse of wind or waves
waft *n* **1** : a slight breeze : PUFF **2** : the act of waving
wag \ˈwag\ *vb* **wagged**; **wag-ging** **1** : to sway or swing shortly from side to side or to-and-fro (the dog **wagged** his tail) **2** : to move in chatter or gossip (scandal caused tongues to ~)
wag *n* : an act of wagging : a wagging movement
wag *n* : WIT, JOKER
wage \ˈwāj\ *vb* **waged**; **wag-ing** **1** : to engage in : CARRY ON (~ a war) **2** : to be in process of being waged
wage *n* **1** : payment for labor or services usu. according to contract **2** *pl* : RECOMPENSE, REWARD

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\vice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \ɔ\go \ɔ\law \ɔ\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\loot
 \u\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

wa-ger \ˈwā-jər\ *n* **1** : BET, STAKE **2** : something on which bets are laid : GAMBLE

2wager *vb* : BET — **wa-ger-er** *n*

wag-gery \ˈwag-ə-rē\ *n*, *pl* **ger-ies** **1** : mischievous merriment : PLEASANTRY **2** : JEST, TRICK

wag-gish \ˈwag-ish\ *adj* **1** : SPORTIVE, HUMOROUS **2** : resembling or characteristic of a wag : MISCHIEVOUS, ROGUEISH, FROLICsome

wag-gle \ˈwag-əl\ *vb* **wag-gled**; **wag-gling** \-(ə-)liŋ\ : to move backward and forward or from side to side : WAG — **waggle** *n*

wag-on \ˈwag-ən\ *n* **1** : a 4-wheeled vehicle; *esp* : one drawn by animals and used for freight or merchandise **2** : PATROL WAGON **3** : a child's 4-wheeled cart **4** : STATION WAGON

wag-on-er \ˈwag-ə-nər\ *n* : the driver of a wagon

wag-on-ette \ˈwag-ə-ˈnet\ *n* : a light wagon with two facing seats along the sides behind a cross seat in front

wag-on-lit \ˈwā-gōn-ˈlɛ\ *n*, *pl* **wagons-lits** or **wagon-lits** \-gōn-ˈlɛz\ [F, fr. *wagon* railroad car + *lit* bed] : a railroad sleeping car

wagon train *n* : a group of wagons traveling overland

wag-tail \ˈwag-,tāl\ *n* : any of various slender-bodied mostly Old World birds with a long tail that jerks up and down

wa-hi-ne \wā-ˈhē-nā\ *n* **1** : a Polynesian woman **2** : a female surfer

wa-hoo \ˈwā-,hū\ *n*, *pl* **wahoos** : a large vigorous food and sport fish related to the mackerel and found in warm seas

waif \ˈwāf\ *n* **1** : something found without an owner and *esp*. by chance **2** : a stray person or animal; *esp* : a homeless child

wail \wāl\ *vb* **1** : LAMENT, WEEP **2** : to make a sound suggestive of a mournful cry **3** : COMPLAIN — **wail** *n*

wail-ful \-fəl\ *adj* : SORROWFUL, MOURNFUL — **wail-ful-ly** \-lɪ\ *adv*

wain \ˈwān\ *n* : a usu. large heavy farm wagon

wain-scot \ˈwān-skət, -ˌskət, -ˌskāt\ *n* **1** : a usu. paneled wooden lining of an interior wall of a room **2** : the lower part of an interior wall when finished differently from the rest — **wainscot** *vb*

wain-scot-ing or **wain-scot-ting** \-ˌskət-ɪŋ, -ˌskāt-, -skət-\ *n* : material for a wainscot; *also* : WAINSCOT

wain-wright \ˈwān-,rīt\ *n* : a builder and repairer of wagons

waist \ˈwāst\ *n* **1** : the narrowed part of the body between the chest and hips **2** : a part resembling the human waist *esp*. in narrowness or central position (the ~ of a ship) **3** : a garment or part of a garment (as a blouse or bodice) for the upper part of the body

waist-band \ˈwās(t)-ˌbænd\ *n* : a band (as on trousers or a skirt) that fits around the waist

waist-coat \ˈwes-kət, ˈwās(t)-ˌkōt\ *n*, chiefly *Brit* : VEST **1**

waist-line \ˈwāst-,lɪn\ *n* **1** : a line thought of as surrounding the waist at its narrowest part; *also* : the length of this **2** : the line at which the bodice and skirt of a dress meet

1wait \ˈwāt\ *vb* **1** : to remain inactive in readiness or expectation : AWAIT (~ for orders) **2** : POSTPONE, DELAY (~ dinner for late guests) **3** : to act as attendant or servant (~ on customers) **4** : to attend as a waiter : SERVE (~ tables) (~ at a banquet) **5** : to be ready

2wait *n* **1** : a position of concealment usu. with intent to attack or surprise (lie in ~) **2** : an act or period of waiting

wait-er \ˈwāt-ər\ *n* **1** : one that waits upon another; *esp* : a man who waits on table **2** : TRAY

waiting game *n* : a strategy in which one or more participants withhold action in the hope of an opportunity for more effective action later

waiting room *n* : a room (as at a doctor's office) for the use of persons waiting

wait-ress \ˈwā-trəs\ *n* : a girl or woman who waits on table

waive \ˈwāv\ *vb* **waived**; **waiv-ing** [ME *weiven*, fr. OF *weyver*, fr. *waif* lost, unclaimed] **1** : to give up claim to (waived his right to a trial) **2** : POSTPONE

waiv-er \ˈwā-vər\ *n* : the act of waiving right, claim, or privilege; *also* : a document containing a declaration of such an act

1wake \ˈwāk\ *vb* **woke** \ˈwōk\ *also* **waked** \ˈwākt\; **wo-ken** \ˈwō-kən\ *also* **waked** or **woke**; **wak-ing** **1** : to be or remain awake; *esp* : to keep watch (as over a corpse) **2** : AWAKE, AWAKEN (the baby *waked* up early) (the thunder *waked* him up)

2wake *n* **1** : the state of being awake **2** : a watch held over the body of a dead person prior to burial

3wake *n* : the track left by a ship in the water; *also* : a track left behind

wake-ful \ˈwāk-fəl\ *adj* : not sleeping or able to sleep : SLEEPLESS, ALERT — **wake-ful-ness** *n*

wak-en \ˈwā-kən\ *vb* **wak-ened**; **wak-en-ing** \ˈwāk-(ə-)niŋ\ : WAKE

wake-rob-in \ˈwāk-,rəb-ən\ *n* : TRILLIUM

wak-ing \ˈwā-kiŋ\ *adj* : passed in a conscious or alert state (every ~ hour)

wale \ˈwāl\ *n* : a ridge *esp*. on cloth; *also* : the texture *esp*. of a fabric

1walk \ˈwōk\ *vb* [partly fr. ME *walken*, fr. OE *wealcan* to roll, toss and partly fr. ME *walkien*, fr. OE *wealcian* to roll up, muffle up] **1** : to move or cause to move on foot usu. at a natural unhurried gait (~ to town) (~ a horse) **2** : to pass over, through, or along by walking (~ the streets) **3** : to perform or accomplish by walking (~ guard) **4** : to follow a course of action or way of life (~ humbly in the sight of God) **5** : to receive a base on balls; *also* : to give a base on balls to — **walk-er** *n*

2walk *n* **1** : a going on foot (go for a ~) **2** : a place, path, or course for walking **3** : distance to be walked (a 10-minute ~ from here) **4** : manner of living : CONDUCT, BEHAVIOR; *also* : social or economic status (various ~s of life) **5** : manner of walking : GAIT; *esp* : a slow 4-beat gait of a horse **6** : BASE ON BALLS

walk-away \ˈwōk-ə-,wā\ *n* : an easily won contest

walk-ie-talk-ie \ˈwō-kē-ˈtō-kē\ *n* : a small portable radio transmitting and receiving set

1walk-in \ˈwōk-,in\ *adj* : large enough to be walked into (a ~ refrigerator)

2walk-in \ˈwōk-,in\ *n* **1** : an easy election victory **2** : one that walks in

walking papers *n pl* : DISMISSAL, DISCHARGE

walking stick *n* **1** : a stick used in walking **2** *usu* **walk-ing-stick** : STICK INSECT; *esp* : one common in parts of the U.S.

walk-on \ˈwōk-,ón, -ˌän\ *n* : a small part or brief appearance in a dramatic production

walk-out \-,aùt\ *n* **1** : a labor strike **2** : the action of leaving a meeting or organization as an expression of disapproval

walk-over \-,ō-vər\ *n* : a one-sided contest : an easy victory

walk-up \ˈwōk-,əp\ *n* : a building or apartment house without an elevator — **walk-up** *adj*

walk-way \-,wā\ *n* : a passage for walking

1wall \ˈwōl\ *n* [ME, fr. OE *weall*, fr. L *vallus* rampart, fr. *vallus* stake, palisade] **1** : a structure (as of stone or brick) intended for defense or security or for enclosing something **2** : one of the upright enclosing parts of a building or room **3** : the inside surface of a cavity or vessel (the ~ of a boiler) **4** : something like a wall in appearance or function (a tariff ~) — **walled** \ˈwōld\ *adj*

2wall *vb* **1** : to provide, separate, or surround with or as if with a wall (~ in a garden) **2** : to close (an opening) with or as if with a wall (~ up a door)

wal-la-by \ˈwāl-ə-bē\ *n*, *pl* wallabies *also* wallaby : any of various small or medium-sized kangaroos

wall-board \ˈwōl-,bōrd\ *n* : a structural material (as of wood pulp or plaster) made in large sheets and used for sheathing interior walls and ceilings

wal-let \ˈwāl-ət\ *n* 1 : a bag or sack for carrying things on a journey 2 : a pocketbook with compartments (as for personal papers and usu. unfolded money) : **BILLFOLD**

wall-eye \ˈwōl-,ī\ *n* 1 : an eye with whitish iris or an opaque white cornea 2 : a large vigorous No. American food and sport fish related to the perches — **wall-eyed** \-,īd\ *adj*

wall-flow-er \ˈwōl-,flau-(ə)r\ *n* 1 : any of several Old World plants related to the mustards; *esp* : one with showy fragrant flowers 2 : a person who usu. from shyness or unpopularity remains alone (as at a dance)

Wal-loon \wä-ˈlūn\ *n* : a member of a chiefly Celtic people of southern and southeastern Belgium and adjacent parts of France — **Walloon** *adj*

wal-lap \ˈwāl-əp\ *vb* [ME, gallop, fr. Old Northern French *waloper* to gallop] 1 : to beat soundly : **TROUCE** 2 : to hit hard : sock

wallop *n* 1 : a powerful blow or impact 2 : the ability to hit hard 3 : emotional or psychological force : **IMPACT** **wal-lap-ing** \ˈwāl-ə-pīŋ\ *adj* 1 : LARGE, WHOPPING 2 : exceptionally fine or impressive

wal-low \ˈwāl-ō\ *vb* 1 : to roll oneself about in or as if in deep mud : **FLOUNDER** (hogs ~ing in the mire) 2 : to live in or be filled with excessive pleasure (~ in luxury)

wallow *n* : a muddy or dust-filled area where animals wallow

wall-pa-per \ˈwōl-,pā-pər\ *n* : decorative paper for the walls of a room — **wallpaper** *vb*

wall-to-wall *adj* 1 : covering the entire floor (wall-to-wall carpeting) 2 : covering or filling one entire space or time (crowds of wall-to-wall people)

wal-nut \ˈwōl-(j)nət\ *n* [ME *walnot*, fr. OE *wealhhnutu*, lit., foreign nut, fr. *Wealh* Welshman, foreigner + *hnutu* nut] 1 : an edible nut with a furrowed usu. rough shell and an adherent husk from any of a genus of trees related to the hickories; *esp* : the large edible nut of a Eurasian tree 2 : a tree that bears walnuts 3 : the usu. reddish to dark brown wood of a walnut used esp. in cabinetwork and veneers

wal-rus \ˈwōl-rəs, ˈwāl-ə\ *n*, *pl* walrus or wal-rus-es : either of two large mammals of northern seas related to the seals and having ivory tusks



walrus

waltz \ˈwɔlts\ *vb* [G *walzer*, fr. *walzen* to roll, dance, fr. Old High German *walzan* to turn, roll] 1 : to dance a waltz 2 : to move or advance easily, successfully, or conspicuously (he ~ed through customs)

waltz *n* 1 : a gliding dance done to music having three beats to the measure 2 : music for or suitable for waltzing

wam-ble \ˈwäm-bəl\ *vb* **wam-bled**; **wam-bling** \-b(ə-)līŋ\ : to progress unsteadily or with a lurching shambling gait

wam-pum \ˈwäm-pəm\ *n* [short for *wampumpeag*, fr.

Narraganset (a North American Indian language) *wam-pumpeag*, fr. *wampan* white + *api* string + *-ag* pl. suffix] 1 : beads made of shells strung in strands, belts, or sashes and used by No. American Indians as money and ornaments 2 *slang* : MONEY

wan \ˈwän\ *adj* **wan-ner**; **wan-ness** 1 : SICKLY, PALLID; *also* : FEEBLE 2 : DIM, FAINT 3 : LAGUID (a ~ smile) — **wan-ly** *adv* — **wan-ness** \ˈwän-nəs\ *n*

wand \ˈwänd\ *n* 1 : a slender staff carried in a procession 2 : the staff of a fairy, diviner, or magician

wan-der \ˈwän-dər\ *vb* **wan-dered**; **wan-der-ing** \-d(ə-)rīŋ\ 1 : to move about aimlessly or without a fixed course or goal : **RAMBLE** 2 : **STRAY** 3 : to go astray in conduct or thought; *esp* : to become delirious — **wan-der-er** *n*

Wan-der-ing Jew *n* : any of several trailing or creeping plants some of which are often planted in hanging baskets

wan-der-lust \ˈwän-dər-,ləst\ *n* : strong longing for or impulse toward wandering

wane \ˈwän\ *vb* **waned**; **wan-ing** 1 : to grow gradually smaller or less (the moon ~s) (his strength *waned*) 2 : to lose power, prosperity, or influence 3 : to draw near an end (summer is *waning*)

wane *n* : a waning (as in size or power); *also* : a period in which something is waning

wan-gle \ˈwāŋ-gəl\ *vb* **wan-gled**; **wan-gling** \-g(ə-)līŋ\ 1 : to obtain by sly or roundabout means; *also* : to use trickery or questionable means to achieve an end 2 : **MANIPULATE**; *also* : **FINAGLE**

Wan-kel engine \ˈvāŋ-kəl-, ˈwāŋ-ə\ *n* : an internal-combustion rotary engine with a rounded triangular rotor functioning as a piston

want \ˈwɒnt\ *vb* 1 : to fail to possess : **LACK** (they ~ the necessities of life) 2 : to fall short by (it ~s three minutes to six) 3 : to feel or suffer the need of 4 : **NEED**, **REQUIRE** (the house ~s painting) 5 : to desire earnestly : **WISH**

want *n* 1 : a lack of a required or usual amount : **SHORTAGE** 2 : dire need : **DESTITUTION** 3 : something wanted : **DESIRE** 4 : personal defect : **FAULT**

want-ing \-īŋ\ *adj* 1 : not present or in evidence : **ABSENT** 2 : falling below standards or expectations 3 : lacking in ability or capacity : **DEFICIENT** (~ in common sense)

wanting *prep* 1 : **WITHOUT** (a book ~ a cover) 2 : **LESS**, **MINUS** (a month ~ two days)

wan-ton \ˈwɒnt-ən\ *adj* [ME, undisciplined, fr. *wan-* deficient, wrong + *towen*, pp. of *teen* to draw, train, discipline] 1 : **UNCHASTE**, **LEWD**, **LUSTFUL**; *also* : **SENSUAL** 2 : having no regard for justice or for other persons' feelings, rights, or safety : **MERCILESS**, **INHUMANE** (~ cruelty) 3 : having no just cause (a ~ attack) — **wan-ton-ly** *adv* — **wan-ton-ness** *n*

wanton *n* : a wanton individual; *esp* : a lewd or immoral person

wanton *vb* 1 : to be wanton : act wantonly 2 : to pass or waste wantonly

wa-pi-ti \ˈwäp-ət-ē\ *n*, *pl* wapiti or wapitis : **ELK** 2

war \ˈwɔr\ *n* 1 : a state or period of usu. open and declared armed fighting between states or nations 2 : the art or science of warfare 3 : a state of hostility, conflict, or antagonism 4 : a struggle between opposing forces or for a particular end (~ against disease) — **war-less** \-ləs\ *adj*

war *vb* **warred**; **war-ring** : to engage in warfare : be in conflict

war *abbr* warrant

war-ble \ˈwɔr-bəl\ *n* 1 : a melodious succession of low pleasing sounds 2 : a musical trill

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ə\rfurther \ə\ash \ə\face \ə\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ə\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
\ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- warble** *vb* **war·bled**; **war·bling** \-b(ə-)lɪŋ/ **1** : to sing or utter in a trilling manner or with variations **2** : to express by or as if by warbling
- warble** *n* : a swelling under the hide esp. of the back of cattle, horses, and wild mammals caused by the maggot of a fly (**warble fly**); *also* : its maggot
- warbler** \ˈwɔr-blər/ *n* **1** : SONGSTER **2** : any of various small slender-billed Old World singing birds related to the thrushes and noted for their song **3** : any of various small bright-colored American insect-eating birds with a usu. weak and unmusical song
- war-bon-net** \ˈwɔr-,bən-ət/ *n* : a feathered American Indian ceremonial headdress
- war cry** *n* **1** : a cry used by fighters in war **2** : a slogan used esp. to rally people to a cause
- ward** \ˈwɔrd/ *n* **1** : a guarding or being under guard or guardianship; *esp* : CUSTODY **2** : a body of guards **3** : a division of a prison **4** : a division in a hospital **5** : a division of a city for electoral or administrative purposes **6** : a person (as a child) under the protection of a guardian or a law court **7** : a person or body of persons under the protection or tutelage of a government **8** : a means of defense : PROTECTION
- ward** *vb* : to turn aside : DEFLECT — *usu.* used with *off* (∼ off a blow)
- ward** \ˈwɔrd/ *also* **-wards** \ˈwɔrdz/ *adj* *suffix* **1** : that moves, tends, faces, or is directed toward (windward) **2** : that occurs or is situated in the direction of (seaward)
- ward** or **-wards** *adv* *suffix* **1** : in a (specified) direction (upwards) (afterward) **2** : toward a (specified) point, position, or area (skyward)
- war dance** *n* : a dance performed by primitive peoples before going to war or in celebration of victory
- war-den** \ˈwɔrd-ən/ *n* **1** : GUARDIAN, KEEPER **2** : the governor of a town, district, or fortress **3** : an official charged with special supervisory or enforcement duties (game ∼) (air raid ∼) **4** : an official in charge of the operation of a prison **5** : one of two ranking lay officers of an Episcopal parish **6** : any of various British college officials
- ward-er** \ˈwɔrd-ər/ *n* : WATCHMAN, WARDEN
- ward heeler** \-,hē-lər/ *n* : a local worker for a political boss
- ward-robe** \ˈwɔrd-,rɒb/ *n* [ME *warderobe*, fr. OF, fr. *warder* to guard + *robe* robe] **1** : a room or closet where clothes are kept; *also* : CLOTHESPRESS **2** : a collection of wearing apparel (his summer ∼)
- ward-room** \-,rüm, -rüm/ *n* : the quarters in a warship allotted to the commissioned officers except the captain; *esp* : the room allotted to these officers for meals
- ward-ship** \ˈwɔrd-,ʃɪp/ *n* **1** : GUARDIANSHIP **2** : the state of being under care of a guardian
- ware** \ˈwɛər/ *n* **1** : manufactured articles or products of art or craft : GOODS **2** : an article of merchandise (a peddler hawking his ∼s) **3** : items (as dishes) of fired clay : POTTERY
- ware-house** \-,haʊs/ *n* : a place for the storage of merchandise or commodities : STOREHOUSE — **warehouse** *vb* — **ware-house-man** \-mən/ *n* — **ware-hous-er** \-haʊ-zər, -sər/ *n*
- ware-room** \ˈwɛər-,rüm, -rüm/ *n* : a room in which goods are exhibited for sale
- war-fare** \ˈwɔr-,fær/ *n* **1** : military operations between enemies : WAR; *also* : an activity undertaken by one country to weaken or destroy another (economic ∼) **2** : STRUGGLE, CONFLICT
- war-fa-rin** \ˈwɔr-fə-rən/ *n* : an anticoagulant used as a rodent poison and in medicine
- war-head** \-,hed/ *n* : the section of a missile containing the charge
- war-horse** \-,hɔrs/ *n* **1** : a horse for use in war **2** : a veteran soldier or public person (as a politician)
- war-like** \-,lik/ *adj* **1** : fond of war (∼ peoples) **2** : of,

- relating to, or useful in war : MILITARY, MARTIAL (∼ supplies) **3** : befitting or characteristic of war or of soldiers (∼ attitudes)
- war-lock** \-,læk/ *n* [ME *warloghe*, fr. OE *wārloga* one that breaks faith, the Devil, fr. *wār* faith, troth + *-loga* (fr. *lēogan* to lie)] : SORCERER, WIZARD
- war-lord** \-,lɔrd/ *n* **1** : a high military leader **2** : a military commander exercising local civil power by force (former Chinese ∼s)
- warm** \ˈwɔrm/ *adj* **1** : having or giving out heat to a moderate or adequate degree (∼ milk) (a ∼ stove) **2** : serving to retain heat (∼ clothes) **3** : feeling or inducing sensations of heat (∼ from exercise) (a ∼ climb) **4** : showing or marked by strong feeling : ARDENT (∼ support) **5** : marked by tense excitement or hot anger (a ∼ campaign) **6** : giving a pleasant impression of warmth, cheerfulness, or friendliness (∼ colors) (a ∼ tone of voice) **7** : marked by or tending toward injury, distress, or pain (made things ∼ for the enemy) **8** : newly made : FRESH (a ∼ scent) **9** : near to a goal (getting ∼ in a search) — **warm-ly** *adv*
- warm** *vb* **1** : to make or become warm **2** : to give a feeling of warmth or vitality to **3** : to experience feelings of affection or pleasure (she ∼ed to her guest) **4** : to reheat for eating (∼ed over the roast) **5** : to make ready for operation or performance by preliminary exercise or operation (∼ up the motor) **6** : to become increasingly ardent, interested, or competent (the speaker ∼ed to his topic) — **warm-er** *n*
- warm-blooded** \ˈbləd-əd/ *adj* : able to maintain a relatively high and constant body temperature essentially independent of that of the surroundings
- warmed-over** \ˈwɔrmd-ɔv-ər/ *adj* **1** : REHEATED (∼ cabbage) **2** : not fresh or new (∼ ideas)
- warm-heart-ed** \ˈwɔrm-ˈhɑrt-əd/ *adj* : marked by warmth of feeling : CORDIAL — **warm-heart-ed-ness** *n*
- warming pan** *n* : a long-handled covered pan filled with live coals and formerly used to warm a bed
- war-mon-ger** \ˈwɔr-,mən-ɡər, -,mən- / *n* : one who urges or attempts to stir up war
- warmth** \ˈwɔrmθ/ *n* **1** : the quality or state of being warm **2** : ZEAL, ARDOR, FERVOR
- warm up** \ˈwɔrm-ɪp/ *vb* : to engage in exercise or practice esp. before entering a game or contest — **warm-up** \ˈwɔrm-ɪp/ *n*
- warn** \ˈwɔrn/ *vb* **1** : to put on guard : CAUTION; *also* : ADMONISH, COUNSEL **2** : to notify esp. in advance : INFORM **3** : to order to go or keep away
- warn-ing** \-ɪŋ/ *n* **1** : the act of warning : the state of being warned **2** : something that warns or serves to warn
- warning** *adj* : serving as an alarm, signal, summons, or admonition (∼ bell) — **warn-ing-ly** *adv*
- warp** \ˈwɔrp/ *n* **1** : the lengthwise threads on a loom or in a woven fabric **2** : a twist out of a true plane or straight line (a ∼ in a board)
- warp** *vb* [ME *warpen*, fr. OE *weorpan* to throw] **1** : to turn or twist out of shape; *also* : to become so twisted **2** : to lead astray : PERVERT; *also* : FALSIFY, DISTORT
- war paint** *n* : paint put on the face and body by American Indians as a sign of going to war
- war-path** \ˈwɔr-ˌpaθ, -,paθ/ *n* : the course taken by a party of American Indians going on a hostile expedition — **on the warpath** : ready to fight or argue
- war-plane** \-,plæn/ *n* : a military airplane; *esp* : one armed for combat
- war-rant** \ˈwɔr-ənt, ˈwār- / *n* **1** : AUTHORIZATION; *also* : JUSTIFICATION, GROUND **2** : evidence (as a document) of authorization; *esp* : a legal writ authorizing an officer to take action (as in making an arrest, seizure, or search) **3** : a certificate of appointment issued to an officer of lower rank than a commissioned officer
- warrant** *vb* **1** : to guarantee security or immunity to : SECURE **2** : to declare or maintain positively (I ∼ this is so)

3 : to assure (a person) of the truth of what is said **4** : to guarantee to be as it appears or as it is represented (~ goods as of the first quality) **5** : SANCTION, AUTHORIZE **6** : to give proof of : ATTEST; *also* : GUARANTEE **7** : JUSTIFY (his need ~s the expenditure)

warrant officer *n* **1** : an officer in the armed forces ranking next below a commissioned officer **2** : a commissioned officer ranking below an ensign in the navy or coast guard and below a second lieutenant in the marine corps

war-ran-ty \ˈwɔr-ənt-ē, ˈwār-ən, pl -ties/ *n* an expressed or implied statement that some situation or thing is as it appears to be or is represented to be; *esp* : a usu. written guarantee of the integrity of a product and of the maker's responsibility for the repair or replacement of defective parts

war-ren \ˈwɔr-ən, ˈwār-ən/ *n* **1** : an area for the keeping of small game and esp. rabbits; *also* : an area where rabbits breed **2** : a crowded tenement or district

war-rior \ˈwɔr-yər, ˈwɔr-ē-ər; ˈwār-ē-, ˈwār-yər/ *n* : a man engaged or experienced in warfare

war-ship \ˈwɔr-ˌʃɪp/ *n* : a military ship armed for combat **wart** \ˈwɔrt/ *n* **1** : a small usu. horny projection on the skin; *esp* : one caused by a virus **2** : a protuberance resembling a wart (as on a plant) — **warty** *adj*

wart-hog \ˈwɔrt-ˌhɒg, -ˌhäg/ *n* : an African wild hog with large tusks and two pairs of rough warty protuberances below the eyes

war-time \ˈwɔr-ˌtɪm/ *n* : a period during which a war is in progress

wary \ˈwa(ə)r-ē/ *adj* **wari-er**; -**est** : very cautious; *esp* : careful in guarding against danger or deception

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ˈwash \ˈwɒʃ, ˈwɒʃ-ən, ˈwɒʃ-ən/ *vb* **1** : to cleanse with or as if with a liquid (as water) **2** : to wet thoroughly with water or other liquid **3** : to flow along the border of (waves ~ the shore) **4** : to pass (a gas or gaseous mixture) through or over a liquid for purifying **5** : to pour or flow in a stream or current **6** : to move or remove by or as if by the action of water **7** : to cover or daub lightly with a liquid (as whitewash) **8** : to run water over (as gravel or ore) in order to separate valuable matter from refuse (~ sand for gold) **9** : to undergo laundering (a dress that doesn't ~ well) **10** : to stand a test (that story will not ~) **11** : to be worn away by water

ˌwash *n* **1** : the act or process or an instance of washing or being washed **2** : articles to be washed or being washed **3** : the flow or action of a mass of water (as a wave) **4** : erosion by waves (as of the sea) **5** *West* : the dry bed of a stream **6** : worthless esp. liquid waste : REFUSE, SWILL **7** : a thin coat of paint (as watercolor) **8** : a disturbance in the air caused by the passage of a wing or propeller

ˊwash *adj* : WASHABLE

Wash *abbr* Washington

wash-able \ə-ˈbəl/ *adj* : capable of being washed without damage

wash-and-wear *adj* : of, relating to, or constituting a fabric or garment that needs little or no ironing after washing

wash-ba-sin \ˈwɒʃ-ˌbās-ən, ˈwɒʃ-ən/ *n* : WASHBOWL

wash-board \-, bɔrd/ *n* : a grooved board to scrub clothes on

wash-bowl \-, bɔl/ *n* : a large bowl for water for washing hands and face

wash-cloth \-, klɒθ/ *n* : a cloth used for washing one's face and body

wash drawing *n* : watercolor painting in or chiefly in washes

washed-out \ˈwɒʃt-ˌaʊt, ˈwɒʃt-ən/ *adj* **1** : faded in color **2** : EXHAUSTED (felt ~ after working all night)

washed-up \ˈwɒʃt-ˌəp, ˈwɒʃt-ən/ *adj* : no longer successful, popular, or needed

wash-er \ˈwɒʃ-ər, ˈwɒʃ-ən/ *n* **1** : a ring or perforated plate used around a bolt or screw to ensure tightness or relieve friction **2** : one that washes; *esp* : a machine for washing

wash-er-wom-an \-, wʊm-ən/ *n* : a woman who works at washing clothes

wash-house \ˈwɒʃ-ˌhaʊs, ˈwɒʃ-ən/ *n* : a house or building used or equipped for washing and esp. for washing clothes

wash-ing \ˈwɒʃ-ɪŋ, ˈwɒʃ-ən/ *n* **1** : material obtained by washing **2** : a thin covering or coat (a ~ of silver) **3** : articles washed or to be washed

washing soda *n* : SODIUM CARBONATE

Wash-ing-ton's Birthday \ˌwɒʃ-ɪŋ-tənz-, ˌwɒʃ-ən/ *n* : the 3d Monday in February observed as a legal holiday

wash-out \ˈwɒʃ-ˌaʊt, ˈwɒʃ-ən/ *n* **1** : the washing away of earth (as from a road); *also* : a place where earth is washed away **2** : FAILURE; *esp* : one who fails in a course of training or study

wash-room \-, rʊm, -, rʊm/ *n* : a room equipped with washing and toilet facilities : LAVATORY

wash-stand \-, stænd/ *n* **1** : a stand holding articles needed for washing face and hands **2** : a washbowl permanently set in place

wash-tub \-, tʌb/ *n* : a tub for washing clothes or for soaking them before washing

wash-wom-an \ˈwɒʃ-ˌwʊm-ən, ˈwɒʃ-ən/ *n* : WASHERWOMAN

washy \ˈwɒʃ-ē, ˈwɒʃ-ən/ *adj* **wash-i-er**; -**est** **1** : WEAK, WATERY **2** : PALLID **3** : lacking in vigor, individuality, or definiteness

wasp \ˈwɒsp, ˈwɒsp/ *n* : any of numerous social or solitary winged insects related to the bees and ants with biting mouthparts and in females and workers a formidable sting

WASP or Wasp *n* [white Anglo-Saxon Protestant] : an American of northern European and esp. British stock and of Protestant background

wasp-ish \ˈwɒs-pɪʃ, ˈwɒs-ən/ *adj* **1** : SNAPPISH, IRRITABLE **2** : resembling a wasp in form; *esp* : slightly built

wasp waist *n* : a very slender waist

ˈwas-sail \ˈwɒs-əl, wɒ-ˈsæl/ *n* [ME *was hail*, fr. ON *ves heill* be well] **1** : an early English toast to someone's health **2** : a hot drink made with wine, beer, or cider, spices, sugar, and usu. baked apples and that is traditionally served at Christmas **3** : riotous drinking : REVELRY

ˌwassail *vb* **1** : CAROUSE **2** : to drink to the health or thriving of — **was-sail-er** *n*

Was-ser-mann test \ˌwɒs-ər-mən-, ˌvɒs-ən/ *n* : a blood test for infection with syphilis

wast-age \ˈwɒs-tɪj, ˈwɒs-ən/ *n* : loss by use, decay, erosion, or leakage or through wastefulness

ˈwaste \ˈwɒst, ˈwɒst-ən/ *n* **1** : a sparsely settled or barren region : DESERT; *also* : uncultivated land **2** : the act or an instance of wasting : the state of being wasted **3** : gradual loss or decrease by use, wear, or decay **4** : material left over, rejected, or thrown away; *also* : an unwanted product of a manufacturing or chemical process **5** : refuse (as garbage or rubbish) that accumulates about habitations; *also* : material (as feces) produced but not used by a living body — **waste-ful** \-fəl/ *adj* — **waste-fully** \-lɪ/ *adv* — **waste-ful-ness** *n*

ˌwaste *vb* **wast-ed**; **wast-ing** **1** : DEVASTATE **2** : to wear away or diminish gradually : CONSUME **3** : to spend money or use property carelessly or uselessly : SQUANDER; *also* : to allow to be used inefficiently or become dissipated **4** : to lose or cause to lose weight, strength, or vitality

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\aʊ\out \ch\chin \e\bet \e\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \ɔ\go \ɔ\law \oʊ\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\lout
\ʊ\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

(*wasting* away from fever) **5** : to become diminished in bulk or substance : DWINDLE — **wast-er** *n*

waste *adj* **1** : being wild and uninhabited : BARREN, DESOLATE; *also* : UNCULTIVATED **2** : RUINED, DEVASTATED (bombs laid ~ the city) **3** : discarded as worthless after being used (~ water) **4** : excreted from or stored in inert form in a living body as a byproduct of vital activity (~ matter from birds) **5** : serving to conduct or hold refuse material; *esp* : carrying off superfluous water **waste-bas-ket** \ˈwās(t)-, bas-kət/ *n* : a receptacle for refuse

waste-land \ˈwāst-, land, -lənd/ *n* : land that is barren or unfit for cultivation

waste-pa-per \ˈwās(t)-, pā-pər/ *n* : paper discarded as used, superfluous, or not fit for use

waste product *n* : material resulting from a process (as of metabolism or manufacture) that is of no further use to the system producing it

wast-rel \ˈwā-strəl/ *n* : one that wastes : SPENDTHRIFT

watch \ˈwäch-, ˈwöch/ *vb* **1** : to be or stay awake intentionally : keep vigil (~ed by the patient's bedside) (~ and pray) **2** : to be on the lookout for danger : be on one's guard **3** : to keep guard (~ outside the door) **4** : OBSERVE (~ a game) **5** : to keep in view so as to prevent harm or warn of danger (~ a brush fire carefully) **6** : to keep oneself informed about (~ his progress) **7** : to lie in wait for *esp.* so as to take advantage of (~ed his opportunity) — **watch-er** *n*

watch *n* **1** : the act of keeping awake to guard, protect, or attend; *also* : a state of alert and continuous attention **2** : close observation **3** : one that watches : LOOKOUT, WATCHMAN, GUARD **4** : an allotted period for being on nautical duty; *also* : the members of a ship's company operating the vessel during such a period **5** : a portable timepiece carried on the person

watch-band \ˈwäch-, band, ˈwöch-/ *n* : the bracelet or strap of a wristwatch

watch-case \-, käs/ *n* : the outside metal covering of a watch

watch-dog \-, dög/ *n* **1** : a dog kept to guard property **2** : one that guards or protects

watch-ful \ˈwäch-fəl, ˈwöch-/ *adj* : steadily attentive and alert *esp.* to danger : VIGILANT — **watch-ful-ly** \-əl/ *adv* — **watch-ful-ness** *n*

watch-maker \-, mā-kər/ *n* : one that makes or repairs watches — **watch-mak-ing** \-, mā-kiŋ/ *n*

watch-man \-mən/ *n* : a person assigned to watch : GUARD **watch night** *n* : a devotional service lasting until after midnight *esp.* on New Year's Eve

watch-tow-er \ˈwäch-, tau(-ə)r, ˈwöch-/ *n* : a tower for a lookout

watch-word \-, wörd/ *n* **1** : a secret word used as a signal or sign of recognition **2** : a motto used as a slogan or rallying cry

wa-ter \ˈwöt-ər, ˈwät-/ *n* **1** : the liquid that descends as rain and forms rivers, lakes, and seas **2** : a natural mineral water — *usu.* used in pl. **3 pl** : the water occupying or flowing in a particular bed; *also* : a band of seawater bordering on and under the control of a country (sailing Canadian ~s) **4** : any of various liquids containing or resembling water; *esp* : a watery fluid (as tears, urine, or sap) formed or circulating in a living body **5** : a specified degree of thoroughness or completeness (a scoundrel of the first ~) **6** : a wavy lustrous pattern (as of a textile)

water *vb* **1** : to supply with or get or take water (~ horses) (the ship ~ed at each port) **2** : to treat (as cloth) so as to give a lustrous appearance in wavy lines **3** : to dilute by or as if by adding water to **4** : to form or secrete water or watery matter (his eyes ~ed) (my mouth ~ed)

water ballet *n* : a synchronized sequence of movements performed by a group of swimmers

water bed *n* : a bed whose mattress is a plastic bag filled with water

wa-ter-borne \-, börn/ *adj* : supported or carried by water

water buffalo *n* : a common oxlike often domesticated Asian bovine



water buffalo

water chestnut *n* : any of several aquatic plants (as a Chinese sedge) with edible underground parts or fruits; *also* : the edible part

water closet *n* : a compartment or room for defecation and urination into a toilet bowl : BATHROOM; *also* : a toilet bowl along with its accessories

wa-ter-col-or \ˈwöt-ər-, kəl-ər, ˈwät-/ *n* **1** : a paint whose liquid part is water **2** : the art of painting with watercolors **3** : a picture made with watercolors

wa-ter-course \-, kōrs/ *n* : a stream of water; *also* : the bed of a stream

wa-ter-craft \-, kraft/ *n* : a craft for water transport : SHIP, BOAT

wa-ter-ress \-, kres/ *n* : a perennial plant with white flowers related to the cabbage, found chiefly in clear running water, and used *esp.* in salads

wa-ter-fall \-, fōl/ *n* : a very steep descent of the water of a stream

water flea *n* : any of various tiny active freshwater crustaceans

wa-ter-fowl \ˈwöt-ər-, faul, ˈwät-/ *n* **1** : a bird that frequents the water **2 waterfowl** *pl* : wild ducks and geese hunted as game

wa-ter-front \-, frənt/ *n* : land or a section of a town fronting or abutting on a body of water

water gap *n* : a pass in a mountain ridge through which a stream runs

water gas *n* : a poisonous flammable gaseous mixture of chiefly hydrogen and carbon monoxide made by forcing air and steam over red-hot coke or coal that is used as a fuel

water glass *n* : a drinking glass

watering place *n* : a resort that features mineral springs or bathing

water lily *n* : any of a family of aquatic plants with floating roundish leaves and showy solitary flowers

wa-ter-line \ˈwöt-ər-, līn, ˈwät-/ *n* : any of several lines that are marked on the outside of a ship and correspond with the surface of the water when the ship is afloat on an even keel

wa-ter-logged \-, lōgd, -lāgd/ *adj* : so filled or soaked with water as to be heavy or unmanageable (a ~ boat)

wa-ter-loo \ˈwöt-ər-, lü, ˈwät-/ *n, pl -loos* [Waterloo, Belgium, scene of Napoleon's defeat in 1815] : a decisive defeat

wa-ter-mark \ˈwöt-ər-, märk, ˈwät-/ *n* **1** : a mark indicating height to which water has risen **2** : a marking in paper visible when the paper is held up to the light

watermark *vb* : to mark (paper) with a watermark

wa-ter-mel-on \-, mel-ən/ *n* : a large roundish or oblong fruit with sweet juicy *usu.* red pulp; *also* : an African vine related to the squashes that produces watermelons

water moccasin *n* : a venomous snake of the southern

U.S. that is a pit viper related to the copperhead

water ouzel *n* : DIPPER 1

water pipe *n* : a tobacco-smoking device so arranged that the smoke is drawn through water

water polo *n* : a team game played in a swimming pool with a ball resembling a soccer ball

water-pow-er \ˈwɒt-ər-, paʊ(-ə)r, ˈwāt- \ *n* : the power of moving water used to run machinery

1 water-proof \ˈwɒt-ər-ˈpruːf, ˈwāt- \ *adj* : not letting water through; *esp* : covered or treated with a material to prevent permeation by water — **water-proof-ing** \-ɪŋ \ *n*

2 waterproof \ˈwɒt-ər-, pruːf, ˈwāt- \ *n* 1 : a waterproof fabric 2 *chiefly Brit* : RAINCOAT

3 waterproof \ˈwɒt-ər-ˈpruːf, ˈwāt- \ *vb* : to make waterproof

water-repel-lent \ˈwɒt-ə(r)-ri-ˈpel-ənt, ˈwāt- \ *adj* : treated with a finish that is resistant to penetration by water

water-re-sis-tant \-ri-ˈzɪs-tənt \ *adj* : WATER-REPELLENT

water-shed \ˈwɒt-ər-, shed, ˈwāt- \ *n* 1 : a dividing ridge between two drainage areas 2 : the region or area drained by a particular body of water

water-side \-, sɪd \ *n* : the land bordering a body of water

water ski *n* : a ski used on water when the wearer is towed — **water-ski** *vb* — **water-ski-er** \-, skē-ər \ *n*

water-spout \ˈwɒt-ər-, spaʊt, ˈwāt- \ *n* 1 : a pipe for carrying off water from a roof 2 : a funnel-shaped cloud extending from a cumulus cloud down to a cloud of spray torn up by whirling winds from an ocean or lake

water strider *n* : any of various long-legged bugs that move about swiftly on the surface of the water

water table *n* : the upper limit of the portion of the ground wholly saturated with water

water-tight \ˈwɒt-ər-ˈtɪt, ˈwāt- \ *adj* 1 : constructed so as to keep water out 2 : so worded that its meaning cannot be misunderstood or its purpose defeated (a ~ contract)

water-way \ˈwɒt-ər-, wā, ˈwāt- \ *n* : a navigable body of water

water-wheel \-, hwēl \ *n* : a wheel rotated by direct action of water flowing against it

water wings *n pl* : an air-filled device to give support to a person's body when he is swimming or learning to swim

water-works \ˈwɒt-ər-, wɜːks, ˈwāt- \ *n pl* : a system of reservoirs, pipes, and machinery for supplying water (as to a city)

water-y \ˈwɒt-ə-rē, ˈwāt- \ *adj* 1 : containing, full of, or giving out water (~ clouds) 2 : being like water : THIN, WEAK (~ lemonade); *also* : being soft and soggy (~ turnips)

WATS \ˈwɒts \ *abbr* Wide Area Telephone Service

watt \ˈwāt \ *n* [after James Watt †1819 Scottish engineer and inventor] : the metric unit of power equal to the work done at the rate of one joule per second or to the power produced by a current of one ampere across a potential difference of one volt

watt-age \ˈwāt-ɪj \ *n* : amount of power expressed in watts

wat-tle \ˈwāt-əl \ *n* 1 : a framework of rods with flexible branches or reeds interlaced used for fencing and *esp* formerly in building; *also* : material for this framework 2 : a naked fleshy process hanging usu. from the head or neck (as of a bird) — **wat-tled** \-lɪd \ *adj*

W Aust *abbr* Western Australia

1 wave \ˈwæv \ *vb* waved; **wav-ing** 1 : FLUTTER (flags waving in the breeze) 2 : to motion with the hands or with something held in them in signal or salute 3 : to become moved or brandished to-and-fro; *also* : BRANDISH, FLOURISH (~ a sword) 4 : to move before the wind with a wavelike motion (fields of waving grain) 5 : to curve up and down like a wave : UNDULATE

2 wave *n* 1 : a moving ridge or swell on the surface of water 2 : a wavelike formation or shape (a ~ in the hair) 3

: the action or process of making wavy or curly 4 : a waving motion; *esp* : a signal made by waving something 5 : FLOW, GUSH (a ~ of color swept her face) 6 : a rapid increase : SURGE (a ~ of buying) (a heat ~) 7 : a disturbance somewhat similar to a wave in water that transfers energy progressively from point to point (a light ~) (a sound ~) — **wave-like** *adj*

Wave \ˈwæv \ *n* [Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service] : a woman serving in the navy

wave-length \ˈwæv-, lenθ \ *n* 1 : the distance in the line of advance of a wave from any one point (as a crest) to the next corresponding point 2 : a particular line of thought *esp*, as related to mutual understanding

wave-let \-lət \ *n* : a little wave : RIPPLE

wa-ver \ˈwā-vər \ *vb* **wa-vered**; **wa-ver-ing** \ˈwāv(-ə)-rɪŋ \ 1 : to vacillate between choices : fluctuate in opinion, allegiance, or direction 2 : REEL, TOTTER; *also* : QUIVER, FLICKER (~ing flames) 3 : FALTER 4 : to give an unsteady sound : QUAVER — **waver** *n* — **wa-ver-er** *n* — **wa-ver-ing-ly** *adv*

wavy \ˈwā-vē \ *adj* **wav-i-er**; **-est** : having waves : moving in waves

1 wax \ˈwaks \ *n* 1 : a yellowish plastic substance secreted by bees for constructing the honeycomb 2 : any of various substances resembling beeswax

2 wax *vb* : to treat or rub with wax

3 wax *vb* 1 : to increase in size, numbers, strength, volume, or duration 2 : to increase in apparent size (the moon ~es toward the full) 3 : to pass from one state to another : BECOME (~ed indignant) (the party ~ed merry)

wax bean *n* : a kidney bean with pods that turn creamy yellow to bright yellow when mature enough to use as a snap bean

wax-en \ˈwak-sən \ *adj* 1 : made of or covered with wax 2 : resembling wax (as in color or consistency)

wax myrtle *n* : any of various shrubs or trees with aromatic leaves; *esp* : an American evergreen shrub that produces small hard berries with a thick coating of white wax used for candles

wax-wing \ˈwaks-, wɪŋ \ *n* : any of a genus of singing birds that are mostly brown with a showy crest and velvety plumage

wax-work \-, wɜːk \ *n* 1 : an effigy usu. of a person in wax 2 *pl* : an exhibition of wax figures

waxy \ˈwak-sē \ *adj* **wax-i-er**; **-est** 1 : made of or full of wax 2 : WAXEN 2

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way-far-ing \-,far-ɪŋ\ *adj*

way-lay \ˈwā-lā\ *vb* **-laid** \-,lād\; **-lay-ing** : to lie in wait for often in order to seize, rob, or kill

way-out \ˈwā-ʔaʊt\ *adj* : FAR-OUT

-ways \,wāz\ *adv* *suffix* : in (such) a way, course, direction, or manner (sideways)

ways and means *n pl* : methods and resources for accomplishing something and esp. for raising revenues needed by a state; *also* : a legislative committee concerned with this function

way-side \ˈwā-,sɪd\ *n* : the side of or land adjacent to a road or path

way station *n* : an intermediate station on a line of travel (as a railroad)

way-ward \ˈwā-wərd\ *adj* [ME, short for *awayward* turned away, fr. *away*, *adv.* + *-ward* directed toward] **1** : taking one's own and usu. irregular or improper way : DISOBEDIENT (∼ children) **2** : UNPREDICTABLE, IRREGULAR **3** : opposite to what is desired or expected (∼ fate)

WBC *abbr* white blood cells

WC *abbr* **1** water closet **2** without charge

WCTU *abbr* Women's Christian Temperance Union

we (t)wē\ *pron* **1** — used of a group that includes the speaker or writer **2** — used for the singular *I* by sovereigns and by writers (as of editorials)

weak \ˈwēk\ *adj* **1** : lacking strength or vigor : FEEBLE **2** : not able to sustain or resist much weight, pressure, or strain **3** : deficient in vigor of mind or character; *also* : resulting from or indicative of such deficiency (a ∼ policy) (a ∼ will) (*weak-minded*) **4** : not supported by truth or logic (a ∼ argument) **5** : not able to function properly **6** : lacking skill or proficiency; *also* : indicative of a lack of skill or aptitude **7** : wanting in vigor of expression or effect **8** : deficient in the usual or required ingredients : of less than usual strength (∼ tea) **9** : not having or exerting authority (∼ government); *also* : INEFFECTIVE, IMPOTENT **10** : of, relating to, or constituting a verb or verb conjugation that forms the past tense and past participle by adding *-ed* or *-d* or *-t* — **weak-ly** *adv*

weak-en \ˈwē-kən\ *vb* **weak-ened**; **weak-en-ing** \ˈwēk-(ə-)nɪŋ\ : to make or become weak syn enfeeble, debilitate, undermine, sap, cripple, disable

weak-fish \ˈwēk-,fɪʃ\ *n* [obs. Dutch *weekvis*, fr. D *week* soft + *vis* fish; fr. its tender flesh] : a common sport and market fish of the Atlantic coast of the U.S. related to the perches; *also* : any of several related food fishes

weak-kneed \ˈwēk-ˈnēd\ *adj* : lacking willpower or resolution

weak-ling \-lɪŋ\ *n* : a person who is physically, mentally, or morally weak

weak-ly \ˈwēk-lē\ *adv* : FEEBLE, WEAK

weak-ness \-nəs\ *n* **1** : the quality or state of being weak; *also* : an instance or period of being weak (in a moment of ∼ he agreed to go) **2** : FAULT, DEFECT **3** : an object of special desire or fondness (coffee is her ∼)

1weal \ˈwēl\ *n* : WELL-BEING, PROSPERITY

2weal *n* : WELT

weald \ˈwēld\ *n* [The *Weald*, wooded district in England, fr. ME *Weald* the Weald, fr. OE *weald* wood, forest] **1** : FOREST **2** : a wild or uncultivated usu. upland region : WOLD

wealth \ˈwelθ\ *n* [ME *welthe*, welfare, prosperity, fr. *wele* weal] **1** : abundance of possessions or resources : AFFLUENCE, RICHES **2** : abundant supply : PROFUSION (a ∼ of detail) **3** : all property that has a money or an exchange value; *also* : all objects or resources that have economic value

wealthy \ˈwel-thē\ *adj* **wealth-i-er**; **-est** : having wealth : RICH, AFFLUENT, OPULENT

wean \ˈwēn\ *vb* **1** : to accustom (a young mammal) to

take food otherwise than by nursing **2** : to free from a cause of dependence or preoccupation

weapon \ˈwep-ən\ *n* **1** : something (as a gun, knife, or club) that may be used to fight with **2** : a means by which one contends against another

weapon-less \ˈwep-ən-ləs\ *adj* : lacking weapons : UNARMED

weapon-ry \-rē\ *n* **1** : WEAPONS **2** : the science of designing and making weapons

1wear \ˈwəər\ *vb* **wore** \ˈwɔr\; **worn** \ˈwɔrn\; **wear-ing** **1** : to bear on the person or use habitually for clothing or adornment (∼ a coat) (∼ a wig); *also* : to carry on the person (∼ a gun) **2** : to have or show an appearance of (∼ a smile) **3** : to impair, diminish, or decay by use or by scraping or rubbing (clothes *worn* to shreds) (letters on the stone *worn* away by weathering); *also* : to produce gradually by friction, rubbing, or wasting away (∼ a hole in the rug) **4** : to exhaust or lessen the strength of : WEARY, FATIGUE (*worn* by care and toil) **5** : to endure use : last under use or the passage of time (this cloth ∼s well) **6** : to diminish or fail with the passage of time (the day ∼s on) (the effect of the drug *wore* off) **7** : to grow or become by attrition, use, or age (the coin was *worn* thin) — **wear-able** \ˈwar-ə-bəl\ *adj* — **wear-er** *n*

2wear *n* **1** : the act of wearing : the state of being worn (clothes for everyday ∼) **2** : clothing usu. of a particular kind or for a special occasion or use (children's ∼) **3** : wearing or lasting quality (the coat still has lots of ∼ in it) **4** : the result of wearing or use : impairment resulting from use (her suit shows ∼)

wear and tear \,war-ən-taər\ *n* : the loss or injury to which something is subjected in the course of use; *esp* : normal depreciation

wear down *vb* : to weary and overcome by persistent resistance or pressure

wea-ri-some \ˈwī-ər-ē-səm\ *adj* : causing weariness : TIRE-SOME

— **wea-ri-some-ly** *adv* — **wea-ri-some-ness** *n*

wear out *vb* **1** : TIRE **2** : to make or become useless by wear

1wea-ry \ˈwī(ə)r-ē\ *adj* **wea-rier**; **-est** **1** : worn out in strength, endurance, vigor, or freshness **2** : expressing or characteristic of weariness (a ∼ sigh) **3** : having one's patience, tolerance, or pleasure exhausted (∼ of war) — **wea-ri-ly** \ˈwī-ər-ē-lē\ *adv* — **wea-ri-ness** \-ē-nəs\ *n*

2weary *vb* **wea-ried**; **wea-ry-ing** : to become or make weary : TIRE

wea-sel \ˈwē-zəl\ *n, pl* **weasels** : any of various small slender flesh-eating mammals related to the minks

weasel word *n* [fr. the weasel's reputed habit of sucking the contents out of an egg while leaving the shell superficially intact] : a word used in order to evade or retreat from a direct or forthright statement or position

1weath-er \ˈweth-ər\ *n* **1** : condition of the atmosphere with respect to heat or cold, wetness or dryness, calm or storm, clearness or cloudiness **2** : a particular and esp. a disagreeable atmospheric state : RAIN, STORM

2weather *vb* **1** : to expose to or endure the action of weather; *also* : to alter (as in color or texture) by such exposure **2** : to sail or pass to the windward of **3** : to bear up against successfully (∼ a storm) (∼ troubles)

3weather *adj* : WINDWARD

weath-er-beat-en \ˈweth-ər-,bēt-ən\ *adj* : altered by exposure to the weather; *also* : toughened or tanned by the weather (∼ face)

weath-er-board \-,bɔrd\ *n* : CLAPBOARD

weath-er-board-ing \-,bɔrd-ɪŋ\ *n* : CLAPBOARDS, SIDING

weath-er-bound \-,baʊnd\ *adj* : kept in port or at anchor or from travel or sport by bad weather

weath-er-cock \-,kāk\ *n* **1** : a weather vane shaped like a rooster **2** : a fickle person

weath-er-glass \ˈweth-ər-,glas\ *n* : BAROMETER

weath-er-ing \ˈweth-(ə-)rɪŋ\ *n* : the action of the weather

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES¹

UNIT	ABBREVIATION OR SYMBOL	EQUIVALENT IN OTHER U.S. UNITS	METRIC EQUIVALENT
WEIGHT			
<u>avoirdupois (ordinary commodities)</u>			
ton			
short ton		200 short hundredweight, 2000 pounds	0.907 metric ton
long ton		200 long hundredweight, 2240 pounds	1.016 metric tons
hundredweight	cwt		
short hundredweight		100 pounds, 0.05 short ton	45.359 kilograms
long hundredweight		112 pounds, 0.05 long ton	50.802 kilograms
pound	lb or lb avdp also #	16 ounces, 7000 grains (1.215 apothecaries' or troy pound)	0.454 kilograms
ounce	oz or oz avdp	16 drams, 437.5 grains (0.911 apothecaries' or troy ounce)	28.350 grams
dram	dr or dr avdp	27.344 grains, 0.0625 ounce	1.772 grams
grain	gr	0.037 dram, 0.002286 ounce (1.0 apothecaries' or troy grain)	0.0648 gram
<u>troy (precious metals, jewels)</u>			
pound	lb t	12 ounces, 240 pennyweight, 5760 grains (0.822 avoirdupois pound, 1.0 apothecaries' pound)	0.0373 kilogram
ounce	oz t	20 pennyweight, 480 grains (1.097 avoirdupois ounce, 1.0 apothecaries' ounce)	31.103 grams
pennyweight	dwt also pwt	24 grains, 0.05 ounce	1.555 grams
grain	gr	0.042 pennyweight, 0.002083 ounce (1.0 avoirdupois or apothecaries' grain)	0.0648 gram
<u>apothecaries' (drugs)</u>			
pound	lb ap	12 ounces, 5760 grains (0.822 avoirdupois pound, 1.0 troy pound)	0.373 kilogram
ounce	oz ap or ℥	8 drams, 480 grains (1.097 avoirdupois ounce, 1.0 troy ounce)	31.103 grams
dram	dr ap or ℥	0.125 ounce, 60 grains	3.888 grams
grain	gr	0.0166 dram, 0.002083 ounce (1.0 avoirdupois or troy grain)	0.0648 gram
CAPACITY			
<u>U.S. liquid measure</u>			
gallon	gal	4 quarts (231 cubic inches)	3.785 liters
quart	qt	2 pints (57.75 cubic inches)	0.946 liter
pint	pt	4 gills (28.875 cubic inches)	0.473 liter
gill	gi	4 fluidounces (7.219 cubic inches)	118.294 milliliters
fluidounce	fl oz or fl ℥	8 fluidrams (1.805 cubic inches)	29.573 milliliters
fluidram	fl dr or fl ℥	60 minims (0.226 cubic inch)	3.697 milliliters
minim	min or ℥	1/60 fluidram (0.003760 cubic inch)	0.061610 milliliter
<u>U.S. dry measure</u>			
bushel	bu	4 pecks (2150.42 cubic inches)	35.239 liters
peck	pk	8 quarts (537.605 cubic inches)	8.10 liters
quart	qt	2 pints (67.201 cubic inches)	1.101 liters
pint	pt	1/2 quart (33.600 cubic inches)	0.551 liter
LENGTH			
mile	mi	5280 feet, 320 rods, 1760 yards	1.609 kilometers
rod	rd	5.50 yards, 16.5 feet	5.029 meters
yard	yd	3 feet, 36 inches	0.9144 meter
foot	ft or '	12 inches, 0.333 yard	30.48 centimeters
inch	in or "	0.083 feet, 0.028 yard	2.54 centimeters
AREA			
square mile	sq mi or mi ²	640 acres, 102,400 square rods	2.590 square kilometers
acre		4840 square yards, 43,560 square feet	4047 square meters
square rod	sq rd or rd ²	30.25 square yards, 0.00625 acres	25.293 square meters
square yard	sq yd or yd ²	1296 square inches, 9 square feet	0.836 square meter
square foot	sq ft or ft ²	144 square inches, 0.111 square yard	0.093 square meter
square inch	sq in or in ²	0.0069 square foot, 0.00077 square yard	6.452 square centimeters
VOLUME			
cubic yard	cu yd or yd ³	27 cubic feet, 46,656 cubic inches	0.765 cubic meter
cubic foot	cu ft or ft ³	1728 cubic inches, 0.0370 cubic yard	0.028 cubic meter
cubic inch	cu in or in ³	0.00058 cubic foot, 0.00021 cubic yard	16.387 cubic centimeters

¹For U.S. equivalents of metric units see Metric System table

weighty \ˈwāt-ē\ *adj* **weight-i-er**; -**est** 1 : of much importance or consequence : MOMENTOUS, SERIOUS (~ problems) 2 : SOLEMN (a ~ manner) 3 : HEAVY 4 : exerting force, influence, or authority (~ arguments)

weir \ˈwəər, ˈwiər\ *n* 1 : a fence set in a waterway for catching fish 2 : a dam in a river for the purpose of directing water to a mill or making a pond

weird \ˈwiərd\ *adj* [ME *wird*, *werd* fate, destiny, fr. OE *wyrd*] 1 : MAGICAL 2 : UNEARTHLY, MYSTERIOUS 3 : ODD, UNUSUAL, FANTASTIC **syn** eerie, uncanny, spooky — **weird-ly** *adv* — **weird-ness** *n*

Welch \ˈwelch\ *var of* WELSH

1 wel-come \ˈwel-kəm\ *vb* **wel-comed**; **wel-com-ing** 1 : to greet cordially or courteously 2 : to accept, meet, or face with pleasure (he ~s criticism)

2 welcome *adj* 1 : received gladly into one's presence (a ~ visitor) 2 : giving pleasure : PLEASING (~ news) 3 : willingly permitted or admitted (all are ~ to use the books) 4 — used in the phrase "You're welcome" as a reply to an expression of thanks

3 welcome *n* : a cordial greeting or reception

1 weld \ˈweld\ *vb* 1 : to unite (metal or plastic parts) either by heating and allowing the parts to flow together or by hammering or pressing together 2 : to unite closely or intimately (~ed together in friendship) — **weld-er** *n*

2 weld *n* 1 : a welded joint 2 : union by welding

wel-fare \ˈwel-fær\ *n* 1 : the state of doing well esp. in respect to happiness, well-being, or prosperity (the ~ of mankind) 2 : organized efforts for the social betterment of a group in society 3 : RELIEF 2

welfare state *n* : a nation or state that assumes primary responsibility for the individual and social welfare of its citizens

wel-kin \ˈwel-kən\ *n* : SKY; *also* : AIR

1 well \ˈwel\ *n* 1 : a spring with its pool : FOUNTAIN; *also* : a source of supply (a ~ of information) 2 : a hole sunk in the earth to obtain a natural deposit (as of water, oil, or gas) 3 : an open space (as for a staircase) extending vertically through floors of a structure 4 : something suggesting a well

2 well *vb* : to rise up and flow forth : RUN

3 well adv bet-ter \ˈbet-ər\; **best** \ˈbest\ 1 : in a good or proper manner : RIGHTLY; *also* : EXCELLENTLY, SKILLFULLY 2 : SATISFACTORILY, FORTUNATELY (the party turned out ~) 3 : ABUNDANTLY (eat ~) 4 : with reason or courtesy : PROPERLY (I cannot ~ refuse) 5 : COMPLETELY, FULLY, QUITE (~ worth the price) (*well-hidden*) 6 : INTIMATELY, CLOSELY (I know him ~) 7 : CONSIDERABLY, FAR (~ over a million) (~ ahead) 8 : without trouble or difficulty (he could ~ have gone) 9 : EXACTLY, DEFINITELY (remember it ~)

4 well *adj* 1 : PROSPEROUS; *also* : being in satisfactory condition or circumstances 2 : SATISFACTORY, PLEASING (all is ~) 3 : ADVISABLE, DESIRABLE (it is not ~ to anger him) 4 : free or recovered from infirmity or disease : HEALTHY 5 : FORTUNATE (it is ~ that this has happened)

well-ad-vised \ˌwel-əd-ˈvīzd\ *adj* 1 : PRUDENT 2 : resulting from, based on, or showing careful deliberation or wise counsel (~ plans)

well-ap-point-ed \-ə-ˈpɔɪnt-əd\ *adj* : having good and complete equipment

well-be-ing \ˈwel-ˈbē-ɪŋ\ *n* : the state of being happy, healthy, or prosperous

well-born \-ˈbɔrn\ *adj* : born of good stock either socially or physically

well-bred \-ˈbred\ *adj* : having or indicating good breeding : REFINED

well-con-di-tioned \ˌwel-kən-ˈdɪʃ-ənd\ *adj* 1 : characterized by proper disposition, morals, or behavior 2 : having a good physical condition : SOUND (a ~ animal)

well-de-fined \-di-ˈfīnd\ *adj* : having clearly distinguishable limits or boundaries (a ~ scar)

well-dis-posed \-dis-ˈpōzd\ *adj* : disposed to be friendly, favorable, or sympathetic

well-done \ˈwel-ˈdɒn\ *adj* 1 : rightly or properly performed 2 : cooked thoroughly

well-fa-vored \-ˈfä-vərd\ *adj* : GOOD-LOOKING, HANDSOME

well-fixed \-ˈfɪkst\ *adj* : financially well-off

well-found-ed \-ˈfaʊn-dəd\ *adj* : based on sound information, reasoning, judgment, or grounds (~ rumors)

well-groomed \-ˈgrʊmd, -ˈgrūmd\ *adj* : well and neatly dressed or cared for (~ men) (a ~ lawn)

well-ground-ed \-ˈgraʊn-dəd\ *adj* : having a firm foundation

well-head \-,hed\ *n* 1 : the source of a spring or a stream 2 : principal source 3 : the top of or a structure built over a well

well-heeled \-ˈhēld\ *adj* : financially well-off

well-knit \-ˈnɪt\ *adj* : well and firmly formed or framed (a ~ argument)

well-known \-ˈnɒn\ *adj* : fully or widely known

well-mean-ing \-ˈmē-nɪŋ\ *adj* : having or based on excellent intentions

well-nigh \-ˈnɪ\ *adv* : ALMOST, NEARLY

well-off \-ˈɒf\ *adj* : being in good condition or circumstances; *esp* : WELL-TO-DO

well-or-dered \-ˈɔrd-ərd\ *adj* : having an orderly procedure or arrangement

well-read \-ˈred\ *adj* : well informed through reading

well-round-ed \-ˈraʊn-dəd\ *adj* 1 : broadly trained, educated, and experienced 2 : COMPREHENSIVE (a ~ program of activities)

well-spo-ken \ˈwel-ˈspō-kən\ *adj* 1 : speaking well and esp. courteously 2 : spoken with propriety (~ words)

well-spring \-,sprɪŋ\ *n* : FOUNTAINHEAD, SPRING

well-timed \-ˈtɪmd\ *adj* : coming or happening at an opportune moment : TIMELY

well-to-do \ˌwel-tə-ˈdū\ *adj* : having more than adequate material resources : PROSPEROUS

well-turned \ˈwel-ˈtərnd\ *adj* 1 : pleasingly rounded : SHAPELY (a ~ ankle) 2 : pleasingly and appropriately expressed (a ~ phrase)

well-wish-er \ˈwel-,wish-ər, -ˈwɪʃ-\ *n* : one that wishes well to another — **well-wish-ing** \-ɪŋ\ *adj or n*

well-worn \-ˈwɔrn\ *adj* 1 : worn by much use (~ shoes) 2 : TRITE 3 *archaic* : worn well or properly (~ honors)

welsh \ˈwelʃ, ˈwelch\ *vb* 1 : to cheat by avoiding payment of bets 2 : to break one's word (~ed on his promises)

Welsh \ˈwelʃ\ *n* 1 **Welsh pl** : the people of Wales 2 : the Celtic language of Wales — **Welsh** *adj* — **Welsh-man** \-mən\ *n*

Welsh cor-gi \-ˈkór-gē\ *n* [W *corgi*, fr. *cor* dwarf + *ci* dog] : a short-legged long-backed dog with foxy head of either of two breeds of Welsh origin

Welsh rabbit *n* : melted often seasoned cheese poured over toast or crackers

Welsh rare-bit \-ˈraər-bət\ *n* : WELSH RABBIT

1 welt \ˈwelt\ *n* 1 : the narrow strip of leather between a shoe upper and sole to which other parts are stitched 2 : a doubled edge, strip, insert, or seam for ornament or reinforcement 3 : a ridge or lump raised on the skin usu. by a blow; *also* : a heavy blow

2 welt *vb* 1 : to furnish with a welt 2 : to hit hard

1 wel-ter \ˈwel-tər\ *vb* 1 : WRITHE, TOSS; *also* : WALLOW 2 : to rise and fall or toss about in or with waves 3 : to become deeply sunk, soaked, or involved 4 : to be in turmoil

2 welter *n* 1 : TURMOIL 2 : a chaotic mass or jumble

\əˈbut \əˈkitten \əˈfurther \əˈash \əˈace \əˈcot, cart
 \aʊˈout \chˌchin \eˈbet \eˈeasy \gˌgo \iˈhit \iˈice \jˌjob
 \ŋˌsing \əˌgo \əˌlaw \əɪˌboy \thˌthin \tʰˌthe \tʰˌtoot
 \ʊˌfoot \yˌyet \zhˌvision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

wel-ter-weight \ˈwel-tər-, wāt\ *n* : a boxer weighing more than 135 but not over 147 pounds

wen \ˈwen\ *n* : a cyst formed by blocking of a skin gland and filled with fatty material

wench \ˈwenç\ *n* [ME *wenche*, short for *wenchel* child, fr. OE *wencel*] **1** : a young woman : GIRL **2** : a female servant

wend \ˈwend\ *vb* : to direct one's course : proceed on (one's way)

went *past of go*

wept *past and past part of weep*

were *past 2d sing, past pl, or past subjunctive of BE*

were-wolf \ˈwer-, wulf, ˈwɪr- \ *n, pl were-wolves* \-, wulfvz\ [ME, fr. OE *werwulf*, fr. *wer* man + *wulf* wolf] : a person transformed into a wolf or capable of assuming a wolf's form

wes-kit \ˈwes-kət\ *n* : VEST **1**

west \ˈwest\ *adv* : to or toward the west

west *n* **1** : the general direction of sunset **2** : the compass point directly opposite to east **3 cap** : regions or countries west of a specified or implied point **4 cap** : Europe and the Americas — **west-er-ly** \ˈwes-tər-lē\ *adv or adj* — **west-ward** *adv or adj* — **west-wards** *adv*

west *adj* **1** : situated toward or at the west **2** : coming from the west

west-ern \ˈwes-tərn\ *adj* **1 cap** : of, relating to, or characteristic of a region conventionally designated West **2** : lying toward or coming from the west **3 cap** : of or relating to the Roman Catholic or Protestant segment of Christianity — **West-ern-er** *n*

western *n* **1** : one that is produced in or is characteristic of a western region and esp. the western U.S. **2 often cap** : a novel, story, motion picture, or broadcast dealing with life in the western U.S. during the latter half of the 19th century

west-ern-ize \ˈwes-tər-, nīz\ *vb* -ized; -iz-ing : to give western characteristics to

wet \ˈwet\ *adj* **wet-ter; wet-test** **1** : consisting of or covered or soaked with liquid (as water) **2** : RAINY **3** : not dry (∼ paint) **4** : permitting or advocating the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor (a ∼ town) (a ∼ candidate) *syn damp, dank, moist, humid* — **wet-ly** *adv* — **wet-ness** *n*

wet *n* **1** : WATER; *also* : WETNESS, MOISTURE **2** : rainy weather : RAIN **3** : an advocate of a wet liquor policy

wet *vb* **wet or wet-ted; wet-ting** : to make or become wet **wet blanket** *n* : one that quenches or dampens enthusiasm or pleasure

weth-er \ˈweth-ər\ *n* : a male sheep castrated while immature

wet-land \ˈwet-, land, -lənd\ *n* : land or areas containing much soil moisture

wet nurse *n* : one who cares for and suckles young not her own

wet suit *n* : a rubber suit for swimmers that acts to retain body heat by keeping a layer of water against the body as insulation

wh *abbr* **1** which **2** white

WHA *abbr* World Hockey Association

whack \ˈhwæk\ *vb* **1** : to strike with a smart or resounding blow **2** : to cut with or as if with a whack

whack *n* **1** : a smart or resounding blow; *also* : the sound of such a blow **2** : PORTION, SHARE **3** : CONDITION, STATE (the machine is out of ∼) **4** : an opportunity or attempt to do something : CHANCE **5** : a single action or occasion : TIME (made three pies at a ∼)

whale \ˈhwāl\ *n, pl whales* **1 or pl whale** : any of an order of marine mammals that lack hind limbs and have the front limbs modified into flippers; *esp* : one of the larger members of the order **2** : a person or thing impressive in size or quality (a ∼ of a story)

whale *vb* **whaled; whal-ing** : to fish or hunt for whales

whale *vb* **whaled; whal-ing** **1** : THRASH **2** : to strike or hit vigorously

whale-boat \-, bōt\ *n* : a long narrow rowboat made with both ends sharp and sloping and formerly used by whalers

whale-bone \-, bōn\ *n* : a horny substance attached in plates to the upper jaw of some large whales (**whalebone whales**)

whal-er \ˈhwā-lər\ *n* **1** : a person or ship that hunts whales **2** : WHALEBOAT

wham-my \ˈhwam-ē\ *n, pl wham-mies* : JINX, HEX

wharf \ˈhwɔrf\ *n, pl wharves* \ˈhwɔrvz\ *also wharfs* : a structure alongside which ships lie to load and unload **wharfage** \ˈhwɔr-fij\ *n* : the provision or use of a wharf; *also* : the charge for using a wharf

wharf-in-ger \ˈhwɔr-fən-jər\ *n* : the operator or manager of a wharf

what \(ˈ)hwät, (ˈ)hwət\ *pron* **1** — used to inquire about the identity or nature of a being, an object, or some matter or situation (∼ is he, a salesman) (∼'s that) (∼ happened) **2** : that which (I know ∼ you want) **3** : WHATEVER **1** (take ∼ you want)

what *adv* **1** : in what respect : HOW (∼ does he care) **2** — used with *with* to introduce a prepositional phrase that expresses cause (kept busy ∼ with school and work)

what *adj* **1** — used to inquire about the identity or nature of a person, object, or matter (∼ books does he read) **2** : how remarkable or surprising (∼ an idea) **3** : WHATEVER

what-ev-er \hwät-ˈev-ər\ *pron* **1** : anything or everything that (does ∼ he wants to) **2** : no matter what (∼ you do, don't cheat) **3** : WHAT **1** — used as an intensive (∼ do you mean)

whatever *adj* : of any kind at all (no food ∼)

what-not \ˈhwät-, nāt\ *pron* : any of various other things that might also be mentioned (paper clips, pins, and ∼)

whatnot *n* : a light open set of shelves for small ornaments

what-so-ev-er \hwät-sə-ˈwev-ər\ *pron or adj* : WHATEVER

wheel \ˈhwēl\ *n* : a wale or welt on the skin; *also* : a suddenly-appearing itching or burning raised patch of skin

wheat \ˈhwēt\ *n* : a cereal grain that yields a fine white flour and is the chief breadstuff of temperate regions; *also* : any of several grasses whose white to dark red grains are wheat — **wheat-en** *adj*

wheat germ *n* : the vitamin-rich wheat embryo separated in milling

whee-dle \ˈhwēd-əl\ *vb* **whee-dled; whee-dling** \ˈhwēd-(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : to coax or entice by flattery **2** : to gain or get by wheedling

wheel \ˈhwēl\ *n* **1** : a disk or circular frame that turns on a central axis **2** : a device whose main part is a wheel **3** : something resembling a wheel (as in being round or turning) **4** : a curving or circular movement **5** : machinery that imparts motion : moving power (the ∼s of government) **6** : a person of importance **7 pl, slang** : AUTOMOBILE — **wheeled** \ˈhwēld\ *adj* — **wheel-less** \ˈhwēl-ləs\ *adj*

wheel *vb* **1** : ROTATE, REVOLVE **2** : to change direction as if turning on a pivot **3** : to convey or move on wheels or in a vehicle

wheel-bar-row \-, bar-ō\ *n* : a vehicle with handles and usu. one wheel for conveying small loads

wheel-base \-, bās\ *n* : the distance in inches between the front and rear axles of an automotive vehicle

wheel-chair \-, cheər\ *n* : a chair mounted on wheels esp. for the use of invalids

wheel-er \ˈhwē-lər\ *n* **1** : one that wheels **2** : something that has wheels — used in combination (a side-wheeler) **3** : WHEELHORSE

wheel-er-deal-er \, hwē-lər-ˈdē-lər\ *n* : a shrewd operator esp. in business or politics

wheel-horse \ˈhwēl-,hōrs\ *n* 1 : a horse in a position nearest the wheels in a tandem or similar arrangement 2 : a steady and effective worker esp. in a political body
wheel-house \-,haüs\ *n* : PILOTHOUSE
wheel-wright \-,rīt\ *n* : a maker and repairer of wheels and wheeled vehicles
wheeze \ˈhwēz\ *vb* wheezed; wheez-ing : to breathe with difficulty usu. with a whistling sound
wheeze *n* 1 : a sound of wheezing 2 : an often repeated and well-known joke 3 : a trite saying
wheezy \ˈhwē-zē\ *adj* wheez-i-er; -est 1 : inclined to wheeze 2 : having a wheezing sound
whelk \ˈhwelk\ *n* : a large sea snail; *esp* : one much used as food in Europe
whelm \ˈhwelm\ *vb* : to overcome or engulf completely : OVERWHELM
whelp \ˈhwelp\ *n* 1 : one of the young of various carnivorous mammals (as a dog) 2 : a low contemptible fellow
whelp *vb* : to give birth to (whelps) : bring forth whelps
when (ˈ)hwen, hwən\ *adv* 1 : at what time (~ will he return) 2 : at or during which time (a time ~ things were upset)
when *conj* 1 : at or during the time that (leave ~ I do) 2 : every time that (they all laughed ~ he sang) 3 : in the event that : IF (disqualified ~ he cheats) 4 : ALTHOUGH (quit politics ~ he might have had a great career in it)
when \,hwen\ *pron* : what or which time (since ~ have you been the boss)
when \,hwen\ *n* : the time of a happening
whence (ˈ)hwens\ *adv* 1 : from what place, source, or cause (asked ~ the gifts came) 2 : from or out of which (the land ~ he came)
when-ev-er \hwen-ˈev-ər, hwən-\ *conj* or *adv* : at whatever time
when-so-ev-er \hwen-sə-, wev-ər\ *conj* : at whatever time
where (ˈ)hweər\ *adv* 1 : at, in, or to what place (~ is he) (~ did he go) 2 : at, in, or to what situation, position, direction, circumstances, or respect (~ does this road lead)
where *conj* 1 : at, in, or to what place (knows ~ the house is) 2 : at, in, or to what situation, position, direction, circumstances, or respect (shows ~ the road leads) 3 : WHEREVER (goes ~ he likes) 4 : at, in, or to which place (the town ~ she lives) 5 : at, in, or to the place at, in, or to which (stay ~ you are) 6 : in a case, situation, or respect in which (outstanding ~ endurance is called for)
where \ˈhweər\ *n* 1 : PLACE, LOCATION (the ~ and how of the accident) 2 : what place (~ is he from)
whereabouts \-,ə-,baüts\ *also* where-about \-,baüt\ *adv* : about where (~ does he live)
whereabouts *n* *sing* or *pl* : the place where a person or thing is (his present ~ are unknown)
whereas \hwer-ˈəz\ *conj* 1 : when in fact : while on the contrary 2 : in view of the fact that : SINCE
where-at \-,ət\ *conj* 1 : at or toward which 2 : in consequence of which : WHEREUPON
where-by \-,bi\ *conj* : by, through, or in accordance with which (the means ~ he achieved his goal)
where-fore \ˈhweər-,fər\ *adv* 1 : for what reason or purpose : WHY 2 : THEREFORE
wherefore *n* : CAUSE, REASON
where-in \hwer-ˈin\ *adv* : in what : in what respect (~ was he wrong)
wherein *conj* 1 : in which : WHERE (the city ~ he lives) 2 : during which 3 : in what way : HOW (showed him ~ he was wrong)
where-of \-,əv, -ˈäv\ *conj* 1 : of what (knows ~ he speaks) 2 : of which or whom (books ~ the best are lost)
where-on \-,ən, -ˈän\ *conj* : on which (the base ~ it rests)
where-so-ev-er \ˈhwer-sə-, wev-ər\ *conj* : WHEREVER
where-to \ˈhweər-,tü\ *conj* : to which

where-up-on \ˈhwer-ə-,pön, -,pän\ *conj* 1 : on which 2 : closely following and in consequence of which
wher-ev-er \hwer-ˈev-ər\ *adv* : where in the world (~ did she get that hat)
wherever *conj* 1 : at, in, or to whatever place 2 : in any circumstance in which
where-with \ˈhweər-,wɪθ, -,with\ *conj* : with or by means of which
where-with-al \ˈhwer-wɪθ-,öl, -with-\ *n* : MEANS, RESOURCES; *esp* : MONEY
wher-ry \ˈhwer-ē, n, pl wherries\ : a light boat; *esp* : a long light rowboat sharp at both ends
whet \ˈhwet\ *vb* whet-ted; whet-ting 1 : to sharpen by rubbing against or with a hard substance (as a whetstone) 2 : to make keen : STIMULATE (~ the appetite)
wheth-er \ˈhweth-ər\ *conj* 1 : if it is or was true that (ask ~ he is going) 2 : if it is or was better (uncertain ~ to go or stay) 3 : whichever is or was the case, namely that (~ we succeed or fail, we must try) 4 : EITHER (turned out well ~ by accident or design)
whet-stone \ˈhwet-,stön\ *n* : a stone for sharpening blades
whew \ˈhwā\ *n* : the watery part of milk that separates after the milk sours and thickens
which (ˈ)hwɪch\ *adj* 1 : being what one or ones out of a group (~ tie should I wear) 2 : WHICHEVER
which *pron* 1 : which one or ones (~ is yours) (~ are his) (he's a Swede or a Dane, I don't remember ~) 2 : WHICHEVER (we have all kinds of them; take ~ you like) 3 — used to introduce a relative clause and to serve as a substitute therein for the substantive modified by the clause (give me the money ~ is coming to me)
which-ev-er \hwɪch-ˈev-ər\ *adj* : no matter which (~ way you go)
whichever *pron* : whatever one or ones
which-so-ev-er \hwɪch-sə-ˈwev-ər\ *pron* or *adj* : WHICHEVER
whick-er \ˈhwɪk-ər\ *vb* : NEIGH, WHINNY — **whicker** *n*
whiff \ˈhwɪf\ *n* 1 : a quick puff or slight gust esp. of air, gas, smoke, or spray 2 : an inhalation of odor, gas, or smoke 3 : a slight trace : HINT
whiff *vb* 1 : to expel, puff out, or blow away in or as if in whiffs 2 : to inhale an odor
whif-fle-tree \ˈhwɪf-əl-(,)trē\ *n* [alter. of *whippletree*] : the pivoted swinging bar to which the traces of a harness are fastened
Whig \ˈhwɪg\ *n* [short for *Whiggamore* (member of a Scottish group that marched to Edinburgh in 1648 to oppose the court party)] 1 : a member or supporter of a British political group of the 18th and early 19th centuries seeking to limit royal authority and increase parliamentary power 2 : an American favoring independence from Great Britain during the American Revolution 3 : a member or supporter of an American political party formed about 1834 to oppose the Democrats
while \ˈhwɪl\ *n* 1 : a period of time (stay a ~) 2 : the time and effort used : TROUBLE (worth your ~)
while \,hwɪl\ *conj* 1 : during the time that (she called ~ you were out) 2 : AS LONG AS (~ there's life there's hope) 3 : ALTHOUGH (~ he's respected, he's not liked)
while \ˈhwɪl\ *vb* whiled; whil-ing : to cause to pass esp. pleasantly (~ away an hour)
whi-lom \ˈhwɪ-ləm\ *adv* [ME, lit., at times, fr. OE *hwilum*, dat. pl. of *hwil* time, *while*] *archaic* : FORMERLY
whilom *adj* : FORMER (his ~ friends)
whilst \ˈhwɪlst\ *conj*, chiefly *Brit* : WHILE
whim \ˈhwɪm\ *n* : a sudden wish, desire, or change of mind : NOTION, FANCY, CAPRICE
whim-per \ˈhwɪm-pər\ *vb* whim-pered; whim-per-ing

\əˈabʊt \əˈkɪtən \əˈfʊrðə \əˈʌʃ \əˈvæʃ \əˈkɒt, cart
 \əˈaʊt \tʃˈtʃɪn \tʃˈbet \tʃˈeɪzi \gˈgo \tʃˈhɪt \tʃˈɪʃ \tʃˈɒb
 \ŋˈsɪŋ \dʒˈgo \dʒˈlɔw \dʒˈbɔɪ \tʃˈtʃɪn \tʃˈtʃe \tʃˈlʊt
 \ʊˈfʊt \vˈet \vˈɒlʃvɪʒən *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

\-p(ə-)riŋ\ : to make a low whining plaintive or broken sound — **whimper** *n*

whim-si-cal \ˈhwim-zī-kəl\ *adj* 1 : full of whims : CAPRICIOUS 2 : resulting from or characterized by whim or caprice : ERRATIC — **whim-si-cal-ly** \ˈhwim-zē-ˈkəl-ē\ *adv*

whim-sy or **whim-sey** \ˈhwim-zē\ *n, pl whimsies or whimseys* 1 : WHIM, CAPRICE 2 : a fanciful or fantastic device, object, or creation esp. in writing or art

whine \ˈhwaɪn\ *vb* **whined**; **whin-ing** [ME *whinen*, fr. OE *hwīnan* to whiz] 1 : to utter a usu. high-pitched plaintive or distressed cry; *also* : to make a sound similar to such a cry 2 : to utter a complaint with or as if with a whine — **whine** *n*

¹**whin-ny** \ˈhwaɪn-ē\ *vb* **whin-nied**; **whin-ny-ing** : to neigh usu. in a low or gentle manner

²**whinny** *n, pl whinnies* : NEIGH

¹**whip** \ˈhwaɪp\ *vb* **whipped**; **whip-ping** 1 : to move, snatch, or jerk quickly or forcefully (∼ out a gun) 2 : to strike with a slender lithe implement (as a lash) esp. as a punishment; *also* : SPANK 3 : to drive or urge on by or as if by using a whip 4 : to bind or wrap (as a rope or rod) with cord in order to protect and strengthen; *also* : to wind or wrap around something 5 : DEFEAT 6 : to stir up : INCITE (∼ up enthusiasm) 7 : to produce in a hurry (∼ up a meal) 8 : to beat (as eggs or cream) into a froth 9 : to gather together or hold together for united action 10 : to proceed nimbly or briskly; *also* : to thrash about like a whiplash — **whip-per** *n* — **whip into shape** : to bring forcefully to a desired state or condition

²**whip** *n* 1 : a flexible instrument used for whipping 2 : a stroke or cut with or as if with a whip 3 : a dessert made by whipping a portion of the ingredients (prune ∼) 4 : a person who handles a whip; *esp* : a driver of horses 5 : a member of a legislative body appointed by his party to enforce party discipline and to secure the attendance of party members at important sessions 6 : a whipping or thrashing motion (a ∼ of his tail)



²whip 1

whip-cord \-,kɔrd\ *n* 1 : a thin tough cord made of braided or twisted hemp or catgut 2 : a cloth that is made of hard-twisted yarns and has fine diagonal cords or ribs

whip hand *n* : positive control : ADVANTAGE

whip-lash \ˈhwaɪp-,læʃ\ *n* 1 : the lash of a whip 2 : WHIPLASH INJURY

whiplash injury *n* : injury resulting from a sudden sharp movement of the neck and head (as of a person in a vehicle that is struck from the front or rear)

whip-per-snap-per \ˈhwaɪp-ər-,snaɪp-ər\ *n* : a small, insignificant, or presumptuous person

whip-pet \ˈhwaɪp-ət\ *n* : any of a breed of small swift slender dogs that are widely used for racing

whipping boy *n* : SCAPEGOAT

whip-ple-tree \ˈhwaɪp-əl-(,)trē\ *n* : WHIFFLETREE

whip-poor-will \ˈhwaɪp-ər-,wiːl\ *n* : an American bird with dull variegated plumage whose call is heard at nightfall and just before dawn

¹**whip-saw** \ˈhwaɪp-,sɔ\ *n* 1 : a narrow tapering saw that has hook teeth 2 : a 2-man crosscut saw

²**whipsaw** *vb* 1 : to saw with a whipsaw 2 : to worst in two opposite ways at once, by a 2-phase operation, or by the collusive action of two opponents

¹**whir** *also whirr* \ˈhwɜr\ *vb* **whirred**; **whir-ring** : to move, fly, or revolve with a whizzing sound : WHIZ

²**whir** *also whirr* *n* : a continuous fluttering or vibratory sound made by something in rapid motion

¹**whirl** \ˈhwɜrl\ *vb* 1 : to move or drive in a circle or similar

curve esp. with force or speed 2 : to turn or cause to turn on or around an axis : SPIN 3 : to turn abruptly : WHEEL 4 : to pass, move, or go quickly 5 : to become dizzy or giddy : REEL

²**whirl** *n* 1 : a rapid rotating or circling movement; *also* : something undergoing such a movement 2 : COMMO-TION, BUSTLE (the social ∼) 3 : a state of mental confusion

whirl-i-gig \ˈhwɜr-li-,gɪg\ *n* [ME *whirlegigg*, fr. *whirlen* to whirl + *gigg* top] 1 : a child's toy having a whirling motion 2 : MERRY-GO-ROUND 3 : something that continuously whirls or changes; *also* : a whirling course (as of events)

whirl-pool \ˈhwɜrl-,pʊl\ *n* : water moving rapidly in a circle so as to produce a depression in the center into which floating objects may be drawn

whirl-wind \-,wɪnd\ *n* 1 : a small whirling windstorm 2 : a confused rush : WHIRL

whirly-bird \ˈhwɜr-lē-,bɜrd\ *n* : HELICOPTER

¹**whish** \ˈhwɪʃ\ *vb* : to move with a whizzing of swishing sound

²**whish** *n* : a rushing sound : SWISH

¹**whisk** \ˈhwɪsk\ *n* 1 : a quick light sweeping or brushing motion 2 : a small usu. wire kitchen implement for hand beating of food 3 : a flexible bunch (as of twigs, feathers, or straw) attached to a handle for use as a brush

²**whisk** *vb* 1 : to move nimbly and quickly 2 : to move or convey briskly (∼ out a knife) (∼ed the children off to bed) 3 : to beat or whip lightly (∼ eggs) 4 : to brush or wipe off lightly (∼ a coat)

whisk broom *n* : a small broom with a short handle used esp. as a clothes brush

whis-ker \ˈhwɪs-kər\ *n* 1 *pl* : the part of the beard that grows on the sides of the face or on the chin 2 : one hair of the beard 3 : one of the long bristles or hairs growing near the mouth of an animal (as a cat or bird) — **whiskered** \-kərd\ *adj*

whis-key or **whis-ky** \ˈhwɪs-kē\ *n, pl whiskeys or whiskies* [IrGael *uisge beathadh* & ScGael *uisge beatha*, lit., water of life] : a liquor distilled from the fermented mash of grain (as rye, corn, or barley)

¹**whis-per** \ˈhwɪs-pər\ *vb* **whis-pered**; **whis-per-ing** \-p(ə-)riŋ\ 1 : to speak very low or under the breath; *also* : to tell or utter by whispering (∼ a secret) 2 : to make a low rustling sound (∼ing leaves)

²**whisper** *n* 1 : something communicated by or as if by whispering : HINT, RUMOR 2 : an act or instance of whispering; *esp* : speech without vibration of the vocal cords

whist \ˈhwɪst\ *n* : a card game played by four players in two partnerships with a deck of 52 cards

¹**whis-tle** \ˈhwɪs-əl\ *n* 1 : a device by which a shrill sound is produced (steam ∼) (tin ∼) 2 : a shrill clear sound made by forcing breath out or air in through the puckered lips 3 : the sound or signal produced by a whistle or as if by whistling 4 : the shrill clear note of an animal (as a bird)

²**whistle** *vb* **whis-tled**; **whis-ting** \-(ə-)liŋ\ 1 : to utter a shrill clear sound by blowing or drawing air through the puckered lips 2 : to utter a shrill note or call resembling a whistle 3 : to make a shrill clear sound esp. by rapid movements (bullets *whistled* by him) 4 : to blow or sound a whistle 5 : to signal or call by a whistle 6 : to produce, utter, or express by whistling (∼ a tune). — **whis-tler** \-(ə-)lər\ *n*

whis-tle-blow-er \ˈhwɪs-əl-,blō-ər\ *n* : INFORMER

whis-tle-stop \ˈhwɪs-əl-,stɒp\ *n* 1 : a small station at which trains stop only on signal 2 : a small community 3 : a brief personal appearance by a political candidate orig. on the rear platform of a touring train

whit \ˈhwɪt\ *n* [prob. alter. of ME *whit*, *wight* creature, thing, bit, fr. OE *whīt*] : the smallest part or particle imaginable : BIT

white ¹hwīt\ *adj* **whit-er**; **whit-est** **1** : free from color **2** : of the color of new snow or milk; *esp* : of the color white **3** : light or pallid in color (lips ~ with fear) **4** : SILVERY; *also* : made of silver **5** : of, relating to, or being a member of a group or race characterized by light-colored skin **6** : free from spot or blemish : PURE, INNOCENT **7** : BLANK **3** (~ space in printed matter) **8** : not intended to cause harm (a ~ lie) **9** : wearing white (~ friars) **10** : SNOWY (~ Christmas) **11** : ARDENT, PASSIONATE (~ fury) **12** : conservative or reactionary in politics

white *n* **1** : the color of maximal lightness that characterizes objects which both reflect and transmit light : the opposite of black **2** : a white or light-colored part or thing (the ~ of an egg); *also*, *pl* : white garments **3** : the light-colored pieces in a 2-player board game; *also* : the person by whom these are played **4** : one that is or approaches the color white **5** : a member of a light-skinned race **6** : a member of a conservative or reactionary political group

white ant *n* : TERMITE

white-bait ¹hwīt-,bāt\ *n* : the young of a herring or a similar small fish used for food

white blood cell *n* : a blood cell that does not contain hemoglobin : LEUKOCYTE

white-cap ¹hwīt-,kap\ *n* : a wave crest breaking into foam

white-col-lar ¹hwīt-'käl-ər\ *adj* : of, relating to, or constituting the class of salaried workers whose duties do not require the wearing of work clothes or protective clothing

white dwarf *n* : a small very dense whitish star of low luminosity

white elephant *n* [so called because white elephants were venerated in parts of Asia and maintained without being required to work] **1** : an Indian elephant of a pale color that is sometimes venerated in India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Burma **2** : something requiring much care and expense and yielding little profit **3** : an object no longer wanted by its owner though not without value to others

white-faced ¹hwīt-'fäst\ *adj* **1** : having a wan pale face **2** : having the face white in whole or in part (~ cattle)

white feather *n* [fr. the superstition that a white feather in the plumage of a gamecock is a mark of a poor fighter] : a mark or symbol of cowardice

white-fish ¹hwīt-,fīsh\ *n* : any of various freshwater food fishes related to the salmon and trouts

white flag *n* : a flag of plain white used as a flag of truce or as a token of surrender

white-fly ¹hwīt-,flī\ *n* : any of numerous small insects that are injurious plant pests related to the scale insects

white gold *n* : a pale alloy of gold esp. with nickel or palladium resembling platinum in appearance

white goods *n pl* : white fabrics or articles (as sheets or towels) typically made of cotton or linen

White-hall ¹hwīt-,hōl\ *n* : the British government

white-head ¹-,hed\ *n* : a small whitish lump in the skin due to retention of secretion in an oil gland duct

white heat *n* : a temperature higher than red heat at which a body becomes brightly incandescent so as to appear white

white-hot *adj* **1** : being at or radiating white heat **2** : FER-VID

White House ¹-,haüs\ *n* **1** : the executive department of the U.S. government **2** : a residence of the president of the U.S.

white lead *n* : a heavy white poisonous carbonate of lead used as a pigment in exterior paints

white matter *n* : the whitish part of nervous tissue consisting mostly of nerve-cell processes

whit-en ¹hwīt-'n\ *vb* **whit-ened**; **whit-en-ing** ¹hwīt(-'n)ŋ\ : to make or become white *syn* bleach, bleach — **whit-en-er** ¹hwīt(-'n)ər\ *n*

white-ness ¹hwīt-nəs\ *n* : the quality or state of being white

white pine *n* : a tall-growing pine of eastern No. America with leaves in clusters of five; *also* : its wood

white-pine blister rust *n* : a destructive disease of white pine caused by a rust fungus that passes part of its complex life cycle on currant or gooseberry bushes; *also* : this fungus

white sale *n* : a sale on white goods

white shark *n* : a large and dangerous shark of warm seas that is light colored below and darker above becoming dirty white in older and larger specimens

white slave *n* : a woman or girl held unwillingly for purposes of prostitution — **white slavery** *n*

white-tail ¹hwīt-,tāl\ *n* : WHITE-TAILED DEER

white-tailed deer ¹hwīt-,tāl-'diər\ *n* : a No. American deer with a rather long tail white on the underside and with forward-arching antlers

white-wall ¹hwīt-,wól\ *n* : an automobile tire having a white band on the sidewall

white-wash ¹-,wōsh-, -'wāsh\ *vb* **1** : to whiten with white-wash **2** : to clear of a charge of wrongdoing by offering excuses, hiding facts, or conducting a perfunctory investigation **3** : to prevent (an opponent) from scoring in a game or contest

whitewash **1** : a liquid mixture (as of lime and water) for whitening a surface **2** : a clearing of wrongdoing by whitewashing

white-wood ¹-,wūd\ *n* : any of various trees and esp. a tulip tree having light-colored wood; *also* : the wood of such a tree

whith-er ¹hwīth-ər\ *adv* **1** : to what place **2** : to what situation, position, degree, or end (~ will this drive him)

whither *conj* **1** : to the place at, in, or to which; *also* : to which place **2** : to whatever place

whith-er-so-ev-er ¹hwīth-ər-sə-'wēv-ər\ *conj* : to whatever place

whit-ing ¹hwīt-ŋ\ *n* : any of several usu. light or silvery food fishes (as a hake) found mostly near seacoasts

whiting *n* : calcium carbonate in the form of pulverized chalk or limestone used as a pigment and in putty

whit-ish ¹hwīt-ish\ *adj* : somewhat white

whit-low ¹hwīt-,lō\ *n* : a deep inflammation of a finger or toe with pus formation

Whit-sun-day ¹hwīt-'sən-dē-, -sən-,dā\ *n* [ME *Whitson-day*, fr. OE *hwita sunnandæg*, lit., white Sunday, prob. fr. the custom of wearing white robes by those newly baptized at this season] : PENTECOST

whit-tle ¹hwīt-'l\ *vb* **whit-tled**; **whit-tling** ¹hwīt(-'l)ŋ\ **1** : to pare or cut off chips from the surface of (wood) with a knife; *also* : to cut or shape by such paring **2** : to reduce, remove, or destroy gradually as if by paring down : PARE (~ down expenses)

whiz or whizz ¹hwiz\ *vb* **whizzed**; **whiz-zing** : to hum, whirl, or hiss like a speeding object (as an arrow or ball) passing through air

whiz or whizz *n*, *pl* **whiz-zes** : a hissing, buzzing, or whirling sound

whiz *n*, *pl* **whiz-zes** : WIZARD **2**

who ¹(h)ü\ *pron* **1** : what or which person or persons (~ did it) (~ is he) (~ are they) **2** : the person or persons that (knows ~ did it) **3** ¹(h)ü, ü\ — used to introduce a relative clause and to serve as a substitute therein for the substantive modified by the clause (the man ~ lives there is rich) (the people ~ did it were caught)

WHO *abbr* World Health Organization

ə'əbət ˈkɪtən ər'further ə'əʃ ə'æ ə'cət, cət
ə'u'out ʃh'chin ɛ'bet ɛ'easy ɡ'go ɪ'hɪt ɪ'ice ɪ'job
ŋ'sing ə'go ə'ləw ɔi'boy ʌ'h'thin ʌ'h'the ʌ'l'oot
ʌ'foot ɪ'yet ʌ'h'vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

whoa \ˈwō, ˈhwō, ˈhō\ *vb imper* — a command (as to a draft animal) to stand still

who-dun-it *also who-dun-nit* \hü-ˈdän-ət\ *n* : a detective story or mystery story presented as a novel, play, or motion picture

who-ev-er \hü-ˈev-ər\ *pron* : whatever person : no matter who

whole \ˈhōl\ *adj* [ME *hool* healthy, unhurt, entire, fr. OE *hāl*] **1** : being in healthy or sound condition : free from defect or damage : WELL, INTACT **2** : having all its proper parts or elements (~ milk) **3** : constituting the total sum of : ENTIRE (~ continental landmasses) **4** : each or all of the (the ~ family) **5** : not scattered or divided : CONCENTRATED (gave me his ~ attention) **6** : seemingly complete or total (the ~ idea is to help, not hinder) *syn* entire, perfect, intact, sound — **whole-ness** *n*

whole *n* **1** : a complete amount or sum : a number, aggregate, or totality lacking no part, member, or element **2** : something constituting a complex unity : a coherent system or organization of parts fitting or working together as one — **on the whole** **1** : in view of all the circumstances or conditions **2** : in general

whole-heart-ed \ˈhōl-ˈhārt-əd\ *adj* : undivided in purpose, enthusiasm, or will : HEARTY, ZESTFUL, SINCERE

whole note *n* : a musical note equal to one measure of four beats

whole number *n* : INTEGER

whole-sale \ˈhōl-, sāl\ *n* : the sale of goods in quantity usu. for resale by a retail merchant

wholesale *adj* **1** : performed on a large scale without discrimination (~ slaughter) **2** : of, relating to, or engaged in wholesaling — **wholesale** *adv*

wholesale *vb* **whole-saled**; **whole-sal-ing** : to sell at wholesale — **whole-sal-er** *n*

whole-some \ˈhōl-səm\ *adj* **1** : promoting mental, spiritual, or bodily health or well-being (~ advice) (a ~ environment) **2** : sound in body, mind, or morals : HEALTHY **3** : PRUDENT (~ respect for the law) — **whole-some-ness** *n*

whole step *n* : a musical interval comprising two half steps (as C–D or F♯–G♯)

whole wheat *adj* : made of ground entire wheat kernels

whol-ly \ˈhōl-(l)ē\ *adv* **1** : COMPLETELY, TOTALLY **2** : SOLELY, EXCLUSIVELY

whom \(^)hüm\ *pron, objective case of who*

whom-ev-er \hüm-ˈev-ər\ *pron, objective case of WHOEVER*

whom-so-ev-er \,hüm-sə-ˈwev-ər\ *pron, objective case of WHOSEVER*

whoop \h(w)üp, ˈh(w)üp\ *vb* **1** : to shout or call loudly and vigorously **2** : to make the sound that follows a fit of coughing in whooping cough **3** : to go or pass with a loud noise **4** : to utter or express with a whoop; *also* : to urge, drive, or cheer with a whoop

whoop *n* **1** : a whooping sound or utterance : SHOUT, HOOT **2** : a crowing sound accompanying the intake of breath after a fit of coughing in whooping cough

whooping cough *n* : an infectious disease esp. of children marked by convulsive coughing fits sometimes followed by a whoop

whooping crane *n* : a large white nearly extinct No. American crane noted for its loud whooping note

whoop-la \h(w)üp-lä, ˈh(w)üp-\ *n* **1** : a noisy commotion **2** : boisterous merrymaking

whop-per \ˈhwäp-ər\ *n* : something unusually large or extreme of its kind; *esp* : a monstrous lie

whop-ping \ˈhwäp-ɪŋ\ *adj* : extremely large

whore \ˈhōr\ *n* : PROSTITUTE

whorl \ˈhwɔrl, ˈhwarl\ *n* **1** : a row of parts (as leaves or petals) encircling an axis and esp. a plant stem **2** : something that whirls or coils around a center : COIL, SPIRAL **3** : one of the turns of a snail shell

whorled \ˈhwɔrld, ˈhwarld\ *adj* : having or arranged in whorls

whose \(^)hüz\ *adj* : of or relating to whom or which esp. as possessor or possessors, agent or agents, or object or objects of an action (asked ~ bag it was)

whose *pron* : whose one or ones (~ is this car) (~ are those books)

who-so \ˈhü-, sō\ *pron* : WHOEVER

who-so-ev-er \,hü-sə-ˈwev-ər\ *pron* : WHOEVER

whs or **whse** *abbr* warehouse

whsle *abbr* wholesale

why \(^)hw\ *adv* : for what reason, cause, or purpose (~ did you do it)

why *conj* **1** : the cause, reason, or purpose for which (that is ~ you did it) **2** : for which : on account of which (knows the reason ~ you did it)

why \ˈhw\ *n, pl* **whys** : REASON, CAUSE (the ~s of racial prejudice)

why \(^)wī, (^)hw\ *interj* — used to express surprise, hesitation, approval, disapproval, or impatience (~, here's what I was looking for)

WI *abbr* **1** West Indies **2** Wisconsin

WIA *abbr* wounded in action

wick \ˈwɪk\ *n* : a loosely bound bundle of soft fibers that draws up oil, tallow, or wax to be burned in a candle, oil lamp, or stove

wick-ed \ˈwɪk-əd\ *adj* **1** : morally bad : EVIL, SINFUL **2** : FIERCE, VICIOUS **3** : ROGUISH (a ~ glance) **4** : REPUGNANT, VILE (a ~ odor) **5** : HARMFUL, DANGEROUS (a ~ attack) — **wick-ed-ly** *adv* — **wick-ed-ness** *n*

wick-er \ˈwɪk-ər\ *n* **1** : a small plant branch (as an osier or a withe) **2** : WICKERWORK — **wicker** *adj*

wick-er-work \-, wɜrk\ *n* : work made of osiers, twigs, or rods : BASKETRY

wick-et \ˈwɪk-ət\ *n* **1** : a small gate or door; *esp* : one forming a part of or placed near a larger one **2** : a windowlike opening usu. with a grille or grate (as at a ticket office) **3** : a set of three upright rods topped by two crosspieces bowled at in cricket **4** : an arch through which the ball is driven in croquet

wick-i-up \ˈwɪk-ē-, əp\ *n* : a hut used by nomadic Indians of the western and southwestern U.S. with a usu. oval base and a rough frame covered with reed mats, grass, or brushwood

wid *abbr* widow, widower

wide \ˈwɪd\ *adj* **wider**; **wid-est** **1** : covering a vast area **2** : measured across or at right angles to the length **3** : not narrow : BROAD; *also* : ROOMY **4** : opened to full width (eyes ~ with wonder) **5** : not limited : EXTENSIVE (~ experience) **6** : far from the goal, mark, or truth (a ~ guess) — **wide-ly** *adv*

wide *adv* **wid-er**; **wid-est** **1** : over a great distance or extent : WIDELY (searched far and ~) **2** : over a specified distance, area, or extent **3** : so as to leave a wide space between (~ apart) **4** : so as to clear by a considerable distance (ran ~ around left end) **5** : COMPLETELY, FULLY (opened her eyes ~)

wide-awake \,wɪd-ə-ˈwāk\ *adj* : fully awake; *also* : KNOWING, ALERT (a group of ~ young men)

wide-eyed \ˈwɪd-ˈɪd\ *adj* **1** : having the eyes wide open esp. with wonder or astonishment **2** : NAIVE

wide-mouthed \ˈwɪd-ˈmaʊthd, ˈmaʊth\ *adj* **1** : having one's mouth opened wide (as in awe) **2** : having a wide mouth (~ jars)

wid-en \ˈwɪd-ən\ *vb* **wid-ened**; **wid-en-ing** \ˈwɪd-(ə-)nɪŋ\ : to make or become wide : BROADEN

wide-spread \ˈwɪd-ˈspred\ *adj* **1** : widely scattered or prevalent (~ fear) **2** : widely extended or spread out (~ wings)

wid-ow \ˈwɪd-ə\ *n* : a woman who has lost her husband by death and has not married again — **wid-ow-hood** *n*

widow *vb* : to cause to become a widow

wid-ow-er \ˈwɪd-ə-wər\ *n* : a man who has lost his wife by death and has not married again

width \ˈwɪð\ *n* **1** : a distance from side to side : the measurement taken at right angles to the length : BREADTH **2** : largeness of extent or scope; *also* : FULLNESS **3** : a measured and cut piece of material (a ~ of calico) (a ~ of lumber)

wield \wɛld\ *vb* **1** : to use or handle esp. effectively (~ a broom) (~ a pen) **2** : to exert authority by means of : EMPLOY (~ influence) — **wield-er** *n*

wie-ner \ˈwi-nər\ *n* [short for *wienerwurst*, fr. G, lit., Vienna sausage] : FRANKFURTER

wife \ˈwaɪf\ *n*, *pl* **wives** \ˈwaɪvz\ **1** *dial* : WOMAN **2** : a woman acting in a specified capacity — used in combination **3** : a married woman — **wife-hood** *n* — **wife-less** *adj* — **wife-ly** *adj*

wig \ˈwɪɡ\ *n* [short for *periwig*, fr. MF *perruque*, fr. It *perrucca* hair, wig] : a manufactured covering of natural or synthetic hair for the head; *also* : TOUPEE

wi-geon or **wid-geon** \ˈwi-ʒən\ *n*, *pl* **wigeon** or **wigeons** or **widgeon** or **widgeons** : any of several freshwater ducks between the teal and the mallard in size

wig-gle \ˈwɪɡ-əl\ *vb* **wig-gled**; **wig-gling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to move to and fro with quick jerky or shaking movements : JIGGLE **2** : WRIGGLE — **wiggle** *n*

wig-gler \ˈwɪɡ-(ə-)lər\ *n* **1** : a larva or pupa of a mosquito **2** : one that wiggles

wig-gly \-(ə-)lē\ *adj* **1** : tending to wiggle (a ~ worm) **2** : WAVY (~ lines)

wight \ˈwaɪt\ *n* : a living being : CREATURE

wig-let \ˈwɪɡ-lət\ *n* : a small wig used esp. to enhance a hairstyle

wig-wag \ˈwɪɡ-,wag\ *vb* **1** : to signal by or as if by a flag or light waved according to a code **2** : to make or cause to make a signal (as with the hand or arm)

wigwag *n* **1** : the art or practice of wigwagging **2** : the act of wigwagging

wig-wam \ˈwɪɡ-,wäm\ *n* : a hut of the Indians of the eastern U.S. having typically an arched framework of poles overlaid with bark, rush mats, or hides



wigwam

wild \ˈwaɪld\ *adj* **1** : living in a state of nature and not ordinarily tamed (~ ducks) **2** : growing or produced without human aid or care (~ honey) (~ plants) **3** : WASTE, DESOLATE (~ country) **4** : UNCONTROLLED, UNRESTRAINED, UNRULY (~ passions) (a ~ young stallion) **5** : TURBULENT, STORMY (a ~ night) **6** : EXTRAVAGANT, FANTASTIC, CRAZY (~ ideas) **7** : indicative of strong passion, desire, or emotion (a ~ stare) **8** : UNCIVILIZED, SAVAGE **9** : deviating from the natural or expected course : ERRATIC (a ~ throw) **10** : having a denomination determined by the holder (deuces ~) — **wild-ly** *adv* — **wild-ness** \ˈwaɪld(n)-nəs\ *n*

wild *adv* **1** : WILDLY **2** : without regulation or control (running ~)

wild *n* **1** : WILDERNESS **2** : a natural or undomesticated state or existence

wild boar *n* : an Old World wild hog from which most domestic swine are descended

wild carrot *n* : a widely naturalized Eurasian weed that is probably the original of the cultivated carrot

wild-cat \ˈwaɪld(d)-,kæt\ *n*, *pl* **wildcats** **1** : any of various small or medium-sized cats (as a lynx or ocelot) **2** : a quick-tempered hard-fighting person

wildcat *adj* **1** : not sound or safe (~ schemes) **2** : initiated by a group of workers without formal union approval (~ strike)

wildcat *vb* **wild-cat-ted**; **wild-cat-ting** : to drill an oil or gas well in a region not known to be productive

wild-de-beest \ˈwaɪld-ɔ-,bəst\ *n*, *pl* **wildebeests** *also* **wilde-beest** [Afrikaans *wildebees*, fr. *wilde* wild + *bees* ox] : GNU

wild-er-ness \ˈwaɪld-ər-nəs\ *n* [ME, fr. *wildern* wild, fr. OE *wildðeoren* of wild beasts] : an uncultivated and uninhabited region

wild-fire \ˈwaɪld(d)-,fɪ(ə)r\ *n* : an uncontrollable fire — **like wildfire** : very rapidly

wild-fowl \-,faʊl\ *n* : a bird and esp. a waterfowl (as a wild duck) hunted as game

wild-geese chase *n* : the pursuit of something unattainable

wild-life \ˈwaɪld(d)-,lɪf\ *n* : nonhuman living things and esp. wild animals living in their natural environment

wild oat *n* **1** : any of several wild grasses **2** *pl* : offenses and indiscretions attributed to youthful exuberance (was just sowing his *wild oats*)

wild rice *n* : a No. American aquatic grass; *also* : its edible seed

wild-wood \ˈwaɪld-,wʊd\ *n* : a wild or unfrequented wood

wile \ˈwaɪl\ *n* **1** : a trick or stratagem intended to ensnare or deceive; *also* : a playful trick **2** : TRICKERY, GUILE

wile *vb* **wiled**; **wil-ing** : LURE, ENTICE

wil \wəl, (ə)l, (ʔ)wəl\ *vb*, *past* would \wəd, (ə)d, (ʔ)wʊd\;

pres sing & pl will **1** : WISH, DESIRE (call it what you ~) **2** — used as an auxiliary verb to express (1) desire, willingness, or in negative constructions refusal (~ you have another) (he *won't* do it), (2) customary or habitual action (~ get angry over nothing), (3) simple futurity (tomorrow we ~ go shopping), (4) capability or sufficiency (the back seat ~ hold three), (5) determination or willfulness (I ~ go despite them), (6) probability (that ~ be the mailman), (7) inevitability (accidents ~ happen), or (8) a command (you ~ do as I say)

will \ˈwɪl\ *n* **1** : wish or desire often combined with determination (the ~ to win) **2** : something desired; *esp* : a choice or determination of one having authority or power **3** : the act, process, or experience of willing : VOLITION **4** : the mental powers manifested as wishing, choosing, desiring, or intending **5** : a disposition to act according to principles or ends **6** : power of controlling one's own actions or emotions (a man of iron ~) **7** : a legal document in which a person declares to whom his possessions are to go after his death

will \ˈwɪl\ *vb* **1** : to dispose of by or as if by a will : BEQUEATH **2** : to determine by an act of choice; *also* : DECREE, ORDAIN **3** : INTEND, PURPOSE; *also* : CHOOSE

will-ful or **wil-ful** \ˈwɪl-fəl\ *adj* **1** : governed by will without regard to reason : OBSTINATE, STUBBORN **2** : INTENTIONAL (~ murder) — **will-ful-ly** \-lē\ *adv*

wil-lies \ˈwɪl-ēz\ *n pl* : a fit of nervousness : JITTERS

wil-ing \ˈwɪl-ɪŋ\ *adj* **1** : inclined or favorably disposed in mind : READY (~ to go) **2** : prompt to act or respond (~ workers) **3** : done, borne, or accepted voluntarily or without reluctance : VOLUNTARY **4** : of or relating to the will : VOLITIONAL — **wil-ing-ly** *adv* — **wil-ing-ness** *n*

wil-li-waw \ˈwɪl-ē-,wə\ *n* : a sudden violent gust of cold land air common along mountainous coasts of high latitudes

will-o'-the-wisp \,wɪl-ə-thə-wɪsp\ *n* **1** : a light that ap-

\əˈbʊt \əˈkɪtən \əˈfʊrðə \əˈʌʃ \əˈvʌs \əˈkɒt, kɑrt
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pears at night over marshy grounds **2** : a misleading or elusive goal or hope

wil-ov \ˈwɪl-əv\ *n* **1** : any of numerous quick-growing shrubs and trees with tough pliable shoots used in basketry **2** : an object made of willow wood

wil-low-ware \-,wəər\ *n* : dinnerware that is usu. blue and white and that is decorated with a story-telling design featuring a large willow tree by a little bridge

wil-lowy \ˈwɪl-ə-we\ *adj* : PLIANT; *also* : gracefully tall and slender (a ~ young woman)

will-pow-er \ˈwɪl-,paʊ(-ə)r\ *n* : energetic determination : RESOLUTION

wil-ly-nill-ly \,wɪl-ē-ˈnɪl-ē\ *adv* or *adj* [alter. of *will I nill I* or *will ye nill ye* or *will he nill he*; *nill* fr. archaic *nill* to be unwilling, fr. ME *nilen*, fr. OE *nyllan*, fr. *ne* not + *wyllan* to wish] : without regard for one's choice : by compulsion (they rushed us along ~)

wilt \ˈwɪlt\ *vb* **1** : to lose or cause to lose freshness and become limp : DROOP **2** : to grow weak or faint : Languish

wilt *n* : any of various plant disorders marked by wilting and often shriveling

wily \wɪ-lē\ *adj* **wil-i-er**; -*est* : full of guile : TRICKY — **wil-i-ness** \wɪ-lē-nəs\ *n*

wimp \ˈwɪmp\ *n* : a weak or ineffectual person — **wimpy** \ˈwɪm-pē\ *adj*

wim-ple \ˈwɪm-pəl\ *n* : a cloth covering worn over the head and around the neck and chin by women esp. in the late medieval period and by some nuns

wimple *vb* **wim-pled**; **wim-pling** \-p(ə)-lɪŋ\ **1** : to cover with or as if with a wimple **2** : to ripple or cause to ripple

win \ˈwɪn\ *vb* **won** \ˈwɒn\; **win-ning** [ME *winnen*, fr. OE *winnan* to struggle] **1** : to gain the victory in or as if in a contest : SUCCEED **2** : to get possession of esp. by effort : GAIN **3** : to gain in or as if in battle or contest; *also* : to be the victor in (won the war) **4** : to obtain by work : EARN **5** : to solicit and gain the favor of; *esp* : to induce to accept oneself in marriage

win *n* : VICTORY; *esp* : 1st place at the finish (as of a horse race)

wince \ˈwɪns\ *vb* **winc-ed**; **winc-ing** : to shrink back involuntarily (as from pain) : FLINCH — **wince** *n*

winch \ˈwɪnʃ\ *n* **1** : a machine that has a drum on which a rope or cable is wound for hauling or hoisting — **winch** *vb*

wind \ˈwɪnd\ *n* **1** : a movement of the air **2** : a force or agency that carries along or influences : TENDENCY, TREND **3** : BREATH (he had the ~ knocked out of him) **4** : gas generated in the stomach or intestines **5** : something insubstantial; *esp* : idle words **6** : air carrying a scent (as of game) **7** : INTIMATION (they got ~ of our plans) **8** : WIND INSTRUMENTS; *also*, *pl* : players of wind instruments

wind *vb* **1** : to get a scent of (the dogs ~ed the game) **2** : to cause to be out of breath (he was ~ed from the climb) **3** : to allow (as a horse) to rest so as to recover breath

wind \ˈwɪnd, ˈwɪnd\ *vb* **wind-ed** \ˈwɪn-dəd, ˈwɪn-\ or **wound** \ˈwaʊnd\; **wind-ing** : to sound by blowing (~ a horn)

wind \ˈwɪnd\ *vb* **wound** \ˈwaʊnd\ *also* **wind-ed**; **wind-ing** **1** : to have a curving course or shape (a river ~ing through the valley) **2** : to move or lie so as to encircle **3** : ENTANGLE, INVOLVE **4** : to introduce stealthily : INSINUATE **5** : to encircle or cover with something pliable : WRAP, COIL, TWINE, TWIST (~ a bobbin) **6** : to hoist or haul by a rope or chain and a winch (~ a ship to the wharf) **7** : to tighten the spring of; *also* : CRANK **8** : to raise to a high level (as of excitement) **9** : to cause to move in a curving line or path **10** : to traverse on a curving course

wind \ˈwɪnd\ *n* : COIL, TURN

wind-age \ˈwɪn-dɪj\ *n* : the influence of the wind in de-

flecting the course of a projectile through the air; *also* : the amount of such deflection

wind-bag \ˈwɪn(d)-,bæg\ *n* : an idly talkative person

wind-blown \-,blɒn\ *adj* : blown by the wind; *also* : having the appearance of being blown by the wind

wind-break \-,bræk\ *n* : something (as a growth of trees) serving as a shelter from the wind

wind-bro-ken \-,brō-kən\ *adj*, of a horse : having the power of breathing impaired by disease

wind-burn \-,bɜrn\ *n* : skin irritation caused by wind

wind-chill \ˈwɪn(d)-,chɪl\ *n* : a still-air temperature that would have the same cooling effect on exposed human flesh as a given combination of temperature and wind speed

windchill factor *n* : WINDCHILL

wind-er \ˈwɪn-dər\ *n* : one that winds

wind-fall \ˈwɪn(d)-,fɒl\ *n* **1** : something (as a tree or fruit) blown down by the wind **2** : an unexpected or sudden gift, gain, or advantage

wind-flow-er \-,flaʊ(-ə)r\ *n* : ANEMONE

wind-ing \ˈwɪn-dɪŋ\ *n* : material (as wire) wound or coiled about an object

winding *adj* **1** : having a pronounced curve; *esp* : SPIRAL (~ stairs) **2** : having a course that winds (a ~ road)

wind-ing-sheet \-,ʃet\ *n* : SHROUD

wind instrument *n* : a musical instrument (as a flute or horn) sounded by wind and esp. by the breath

wind-jam-mer \ˈwɪn(d)-,jam-ər\ *n* : a sailing ship; *also* : one of its crew

wind-lass \ˈwɪn-dləs\ *n* [ME *wyndlas*, alter. of *wyndas*, fr. ON *vindäss*, fr. *vinda* to wind + *äss* pole] : a winch used esp. on ships for hoisting or hauling

wind-mill \ˈwɪn(d)-,mɪl\ *n* : a mill or machine worked by the wind turning sails or vanes that radiate from a central shaft

wind-ow \ˈwɪn-də\ *n* [ME *windowe*, fr. ON *vindauga*, fr. *vindr* wind + *auga* eye] **1** : an opening in the wall of a building to let in light and air; *also* : the framework with fittings that closes such an opening **2** : WINDOWPANE **3** : an opening resembling or suggesting that of a window in a building — **wind-ow-less** *adj*

window dressing **1** : display of merchandise in a store window **2** : a showing made to create a good but sometimes false impression

wind-ow-pane \ˈwɪn-də-,pæn\ *n* : a pane in a window

wind-ow-shop \-,ʃəp\ *vb* : to look at the displays in store windows without going inside the stores to make purchases — **wind-ow-shop-per** *n*

wind-ow-sill \-,sɪl\ *n* : the horizontal member at the bottom of a window

wind-pipe \ˈwɪn(d)-,pɪp\ *n* : the passage for the breath from the larynx to the lungs

wind-proof \-ˈpru:f\ *adj* : impervious to wind (a ~ jacket)

wind-row \ˈwɪn-,(d)rō\ *n* **1** : hay raked up into a row to dry **2** : a row of something (as dry leaves) swept up by or as if by the wind

wind shear *n* : a radical shift in wind speed and direction between slightly different altitudes

wind-shield \ˈwɪn(d)-,ʃeld\ *n* : a transparent screen in front of the occupants of a vehicle

wind sock *n* : an open-ended truncated cloth cone mounted in an elevated position to indicate the direction of the wind

wind-storm \-,stɔrm\ *n* : a storm with high wind and little or no precipitation

wind-swept \ˈwɪn(d)-,swept\ *adj* : swept by or as if by wind (~ plains)

wind tunnel *n* : an enclosed passage through which air is blown to determine the effects of wind pressure on an object

wind-up \ˈwɪn-,dəp\ *n* **1** : CONCLUSION, FINISH **2** : a series of regular and distinctive motions made by a pitcher preliminary to delivering a pitch

wind up \(')wɪn-ɪdəp\ *vb* **1** : to bring or come to a conclusion : **END** **2** : SETTLE **3** : to arrive in a place, situation, or condition at the end or as a result of a course of action (*wound up as paupers*) **4** : to give a preliminary swing to the arm

wind-ward \(')wɪn-(d)wərd\ *n* : the point or side from which the wind is blowing

windward *adj* : being in or facing the direction from which the wind is blowing

windy \(')wɪn-dē\ *adj* **wind-i-er**; **-est** **1** : having wind : exposed to winds (a ~ day) (a ~ prairie) **2** : STORMY **3** : FLATULENT **4** : indulging in or characterized by useless talk : VERBOSE

wine \(')wɪn\ *n* **1** : fermented grape juice used as a beverage **2** : the usu. fermented juice of a plant product (as fruit) used as a beverage (rice ~)

wine *vb* **wined**; **wine-ing** : to treat to or drink wine

wine cellar *n* : a room for storing wines; *also* : a stock of wines

wine-grow-er \-,grō-(ə)r\ *n* : one that cultivates a vineyard and makes wine

wine-press \(')wɪn-,pres\ *n* : a vat in which juice is expressed from grapes by treading or by means of a plunger

wing \(')wɪŋ\ *n* **1** : one of the movable feathered or membranous paired appendages by means of which a bird, bat, or insect is able to fly **2** : something suggesting a wing in position, appearance, or function **3** : a plant or animal appendage or part likened to a wing; *esp* : one that is flat or broadly extended **4** : a turned-back or extended edge on an article of clothing **5** : a means of flight or rapid progress **6** : the act or manner of flying : FLIGHT **7 pl** : the area at the side of the stage out of sight **8** : one of the positions or players on either side of a center position or line **9** : either of two opposing groups within an organization : FACTION **10** : a unit in military aviation consisting of two or more squadrons — **wing-less** *adj* — **on the wing** : in flight : FLYING — **under one's wing** : in one's charge or care

wing *vb* **1** : to fit with wings; *also* : to enable to fly easily **2** : to pass through in flight : FLY (~ the air) (swallows ~ing southward) **3** : to achieve or accomplish by flying **4** : to let fly : DISPATCH (~ an arrow through the air) **5** : to wound in the wing (~ a bird); *also* : to wound without killing

wing-ding \(')wɪŋ-,dɪŋ\ *n* : a wild, lively, or lavish party

winged \(')wɪŋd\, *also except for "esp."* *sense of* **1** \(')wɪŋ-əd\ *adj* **1** : having wings *esp.* of a specified character **2** : soaring with or as if with wings : ELEVATED **3** : SWIFT, RAPID

wing-span \(')wɪŋ-,span\ *n* : WINGSPREAD; *esp* : the distance between the tips of an airplane's wings

wing-spread \-,sprɛd\ *n* : the spread of the wings; *esp* : the distance between the tips of the fully extended wings of a winged animal

wink \(')wɪŋk\ *vb* **1** : to close and open one eye quickly as a signal or hint **2** : to close and open the eyes quickly : BLINK **3** : to avoid seeing or noticing something (~ at a violation of the law) **4** : TWINKLE, FLICKER **5** : to affect or influence by or as if by blinking the eyes (he ~ed back his tears) — **wink-er** \(')wɪŋ-kər\ *n*

wink *n* **1** : a brief period of sleep : NAP **2** : an act of winking; *esp* : a hint or sign given by winking **3** : INSTANT (dries in a ~)

winner \(')wɪn-ər\ *n* : one that wins

win-ning \(')wɪn-ɪŋ\ *n* **1** : VICTORY **2** : something won; *esp* : money won at gambling (large ~s)

winning *adj* **1** : successful *esp.* in competition **2** : ATTRACTIVE, CHARMING

win-now \(')wɪn-ō\ *vb* **1** : to remove (as chaff from grain) by a current of air; *also* : to free (as grain) from waste in this manner **2** : to get rid of (something unwanted) or to separate, sift, or sort (something) as if by winnowing

wino \(')wɪ-nō\ *n*, *pl* **win-os** : one who is chronically addicted to drinking wine

win-some \(')wɪn-səm\ *adj* [ME *winsum*, fr. OE *wynsum*, fr. *wynn* joy] **1** : generally pleasing and engaging (a ~ lass) **2** : CHEERFUL, GAY — **win-some-ly** *adv* — **win-some-ness** *n*

winter \(')wɪnt-ər\ *n* **1** : the season of the year in any region in which the noonday sun shines most obliquely : the coldest period of the year **2** : YEAR (a man of 70 ~s) **3** : a time or season of inactivity or decay

winter *adj* : occurring in or surviving winter; *esp* : sown in autumn for harvesting in the following spring or summer (~ wheat)

winter *vb* **wintered**; **winter-ing** \(')wɪnt-(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to pass or survive the winter **2** : to keep, feed, or manage through the winter (~ cattle on silage)

winter-green \(')wɪnt-ər-,grɛn\ *n* **1** : a low evergreen plant of the heath family with white bell-shaped flowers and spicy red berries **2** : any of several plants related to the wintergreen **3** : an aromatic oil from the common wintergreen or its flavor or something flavored with it

winter-ize \(')wɪnt-ə-,rɪz\ *vb* **-ized**; **-iz-ing** : to make ready for winter

winter-kill \(')wɪnt-ər-,kɪl\ *vb* : to kill or die by exposure to winter weather

winter squash *n* : any of various squashes or pumpkins that keep well in storage

winter-tide \-,tɪd\ *n* : WINTER

winter-time \-,tɪm\ *n* : WINTER

winter-try \(')wɪn-trɪ\, *also* **winter-y** \(')wɪn-(ə-)rɪ\ *adj* **winter-try**; **-est** **1** : of, relating to, or characteristic of winter : coming in winter (~ weather) **2** : CHILLING, CHEERLESS (a ~ welcome)

wipe \(')wɪp\ *vb* **wiped**; **wipe-ing** **1** : to clean or dry by rubbing (~ dishes) **2** : to remove by or as if by rubbing or cleaning (~ away tears) **3** : to erase completely : OBLITERATE **4** : DESTROY, ANNIHILATE (the platoon was *wiped out*) **5** : to pass or draw over a surface (*wiped his hand across his face*) — **wiper** *n*

wipe *n* **1** : an act or instance of wiping; *also* : BLOW, STRIKE, SWIPE **2** : something used for wiping

wire \(')wɪ(ə)r\ *n* **1** : metal in the form of a thread or slender rod; *also* : a thread or rod of metal **2 usu pl** : hidden or secret influences controlling the action of a person or body of persons (pull ~s to get a nomination) **3** : a line of wire for conducting electric current **4** : a telegraph or telephone wire or system; *esp* : WIRE SERVICE **5** : TELEGRAM, CABLEGRAM **6** : the finish line of a race

wire *vb* **wired**; **wir-ing** **1** : to provide or equip with wire (~ a house) **2** : to bind, string, or mount with wire **3** : to telegraph or telegraph to

wire-hair \(')wɪ(ə)r-,hæər\ *n* : a wirehaired fox terrier

wire-haired \(')hæəd\ *adj* : having a stiff wiry outer coat of hair

wire-less \-ləs\ *adj* **1** : having no wire or wires **2 chiefly Brit** : RADIO

wireless *n* **1** : wireless telegraphy **2 chiefly Brit** : RADIO **wire-pull-er** \(')wɪ(ə)r-,pʊl-ər\ *n* : one who uses secret or underhanded means to influence the acts of a person or organization — **wire-pulling** \-,pʊl-ɪŋ\ *n*

wire service *n* : a news agency that sends out syndicated news copy by wire to subscribers

wire-tap \-,təp\ *vb* : to tap a telephone or telegraph wire to get information — **wiretap** *n* — **wire-tap-per** \-,təp-ər\ *n*

wire-worm \-,wɔrm\ *n* : the slender hard-coated larva of certain beetles that is *esp.* destructive to plant roots

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wir-ing \ˈwī(ə)r-ɪŋ\ *n* : a system of wires; *esp* : one for distributing electricity through a building

wiry \ˈwī(ə)r-ē\ *adj* **wir-er** \ˈwī-rē-ər\; **-est** 1 : made of or resembling wire 2 : slender yet strong and sinewy — **wir-iness** \ˈwī-rē-nəs\ *n*

Wis or **Wise** *abbr* Wisconsin

Wisd *abbr* Wisdom

wis-dom \ˈwīz-dəm\ *n* [ME, fr. OE *wīsdōm*, fr. *wīs* wise] 1 : accumulated philosophic or scientific learning : KNOWLEDGE; *also* : INSIGHT 2 : good sense : JUDGMENT 3 : a wise attitude or course of action

Wisdom *n* — see BIBLE table

wisdom tooth *n* : the last tooth of the full set on each half of each jaw in man

wise \ˈwīz\ *n* : WAY, MANNER, FASHION (in no ~) (in this ~)

wise *adj* **wis-er**; **wis-est** 1 : having wisdom : SAGE 2 : having or showing good sense or good judgment : SENSIBLE, SOUND, PRUDENT 3 : aware of what is going on : KNOWING; *also* : CRAFTY, SHREWD 4 : possessing inside information — **wise-ly** *adv*

wise-acre \ˈwī-,zä-kər\ *n* [Middle Dutch *wijssegger* soothsayer, fr. Old High German *wizzago*] : SMART ALECK

wise-crack \ˈwīz-,krak\ *n* : a clever, smart, or flippant remark

wisecrack *vb* : to make a wisecrack

wish \ˈwɪʃ\ *vb* 1 : to have a desire : long for : CRAVE, WANT (~ you were here) (~ for a puppy) 2 : to form or express a wish concerning (~ed him a happy birthday) 3 : BID (he ~ed me good morning) 4 : to request by expressing a desire (I ~ you to go now)

wish *n* 1 : an act or instance of wishing or desire : WANT; *also* : GOAL 2 : an expressed will or desire : MANDATE

wish-bone \-,bōn\ *n* : a forked bone in front of the breastbone in most birds

wish-ful \ˈwɪʃ-fəl\ *adj* 1 : expressive of a wish : HOPEFUL, LONGING; *also* : DESIROUS 2 : according with wishes rather than fact (~ thinking)

wishy-washy \ˈwɪʃ-ē-,wōsh-ē-, -ē\ *adj* : WEAK, INSIPID; *also* : morally feeble

wisp \ˈwɪsp\ *n* 1 : a small handful (as of hay or straw) 2 : a thin strand, strip, or fragment (a ~ of hair); *also* : a thready streak (a ~ of smoke) 3 : something frail, slight, or fleeting (a ~ of a girl) (a ~ of a smile) — **wispy** *adj*

wis-te-ria \ˈwɪs-ˈtɪr-ē-ə\ or **wis-ter-ia** \ˈtɪr-ē-ə\ *also* -ˈtɪr-ə\ *n* : any of a genus of chiefly Asian mostly woody vines related to the peas and widely grown for their long showy clusters of blue, white, purple, or rose flowers

wist-ful \ˈwɪst-fəl\ *adj* : full of longing and unfulfilled desire : YEARNING (a ~ expression) — **wist-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **wist-ful-ness** *n*

wit \ˈwɪt\ *n* 1 : reasoning power : INTELLIGENCE 2 : mental soundness : SANITY — *usu.* used in pl. 3 : RESOURCEFULNESS, INGENUITY; *esp* : quickness and cleverness in handling words and ideas 4 : a talent for making clever remarks; *also* : one noted for making witty remarks — **at one's wit's end** : at a loss for a means of solving a problem

witch \ˈwɪch\ *n* 1 : a person believed to have magic power; *esp* : SORCERESS 2 : an ugly old woman : HAG 3 : a charming or alluring girl or woman

witch *vb* : BEWITCH

witch-craft \ˈwɪch-,kraft\ *n* : the power or practices of a witch : SORCERY

witch doctor *n* : a practitioner of magic in a primitive society

witch-ery \ˈwɪch-(ə)rē\ *n*, *pl* -er-ies 1 : SORCERY 2 : FASCINATION, CHARM

witch-grass \ˈwɪch-,gras\ *n* : any of several grasses that are weeds in cultivated areas

witch hazel \ˈwɪch-,hā-zəl\ *n* 1 : a No. American shrub

bearing small yellow flowers in the fall 2 : an alcoholic solution of material from witch hazel bark used as a soothing astringent lotion

witch-hunt \ˈwɪch-,hənt\ *n* 1 : a searching out and persecution of persons accused of witchcraft 2 : the searching out and deliberate harassment of those (as political opponents) with unpopular views

witch-ing \ˈwɪch-ɪŋ\ *adj* : of, relating to, or suitable for sorcery or supernatural occurrences

wi-te-na-ge-mot or **wi-te-na-ge-mote** \ˈwɪt-ən-ə-gə-,mōt\ *n* [OE *witena gemōt*, fr. *witena* (gen. pl. of *wita* sage, adviser) + *gemōt* assembly] : an Anglo-Saxon council of nobles, prelates, and officials to advise the king on administrative and judicial matters

with \(ˈ)wɪθ, (ˈ)wɪð\ *prep* 1 : AGAINST (a fight ~ his wife) 2 : FROM (parting ~ friends) 3 : in mutual relation to (talk ~ a friend) 4 : in the company of (a professor ~ her students) 5 : AS REGARDS, TOWARD (is patient ~ the children) 6 : compared to (on equal terms ~ another) 7 : in support of (I'm ~ you all the way) 8 : in the presence of : CONTAINING (tea ~ sugar) 9 : in the opinion of : as judged by (their arguments had weight ~ him) 10 : BECAUSE OF, THROUGH (pale ~ anger) 11 : in a manner indicating (work ~ a will) 12 : GIVEN, GRANTED (~ your permission I'll leave) 13 : HAVING (came ~ good news) (stood there ~ his mouth open) 14 : at the time of : right after (~ that he left) 15 : DESPITE (~ all her cleverness, she failed) 16 : so as not to cross or oppose (swim ~ the tide)

with-al \wɪθ-əl, with-əl\ *adv* 1 : together with this : BESIDES 2 *archaic* : THEREWITH 3 : on the other hand : NEVERTHELESS

with-draw \wɪθ-ˈdrō-, with-əl\ *vb* **-drew** \-ˈdrū\; **-drawn** \-ˈdrɒn\; **-draw-ing** \-ˈdrɒ(-)ɪŋ\ 1 : to take back or away : draw away : REMOVE 2 : to call back (as from consideration) : RECALL, RESCIND; *also* : RETRACT (~ an accusation) 3 : to go away : RETREAT, LEAVE 4 : to terminate one's participation in or use of something

with-draw-al \-ˈdrɒ(-)əl\ *n* 1 : an act or instance of withdrawing 2 : the discontinuance of the use or administration of a drug and *esp.* a habit-forming drug; *also* : the often painful physiological and psychological symptoms produced by withdrawal 3 : a pathological retreat from the real world (as in some schizophrenic states)

with-drawn \wɪθ-ˈdrɒn\ *adj* 1 : ISOLATED, SECLUDED 2 : socially detached and unresponsive

withe \ˈwɪθ\ *n* : a slender flexible twig or branch; *esp* : one used as a band or rope

with-er \ˈwɪθ-ər\ *vb* **with-ered**; **with-er-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ\ 1 : to become dry and shrunken; *esp* : to shrivel from or as if from loss of bodily moisture 2 : to lose or cause to lose vitality, force, or freshness 3 : to cause to feel shriveled or blighted : STUN (~ed him with a glance)

with-ers \ˈwɪθ-ərz\ *n pl* : the ridge between the shoulder bones of a horse; *also* : the corresponding part in other 4-footed animals

with-hold \wɪθ-ˈhōld, with-əl\ *vb* **-held** \-ˈheld\; **-hold-ing** 1 : to hold back : RESTRAIN; *also* : RETAIN 2 : to refrain from granting, giving, or allowing (~ permission) (~ names)

withholding tax *n* : a tax on income withheld at the source

with-in \wɪθ-ˈɪn, with-əl\ *adv* 1 : in or into the interior : INSIDE 2 : inside oneself : INWARDLY (calm without but furious ~)

within *prep* 1 : inside the limits or influence of (~ call) 2 : in the limits or compass of (~ a mile) 3 : in or to the inner part of (~ the room)

within *n* : an inner place or area (revolt from ~)

with-it \ˈwɪθ-ət\ *adj* : socially or culturally up-to-date

with-out \wɪθ-ˈaʊt, with-əl\ *prep* 1 : OUTSIDE 2 : LACKING (she's ~ hope); *also* : not accompanied by or showing (spoke ~ thinking) (took his punishment ~ flinching)

without *adv* **1** : on the outside : ETERNALLY **2** : with something lacking or absent (has learned to do ~)
with-stand \with-'stand, with-\ *vb* -stood \-'stüd\; -stand-ing : to stand against : RESIST; *esp* : to oppose (as an attack) successfully
wit-less \-'wit-ləs\ *adj* : lacking wit or understanding : mentally defective : FOOLISH — **wit-less-ly** *adv* — **wit-less-ness** *n*
wit-ness \-'wit-nəs\ *n* [ME *witnesse*, fr. OE *witnes* knowledge, testimony, witness, fr. *wit* mind, intelligence] **1** : TESTIMONY (bear ~ to the fact) **2** : one that gives evidence; *esp* : one who testifies in a cause or before a court **3** : one present at a transaction so as to be able to testify that it has taken place **4** : one who has personal knowledge or experience of something **5** : something serving as evidence or proof : SIGN
witness *vb* **1** : to bear witness : TESTIFY **2** : to act as legal witness of **3** : to furnish proof of : BETOKEN **4** : to be a witness of **5** : to be the scene of (this region has ~ed many wars)
wit-ted \-'wit-əd\ *adj* : having wit or understanding (dull-witted)
wit-ticism \-'wit-ə-'siz-əm\ *n* : a witty saying or phrase
wit-ting \-'wit-ig\ *adj* : done knowingly : INTENTIONAL — **wit-ting-ly** *adv*
wit-ty \-'wit-ē\ *adj* **wit-ti-er**; -est : marked by or full of wit : AMUSING (a ~ writer) (a ~ remark) **syn** humorous, facetious, jocular, jocose — **wit-ti-ly** \-'wit-ē-lē\ *adv* — **wit-ti-ness** \-'ē-nəs\ *n*
wive \-'wiv\ *vb* **wived**; **wiv-ing** **1** : to marry a woman **2** : to take for a wife
wives *pl* of WIFE
wiz-ard \-'wiz-ərd\ *n* [ME *wysard* wise man, fr. *wys* wise] **1** : MAGICIAN, SORCERER **2** : a very clever or skillful person (a ~ at chess)
wiz-ard-ry \-'wiz-ə(r)-drē\ *n*, *pl* -ries **1** : magic skill : SORCERY, WITCHCRAFT **2** : great skill or cleverness in an activity
wiz-ened \-'wiz-ənd\ *adj* : dried up : SHRIVELED, WITHERED
wk abbr 1 week **2** work
WL abbr wavelength
wmk abbr watermark
WNW abbr west-northwest
WO abbr warrant officer
w/o abbr without
woad \-'wōd\ *n* : a European herb related to the mustards; *also* : a blue dyestuff made from its leaves
wob-ble \-'wāb-əl\ *vb* **wob-bled**; **wob-bling** \-(ə-)līg\ **1** : to move or cause to move with an irregular rocking or side-to-side motion **2** : TREMBLE, QUAVER **3** : WAVER, VACILLATE — **wobble** *n* — **wob-bly** \-'wāb-(ə-)lē\ *adj*
woe \-'wō\ *n* **1** : a condition of deep suffering from misfortune, affliction, or grief **2** : CALAMITY, MISFORTUNE (economic ~s)
woe-be-gone \-'wō-bi-'gōn\ *adj* : exhibiting woe, sorrow, or misery; *also* : DISMAL, DESOLATE
woe-ful *also* **wō-ful** \-'wō-fəl\ *adj* **1** : full of woe : AFFLICTED **2** : involving, bringing, or relating to woe **3** : PALTRY, DEPLORABLE — **woe-ful-ly** \-'ē\ *adv*
wok \-'wāk\ *n* : a bowl-shaped cooking utensil used *esp.* in the preparation of Chinese food
woke *past* of WAKE
woken *past part* of WAKE
wold \-'wōld\ *n* : an upland plain or stretch of rolling land without woods
wolf \-'wulf\ *n*, *pl* **wolves** \-'wulvz\ **1** : any of several large erect-eared bushy-tailed doglike predatory mammals that often hunt in packs **2** : a fierce or destructive person **3** : a man forward, direct, and zealous in amatory attentions to women — **wolf-ish** *adj*
wolf *vb* : to eat greedily : DEVOUR
wolf-hound \-,haund\ *n* : any of several large dogs orig. used in hunting wolves

wol-fram \-'wul-frəm\ *n* : TUNGSTEN

wol-ver-ine \-'wul-və-'rēn\ *n*, *pl* **wolverines** *also* **wolverine** : a dark shaggy-coated flesh-eating mammal of northern forests and associated tundra that is related to the weasels and sables

wom-an \-'wūm-ən\ *n*, *pl* **wom-en** \-'wim-ən\ [ME, fr. OE *wifman*, fr. *wif* woman, wife + *man* human being, man]

1 : an adult female person **2** : WOMANKIND **3** : feminine nature : WOMANLINESS **4** : a female servant or attendant
wom-an-hood \-'wūm-ən-'hūd\ *n* **1** : the state of being a woman : the distinguishing qualities of a woman or of womankind **2** : WOMEN, WOMANKIND

wom-an-ish \-'wūm-ə-nish\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or characteristic of a woman **2** : suitable to a woman rather than to a man : EFFEMINATE

wom-an-kind \-'wūm-ən-'kind\ *n* : the females of the human race : WOMEN

wom-an-like \-'lik\ *adj* : WOMANLY

wom-an-ly \-'lē\ *adj* : having qualities characteristic of a woman — **wom-an-li-ness** \-'lē-nəs\ *n*

woman suffrage *n* : possession and exercise of suffrage by women

womb \-'wūm\ *n* **1** : UTERUS **2** : a place where something is generated or developed

wom-bat \-'wām-,bat\ *n* : any of several stocky burrowing Australian marsupials that resemble small bears

wom-en-folk \-'wim-ən-'fōk\ *also* **wom-en-folks** \-'fōks\ *n* *pl* : WOMEN

won \-'wɔn\ *past* and *past part* of WIN

won \-'wɔn\ *n*, *pl* **won** — see MONEY table

won-der \-'wɔn-dər\ *n* **1** : a cause of astonishment or surprise : MARVEL; *also* : MIRACLE **2** : the quality of exciting wonder (the charm and ~ of the scene) **3** : a feeling (as of awed astonishment or uncertainty) aroused by something extraordinary or affecting

wonder *vb* **wondered**; **wonder-ing** \-d(ə-)rɪŋ\ **1** : to feel surprise or amazement **2** : to feel curiosity or doubt

wonder drug *n* : MIRACLE DRUG

won-der-ful \-'wɔn-dər-fəl\ *adj* **1** : exciting wonder : MARVELOUS, ASTONISHING **2** : unusually good : ADMIRABLE — **won-der-ful-ly** \-'f(ə-)lē\ *adv* — **won-der-ful-ness** \-'fəl-nəs\ *n*

won-der-land \-,land, -lənd\ *n* **1** : an imaginary place of delicate beauty or magical charm **2** : a place that excites admiration or wonder

won-der-ment \-'mɛnt\ *n* **1** : ASTONISHMENT, SURPRISE **2** : a cause of or occasion for wonder **3** : curiosity about something

won-drous \-'wɔn-drəs\ *adj* : WONDERFUL, MARVELOUS — **wondrous** *adv*, *archaic* — **won-drous-ly** *adv* — **won-drous-ness** *n*

wont \-'wɔnt, 'wɔnt\ *adj* [ME *woned*, *wont*, fr. pp. of *wonen* to dwell, be used to, fr. OE *wunian*] **1** : ACCUSTOMED, USED (as he was ~ to do) **2** : INCLINED, APT

wont *n* : CUSTOM, USAGE, HABIT (according to her ~)

wont-ed \-'wɔnt-əd, 'wɔnt-\ *adj* : ACCUSTOMED, CUSTOMARY (his ~s courtesies)

woo \-'wū\ *vb* **1** : to try to gain the love of and usu. marriage with : COURT **2** : SOLICIT, ENTREAT **3** : to try to gain or bring about (~ public favor) — **woo-er** *n*

wood \-'wud\ *n* **1** : a dense growth of trees usu. larger than a grove and smaller than a forest — often used in *pl.* **2** : a hard fibrous substance that is basically xylem and forms the bulk of trees and shrubs beneath the bark; *also* : this material fit or prepared for some use (as burning or building) **3** : something made of wood

wood *adj* **1** : WOODEN **2** : suitable for holding, cutting, or

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 \ŋ'sɪŋ \dʒo'go \dɒ'law \dɒ'boy \tʃ'θɪn \tʃ'θe \tʃ'θe
 \ʊ'fʊt \vɪ'et \zʌ'vɪʃən *also* Pronunciation Symbols page

- working with wood **3** or **woods** \ˈwʊdz\ : living or growing in woods
- 3** **wood** *vb* **1** : to supply or load with wood esp. for fuel **2** : to cover with a growth of trees
- wood alcohol** *n* : METHANOL
- wood-bine** \ˈwʊd-,bīn\ *n* : any of several climbing vines (as a honeysuckle or Virginia creeper)
- wood-block** \-,blɒk\ *n* **1** : a block of wood **2** : woodcut
- wood-chop-per** \-,chɒp-ər\ *n* : one engaged esp. in chopping down trees
- wood-chuck** \-,chɒk\ *n* : any of several No. American marmots; *esp* : a thickset grizzled marmot of the north-eastern U.S. and Canada
- wood-cock** \ˈwʊd-,kɒk\ *n*, *pl* **woodcocks** : a brown No. American game bird with a short neck and long bill that is related to the snipe; *also* : a related and similar bird widespread in the Old World
- wood-craft** \-,kraɪt\ *n* **1** : skill and practice in matters relating to the woods esp. in maintaining oneself and making one's way or in hunting or trapping **2** : skill in shaping or constructing articles from wood
- wood-cut** \-,kɒt\ *n* **1** : a relief printing surface engraved on wood **2** : a print from a woodcut
- wood-cut-ter** \-,kɒt-ər\ *n* : a person who cuts wood esp. as an occupation
- wood-ed** \ˈwʊd-əd\ *adj* : covered with woods or trees (∼ slopes)
- wood-en** \ˈwʊd-ən\ *adj* **1** : made of wood **2** : lacking resilience : STIFF **3** : AWKWARD, CLUMSY — **wood-en-ly** *adv* — **wood-en-ness** \-ən-(n)əs\ *n*
- wood-en-ware** \ˈwʊd-ən-,wɛər\ *n* : articles made of wood for domestic use
- wood-land** \ˈwʊd-lænd, -,lænd\ *n* : land covered with trees : FOREST
- wood-lot** \ˈwʊd-,lɒt\ *n* : a relatively small area of trees kept usu. to meet fuel and timber needs (a farm ∼)
- wood louse** *n* : a small flat grayish crustacean that lives esp. under stones and bark
- wood-man** \ˈwʊd-mən\ *n* : WOODSMAN
- wood-note** \-,nɒt\ *n* : verbal expression that is natural and artless
- wood nymph** *n* : a nymph living in the woods
- wood-peck-er** \ˈwʊd-,pek-ər\ *n* : any of various usu. brightly marked climbing birds with stiff spiny tail feathers and a chisel-like bill used to drill into trees for insects
- wood-pile** \-,pīl\ *n* : a pile of wood and esp. firewood
- wood-shed** \-,shed\ *n* : a shed for storing wood and esp. firewood
- woods-man** \ˈwʊdz-mən\ *n* : a person who frequents or works in the woods; *esp* : one skilled in woodcraft
- woody** \ˈwʊd-zē\ *adj* : relating to or suggestive of woods
- wood-wind** \ˈwʊd-,wɪnd\ *n* : one of a group of wind instruments including flutes, clarinets, oboes, bassoons, and sometimes saxophones
- wood-work** \-,wɜrk\ *n* **1** : work made of wood; *esp* : interior fittings (as moldings or stairways) of wood **2** : a place of hiding or seclusion (came out of the ∼ to claim the lost money)
- woody** \ˈwʊd-ē\ *adj* **wood-i-er**; -**est** **1** : abounding or overgrown with woods **2** : of or containing wood or wood fibers **3** : resembling or characteristic of wood — **wood-i-ness** \ˈwʊd-ē-nəs\ *n*
- woof** \ˈwʊf\ *n* [alter. of ME *oof*, fr. OE *ðwef*, fr. *ð-* (fr. *on*) + *wefan* to weave] **1** : the threads in a woven fabric that cross the warp **2** : a woven fabric; *also* : its texture
- woof-er** \ˈwʊf-ər\ *n* : a loudspeaker that reproduces sounds of low pitch
- wool** \ˈwʊl\ *n* **1** : the soft wavy or curly hair of some mammals and esp. the domestic sheep; *also* : something (as a textile or garment) made of wool **2** : material that resembles a mass of wool — **wooled** \ˈwʊld\ *adj*
- 1** **wool-en** or **wool-len** \ˈwʊl-ən\ *adj* **1** : made of wool **2** : of or relating to the manufacture or sale of woolen products (∼ mills)
- 2** **woolen** or **woollen** *n* **1** : a fabric made of wool **2** : garments of woolen fabric — usu. used in pl.
- wool-gath-er-ing** \-,gath-(ə-)rɪŋ\ *n* : the act of indulging in idle daydreaming
- 1** **wool-ly** *also* **wooly** \ˈwʊl-ē\ *adj* **wool-li-er**; -**est** **1** : of, relating to, or bearing wool **2** : consisting of or resembling wool **3** : CONFUSED, BLURRY (∼ thinking) **4** : marked by a lack of order or restraint (the wild and ∼ West of frontier times)
- 2** **wool-ly** *also* **wool-ie** or **wooly** \ˈwʊl-ē\ *n*, *pl* **wool-lies** : a garment made from wool; *esp* : underclothing of knitted wool
- woolly aphid** *n* : a plant louse covered with a dense coat of white filaments
- woolly aphid** *n* : WOOLLY APHID
- woolly bear** *n* : any of numerous very hairy caterpillars
- wool-sack** \ˈwʊl-,sɒk\ *n* **1** *archaic* : a sack of or for wool **2** : the seat of the Lord Chancellor in the House of Lords
- woo-zy** \ˈwʊ-zē\ *adj* **woo-zi-er**; -**est** **1** : BEFUDDLED **2** : somewhat dizzy, nauseated, or weak — **woo-zi-ness** \ˈwʊ-zē-nəs\ *n*
- 1** **word** \ˈwɜrd\ *n* **1** : something that is said; *esp* : a brief remark **2** : a speech sound or series of speech sounds that communicates a meaning; *also* : a graphic representation of such a sound or series of sounds **3** : ORDER, COMMAND **4** *often cap* : the 2d person of the Trinity; *also : GOSPEL **5** : NEWS, INFORMATION **6** : PROMISE **7** *pl* : QUARREL, DISPUTE **8** : a verbal signal : PASSWORD — **word-less** *adj**
- 2** **word** *vb* : to express in words : PHRASE
- word-age** \ˈwɜrd-ɪj\ *n* **1** : WORDS **2** : number of words **3** : WORDING
- word-book** \ˈwɜrd-,bʊk\ *n* : VOCABULARY, DICTIONARY
- word-ing** \ˈwɜrd-ɪŋ\ *n* : verbal expression : PHRASEOLOGY
- word of mouth** : oral communication
- word-play** \ˈwɜrd-,plā\ *n* : verbal wit
- word processing** *n* : the production of typewritten documents with automated and usu. computerized text-editing equipment
- word processor** *n* : a keyboard-operated terminal with a video display and a magnetic storage device for use in word processing; *also* : software to perform word processing
- wordy** \ˈwɜrd-ē\ *adj* **word-i-er**; -**est** : using many words : VERBOSE *syn* prolix, diffuse, redundant — **word-i-ness** \ˈwɜrd-ē-nəs\ *n*
- wore** *past of* WEAR
- 1** **work** \ˈwɜrk\ *n* **1** : TOIL, LABOR; *also* : EMPLOYMENT (out of ∼) **2** : TASK, JOB (have ∼ to do) **3** : the transference of energy when a force produces movement of a body **4** : DEED, ACHIEVEMENT **5** : a fortified structure of any kind **6** *pl* : engineering structures **7** *pl* : the buildings, grounds, and machinery of a factory **8** *pl* : the moving parts of a mechanism **9** : something produced by mental effort or physical labor; *esp* : an artistic production (as a book or needlework) **10** : WORKMANSHIP (careless ∼) **11** : material in the process of manufacture **12** *pl* : everything possessed, available, or belonging (the whole ∼s went overboard); *also* : subjection to drastic treatment (gave him the ∼s) *syn* occupation, employment, business, pursuit, calling — **in the works** : in process of preparation
- 2** **work** *adj* **1** : used for work (∼ elephants) **2** : suitable or styled for wear while working (∼ clothes)
- 3** **work** *vb* **worked** \ˈwɜrkt\ or **wrought** \ˈrɒt\; **work-ing** **1** : to bring to pass : EFFECT **2** : to fashion or create a useful or desired product through labor or exertion **3** : to prepare for use (as by kneading) **4** : to bring into a desired form by a process of cutting, hammering, scraping, pressing, or stretching (∼ cold steel) **5** : to set or

keep in operation : OPERATE (a pump ~ed by hand) 6 : to solve by reasoning or calculation (~ a problem) 7 : to cause to toil or labor (~ed his men hard); also : EXPLOIT 8 : to pay for with labor or service (~ off a debt) 9 : to bring into some (specified) position or condition by stages (the stream ~ed itself clear) 10 : CONTRIVE, ARRANGE (we'll go if we can ~ it) 11 : to practice trickery or cajolery on for some end (~ed the management for a free ticket) 12 : EXCITE, PROVOKE (~ed himself into a rage) 13 : to exert oneself physically or mentally; esp : to perform work regularly for wages 14 : to function according to plan or design 15 : to produce a desired effect : SUCCEED 16 : to make way slowly and with difficulty (he ~ed forward through the crowd) 17 : to permit of being worked (this wood ~s easily) 18 : to be in restless motion; also : FERMENT 1 19 : to move slightly in relation to another part; also : to get into a specified condition slowly or imperceptibly (the knot ~ed loose) — **work on** 1 : AFFECT 2 : to try to influence or persuade — **work upon** : to have effect upon : operate on : PERSUADE, INFLUENCE

work-able \ˈwɜrk-ə-bəl\ *adj* 1 : capable of being worked 2 : PRACTICABLE, FEASIBLE — **work-able-ness** *n*

work-a-day \ˈwɜrk-ə-,dä\ *adj* 1 : relating to or suited for working days 2 : PROSAIC, ORDINARY

work-a-holic \ˈwɜrk-ə-ˈhɒl-ik, -ˈhāl-\ *n* : a compulsive worker

work-bag \ˈwɜrk-,bag\ *n* : a bag for holding implements or materials for work; esp : a bag for needlework

work-bas-ket \-,bas-kət\ *n* : a basket for needlework

work-bench \-,bench\ *n* : a bench on which work esp. of mechanics, machinists, and carpenters is performed

work-book \-,bʊk\ *n* 1 : a booklet outlining a course of study 2 : a worker's manual 3 : a record of work done 4 : a student's book of problems to be answered directly on the pages

work-box \-,bäks\ *n* : a box for work instruments and materials

work-day \ˈwɜrk-,dä\ *n* 1 : a day on which work is done as distinguished from a day off 2 : the period of time in a day when work is performed

work-er \ˈwɜrk-ər\ *n* 1 : one that works; esp : a person who works for wages 2 : one of the sexually undeveloped individuals of a colony of social insects (as bees, ants, or termites) that perform the work of the community

work ethic *n* : belief in work as a moral good

work farm *n* : a farm on which persons guilty of minor law violations are confined

work-horse \ˈwɜrk-,hɔrs\ *n* 1 : a horse used chiefly for labor 2 : a person who undertakes arduous labor

work-house \-,haus\ *n* 1 *Brit* : POORHOUSE 2 : a house of correction where persons who have committed minor offenses are confined

work-ing \ˈwɜrk-ɪŋ\ *adj* 1 : adequate to allow work to be done (a ~ majority) (a ~ knowledge of French) 2 : adopted or assumed to help further work or activity (a ~ draft of a treaty) 3 : engaged in work (a ~ journalist) 4 : spent at work (~ life)

working *n* 1 : manner of functioning : OPERATION 2 *pl* : an excavation made in mining or tunneling

work-ing-man \ˈwɜrk-ɪŋ-,man\ *n* : one who works for wages usu. at manual labor

work-man \ˈwɜrk-mən\ *n* 1 : WORKINGMAN 2 : ARTISAN, CRAFTSMAN

work-man-like \-,lik\ *adj* : worthy of a good workman : SKILLFUL

work-man-ship \-,ship\ *n* : the art or skill of a workman : CRAFTSMANSHIP; also : the quality imparted to something in the process of making it (a vase of exquisite ~)

work-out \ˈwɜrk-,aʊt\ *n* 1 : a practice or exercise to test or improve one's fitness esp. for athletic competition,

ability, or performance 2 : a test or trial to determine ability or capacity or suitability

work out \ˈwɜrk-,aʊt, ˈwɜrk-\ *vb* 1 : to bring about esp. by resolving difficulties 2 : DEVELOP, ELABORATE 3 : to prove effective, practicable, or suitable 4 : to amount to a total or calculated figure — used with *at* 5 : to engage in a workout

work-room \ˈwɜrk-,rüm, -,rüm\ *n* : a room used esp. for manual work

work-shop \-,shäp\ *n* 1 : a small establishment where manufacturing or handicrafts are carried on 2 : a seminar emphasizing exchange of ideas and practical methods and given mainly for adults already employed in the field

work-station \-,stä-shən\ *n* : an area with equipment for a single worker; also : a usu. intelligent terminal connected to a computer network

work-ta-ble \-,tä-bəl\ *n* : a table for holding working materials and implements (as for needlework)

world \ˈwɜrld\ *n* [ME, fr. OE *world* human existence, this world, age, fr. a prehistoric compound whose first constituent is represented by OE *wer* man and whose second constituent is akin to OE *eald* old] 1 : the earth with its inhabitants and all things upon it 2 : people in general : MANKIND 3 : the affairs of men (withdraw from the ~) 4 : UNIVERSE, CREATION 5 : a state of existence : scene of life and action (the ~ of the future) 6 : a distinctive class of persons or their sphere of interest (the musical ~) 7 : a part or section of the earth or its inhabitants by itself 8 : a great number or quantity (a ~ of troubles) 9 : a celestial body esp. if inhabited

world-beat-er \-,bēt-ər\ *n* : one that excels all others of its kind : CHAMPION

world-ling \-,liŋ\ *n* : a person absorbed in the affairs and pleasures of the present world

world-ly \ˈwɜrld-lē\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or devoted to this world and its pursuits rather than to religion or spiritual affairs 2 : WORLDLY-WISE, SOPHISTICATED — **world-li-ness** \-lē-nəs\ *n*

world-ly-wise \-,wīz\ *adj* : possessing a practical and often shrewd understanding of human affairs

world-wide \ˈwɜrld-wīd\ *adj* : extended throughout the entire world (~ fame)

worm \ˈwɜrm\ *n* 1 : any of various small long usu. naked and soft-bodied round or flat invertebrate animals (as an earthworm, nematode, tapeworm, or maggot) 2 : a human being who is an object of contempt, loathing, or pity : WRETCH 3 : something that inwardly torments or devours 4 *pl* : infestation with or disease caused by parasitic worms 5 : a spiral or wormlike thing (as the thread of a screw) — **wormy** *adj*

worm *vb* 1 : to free from worms (~ a dog) 2 : to move or cause to move or proceed slowly and deviously 3 : to obtain or extract by artful or insidious pleading, asking, or persuading (~ed the truth out of him) 4 : to insinuate or introduce (oneself) by devious or subtle means

worm-eat-en \ˈwɜrm-,ēt-ən\ *adj* 1 : eaten or burrowed by worms 2 : PITTED 3 : WORN-OUT, ANTIQUATED (tried to update the ~ regulations)

worm gear *n* : a mechanical linkage consisting of a short rotating screw whose threads mesh with the teeth of a gear wheel

worm-hole \ˈwɜrm-,hōl\ *n* : a hole or passage burrowed by a worm

worm-wood \ˈwɜrm-,wūd\ *n* : any of a genus of aromatic woody plants including the sagebrush and related plants; esp : one of Europe used in making absinthe 2 : something bitter or grievous : BITTERNESS

\ə\abut \ə\kitten \ər\urther \ə\ash \ə\ace \ə\cot, cart
 \aʊ\out \ch\chain \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
 \ŋ\sing \d\go \ə\law \ə\boy \th\thin \th\the \u\lout
 \ə\foot \y\yet \zh\vision see also Pronunciation Symbols page

worn *past part of WEAR*

worn-out \ˈwɔrn-ˈaʊt\ *adj* : exhausted or used up by or as if by wear (an old ~ suit) (a ~ automobile)

wor-ri-some \ˈwɔr-ē-səm\ *adj* **1** : causing distress or worry **2** : inclined to worry or fret

1 **wor-ry** \ˈwɔr-ē\ *vb* **wor-ried**; **wor-ry-ing** **1** : to shake and mangle with the teeth (a terrier ~ing a rat) **2** : to make anxious or upset (his poor health *worries* his parents) **3** : to feel or express great care or anxiety : FRET — **wor-ri-er** *n*

2 **worry** *n*, *pl worries* **1** : ANXIETY **2** : a cause of anxiety : TROUBLE

wor-ry-wart \ˈwɔr-ē-, wɔrt\ *n* : one who is inclined to worry unduly

1 **worse** \ˈwɔrs\ *adj*, *comparative of BAD or of ILL* **1** : bad or evil in a greater degree : less good; *esp* : more unwell **2** : more unfavorable, unpleasant, or painful

2 **worse** *n* **1** : one that is worse **2** : a greater degree of ill or badness

3 **worse** *adv*, *comparative of BAD or of ILL* : in a worse manner : to a worse extent or degree

wors-en \ˈwɔrs-ən\ *vb* **wors-ened**; **wors-en-ing** \ˈwɔrs-(-)niŋ\ : to make or become worse

1 **wor-ship** \ˈwɔr-shəp\ *n* [ME *worshiþe* worthiness, repute, respect, reverence paid to a divine being, fr. OE *weorthscipe* worthiness, repute, respect, fr. *weorth* worthy, worth + *-scipe* -ship, suffix denoting quality or condition] **1** chiefly *Brit* : a person of importance — used as a title for officials (as magistrates and some mayors) **2** : reverence toward a divine being or supernatural power; *also* : the expression of such reverence **3** : extravagant respect or admiration for or devotion to an object of esteem (~ of the dollar)

2 **worship** *vb* -**shipped** or -**shipped**; -**ship-ing** or -**ship-ping** **1** : to honor or reverence as a divine being or supernatural power **2** : IDOLIZE **3** : to perform or take part in worship — **wor-ship-er** or **wor-ship-per** *n*

wor-ship-ful \ˈwɔr-shəp-fəl\ *adj* **1** *archaic* : NOTABLE, DISTINGUISHED **2** chiefly *Brit* — used as a title for various persons or groups of rank or distinction **3** : VENERATING, WORSHIPING

1 **worst** \ˈwɔrst\ *adj*, *superlative of BAD or of ILL* **1** : most bad, evil, ill, or corrupt **2** : most unfavorable, unpleasant, or painful; *also* : most unsuitable, faulty, or unattractive **3** : least skillful or efficient **4** : most wanting in quality, value, or condition

2 **worst** *adv*, *superlative of ILL or of BAD or BADLY* : to the extreme degree of badness or inferiority : in the worst manner

3 **worst** *n* : one that is worst

4 **worst** *vb* : DEFEAT

wor-sted \ˈwɔs-təd, ˈwɔr-stəd\ *n* [ME, fr. *Worsted* (now *Worstead*), England] : a smooth compact yarn from long wool fibers used *esp.* for firm napless fabrics, carpeting, or knitting; *also* : a fabric made from such yarn **wort** \ˈwɔrt, ˈwɔrt\ *n* : a solution obtained by infusion from malt and fermented to form beer

1 **worth** \ˈwɜrth\ *prep* **1** : equal in value to; *also* : having possessions or income equal to **2** : deserving of (well ~ the effort)

2 **worth** *n* **1** : monetary value : the equivalent of a specified amount or figure **2** : the value of something measured by its qualities or by the esteem in which it is held **3** : moral or personal value : MERIT, EXCELLENCE **4** : WEALTH, RICHES

worth-less \ˈwɜrth-ləs\ *adj* **1** : lacking worth : VALUELESS; *also* : USELESS **2** : LOW, DESPICABLE — **worth-less-ness** *n*

worth-while \ˈwɜrth-ˈhwɪl\ *adj* : being worth the time or effort spent

1 **wor-thy** \ˈwɔr-thē\ *adj* **wor-thi-er**; -**est** **1** : having worth or value : ESTIMABLE **2** : HONORABLE, MERITORIOUS **3** : having sufficient worth (a man ~ of the honor) — **wor-thi-ly** \ˈwɔr-thē-lē\ *adv* — **wor-thi-ness** \-thē-nəs\ *n*

2 **worthy** *n*, *pl worthies* : a worthy person

would \wəd, əd, d, (ˈ)wʊd\ *past of WILL* **1** *archaic* : wish for : WANT **2** : strongly desire : WISH (I ~ I were young again) **3** — used as an auxiliary to express (1) preference (~ rather run than fight), (2) wish, desire, or intent (those who ~ forbid gambling), (3) habitual action (we ~ meet often for lunch), (4) a contingency or possibility (if he were coming, he ~ be here by now), (5) probability (~ have won if he hadn't tripped), or (6) a request (~ you help us) **4** : COULD **5** : SHOULD

would-be \wʊd-, be\ *adj* : desiring, professing, or having the potential to be (a ~ artist)

1 **wound** \ˈwʊnd\ *n* **1** : an injury involving cutting or breaking of bodily tissue (as by violence, accident, or surgery) **2** : an injury or hurt to feelings or reputation

2 **wound** *vb* : to inflict a wound to or in

3 **wound** \ˈwaʊnd\ *past and past part of WIND*

wove *past of WEAVE*

woven *past part of WEAVE*

1 **wow** \ˈwaʊ\ *n* : a striking success : HIT

2 **wow** *vb* : to arouse enthusiastic approval

3 **wow** *n* : a distortion in reproduced sound consisting of a slow rise and fall of pitch caused by speed variation in the reproducing system

WP *abbr* word processing; word processor

WPM *abbr* words per minute

wpn *abbr* weapon

1 **wrack** \ˈræk\ *n* **1** : a wrecked ship; *also* : WRECKAGE, WRECK **2** : sea vegetation (as kelp) *esp.* when cast up on the shore

2 **wrack** *n* [ME, fr. OE *wræc* misery, punishment, something driven by the sea] **1** : RUIN, DESTRUCTION **2** : a remnant of something destroyed

1 **wraith** \ˈræθ\ *n*, *pl wraiths* \ˈræθs, ˈræθz\ **1** : APPARITION; *also* : GHOST, SPECTER **2** : an insubstantial appearance : SHADOW

1 **wran-gle** \ˈræŋ-gəl\ *vb* **wran-gled**; **wran-gling** \-g(ə-)liŋ\ **1** : to quarrel angrily or peevishly : BICKER **2** : ARGUE **3** : to obtain by persistent arguing **4** : to herd and care for (livestock) on the range — **wran-gler** *n*

2 **wrangle** *n* : an angry, noisy, or prolonged dispute or quarrel; *also* : CONTROVERSY

1 **wrap** \ˈræp\ *vb* **wrapped**; **wrap-ping** **1** : to cover *esp.* by winding or folding **2** : to envelop and secure for transportation or storage : BUNDLE **3** : to enclose wholly : ENFOLD **4** : to coil, fold, draw, or twine about something **5** : SURROUND, ENVELOP; *also* : SUFFUSE **6** : INVOLVE, ENGROSS (*wrapped up* in a hobby) **7** : to conceal as if by enveloping or enfolding : HIDE **8** : to put on clothing : DRESS **9** : to be subject to covering or enclosing (~s up into a small package)

2 **wrap** *n* **1** : WRAPPER, WRAPPING **2** : an article of clothing that may be wrapped around a person; *esp.* : an outer garment (as a coat or shawl) **3** *pl* : SECRECY (kept under ~s)

wrap-around \ˈrap-ə-, raʊnd\ *n* : a garment (as a dress) made with a full-length opening and adjusted to the figure by wrapping around

wrap-per \ˈrap-ər\ *n* **1** : that in which something is wrapped **2** : one that wraps **3** : an article of clothing worn wrapped around the body

wrap-ping \ˈrap-iŋ\ *n* : something used to wrap an object : WRAPPER

wrap-up \ˈrap-əp\ *n* : a summarizing report

wrap up \ˈrap-əp\ *vb* **1** : SUMMARIZE, SUM UP **2** : to bring to a usu. successful conclusion

1 **wrasse** \ˈras\ *n* : any of various usu. brightly colored sea fishes including many food fishes

1 **wrath** \ˈræθ\ *n* **1** : violent anger : RAGE **2** : retributory punishment for an offense or a crime : divine chastisement *syn* indignation, ire, fury, anger

1 **wrath-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* **1** : filled with wrath : very angry **2**

: showing, marked by, or arising from anger — **wrath-ful-ly** \-ē *adv* — **wrath-ful-ness** *n*

wreak \ˈrɛk\ *vb* **1** : to exact as a punishment : **INFLECT** (∼ vengeance on an enemy) **2** : to give free scope or rein to (∼ed his wrath) **3** : **BRING ABOUT**, **CAUSE** (∼ havoc)

wreath \ˈrɛθ\ *n*, *pl* **wreaths** \ˈrɛθz, ˈrɛθs\ : something (as boughs or flowers) intertwined into a circular shape

wreath \ˈrɛθ\ *vb* **wreathed**; **wreath-ing** **1** : to shape or take on the shape of a wreath : move or extend in circles or spirals **2** : to twist or become twisted esp. so as to show folds or creases (a face *wreathed* in smiles) **3** : to fold or coil around : **ENTWINE**

1 **wreck** \ˈrɛk\ *n* **1** : something (as goods) cast up on the land by the sea after a shipwreck **2** : **SHIPWRECK** **3** : the action of breaking up or destroying something : **WRECK-ING** **4** : broken remains (as of a ship or vehicle after heavy damage) **5** : something disabled or in a state of ruin; *also* : an individual broken in health or strength

2 **wreck** *vb* **1** : **SHIPWRECK** **2** : to ruin or damage by breaking up : involve in disaster or ruin

wreck-age \ˈrɛk-ij\ *n* **1** : the act of wrecking : the state of being wrecked : **RUIN** **2** : the remains of a wreck

wreck-er \ˈrɛk-ər\ *n* **1** : one that searches for or works upon the wrecks of ships **2** : a truck equipped to remove disabled cars **3** : one that salvages junked automobile parts **4** : one that wrecks; *esp* : one that razes buildings

wren \ˈrɛn\ *n* : any of various small mostly brown singing birds with short wings and tail

1 **wrench** \ˈrɛnʃ\ *vb* **1** : to move with a violent twist **2** : to pull, strain, or tighten with violent twisting or force **3** : to injure or disable by a violent twisting or straining **4** : to change (as the meaning of a word) violently : **DISTORT** **5** : to snatch forcibly : **WREST** **6** : to cause to suffer mental anguish

2 **wrench** *n* **1** : a forcible twisting; *also* : an injury (as to one's ankle) by twisting **2** : a tool for holding, twisting, or turning an object (as a nut or bolt)

1 **wrest** \ˈrɛst\ *vb* **1** : to pull or move by a forcible twisting movement **2** : to gain with difficulty by or as if by force or violence (∼ a living from the barren land) (∼ control of government from the dictator)

2 **wrest** *n* : a forcible twist : **WRENCH**

1 **wrest-le** \ˈres-əl, ˈras-\ *vb* **wrest-led**; **wrest-ling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to scuffle with an opponent in an attempt to trip him or throw him down **2** : to contend against in wrestling **3** : to struggle for mastery (as with something difficult) (∼ with a problem) — **wrest-ler** \ˈres-lər, ˈras-\ *n*

2 **wrestle** *n* : the action or an instance of wrestling : **STRUGGLE**

wrest-ling \ˈres-lɪŋ\ *n* : the sport of hand-to-hand combat between two opponents who seek to throw and pin each other

wretch \ˈrɛtʃ\ *n* [ME *wrecche*, fr. OE *wrecca* outcast, exile] **1** : a miserable unhappy person **2** : a base, despicable, or vile person

wretch-ed \ˈrɛtʃ-əd\ *adj* **1** : deeply afflicted, dejected, or distressed : **MISERABLE** **2** : **WOEFUL**, **GRIEVOUS** (a ∼ accident) **3** : **DESPICABLE** (a ∼ trick) **4** : poor in quality or ability : **INFERIOR** (∼ workmanship) — **wretch-ed-ness** *n*

wrig-gle \ˈrɪg-əl\ *vb* **wrig-gled**; **wrig-gling** \-(ə-)lɪŋ\ **1** : to twist and turn restlessly : **SQUIRM** (*wriggled* in his chair); *also* : to move or advance by twisting and turning (a snake *wriggled* along the path) **2** : to extricate oneself or bring into a state or place by maneuvering, twisting, or dodging (∼ out of a difficulty) — **wriggle** *n*

wrig-gler \ˈrɪg-(ə-)lər\ *n* **1** : one that wriggles **2** : **WIGGLER** **1**

wring \ˈrɪŋ\ *vb* **wrung** \ˈrɛŋ\; **wring-ing** \ˈrɪŋ-ɪŋ\ **1** : to squeeze or twist esp. so as to make dry or to extract moisture or liquid (∼ clothes) **2** : to get by or as if by forcible exertion or pressure : **EXTORT** (∼ the truth out of him) **3** : to twist so as to strain or sprain : **CONTORT** (∼ his neck) **4** : to twist together as a sign of anguish

(*wrung* her hands) **5** : to affect painfully as if by wringing : **TORMENT** (her plight *wrung* my heart)

wring-er \ˈrɪŋ-ər\ *n* : one that wrings; *esp* : a device for squeezing out liquid or moisture (clothes ∼)

1 **wrin-kle** \ˈrɪŋ-kəl\ *n* **1** : a crease or small fold on a surface (as in the skin or in cloth) **2** : **METHOD**, **TECHNIQUE** **3** : **INNOVATION**, **NOVELTY** (the latest ∼ in hairdos) — **wrin-kly** \-k(ə-)lē\ *adj*

2 **wrinkle** *vb* **wrin-kled**; **wrin-king** \-k(ə-)lɪŋ\ : to develop or cause to develop wrinkles

wrist \ˈrɪst\ *n* : the joint or region between the hand and the arm; *also* : a corresponding part in a lower animal

wrist-band \ˈrɪs(t)-, -band\ *n* **1** : the part of a sleeve covering the wrist **2** : a band encircling the wrist

wrist-let \ˈrɪs(t)-lət\ *n* : a band encircling the wrist; *esp* : a close-fitting knitted band attached to the top of a glove or the end of a sleeve

wrist-watch \-, wäch\ *n* : a small watch attached to a bracelet or strap to fasten about the wrist

writ \ˈrɪt\ *n* **1** : something written **2** : a legal order in writing issued in the name of the sovereign power or in the name of a court or judicial authority commanding the performance or nonperformance of a specified act **3** : a written order constituting a symbol of the power and authority of the issuer

write \rɪt\ *vb* **wrote** \rōt\; **writ-ten** \ˈrɪt-n\ *also* **writ** \ˈrɪt\; **writ-ing** \ˈrɪt-ɪŋ\ [ME *writen*, fr. OE *writan* to scratch, draw, inscribe] **1** : to form characters, letters, or words on a surface (as with a pen) (learn to read and ∼) **2** : to form the letters or the words of (as on paper) : **INSCRIBE** (*wrote* his name) **3** : to put down on paper : give expression to in writing **4** : to make up and set down for others to read : **COMPOSE** (∼ music) **5** : to pen, typewrite, or dictate a letter to **6** : to communicate by letter : **CORRESPOND** **7** : to be fitted for writing (this pen ∼s easily)

writ-in \ˈrɪt-ɪn\ *n* : a vote cast by writing in the name of a candidate; *also* : a candidate whose name is written in

writ in \(ˈ)ɪt-ɪn\ *vb* : to insert (a name not listed on a ballot) in an appropriate space; *also* : to cast (a vote) in this manner

write off *vb* **1** : to reduce the estimated value of : **DEPRECIATE** **2** : **CANCEL** (*wrote off* a bad debt)

writ-er \ˈrɪt-ər\ *n* : one that writes esp. as a business or occupation : **AUTHOR**

writer's cramp *n* : a painful spasmodic cramp of muscles of the hand or fingers brought on by excessive writing

writ-e-up \ˈrɪt-, -əp\ *n* : a written account (as in a newspaper); *esp* : a flattering article

writhe \ˈrɪθ\ *vb* **writhe-d**; **writ-ing** **1** : to move or proceed with twists and turns (∼ in pain) **2** : to suffer with shame or confusion : **SQUIRM**

writ-ing \ˈrɪt-ɪŋ\ *n* **1** : the act of one that writes; *also* : **HANDWRITING** **2** : something (as a letter, book, or document) that is written or printed **3** : **INSCRIPTION** **4** : a style or form of composition **5** : the occupation of a writer

wrnt *abbr* warrant

1 **wrong** \ˈrɒŋ\ *n* **1** : an injurious, unfair, or unjust act **2** : a violation of the legal rights of another person **3** : something that is contrary to justice, goodness, equity, or law (know right from ∼) **4** : the state, position, or fact of being or doing wrong; *also* : the state of being guilty (in the ∼)

2 **wrong** *adj* **wrong-er** \ˈrɒŋ-ər\; **wrong-est** \ˈrɒŋ-əst\ **1** : **SINFUL**, **IMMORAL** **2** : not right according to a standard or code : **IMPROPER** **3** : **INCORRECT** (a ∼ solution) **4** : **UNSATISFACTORY** **5** : **UNSUITABLE**, **INAPPROPRIATE** **6** : constituting a surface that is considered the back, bottom, inside, or reverse of something (iron only on the ∼ side)

\əˈbʊt \əˈkɪtən \ərˈfʊðər \əˈʌʃ \əˈvɛɪʃ \əˈkɒt, kɑrt
 \əʊˈtɪŋ \tʃˈtʃɪn \etˈbeɪ \eɪˈeɪ \gɒ \ɪˈhɪt \vɪʃ \dʒ
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 \dʒˈfʊt \jˈet \zʰˈvɪʃən *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

of the fabric) **syn** false, erroneous, incorrect, inaccurate, untrue — **wrong-ly** *adv*

³**wrong** *adv* **1** : INCORRECTLY **2** : in a wrong direction, manner, position, or relation

⁴**wrong** *vb* **wronged**; **wrong-ing** \ˈrɒŋ-ɪŋ\ **1** : to do wrong to : INJURE, HARM **2** : to treat unjustly : DISHONOR, MALIGN **syn** oppress, persecute, aggrieve

wrong-do-er \ˈrɒŋ-ˈdū-ər\ *n* : a person who does wrong and esp. moral wrong — **wrong-do-ing** \-ˈdū-ɪŋ\ *n*

wrong-ful \ˈrɒŋ-fəl\ *adj* **1** : WRONG, UNJUST **2** : UNLAWFUL — **wrong-ful-ly** \-əl\ *adv* — **wrong-ful-ness** *n*

wrong-head-ed \ˈrɒŋ-ˈhed-əd\ *adj* : obstinately wrong : PERVERSE — **wrong-head-ed-ly** *adv* — **wrong-head-ed-ness** *n*

wrote *past of* WRITE

wroth \ˈrɒθ, ˈrɒθ\ *adj* : filled with wrath : ANGRY

wrought \ˈrɒt\ *adj* [ME, fr. pp. of *worken* to work] **1** : FASHIONED, FORMED (carefully ~ essays) **2** : ORNAMENTED **3** : beaten into shape by tools : HAMMERED (~ silver dishes) **4** : deeply stirred : EXCITED (gets easily ~ up over nothing)

wrought iron *n* : a commercial form of iron that contains less than 0.3 percent carbon and is tough, malleable, and relatively soft — **wrought-iron** *adj*

wrung *past and past part of* WRING

wry \ˈrɪ\ *adj* **wry-er** \ˈrɪ-(ə)r\; **wry-est** \ˈrɪ-əst\ **1** : having a bent or twisted shape (a ~ smile); *esp* : turned abnormally to one side : CONTORTED (a ~ neck) **2** : cleverly and often ironically humorous — **wry-ly** *adv* — **wry-ness** *n*

wry-neck \ˈrɪ-,nek\ *n* **1** : any of several birds related to the woodpeckers that have a peculiar manner of twisting the head and neck **2** : a disorder marked by a twisting of the neck and head

WSW *abbr* west-southwest

wt *abbr* weight

wurst \ˈwɜrst, ˈwɜrst\ *n* : SAUSAGE

WV or W Va *abbr* West Virginia

WW *abbr* World War

w/w *abbr* wall-to-wall

WY or Wyo *abbr* Wyoming

X

¹**x** \ˈeks\ *n*, *pl* **x's** or **xs** \ˈek-səz\ *often cap* **1** : the 24th letter of the English alphabet **2** : an unknown quantity

²**x** *vb* **x-ed** also **x'd** or **xed**; **x-ing** or **x'ing** : to cancel or obliterate with a series of x's — *usu.* used with *out*

³**x** *abbr*, *often cap* experimental

⁴**x** *symbol* **1** times (3 x 2 is 6) **2** by (a 3 x 5 index card) **3** *often cap* power of magnification

Xan-thip-pe \zan-ˈt(h)ɪp-ē\ or **Xan-tip-pe** \-ˈtɪp-ē\ *n* [Gk *Xanthippē*, shrewish wife of Socrates] : an ill-tempered woman

x-ax-is \ˈeks-,ak-səs\ *n* : the axis of a graph or a system of coordinates in a plane parallel to which abscissas are measured

X chromosome *n* : a sex chromosome that usually occurs paired in each female cell and single in each male cell in organisms (as human beings) in which the male normally has two unlike sex chromosomes

Xe *symbol* xenon

xe-bec \ˈzē-,bek\ *n* : a usu. 3-masted Mediterranean sailing ship with long overhanging bow and stern

xe-non \ˈzē-,nän, ˈzen-,än\ *n* [Gk, neut. of *xenos* strange] : a heavy gaseous chemical element occurring in minute quantities in air — *see* ELEMENT table

xe-no-pho-bia \zen-ə-ˈfō-bē-ə, ˈzēn-\ *n* : fear and hatred of strangers or foreigners or of what is strange or foreign — **xe-no-phobe** \zen-ə-,fōb, ˈzēn-\ *n*

xe-ric \ˈzɪr-ɪk, ˈzer-\ *adj* : low or deficient in moisture for the support of life

xe-rog-ra-phy \zə-ˈræg-rə-fē, ˈzɪr-ˈæg-\ *n* : a process for copying printed matter by the action of light on an electrically charged surface in which the latent image *usu.* is developed with powders — **xe-ro-graph-ic** \ˈzɪr-ə-ˈɡraf-ɪk\ *adj*

xe-ro-phyte \ˈzɪr-ə-,fɪt\ *n* : a plant adapted for growth with a limited water supply — **xe-ro-phyt-ic** \ˈzɪr-ə-ˈfɪt-ɪk\ *adj*

XL *abbr* **1** extra large **2** extra long

Xmas \ˈkris-məs also ˈeks-məs\ *n* [X (symbol for *Christ*, fr. the Gk letter chi (X), initial of *Christos* Christ) + *-mas* (in *Christmas*)] : CHRISTMAS

Xn *abbr* Christian

Xnty *abbr* Christianity

x-ra-di-a-tion \ˈeks-,rād-ē-ˈā-shən\ *n*, *often cap* **1** : exposure to X rays **2** : radiation consisting of X rays

x-ray \ˈeks-,rā\ *vb*, *often cap* : to examine, treat, or photograph with X rays

X ray \ˈeks-,rā\ *n* **1** : a radiation of the same nature as light rays but of extremely short wavelength that is generated by the striking of a stream of electrons against a metal surface in a vacuum and that is able to penetrate through various thicknesses of solids **2** : a photograph taken with X rays — **X-ray** *adj*

XS *abbr* extra small

xu \ˈsü\ *n*, *pl* **xu** — *see* *dong* at MONEY table

xy-lem \ˈzɪ-ləm, -ˈlēm\ *n* : woody tissue of higher plants that transports water and dissolved materials upward, functions also in support and storage, and lies central to the phloem

xy-lo-phone \ˈzɪ-lə-,fōn\ *n* [Gk *xylon* wood + *phōnē* voice, sound] : a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars graduated in length to produce the musical scale, supported on belts of straw or felt, and sounded by striking with two small wooden hammers — **xy-lo-phon-ist** \-ˈfō-nəst\ *n*

Y

¹**y** \ˈwɪl n, pl y's or ys \ˈwɪz/ *often cap* : the 25th letter of the English alphabet

²**y** *abbr* 1 yard 2 year

¹**Y** \ˈwɪl n : YMCA

²**Y** *symbol* yttrium

¹**-y** *also* **-ey** \ē/ *adj suffix* 1 : characterized by : full of (dirty) (clayey) 2 : having the character of : composed of (icy) 3 : like : like that of (homey) (wintry) (stogy) 4 : devoted to : addicted to : enthusiastic over (horsy) 5 : tending or inclined to (sleepy) (chatty) 6 : giving occasion for (specified) action (teary) 7 : performing (specified) action (curly) 8 : somewhat : rather : -ish (chilly) 9 : having (such) characteristics to a marked degree or in an affected or superficial way (Frenchy)

²**y** \ē/ *n suffix, pl -ies* 1 : state : condition : quality (beggary) 2 : activity, place of business, or goods dealt with (laundry) 3 : whole body or group (soldiery)

³**-y** *n suffix, pl -ies* : instance of a (specified) action (entreaty) (inquiry)

YA *abbr* young adult

¹**yacht** \ˈyāt/ *n* [obs. D *jaht*, fr. Middle Low German *jacht*, short for *jachtschiff*, lit., hunting ship] : any of various relatively small ships used for pleasure cruising or racing

²**yacht** *vb* : to race or cruise in a yacht

yacht-ing \-ɪŋ/ *n* : the action, fact, or pastime of racing or cruising in a yacht

yachts-man \ˈyāts-mən/ *n* : one who owns or sails a yacht
ya-hoo \ˈyā-hū, ˈyā-, n, pl **yahoos** [fr. *Yahoo* one of a race of brutes having the form of men in Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*] : a boorish, crass, or stupid person
Yah-weh \ˈyā-, wā/ *also* **Yah-veh** \-, vā/ *n* : the God of the Hebrews

¹**yak** \ˈyak/ *n, pl yaks* *also* **yak** : a large long-haired wild or domesticated ox of Tibet and adjacent Asian uplands



¹**yak**

²**yak** *also* **yack** \ˈyak/ *n* : persistent or voluble talk — **yak** *also* **yack** *vb*

yam \ˈyam/ *n* 1 : the edible starchy root of a twining vine that largely replaces the potato as food in the tropics; *also* : a plant distantly related to the lilies that produces yams 2 : a usu. deep orange sweet potato

yam-mer \ˈyam-ər/ *vb* **yam-mered**; **yam-mer-ing** \-(ə-)rɪŋ/ [alter. of ME *yomeren* to murmur, be sad, fr. OE *gēomrian*] 1 : WHIMPER 2 : CHATTER — **yammer** *n*

¹**yank** \ˈyank/ *n* : a strong sudden pull : JERK

²**yank** *vb* : to pull with a quick vigorous movement

Yank \ˈyank/ *n* : YANKEE

Yan-kee \ˈyan-kē/ *n* 1 : a native or inhabitant of New England; *also* : a native or inhabitant of the northern U.S. 2 : AMERICAN 2

yan-qui \ˈyān-kē/ *n, often cap* [Sp] : a citizen of the U.S. as distinguished from a Latin American

¹**yap** \ˈyap/ *vb* **yapped**; **yap-ping** 1 : BARK, YELP 2 : GAB

²**yap** *n* 1 : a quick sharp bark 2 : CHATTER

¹**yard** \ˈyārd/ *n* [ME, fr. OE *geard* enclosure, yard] 1 : a small enclosed area open to the sky and adjacent to a building 2 : the grounds of a building 3 : an enclosure for livestock 4 : an area set aside for a particular business or activity 5 : a system of railroad tracks for storing cars and making up trains

²**yard** *n* [ME *yarde*, fr. OE *gierd* twig, measure, yard] 1 — see WEIGHT table 2 : a long spar tapered toward the ends that supports and spreads the head of a sail

yard-age \-ij/ *n* : an aggregate number of yards; *also* : the length, extent, or volume of something as measured in yards

yard-arm \ˈyārd-, ārm/ *n* : either end of the yard of a square-rigged ship

yard-man \ˈyārd-mən, -, man/ *n* : a man employed in or about a yard

yard-master \-, mas-tər/ *n* : the person in charge of a railroad yard

yard-stick \ˈyārd-, stik/ *n* 1 : a graduated measuring stick three feet long 2 : a standard for making a critical judgment : CRITERION *syn* gauge, touchstone, benchmark, measure

yarn \ˈyārn/ *n* 1 : a continuous often plied strand composed of fibers or filaments and used in weaving and knitting to form cloth 2 : STORY; *esp* : a tall tale

yar-row \ˈyar-ə/ *n* : a strong-scented herb related to the daisies that has white or pink flowers in flat clusters

yaw \ˈyō/ *vb* : to deviate erratically from a course (the ship ~ed in the heavy seas) — **yaw** *n*

yawl \ˈyōl/ *n* : a 2-masted fore-and-aft rigged sailboat with the shorter mast aft of the rudder

¹**yawn** \ˈyōn/ *vb* : to open wide; *esp* : to open the mouth wide usu. as an involuntary reaction to fatigue or boredom — **yawn-er** *n*

²**yawn** *n* : a deep usu. involuntary intake of breath through the wide-open mouth

yawp *or* **yaup** \ˈyōp/ *vb* 1 : to make a raucous noise : SQUAWK 2 : CLAMOR, COMPLAIN — **yawp-er** *n*

yaws \ˈyōz/ *n pl* : an infectious tropical disease caused by a spirochete closely resembling the causative agent of syphilis

y-axis \ˈwɪ-, ak-səs/ *n* : the axis of a graph or a system of coordinates in a plane parallel to which the ordinates are measured

Yb *symbol* ytterbium

YB *abbr* yearbook

Y chromosome *n* : a sex chromosome that is characteristic of male zygotes and cells in species in which the male typically has two unlike sex chromosomes

yd *abbr* yard

¹**ye** \(*)yē/ *pron* YOU 1

²**ye** \yē, yə, or like THE/ *definite article, archaic* : THE — used by early printers to represent the manuscript word *þe* (the)

¹**yea** \ˈyā/ *adv* 1 : YES — used in oral voting 2 : INDEED, TRULY

²**yea** *n* : an affirmative vote; *also* : a person casting such a vote

year \ˈyɪər/ *n* 1 : the period of about 365¼ solar days required for one revolution of the earth around the sun 2 : a cycle of 365 or 366 days beginning with January 1; *also* : a calendar year specified usu. by a number 3 *pl* : a time of special significance (~s of plenty) 4 *pl* : AGE

\ə/abut \ə/kitten \ər/further \ə/ash \ə/ace \ə/cot, cart
\aʊ/out \tʃ/chin \e/bet \e/easy \g/go \i/hit \i/ice \j/job
\ŋ/sing \dɒ/go \dɒ/law \dɒ/boy \tʰ/thin \tʰ/the \dʌ/loot
\dʌ/foot \y/yet \zh/vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

(advanced in ~s) **5** : a period of time other than a calendar year (the school ~)

year-book \-,bük\ *n* 1 : a book published annually esp. as a report **2** : a school publication recording the history and activities of a graduating class

year-ling \yīər-līŋ, 'yər-lən\ *n* : one that is or is rated as a year old

year-long \yīər-lōŋ\ *adj* : lasting through a year

year-ly \yīər-lē\ *adj* : ANNUAL

yearly *adv* : every year

yearn \yērn\ *vb* **1** : to feel a longing or craving **2** : to feel tenderness or compassion *syn* long, pine, hanker, hunger, thirst

yearn-ing \-īŋ\ *n* : a tender or urgent longing

year-round \yīər-raund\ *adj* : effective, employed, or operating for the full year : not seasonal (a ~ resort)

yeast \yēst\ *n* **1** : a surface froth or a sediment in sugary liquids (as fruit juices) that consists largely of cells of a tiny fungus and is used in making alcoholic liquors and as a leaven in baking **2** : a commercial product containing yeast plants in a moist or dry medium **3** : any of various usu. one-celled fungi that reproduce by budding and promote alcoholic fermentation **4** : the foam of waves : SPUME **5** : something that causes ferment or activity

yeasty \yē-stē\ *adj* **yeast-ier**; **-est** **1** : of, relating to, or resembling yeast **2** : UNSETTLED **3** : full of vitality; *also* : FRIVOLOUS

yegg \yeg\ *n* : one that breaks open safes to steal; *also* : ROBBER

yell \yel\ *vb* : to utter a loud cry or scream : SHOUT

yell *n* **1** : shout **2** : a cheer used esp. to encourage an athletic team (as at a college)

yel-low \yel-ə\ *adj* **1** : of the color yellow **2** : having a yellow complexion or skin **3** : SENSATIONAL (~ journalism) **4** : COWARDLY — **yel-low-ish** \yel-ə-wish\ *adj*

yellow *n* **1** : a color between green and orange in the spectrum : the color of ripe lemons or sunflowers **2** : something yellow; *esp* : the yolk of an egg **3 pl** : any of several plant virus diseases marked by stunted growth and yellowing of foliage

yellow *vb* : to make or turn yellow

yellow birch *n* : a No. American birch with thin lustrous gray or yellow bark; *also* : its strong hard pale wood

yellow fever *n* : an acute destructive virus disease marked by prostration, jaundice, fever, and often hemorrhage and transmitted by a mosquito

yellow jack *n* : YELLOW FEVER

yellow jacket *n* : any of various small social wasps having the body barred with bright yellow

yelp \yelp\ *vb* [ME *yelpen* to boast, cry out, fr. OE *gīelpan* to boast, exult] : to utter a sharp quick shrill cry — **yelp** *n*

yen \yen\ *n*, *pl* **yen** — see MONEY table

yen *n* [obs. E slang *yen-yen* craving for opium, fr. Chin *in-yan*, fr. *in* opium + *yan* craving] : a strong desire : LONGING

yeo-man \yō-mən\ *n* **1** : an attendant or officer in a royal or noble household **2** : a naval petty officer who performs clerical duties **3** : a small farmer who cultivates his own land; *esp* : one of a class of English freeholders below the gentry

yeo-man-ry \yō-mən-rē\ *n* : the body of yeomen and *esp*. of small landed proprietors

-yer — see -ER

yer-ba ma-té \yer-bə-'mä-,tā\ *n* : MATÉ

yes \yes\ *adv* — used as a function word *esp*. to express assent or agreement or to introduce a more emphatic or explicit phrase

yes *n* : an affirmative reply

ye-shi-va or **ye-shi-vah** \yā-'shē-və\ *n*, *pl* **yeshivas** or **ye-shi-voth** \-,shē-'vōt(h)\ : a Jewish school *esp*. for religious instruction

yes-man \yes-,man\ *n* : a person who endorses uncritically every opinion or proposal of a superior

yes-ter-day \yes-tərd-ē\ *adv* **1** : on the day preceding today **2** : only a short time ago

yesterday *n* **1** : the day last past **2** : time not long past

yes-ter-year \yes-tər-,yīər\ *n* **1** : last year **2** : the recent past

yet (\)yet\ *adv* **1** : in addition : BESIDES; *also* : EVEN **2** : up to now; *also* : STILL **3** : so soon as now (not time to go ~) **4** : EVENTUALLY **5** : NEVERTHELESS, HOWEVER

yet *conj* : despite the fact that : BUT

ye-ti \yet-ē, 'yāt-ə\ *n* [Tibetan] : ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN

yew \yü\ *n* **1** : any of a genus of evergreen trees or shrubs with dark stiff poisonous needles and fleshy fruits **2** : the fine-grained wood of a yew; *esp* : that of an Old World yew

Yid-dish \yid-ish\ *n* [Yiddish *yidish*, short for *yidish daytsh*, lit., Jewish German] : a language derived from German and spoken by Jews *esp*. of eastern Europe — **Yiddish** *adj*

yield \yēld\ *vb* **1** : to give as fitting, owed, or required **2** : GIVE UP; *esp* : to give up possession of on claim or demand **3** : to bear as a natural product **4** : PRODUCE, SUPPLY **5** : to bring in : RETURN **6** : to give way (as to force or influence) **7** : to give place *syn* relinquish, cede, waive, surrender

yield *n* : something yielded; *esp* : the amount or quantity produced or returned

yield-ing \yēld-iŋ\ *adj* **1** : not rigid or stiff : FLEXIBLE **2** : SUBMISSIVE, COMPLIANT

YMCA \,wī-,em-(,)sē-'ā\ *n* : Young Men's Christian Association

YMHA \,wī-,em-,ā-'chā\ *n* : Young Men's Hebrew Association

YOB *abbr* year of birth

yo-del \yōd-əl\ *vb* **yo-deled** or **yo-delled**; **yo-del-ing** or **yo-del-ling** \yōd-(ə-)līŋ\ : to sing by suddenly changing from chest voice to falsetto and the reverse; *also* : to shout or call in this manner — **yodel** *n* — **yo-del-er** \yōd-(ə-)lər\ *n*

yo-ga \yō-gə\ *n* [Skt, lit., yoking, fr. *yunakti* he yokes] **1 cap** : a Hindu theistic philosophy teaching the suppression of all activity of body, mind, and will in order that the self may realize its distinction from them and attain liberation **2** : a system of exercises for attaining bodily or mental control and well-being

yo-gi \yō-gē\ *also* **yo-gin** \-gēn-, -gīn\ *n* **1** : a person who practices yoga **2 cap** : an adherent of Yoga philosophy

yo-gurt *also* **yo-ghurt** \yō-gərt\ *n* [Turk] : a soured slightly acid often flavored semisolid milk food made of skimmed cow's milk and milk solids to which cultures of bacteria have been added

yoke \yök\ *n*, *pl* **yokes** **1** : a wooden bar or frame by which two draft animals (as oxen) are coupled at the heads or necks for working together; *also* : a frame fitted to a person's shoulders to carry a load in two equal portions **2** : a clamp that embraces two parts to hold or unite them in position **3 pl usu** **yoke** : two animals yoked together **4** : SERVITUDE, BONDAGE **5** : TIE, LINK (the ~ of matrimony) **6** : a fitted or shaped piece *esp*. at the shoulder of a garment *syn* couple, pair, brace

yoke *vb* **yoked**; **yok-ing** **1** : to put a yoke on : couple with a yoke **2** : to attach a draft animal to (~ a plow) **3** : JOIN; *esp* : MARRY

yo-kel \yō-kəl\ *n* : BUMPKIN

yolk \yō(l)k\ *n* **1** : the yellow rounded inner mass of the egg of a bird or reptile **2** : the stored food material of an egg consisting chiefly of proteins, lecithin, and cholesterol — **yolked** \yō(l)kt\ *adj*

Yom Kip-pur \yōm-ki-'pūr, 'yām-, -'kip-ər\ *n* [Heb *yōm kippūr*, fr. *yōm* day + *kippūr* atonement] : a Jewish holiday observed in September or October with fasting and prayer as a day of atonement

yon \ˈyän\ *adj* : YONDER

yon adv 1 : YONDER 2 : THITHER (ran hither and ~)

yon-der \ˈyän-dər\ *adv* : at or to that place

yonder adj 1 : more distant (the ~ side of the river) 2 : being at a distance within view (~ hills)

yore \ˈyör\ *n* [ME, fr. *yore*, adv., long ago, fr. OE *geāra*, fr. *gēar* year] : time long past (in days of ~)

you (ˈ)yü, yə *pron* 1 : the person or persons addressed (~ are a nice person) (~ are nice people) 2 : ONE 2 (~ turn this knob to open it)

young \ˈyŋ\ *adj* **younger** \ˈyŋ-gər\; **youngest** \ˈyŋ-gəst\ 1 : being in the first or an early stage of life, growth, or development 2 : having little experience 3 : recently come into being 4 : YOUTHFUL 5 *cap* : belonging to or representing a new or revived usu. political group or movement — **young-ish** \ˈyŋ-ish\ *adj*

young n, pl young : young persons or lower animals

young-ling \ˈyŋ-liŋ\ *n* : one that is young — **youngling adj**

young-ster \-stər\ *n* 1 : a young person 2 : CHILD

your \yər, (ˈ)yür, (ˈ)yör\ *adj* : of or relating to you or yourself

yours \ˈyürz, ˈyörz\ *pron* : one or the ones belonging to you

your-self \yər-ˈself\ *pron, pl yourselves* \-ˈselvz\ : YOU — used reflexively, for emphasis, or in absolute constructions (you'll hurt ~) (do it ~) (~ a man, you should understand)

youth \ˈyüth\ *n, pl youths* \ˈyüthz, ˈyüths\ 1 : the period of life between childhood and maturity 2 : a young man; *also* : young persons 3 : YOUTHFULNESS

youth-ful \ˈyüth-fəl\ *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or appropriate to youth 2 : being young and not yet mature 3 : FRESH, VIGOROUS — **youth-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **youth-ful-ness n**

youth hostel n : HOSTEL 2

yowl \ˈyau\ *vb* : to utter a loud long mournful cry : WAIL — **yowl n**

yo-yo \ˈyō-(ˌ)yō\ *n, pl yo-yos* : a thick grooved double

disk with a string attached to its center which is made to fall and rise to the hand by unwinding and rewinding on the string

yr abbr 1 year 2 year

yrbk abbr yearbook

YT abbr Yukon Territory

yt-ter-bi-um \i-ˈtər-bē-əm\ *n* : a rare metallic chemical element — *see* ELEMENT table

yt-tri-um \i-trē-əm\ *n* : a rare metallic chemical element — *see* ELEMENT table

yu-an \ˈyü-ən, yü-ˈän\ *n, pl yuan* 1 — *see* MONEY table 2 : the dollar of the Republic of China (Taiwan)

yuc-ca \ˈyək-ə\ *n* : any of a genus of plants related to the lilies that grow in dry regions and have white cup-shaped flowers in erect clusters; *also* : the flower of this plant

yuck \ˈyək\ *interj* — used to express rejection or disgust **Yu-go-slav** \,yü-gō-ˈsläv, -ˈsläv\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Yugoslavia — **Yugoslav adj** — **Yu-go-sla-vi-an** \-ˈsläv-ē-ən\ *adj or n*

yule \ˈyül\ *n, often cap* : CHRISTMAS

Yule log n : a large log formerly put on the hearth on Christmas Eve as the foundation of the fire

yule-tide \ˈyül-,tīd\ *n, often cap* : CHRISTMASTIDE

yum-my \ˈyäm-ē\ *adj* **yum-mi-er; -est** : highly attractive or pleasing

yup-pie \ˈyöp-ē\ *n* [young urban professional + *-ie* (as in hippie)] : a young college-educated adult employed in a well-paying profession and living and working in or near a large city

yurt \ˈyürt\ *n* : a light round tent of skins or felt stretched over a lattice framework used by various nomadic tribes in Siberia, U.S.S.R.

YWCA \,wī-dəb-əl-yü-(ˌ)sē-ˈä\ *n* : Young Women's Christian Association

YWHA \-,ä-ˈchä\ *n* : Young Women's Hebrew Association

Z

z \zē\ *n, pl z's or zs often cap* : the 26th letter of the English alphabet

z abbr 1 zero 2 zone

Z symbol atomic number

Zach abbr Zacharias

Zach-a-ri-as \zak-ə-ˈrī-əs\ *n* — *see* BIBLE table

zaire \zä-ˈir, ˈzīr\ *n, pl zaires or zaire* — *see* MONEY table

Zair-ian \zä-ˈir-ē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Zaire — **Zairian adj**

Zam-bi-an \ˈzam-bē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Zambia — **Zambian adj**

za-ny \zä-nē\ *n, pl zanies* [It *zanni*, a traditional masked clown, fr. It (dial.) *Zanni*, nickname for *Giovanni* John] 1 : CLOWN, BUFFOON 2 : a silly or foolish person

zany adj za-ni-er; -est 1 : characteristic of a zany 2 : CRAZY, FOOLISH — **za-ni-ly** \zä-nē-lē, ˈzän-ˌlē\ *adv* — **za-ni-ness** \zä-nē-nəs\ *n*

zap \zəp\ *vb* **zapped; zap-ping** : DESTROY, KILL

zeal \zēl\ *n* : eager and ardent interest in the pursuit of something : FERVOR *syn* enthusiasm, passion, ardor

zeal-ot \zel-ət\ *n* : a zealous person; *esp* : a fanatical partisan *syn* enthusiast, bigot, fanatic

zeal-ous \zel-əs\ *adj* : filled with, characterized by, or due to zeal — **zeal-ous-ly adv** — **zeal-ous-ness n**

ze-bra \zē-brä\ *n, pl zebras also zebra* : any of several

African mammals related to the horse but conspicuously striped with black or brown and white or buff

ze-bu \zē-b(y)ü\ *n* : an Asian domesticated ox that differs from European cattle with which it crosses freely by a large fleshy hump over the shoulders and a loose skin with hanging folds

Zech abbr Zechariah

Zech-a-ri-ah \zek-ə-ˈrī-ə\ *n* — *see* BIBLE table

zed \zed\ *n, chiefly Brit* : the letter z

zeit-geist \tsīt-,gīst, ˈzīt-\ *n* [G, fr. *zeit* time + *geist* spirit] : the general intellectual, moral, and cultural state of an era

Zen \zen\ *n* : a Japanese Buddhist sect that teaches self-discipline, meditation, and attainment of enlightenment through direct intuitive insight

ze-na-na \zə-ˈnän-ə\ *n* : HAREM, SERAGLIO

ze-nith \zē-nəth\ *n* 1 : the point in the heavens directly overhead 2 : the highest point : ACME *syn* culmination, pinnacle, apex

ze-o-lite \zē-ə-,līt\ *n* : any of various feldsparlike silicates used as water softeners

\ə\about \ə\kitten \ər\farther \ə\ash \ä\ace \ä\cot, cart
\ə\out \ch\chin \ə\bet \ē\easy \g\go \i\hit \i\ice \j\job
\ŋ\sing \o\go \o\law \o\boy \th\thin \th\the \ü\loot
\ü\foot \y\yet \zh\vision *see also* Pronunciation Symbols page

Zeph *abbr* Zephaniah

Zeph-a-ni-ah \zef-ə-'nī-ə\ *n* — see BIBLE table

zeph-yr \zef-ər\ *n* 1 : a breeze from the west; *also* : a gentle breeze 2 : any of various lightweight fabrics and articles of clothing

zeph-pe-lin \zeph-(ə-)lən\ *n* [after Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin †1917 Ger. airship manufacturer] : a rigid airship consisting of a cylindrical trussed and covered frame

'ze-ro \zē-rō\ *n*, *pl* **zeros** *also* **zeroes** [deriv. of Ar *šifr*] 1 : the numerical symbol 0 2 : the number represented by the symbol 0 3 : the point at which the graduated degrees or measurements on a scale (as of a thermometer) begin 4 : the lowest point

²zero *adj* 1 : of, relating to, or being a zero 2 : having no magnitude or quantity 3 : ABSENT, LACKING; *esp* : having no modified inflectional form

³zero *vb* : TRAIN (~ in artillery on the crossroads)

zero hour *n* : the time at which an event (as a military operation) is scheduled to begin

zest \zest\ *n* 1 : a quality of enhancing enjoyment : PIQUANCY 2 : keen enjoyment : RELISH, GUSTO — **zest-ful** \-fəl\ *adj* — **zest-ful-ly** \-ē\ *adv* — **zest-ful-ness** *n*

'zig-zag \zig-,zag\ *n* : one of a series of short sharp turns, angles, or alterations in a course; *also* : something marked by such a series

²zigzag *adv* : in or by a zigzag path

³zigzag *adj* : having short sharp turns or angles

⁴zigzag *vb* **zig-zagged**; **zig-zag-ging** : to form into or proceed along a zigzag

zil-lion \zil-yən\ *n* : a large indeterminate number

Zim-ba-bwe-an \zim-'bāb-wē-ən\ *n* : a native or inhabitant of Zimbabwe — **Zimbabwean** *adj*

zinc \zɪŋk\ *n* : a bluish white crystalline metallic chemical element that is commonly found in minerals and is used *esp.* as a protective coating for iron and steel — see ELEMENT table

zinc ointment *n* : ZINC OXIDE OINTMENT

zinc oxide *n* : a white solid used as a pigment, in compounding rubber, and in ointments

zinc oxide ointment *n* : an ointment containing 20 percent of zinc oxide and used for skin disorders

zing \zɪŋ\ *n* 1 : a shrill humming noise 2 : VITALITY — **zing** *vb*

zing-er \zɪŋ-ər\ *n* 1 : a pointed witty remark or retort 2 : something causing or meant to cause interest, surprise, or shock

zin-nia \zɪn-ē-ə, zēn-yə\ *n* : any of a small genus of tropical American herbs related to the daisies and widely grown for their showy long-lasting flower heads

Zi-on \zi-ən\ *n* 1 : the Jewish people 2 : the Jewish homeland as a symbol of Judaism or of Jewish national aspiration 3 : HEAVEN 4 : UTOPIA

Zi-on-ism \zi-ə-,niz-əm\ *n* : an international movement orig. for the establishment of a Jewish national or religious community in Palestine and later for the support of modern Israel — **Zi-on-ist** \-nəst\ *adj* or *n*

'zip \zɪp\ *vb* **zipped**; **zip-ping** : to move or act with speed or vigor

²zip *n* 1 : a sudden sharp hissing sound 2 : ENERGY, VIM

³zip *vb* **zipped**; **zip-ping** : to close or open with a zipper **zip code** *n*, *often cap* **Z&I&P** [zone improvement plan] : a 5-digit number that identifies each postal delivery area in the U.S.

zip-per \zɪp-ər\ *n* : a fastener consisting of two rows of metal or plastic teeth on strips of tape and a sliding piece that closes an opening by drawing the teeth together

zip-py \zɪp-ē\ *adj* **zip-pi-er**; **-est** : BRISK, SNAPPY

zir-con \zər-,kən\ *n* : a zirconium-containing mineral several transparent varieties of which are used as gems

zir-co-ni-um \zər-'kō-nē-əm\ *n* : a corrosion-resistant metallic element with a high melting point that occurs

widely in combination and is used in alloys and ceramics — see ELEMENT table

zith-er \zɪθ-ər, zith-\ *n* : a musical instrument having 30 to 40 strings played with plectrum and fingers

zi-ti \zēt-ē\ *n*, *pl* **ziti** [It] : tubular pasta of medium size

zlo-ty \zlōt-ē\ *n*, *pl* **zlo-ty-s** \-ēz\ or **zloty** — see MONEY table

Zn symbol **zinc**

zo-di-ac \zōd-ē-,ak\ *n* [ME, fr. MF *zodiaque*, fr. L *zodiacus*, fr. Gk *zōdiakos*, fr. *zōidion* carved figure, sign of the zodiac, fr. dim. of *zōion* living being, figure] 1 : an imaginary belt in the heavens that encompasses the paths of most of the planets and that is divided into 12 constellations or signs 2 : a figure representing the signs of the zodiac and their symbols — **zo-di-a-cal** \zō-'dī-ə-kəl\ *adj*

zom-bi *also* **zom-bie** \zām-bē\ *n* 1 : the voodoo snake deity 2 : the supernatural power held in voodoo belief to enter into and reanimate a dead body

zon-al \zōn-əl\ *adj* : of, relating to, or having the form of a zone — **zon-al-ly** \-ē\ *adv*

'zone \zōn\ *n* [L *zona* belt, zone, fr. Gk *zōnē*] 1 : any of five great divisions of the earth's surface made according to latitude and temperature and including the torrid zone about the equator, the two temperate zones lying between the torrid zone and the polar circles, and the two frigid zones lying between the polar circles and the poles 2 *archaic* : GIRDLE, BELT 3 : an encircling band or girdle (a ~ of trees) 4 : an area or region set off or distinguished in some way from adjoining parts

²zone *vb* **zoned**; **zon-ing** 1 : ENCIRCLE 2 : to arrange in or mark off into zones; *esp* : to divide (as a city) into sections reserved for different purposes — **zo-na-tion** \zō-'nā-shən\ *n*

zonked \zāŋkt\ *adj* : being or acting as if under the influence of alcohol or a drug : HIGH

zoo \zū\ *n*, *pl* **zoos** : a zoological garden or collection of living animals usu. for public display

zoo-ge-og-ra-phy \zō-ə-jē-'āg-rə-fē\ *n* : a branch of biogeography concerned with the geographical distribution of animals — **zoo-ge-og-ra-pher** \-fər\ *n* — **zoo-geograph-ic** \-jē-ə-'graf-ik\ *also* **zoo-geo-graph-i-cal** \-i-kəl\ *adj*

zoo-keeper \zū-,kē-pər\ *n* : a person who keeps or cares for animals in a zoo

zool *abbr* zoological; zoology

zoological garden *n* : a garden or park where wild animals are kept for exhibition

zo-ol-o-gy \zō-'āl-ə-jē\ *n* : a branch of biology that deals with animals and the animal kingdom — **zo-o-log-i-cal** \zō-ə-'lāj-i-kəl\ *adj* — **zo-ol-o-gist** \zō-'āl-ə-jəst\ *n*

zoom \zūm\ *vb* 1 : to move with a loud hum or buzz 2 : to gain altitude quickly 3 : to focus a camera or microscope using a special lens that permits the apparent distance of the object to be varied — **zoom** *n*

zoom lens *n* : a camera lens in which the image size can be varied continuously while the image remains in focus

zoo-mor-phic \zō-ə-'mōr-fik\ *adj* 1 : having the form of an animal 2 : of, relating to, or being the representation of a deity in the form or with the attributes of an animal

zoo-plank-ton \zō-ə-'plāŋk-tən, -tān\ *n* : animal life of the plankton

zoo-spore \zō-ə-,spōr\ *n* : a motile spore

zoot suit \zūt-\ *n* : a flashy suit of extreme cut typically consisting of a thigh-length jacket with wide padded shoulders and trousers that are wide at the top and narrow at the bottom — **zoot-suit-er** \-i,süt-ər\ *n*

Zo-ro-as-tri-an-ism \zōr-ə-'was-trē-ə-,niz-əm\ *n* : a religion founded by the Persian prophet Zoroaster — **Zo-ro-as-tri-an** \-trē-ən\ *adj* or *n*

Zou-ave \zū-'āv\ *n* : a member of a French infantry unit orig. composed of Algerians wearing a brilliant uniform and conducting a quick spirited drill; *also* : a member of a military unit modeled on the Zouaves

zounds \ˈzaʊn(d)z\ *interj* [euphemism for *God's wounds*]
— used as a mild oath

zoy-sia \ˈzoi-shə, -zhə, -sē-ə, -zē-ə\ *n* : any of a genus of creeping perennial grasses having fine wiry leaves and including some used as lawn grasses

ZPG *abbr* zero population growth

Zr *symbol* zirconium

zucchet-to \zū-ˈket-ō, tsū-\ *n, pl -tos* [It] : a small round skullcap worn by Roman Catholic ecclesiastics

zucchini \zū-ˈkē-nē\ *n, pl -ni or -nis* [It] : a summer squash of bushy growth with smooth cylindrical dark green fruits; *also* : its fruit

Zulu \zū-,lū\ *n, pl Zulu or Zulus* : a member of a Bantu-speaking people of South Africa; *also* : a Bantu language of the Zulus

Zu-ni \ˈzū-nē\ or **Zu-ñi** \-nyē\ *n, pl Zuni or Zunis or Zuñi or Zuñis* : a member of an American Indian people of northeastern Arizona; *also* : the language of the Zuni people

zwie-back \ˈswē-bak, ˈswī-, ˈzwē-, ˈzwī-\ *n* [G, lit., twice baked, fr. *zwie-* twice + *backen* to bake] : a usu. sweetened bread that is baked and then sliced and toasted until dry and crisp

Zwing-li-an \ˈzwiŋ-(g)lē-ən, ˈzwɪŋ-\ *adj* : of or relating to the Swiss religious reformer Ulrich Zwingli or his teachings — **Zwinglian** *n*

zy-gote \ˈzi-,gōt\ *n* : a cell formed by the union of two sexual cells; *also* : the developing individual produced from such a cell — **zy-got-ic** \zi-ˈgät-ik\ *adj*

Common English Given Names

The following vocabulary presents given names that are most frequent in English use. The list is not exhaustive either of the names themselves or the variant spellings of those names which are entered. Compound or double names and surnames used as given names are not entered except in cases where long-continued or common use gives them an independent character.

Besides the pronunciations of the names, the list usually provides at least one of the following kinds of information at each entry: (1) etymology, indicating the language source but not the original form of the name, and (2) meaning where known or ascertainable with reasonable certainty.

Names of Men

Aar-on \ˈar-ən, ˈer-\ [Heb]
Abra-ham \ˈā-brə-,ham\ [Heb]
Ad-am \ˈad-əm\ [Heb] man
Ad-di-son \ˈad-ə-sən\ [fr. a surname]
Adolph \ˈad-,älf, ˈä-,dälf\ [Gmc] noble wolf, *i.e.*, noble hero
Adrian \ˈā-drē-ən\ [L] of Hadria, ancient town in central Italy
Al \əl\ *dim of* ALAN, ALBERT, *etc.*
Al-an \ˈal-ən\ [Celt]
Al-bert \ˈal-bərt\ [Gmc] illustrious through nobility
Al-den \ˈol-dən\ [OE] old friend
Al-ex \ˈal-iks\ or **Al-ec** \ˈal-ik\ *dim of* ALEXANDER
Al-ex-an-der \,al-ig-ˈzan-dər\ [Gk] a defender of men
Al-fred \ˈal-frəd, -fərd\ [OE] elf counsel, *i.e.*, good counsel
Al-len or **Al-lan** or **Al-lyn** \ˈal-ən\ *var of* ALAN
Al-ton \ˈolt-n, ˈalt-\ [prob. fr. a surname]
Al-va or **Al-vah** \ˈal-və\ [Heb]
Al-vin \ˈal-vən\ [Gmc]
Amos \ˈā-məs\ [Heb]
An-dre \ˈän-(,)drä\ [F] *var of* ANDREW
And-drew \ˈän-(,)drü\ [Gk] manly
And-y \ˈan-dē\ *dim of* ANDREW
An-ge-lo \ˈan-jə-,lə\ [It, fr. Gk] angel, messenger
An-gus \ˈan-gəs\ [Celt]
An-thony \ˈan(t)-thə-nē, chiefly Brit ˈan-tə-\ [L]
An-ton \ˈant-n, ˈan-,tän\ [G & Slav] *var of* ANTHONY
An-to-nio \ˈan-ˈtō-nē-,ō\ [It] *var of* ANTHONY
Ar-chi-bald \ˈär-cha-,böld, -böld\ [Gmc]
Ar-chie \ˈär-chē\ *dim of* ARCHIBALD
Ar-den \ˈärd-n\ [prob. fr. a surname]
Ar-len or **Ar-lin** \ˈär-lən\ [prob. fr. a surname]
Ar-lo \ˈär-(,)lə\
Ar-mand \ˈär-,mänd, -mänd\ [F] *var of* HERMAN
Ar-ne \ˈärn\ [Scand] eagle
Ar-nold \ˈärn-əld\ [Gmc] power of an eagle
Art \ˈärt\ *dim of* ARTHUR
Ar-thur \ˈär-thər\ [prob. L]
Au-brey \ˈo-brē\ [Gmc] elf ruler
Au-gust \ˈo-gəst\ [L] August, majestic
Aus-tin \ˈos-tən, ˈäs-\ *alter of* Augustine
Bailey \ˈbā-lē\ [fr. a surname]
Bar-clay \ˈbär-klē\ [fr. a surname]
Bar-net or **Bar-nett** \bär-ˈnet\ [fr. a surname]
Bar-ney \bär-nē\ *dim of* BERNARD
Bar-rett \ˈbar-ət\ [fr. a surname]
Bar-ry or **Bar-rie** \ˈbar-ē\ [Ir]
Bart \ˈbärt\ *dim of* Bartholomew
Bar-ton \ˈbärt-n\ [fr. a surname]
Bas-il \ˈbaz-əl, ˈbäs-, ˈbäs-\ [Gk] kingly, royal
Ben \ˈben\ or **Ben-nie** or **Ben-ny** \ˈben-ē\ *dim of* BENJAMIN

Ben-e-dict \ˈben-ə-,dikt\ [L] blessed
Ben-ja-min \ˈbenj-(ə-)mən\ [Heb] son of the right hand
Ben-nett \ˈben-ət\ [OF] *var of* BENEDICT
Ben-ton \ˈbent-n\ [fr. a surname]
Ber-nard \ˈbər-nərd, (,)bər-ˈnərd\ or **Bern-hard** \ˈbörn-,hərd\ [Gmc] bold as a bear
Ber-nie \ˈbər-nē\ *dim of* BERNARD
Bert or **Burt** \ˈbərt\ *dim of* BERTRAM, ALBERT, *etc.*
Ber-tram \ˈbər-trəm\ [Gmc] bright raven
Bill \ˈbil\ or **Bil-ly** or **Bil-lie** \ˈbil-ē\ *dim of* WILLIAM
Blaine \ˈblān\ [fr. a surname]
Blair \ˈbla(ə)r, ˈble(ə)r\ [fr. a surname]
Bob-by \ˈbāb-ē\ or **Bob** \ˈbāb\ *dim of* ROBERT
Bo-ris \ˈbör-əs, ˈbör-, ˈbär-\ [Russ]
Boyd \ˈboid\ [fr. a surname]
Brad-ford \ˈbrad-fərd\ [fr. a surname]
Brad-ley \ˈbrad-lē\ [fr. a surname]
Bran-don \ˈbran-dən\ [fr. a surname]
Bren-dan \ˈbren-dən\ [Celt]
Brent \ˈbrent\ [fr. a surname]
Brett or **Bret** \ˈbret\ [IrGael]
Bri-an or **Bry-an** \ˈbri-ən\ [Celt]
Brooks \ˈbrüks\ [fr. a surname]
Bruce \ˈbrüs\ [fr. a surname]
Bru-no \ˈbrü-(,)nō\ [It, fr. Gmc] brown
Bryce or **Brice** \ˈbris\ [fr. a surname]
Bud-dy \ˈbəd-ē\ [prob. alter. of *brother*]
Bu-ford \ˈbyü-fərd\ [fr. a surname]
Burke \ˈbärk\ [fr. a surname]
Bur-ton \ˈbərt-n\ [fr. a surname]
By-ron \ˈbi-rən\ [fr. a surname]
Cal-vin \ˈkal-vən\ [fr. a surname]
Cam-er-on \ˈkam-(ə-)rən\ [fr. a surname]
Carl \ˈkär-(ə)l\ *var of* KARL
Car-los \ˈkär-ləs, -lōs\ [Sp] *var of* CHARLES
Carl-ton or **Carle-ton** \ˈkär-(ə)l-tən, ˈkärlt-n\ [fr. a surname]
Car-lyle \kär-ˈli(ə)l, ˈkär-,\ [fr. a surname]
Car-men \ˈkär-mən\ [Sp, fr. L] song
Car-roll \ˈkar-əl\ [fr. a surname]
Car-son \ˈkärs-n\ [fr. a surname]
Car-ter \ˈkärt-ər\ [fr. a surname]
Cary or **Car-ey** \ˈka(ə)r-ē, ˈke(ə)r-ē\ [fr. a surname]
Ce-cil \ˈsē-səl, ˈses-əl\ [L]
Chad \ˈchad\ [Gmc]
Charles \ˈchär-(ə)lz\ [Gmc] man of the common people
Ches-ter \ˈches-tər\ [fr. a surname]
Chris \ˈkris\ *dim of* CHRISTOPHER
Chris-tian \ˈkris(h)-chən\ [Gk] Christian (the believer)
Chris-to-pher \ˈkris-tə-fər\ [Gk] Christ bearer
Clar-ence \ˈklar-ən(t)s\ [fr. the English dukedom]
Clark or **Clarke** \ˈklärk\ [fr. a surname]
Claude or **Claud** \ˈklōd\ [L]
Clay \ˈklā\ *dim of* CLAYTON

Clay-ton \ˈklāt-n\ [fr. a surname]
Clem \ˈklem\ *dim of* CLEMENT
Clement \ˈklem-ənt\ [L] mild, merciful
Clif-ford \ˈklif-ərd\ [fr. a surname]
Clif-ton \ˈklif-tən\ [fr. a surname]
Clint \ˈklint\ *dim of* CLINTON
Clin-ton \ˈklint-n\ [fr. a surname]
Clyde \ˈklīd\ [fr. a surname]
Cole \ˈkōl\ [fr. a surname]
Cōlin \ˈkāl-ən, ˈkō-lən\ or **Col-lin** \ˈkāl-ən\ *dim of* NICHOLAS
Con-rad \ˈkän-,rad, -rəd\ [Gmc] bold counsel
Con-stantine \ˈkän(t)-stən-,tēn, -,tin\ [L]
Cor-ey \ˈkór-ē\ [fr. a surname]
Cor-ne-lius \ˈkór-ˈnēl-yəs\ [L]
Craig \ˈkräg\ [fr. a surname]
Cur-tis \ˈkært-əs\ [OF] courteous
Cyr-il \ˈsir-əl\ [Gk] lordly
Cy-rus \ˈsī-rəs\ [OPer]

Dale \ˈdā(ə)l\ [fr. a surname]
Dal-las \ˈdal-əs\ [fr. a surname]
Dal-ton \ˈdólt-n\ [fr. a surname]
Dan \ˈdan\ [Heb] judge
Da-na \ˈdā-nə\ [fr. a surname]
Dan-iel \ˈdan-yəl also ˈdan-ī\ [Heb] God has judged
Dan-ny \ˈdan-ē\ *dim of* DANIEL
Dar-old \ˈdar-əld\ *perh alter of* DARRELL
Dar-rell or **Dar-rel** or **Dar-ryl** or **Dar-yl** \ˈdar-əl\ [fr. a surname]
Dar-win \ˈdär-wən\ [fr. a surname]
Dave \ˈdäv\ *dim of* DAVID
Da-vid \ˈdā-vəd\ [Heb] beloved
Da-vis \ˈdā-vəs\ [fr. a surname]
Dean or **Deane** \ˈdēn\ [fr. a surname]
De-la-no \ˈdel-ə-,nō\ [fr. a surname]
Del-bert \ˈdel-bərt\ *dim of* ADALBERT
Del-mar \ˈdel-mər, -mār\ or **Del-mer** \-mər\ [fr. a surname]
Den-nis or **Den-is** \ˈden-əs\ [OF, fr. Gk] belonging to Dionysus, god of wine
Den-ny \ˈden-ē\ *dim of* DENNIS
Dent-on \ˈdent-n\ [fr. a surname]
Der-ek \ˈder-ik\ [Middle Dutch, fr. Gmc] ruler of the people
Dew-ey \ˈd(y)ü-ē\ [fr. a surname]
De-witt \di-ˈwit\ [fr. a surname]
Dex-ter \ˈdek-stər\ [L] on the right hand, fortunate
Dick \ˈdik\ *dim of* RICHARD
Dirk \ˈdɜrk\ [Dutch] *var of* DEREK
Dom-i-nic or **Dom-i-nick** \ˈdām-ə-(,)nik\ [L] belonging to the Lord
Don or **Donn** \ˈdän\ *dim of* DONALD
Don-al \ˈdän-əl\ *var of* DONALD
Don-ald \ˈdän-ld\ [ScGael] world ruler
Don-nie \ˈdän-ē\ *dim of* DON
Don-o-van \ˈdän-ə-vən, ˈdən-\ [fr. a surname]
Doug \ˈdæg\ *dim of* DOUGLAS
Doug-las or **Doug-lass** \ˈdæg-ləs\ [fr. a surname]
Duane \dü-ˈän, ˈdwän\ [fr. a surname]
Dud-ley \ˈdad-lē\ [fr. a surname]
Dun-can \ˈdæg-kən\ [ScGael] brown head
Dur-ward \ˈdər-wərd\ [fr. a surname]
Dwayne or **Dwaine** \ˈdwän\ [fr. a surname]
Dwight \ˈdwīt\ [fr. a surname]
Dy-lan \ˈdil-ən\ [W]

Earl or **Earle** \ˈər-(ə)l\ [OE] warrior, noble
Ed \ˈed\ *dim of* EDWARD, EDGAR, etc.
Ed-die or **Ed-dy** \ˈed-ē\ *dim of* ED
Ed-gar \ˈed-gər\ [OE] spear of wealth
Ed-mund or **Ed-mond** \ˈed-mənd\ [OE] protector of wealth
Ed-son \ˈed-sən\ [fr. a surname]

Ed-ward \ˈed-wərd\ [OE] guardian of wealth
Ed-win \ˈed-wən\ [OE] friend of wealth
El-bert \ˈel-bərt\ *var of* ALBERT
Eli \ˈē-,li\ [Heb] high
El-i-as \i-ˈli-əs\ [Gk] *var of* Elijah
El-liott or **El-liot** or **El-liot** \ˈel-ē-ət, ˈel-yət\ [fr. a surname]
El-lis \ˈel-əs\ *var of* ELIAS
Ells-worth \ˈelz-(,)wərd\ [fr. a surname]
El-mer \ˈel-mər\ [fr. a surname]
El-mo \ˈel-(,)mō\ [It, fr. Gk] lovable
El-ton \ˈelt-n\ [fr. a surname]
El-vin \ˈel-vən\ [fr. a surname]
El-wood or **Ell-wood** \ˈel-,wüd\ [fr. a surname]
Em-man-u-el or **Eman-u-el** \i-ˈman-yə(-wə)l\ [Heb] God with us
Em-er-son \ˈem-ər-sən\ [fr. a surname]
Emil \ä-məl\ or **Emile** \ä-ˈmē(ə)l\ [L]
Em-mett \ˈem-ət\ [fr. a surname]
Em-ory or **Em-ery** \ˈem-(ə)-rē\ [Gmc]
Er-ic or **Er-ich** or **Er-ik** \ˈer-ik\ [Scand]
Er-nest or **Ear-nest** \ˈər-nəst\ [G] earnestness
Er-nie \ˈər-nē\ *dim of* ERNEST
Ernst \ˈərn(t)st, ˈe(ə)rn(t)st\ [G] *var of* ERNEST
Er-rol \ˈer-əl\ [prob. fr. a surname]
Ethan \ˈē-thən\ [Heb] strength
Eu-gene \yü-ˈjēn, ˈyü-, ˈg\ wellborn
Ev-an \ˈev-ən\ [W] *var of* JOHN
Ev-er-ett \ˈev-(ə)-rət\ [fr. a surname]

Fe-lix \ˈfē-lik\ [L] happy, prosperous
Fer-di-nand \ˈfərd-n-,and\ [Gmc]
Fer-nan-do \fər-ˈnan-(,)dō\ [Sp] *var of* FERDINAND
Fletch-er \ˈflech-ər\ [fr. a surname]
Floyd \ˈfloid\ [fr. a surname]
For-est or **For-est** \ˈfər-əst, ˈfär-\ [fr. a surname]
Fos-ter \ˈfös-tər, ˈfäs-\ [fr. a surname]
Fran-cis \ˈfran(t)-səs\ [OIt & OF] Frenchman
Fran-cis-co \fran-ˈsis-(,)kō\ [Sp] *var of* FRANCIS
Frank \ˈfrank\ [Gmc] freeman, Frank
Frank-lin or **Frank-lyn** \ˈfrak-klən\ [fr. a surname]
Fred \ˈfred\ *dim of* FREDERICK, ALFRED
Fred-die \ˈfred-ē\ *dim of* FREDERICK
Fred-er-ick or **Fred-er-ic** or **Fred-ric** or **Fred-ric** \ˈfred-(ə)-rik\ [Gmc] peaceful ruler
Free-man \ˈfrē-mən\ [fr. a surname]
Fritz \ˈfrits\ [G] *dim of* Friedrich

Ga-briel \ˈgä-brē-əl\ [Heb] man of God
Gar-land \ˈgär-lənd\ [fr. a surname]
Gar-rett \ˈgar-ət\ [fr. a surname]
Garth \ˈgärth\ [fr. a surname]
Gary \ˈgar-ē, ˈger-ē\ or **Gar-ry** \ˈgar-\ [prob. fr. a surname]
Gay-lord \ˈgä-,lō(ə)rd\ [fr. a surname]
Gene \ˈjēn\ *dim of* EUGENE
Geof-frey \ˈjef-rē\ [OF, fr. Gmc]
George \ˈjō(ə)rj\ [Gk] of or relating to a farmer
Ger-ald \ˈjer-əld\ [Gmc] spear dominion
Ger-ard \jə-ˈrärð, chieftly Brit ˈjer-,ärd, -ərd\ or **Ger-hard** \ˈge(ə)r-,härd\ [Gmc] strong with the spear
Ger-ry \ˈjer-ē\ *var of* JERRY
Gil-bert \ˈgil-bərt\ [Gmc] *prob* illustrious through hostages
Giles \ˈji(ə)lz\ [OF, fr. LL]
Glenn or **Glen** \ˈglen\ [fr. a surname]
Gor-don \ˈgórd-n\ [fr. a surname]
Gra-ham \ˈgrä-əm, ˈgra(ə)m\ [fr. a surname]
Grant \ˈgrant\ [fr. a surname]
Gran-ville \ˈgran-,vil\ [fr. a surname]
Gray \ˈgrä\ [fr. a surname]
Gregg or **Greg** \ˈgreg\ *dim of* GREGORY
Greg-ory \ˈgreg-(ə)-rē\ [LGk] vigilant
Gro-ver \ˈgrō-vər\ [fr. a surname]
Gus \ˈgəs\ *dim of* Gustav or Augustus

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Guy \ˈgi\ [OF, fr. Gmc]

Hal \ˈhal\ *dim of* HENRY

Hall \ˈhól\ [fr. a surname]

Ham-il-ton \ˈham-əl-tən, -əlt-ən\ [fr. a surname]

Hans \ˈhanz, ˈhän(t)s\ [G] *dim of* Johannes

Har-lan \ˈhär-lən\ or **Har-land** \-lənd\ [fr. a surname]

Har-ley \ˈhär-lē\ [fr. a surname]

Har-low \ˈhär-(ə)lō\ [fr. a surname]

Har-mon \ˈhär-mən\ [fr. a surname]

Har-old \ˈhär-əld\ [OE] army dominion

Har-ri-s \ˈhär-əs\ [fr. a surname]

Har-ri-son \ˈhär-ə-sən\ [fr. a surname]

Har-ry \ˈhär-ē\ *dim of* HENRY

Har-vey \ˈhär-vē\ [fr. a surname]

Hec-tor \ˈhek-tər\ [Gk] holding fast

Hel-mut \ˈhel-mət, -müt\ [G] helmet courage

Hen-ry \ˈhen-rē\ [Gmc] ruler of the home

Her-bert \ˈhər-bərt\ [Gmc] illustrious by reason of an army

Her-man or Her-mann \ˈhər-mən\ [Gmc] warrior

Her-schel or Her-shel \ˈhər-shəl\ [fr. a surname]

Hi-ram \ˈhī-rəm\ [Phoenician]

Ho-bart \ˈhō-bərt, -bärt\ [fr. a surname]

Hol-lis \ˈhāl-əs\ [fr. a surname]

Ho-mer \ˈhō-mər\ [Gk]

Hor-ace \ˈhór-əs, ˈhär-\ [L]

How-ard \ˈhau(-ə)rd\ [fr. a surname]

How-ell \ˈhau(-ə)l\ [W]

Hu-bert \ˈhyü-bərt\ [Gmc] bright in spirit

Hud-son \ˈhəd-sən\ [fr. a surname]

Hugh \ˈhyü\ or **Hu-go** \ˈhyü-(ə)gō\ [Gmc] *prob* mind, spirit

Ian \ˈē-ən\ [ScGael] *var of* JOHN

Ira \ˈi-rə\ [Heb]

Ir-ving \ˈər-viŋ\ or **Ir-vin** \-vən\ [fr. a surname]

Ir-win \ˈər-wən\ [fr. a surname]

Isaac \ˈi-zik, -zək\ [Heb] he laughs

Ivan \ˈi-vən\ [Russ] *var of* JOHN

Jack \ˈjak\ *dim of* JOHN

Jack-son \ˈjak-sən\ [fr. a surname]

Ja-cob \ˈjā-kəb, -kəp\ [Heb] one who supplants

Jacques or Jacque \ˈzhāk\ [F] *var of* JAMES

Jake \ˈjak\ *dim of* JACOB

James \ˈjāmz\ [OF, fr. LL *Jacobus*] *var of* JACOB

Ja-mie \ˈjā-mē\ *dim of* JAMES

Jan \ˈjan\ [Dutch & LG] *var of* JOHN

Jar-ed \ˈjar-əd, ˈjer-\ [Heb] descent

Ja-son \ˈjās-ən\ [Gk]

Jay \ˈjā\ [prob. fr. a surname]

Jed \ˈjed\ *dim of* Jedidiah

Jef-frey or Jeff-ery or Jef-fry \ˈjef-(ə)rē\ *var of* GEOFFREY

Jer-ald or Jer-old or Jer-oid \ˈjer-əld\ *var of* GERALD

Jer-e-my \ˈjer-ə-mē\ or **Jer-e-mi-ah** \ˈjer-ə-ˈmī-ə\ [Heb] *prob* Yahweh exalts

Je-rome \jə-ˈrōm, Brit also ˈjer-əm\ [Gk] bearing a holy name

Jer-ry or Jere \ˈjer-ē\ *dim of* GERALD

Jes-se \ˈjes-ē\ [Heb]

Jim \ˈjim\ or **Jim-my** or **Jim-mie** \ˈjim-ē\ *dim of* JAMES

Jo-dy \ˈjō-dē\ *perh alter of* JOSEPH

Joe \ˈjō\ *dim of* JOSEPH

Jo-el \ˈjō-əl\ [Heb] Yahweh is God

John \ˈjān\ [Heb] Yahweh is gracious

Jon \ˈjān\ *var of* JOHN

Jo-nah \ˈjō-nə\ [Heb]

Jon-a-than \ˈjān-ə-thən\ [Heb] Yahweh has given

Jor-dan \ˈjōrd-ən\ [fr. a surname]

Jo-seph or Jósef \ˈjō-zəf also -səf\ [Heb] he shall add

Josh-u-a \ˈjəsh-(ə)wə\ [Heb] Yahweh saves

Judd \ˈjʊd\ [fr. a surname]

Jud-son \ˈjʊd-sən\ [fr. a surname]

Jules \ˈjülz\ [F] *var of* JULIUS

Ju-lian or Ju-lien \ˈjül-yən\ [L] sprung from or belonging to Julius

Ju-lius \ˈjül-yəs\ or **Ju-lío** \-(ə)yō\ [L]

Jus-tin \ˈjəs-tən\ or **Jus-tus** \-təs\ [L] just

Karl \ˈkär-(ə)l\ [G & Scand] *var of* CHARLES

Keith \ˈkēth\ [fr. a surname]

Kel-ly \ˈkel-ē\ [fr. a surname]

Ken \ˈken\ *dim of* KENNETH

Ken-dall \ˈken-dəl\ [fr. a surname]

Ken-neth \ˈken-əth\ [ScGael]

Kent \ˈkent\ [prob. fr. a surname]

Ken-ton \ˈkent-ən\ [fr. a surname]

Ker-mit \ˈkər-mət\ [prob. fr. a surname]

Ker-ry \ˈker-ē\ [prob. fr. the county of Ireland]

Kevin \ˈkev-ən\ [OIr]

Kir-by \ˈkər-bē\ [fr. a surname]

Kirk \ˈkərk\ [fr. a surname]

Klaus \ˈklaüs, ˈklös\ [G] *dim of* Nikolaus

Kurt \ˈkərt, ˈkü(ə)rt\ [G] *dim of* CONRAD

Kyle \ˈkī(ə)l\ [Celt]

La-mar \lə-ˈmār\ [fr. a surname]

Lance \ˈlan(t)s\ *dim of* Lancelot

Lane \ˈlān\ [fr. a surname]

La-n-y \ˈlan-ē\ *prob dim of* LAWRENCE

Lar-ry \ˈlar-ē\ *dim of* LAWRENCE

Lars \ˈlärz\ [Sw] *var of* LAWRENCE

Law-rence or Lau-rence \ˈlör-ən(t)s, ˈlär-\ [L] of Lauren-tum, ancient city in central Italy

Lee or Leigh \ˈlē\ [fr. a surname]

Leigh-ton or Lay-ton \ˈlät-ən\ [fr. a surname]

Le-land \ˈlē-lənd\ [fr. a surname]

Len \ˈlen\ *dim of* LEONARD

Leo \ˈle-(ə)ō\ [L] lion

Le-on \ˈlē-,ən, -ən\ [Sp] *var of* LEO

Leon-ard \ˈlen-ərd\ [G] strong or brave as a lion

Le-roy \li-ˈrói, ˈlē-,\ [OF] royal

Les-lie \ˈles-lē, ˈlez-\ [fr. a surname]

Les-ter \ˈles-tər\ [fr. a surname]

Lew-is \ˈlü-əs\ *var of* LOUIS

Li-am \ˈlē-əm\ [Ir]

Lin-coln \ˈlɪŋ-kən\ [fr. a surname]

Li-o-nel \li-ən-əl, -ə-nel\ [OF] young lion

Lloyd or Loyd \ˈlōid\ [W] gray

Lo-gan \ˈlō-gən\ [fr. a surname]

Lon \ˈlän\ *dim of* Alonzo

Lon-nie or Lon-ny \ˈlän-ē\ *dim of* LON

Lo-ren \ˈlör-ən, ˈlör-\ *dim of* Lorenzo

Lou-ie \ˈlü-ē\ *var of* LOUIS

Lou-is or Lu-is \ˈlü-əs, ˈlü-ē\ [Gmc] famous warrior

Low-ell \ˈlō-əl\ [fr. a surname]

Lu-cian \ˈlü-shən\ [Gk]

Lud-wig \ˈlʊd-(ə)wig, ˈlud-\ [G] *var of* LOUIS

Luke \ˈlük\ [Gk] *prob dim of* Lucius

Lu-ther \ˈlü-thər\ [fr. a surname]

Lyle \ˈli(ə)l\ [fr. a surname]

Ly-man \ˈli-mən\ [fr. a surname]

Lynn \ˈlin\ [fr. a surname]

Mack or Mac \ˈmak\ [fr. surnames beginning with *Mc* or *Mac*, fr. Gael *mac* son]

Mal-colm \ˈmal-kəm\ [ScGael] servant of (St.) Columba

Man-fred \ˈman-frəd\ [Gmc] peace among men

Man-u-el \ˈman-yə(-wə)l\ [Sp & Pg] *var of* EMMANUEL

Mar-cus \ˈmār-kəs\ [L]

Ma-rio \ˈmār-ē-,ō\ [It] *var of* Marius

Mar-i-on \ˈmer-ē-on, ˈmar-\ [fr. a surname]

Mark or Marc \ˈmärk\ *var of* MARCUS

Mar-lin \ˈmār-lən\ [prob. fr. a surname]

Mar-shall or Mar-shal \ˈmār-shəl\ [fr. a surname]

Mart-in \ˈmārt-ən\ [LL] of Mars

Mar-vin \ˈmār-vən\ [prob. fr. a surname]
Ma-son \ˈmās-n\ [fr. a surname]
Matt \ˈmat\ *dim of* MATTHEW
Mat-thew \ˈmath-(ə)yü also ˈmath-(ə)ü\ [Heb] gift of Yah-weh
Mau-rice \ˈmór-əs, ˈmār-; mó-ˈrēs\ [LL] prob Moorish
Max \ˈmaks\ *dim of* Maximilian
Max-well \ˈmak-,swel-,swəl\ [fr. a surname]
May-nard \ˈmā-nərd\ [Gmc] bold in strength
Mel-ville \ˈmel-,vil\ [fr. a surname]
Mel-vin or **Mel-vyn** \ˈmel-vən\ [prob. fr. a surname]
Mer-edith \ˈmer-əd-əth\ [W]
Mer-le \ˈmər-(ə)l\ [F] blackbird
Mer-lin or **Mer-lyn** \ˈmər-lən\ [Celt]
Mer-rill \ˈmer-əl\ [fr. a surname]
Mi-chael \ˈmi-kəl\ [Heb] who is like God?
Mick-ey \ˈmik-ē\ *dim of* MICHAEL
Mike \ˈmik\ *dim of* MICHAEL
Mil-lan \ˈmi-lən\ [prob. fr. the city in Italy]
Miles or **Myles** \ˈmi(ə)lz\ [Gmc]
Mil-ford \ˈmil-fərd\ [fr. a surname]
Mil-lard \ˈmil-ərd, mil-ˈərd\ [fr. a surname]
Mi-lo \ˈmi-(ə)lō\ [prob. L]
Mil-ton \ˈmilt-n\ [fr. a surname]
Mitch-ell \ˈmich-əl\ [fr. a surname]
Mon-roe \ˈmən-ˈrō, ˈmən-,\ [fr. a surname]
Mon-te or **Mon-ty** \ˈmānt-ē\ *dim of* Montague
Mor-gan \ˈmór-gən\ [W] prob dweller on the sea
Mor-ris \ˈmór-əs, ˈmār-\ *var of* MAURICE
Mor-ton \ˈmórt-n\ [fr. a surname]
Mur-ray \ˈmər-ē, ˈmā-rē\ [fr. a surname]
My-ron \ˈmi-rən\ [Gk]

Na-than \nā-thən\ [Heb] given, gift
Na-than-iel \nə-ˈthan-yəl\ [Heb] gift of God
Ned \ˈned\ *dim of* EDWARD, EDWIN
Neil or **Neal** \ˈné(ə)l\ [Celt]
Nel-son \ˈnel-sən\ [fr. a surname]
Nev-ille \ˈnev-əl\ [fr. a surname]
Nev-in \ˈnev-ən\ [fr. a surname]
New-ell \ˈn(y)ü-əl\ [fr. a surname]
New-ton \ˈn(y)üt-n\ [fr. a surname]
Nich-o-las \ˈnik-(ə)lās\ [Gk] victorious among the people
Nick \ˈnik\ *dim of* NICHOLAS
Niles \ˈni(ə)lz\ [fr. a surname]
Nils \ˈnils, ˈnē(ə)ls\ [Scand]
No-ah \ˈnō-ə\ [Heb] rest
No-el \ˈnō-əl\ [F, fr. L] Christmas
No-lan \ˈnō-lən\ [fr. a surname]
Nor-man \ˈnór-mən\ [Gmc] Norseman, Norman
Nor-ris \ˈnór-əs, ˈnār-\ [fr. a surname]
Nor-ton \ˈnórt-n\ [fr. a surname]

Oliver \ˈäl-ə-vər\ [OF]
Ol-lie \ˈäl-ē\ *dim of* OLIVER
Or-lan-do \ór-ˈlan-(ə)dō\ [It] *var of* ROLAND
Or-rin \ór-en, ˈär-\ or **Or-in** or **Oren** \ór-, ˈär-, ˈör-\ [prob. fr. a surname]
Or-ville or **Or-val** \ór-vəl\ [prob. fr. a surname]
Os-car \ˈäs-kər\ [OE] spear of a deity
Otis \ˈót-əs\ [fr. a surname]
Otto \ˈät-(ə)dō\ [Gmc]
Ow-en \ˈō-en\ [OW]

Palm-er \ˈpām-ər, ˈpāl-mər\ [fr. a surname]
Par-ker \ˈpär-kər\ [fr. a surname]
Pat \ˈpat\ *dim of* PATRICK
Pat-rick \ˈpa-trik\ [L] patrician
Paul \ˈpól\ [L] little
Pe-dro \ˈpē-(ə)drō, ˈpā-\ [Sp] *var of* PETER
Per-cy \ˈpər-sē\ [fr. a surname]
Per-ry \ˈper-ē\ [fr. a surname]
Pete \ˈpēt\ *dim of* PETER

Pe-ter \ˈpēt-ər\ [Gk] rock
Phil \ˈfil\ *dim of* PHILIP
Phil-ip or **Phil-lip** \ˈfil-əp\ [Gk] lover of horses
Pierre \pē-ˈe(ə)r\ [F] *var of* PETER
Por-ter \ˈpórt-ər, ˈpórt-\ [fr. a surname]
Pres-ton \ˈpres-tən\ [fr. a surname]

Quen-tin \ˈkwent-n\ [LL] of or relating to the fifth

Ra-fa-el or **Ra-pha-el** \ˈraf-ē-əl, ˈrā-fē-\ [Heb] God has healed
Ra-leigh \ˈröl-ē, ˈrāl-\ [fr. a surname]
Ralph \ˈralf, Brit also ˈraf\ [Gmc] wolf in counsel
Ra-mon \rə-ˈmōn, ˈrā-mən\ [Sp] *var of* RAYMOND
Ran-dall or **Ran-dal** \ˈran-dəl\ *var of* RANDOLPH
Ran-dolph \ˈran-,dälf\ [Gmc] shield wolf
Ran-dy \ˈran-dē\ *dim of* RANDOLPH
Ray \ˈrā\ *dim of* RAYMOND
Ray-mond \ˈrā-mənd\ [Gmc] wise protection
Reed or **Reid** \ˈrēd\ [fr. a surname]
Reg-gie \ˈrej-ē\ *dim of* REGINALD
Reg-i-nald \ˈrej-ən-ld\ [Gmc] wise dominion
Re-gis \ˈrē-jəs\ [fr. a proper name]
Re-ne \ˈren-(ə)ā, rə-ˈnā, ˈrā-nē, ˈrē-nē\ [F, fr. L] reborn
Reu-ben or **Ru-ben** \ˈrū-bən\ [Heb]
Rex \ˈreks\ [L] king
Reyn-old \ˈren-ld\ *var of* REGINALD
Rich-ard \ˈrich-ərd\ [Gmc] strong in rule
Rob-ert \ˈrāb-ərt\ [Gmc] bright in fame
Ro-ber-to \rə-ˈbört-(ə)dō, rō-, -ˈbert-\ [Sp & It] *var of* ROBERT
Rob-in \ˈrāb-ən\ *dim of* ROBERT
Rod-er-ick \ˈräd-(ə)rik\ [Gmc] famous ruler
Rod-ney \ˈräd-nē\ [fr. a surname]
Rog-er or **Rodger** \ˈrāj-ər\ [Gmc] famous spear
Rog-ers \ˈrāj-ərz\ [fr. a surname]
Rol-land \ˈrō-lənd\ or **Rol-land** \ˈrāl-ənd\ or **Row-land** \ˈrō-lənd\ [Gmc] famous land
Rolf \ˈrālf\ *var of* RUDOLPH
Rol-lin \ˈrāl-ən\ *var of* ROLAND
Ron \ˈrān\ *dim of* RONALD
Ron-al \ˈrān-əl\ *var of* RONALD
Ron-ald \ˈrān-ld\ [ON] *var of* REGINALD
Ron-nie or **Ron-ny** \ˈrān-ē\ *dim of* RONALD
Ros-coe \ˈrās-(ə)kō, ˈrös-\ [fr. a surname]
Ross \ˈrós\ [fr. a surname]
Roy \ˈroi\ [ScGael]
Roy-al \ˈroi-(ə)\ [prob. fr. a surname]
Royce \ˈrois\ [fr. a surname]
Ru-dolph or **Ru-dolf** \ˈrū-,dälf\ [Gmc] famous wolf
Ru-dy \ˈrüd-ē\ *dim of* RUDOLPH
Ru-fus \ˈrū-fəs\ [L] red, red-haired
Ru-pert \ˈrū-pərt\ *var of* ROBERT
Russ-ell or **Rus-sel** \ˈrəs-əl\ [fr. a surname]
Ry-an \ˈri-ən\ [IrGael]

Sal-va-tore \ˈsal-və-,tō(ə)r, -ˈtō(ə)r; ˈsal-və-ˈtōr-ē, -ˈtōr-\ [It] savior
Sam \ˈsam\ *dim of* SAMUEL
Sam-my or **Sam-mie** \ˈsam-ē\ *dim of* SAM
Sam-u-el \ˈsam-yə-(wə)\ [Heb] name of God
San-ford \ˈsan-fərd\ [fr. a surname]
Saul \ˈsól\ [Heb] asked for
Scott \ˈskät\ [fr. a surname]
Sean \ˈshōn\ [Ir] *var of* JOHN
Seth \ˈseth\ [Heb]
Sey-mour \ˈsē-,mō(ə)r, -ˈmō(ə)r\ [fr. a surname]
Shel-by \ˈshel-bē\ [fr. a surname]
Shel-don \ˈshel-dən\ [fr. a surname]
Sher-i-dan \ˈsher-əd-n\ [fr. a surname]
Sher-man \ˈshər-mən\ [fr. a surname]
Sher-win \ˈshər-wən\ [fr. a surname]
Sher-wood \ˈshər-,wüd, ˈshe(ə)r-\ [fr. a surname]

Sid-ney or **Syd-ney** \ˈsɪd-nē\ [fr. a surname]
Sieg-fried \ˈsɪg-frēd, ˈsēg-\ [Gmc] victorious peace
Sig-mund \ˈsɪg-mʌnd\ [Gmc] victorious protection
Si-mon \ˈsɪ-mən\ [Heb]
Sol-o-mon \ˈsāl-ə-mən\ [Heb] peaceable
Spencer \ˈspen(t)-sər\ [fr. a surname]
Sta-cy or **Sta-cey** \ˈstā-sē\ [ML]
Stan \ˈstæn\ *dim of* STANLEY
Stan-ford \ˈstæn-fərd\ [fr. a surname]
Stan-ley \ˈstæn-lē\ [fr. a surname]
Stan-ton \ˈstænt-ən\ [fr. a surname]
Stefan \ˈstef-ən, -jən\ [Pol] *var of* STEPHEN
Stephen or **Steven** or **Stephan** \ˈstē-vən\ [Gk] crown
Ster-ling \ˈstər-lɪŋ\ [fr. a surname]
Steve \ˈstēv\ *dim of* STEVEN
Stu-art or **Stew-art** \ˈst(y)ü-ərt, ˈst(y)ü(-ə)rt\ [fr. a surname]
Syl-ves-ter \sɪl-ˈves-tər\ [L] woodsy, of the woods

Tay-lor \ˈtā-lər\ [fr. a surname]
Ted \ˈted\ or **Ted-dy** \ˈted-ē\ *dim of* EDWARD, THEODORE
Ter-ence or **Ter-rance** or **Ter-rence** \ˈter-ən(t)s\ [L]
Ter-rell or **Ter-rill** \ˈter-əl\ [fr. a surname]
Ter-ry \ˈter-ē\ *dim of* TERENCE
Thad \ˈθad\ *dim of* THADDEUS
Thad-de-us \ˈθad-ē-əs\ [Gk]
Theo-dore \ˈthē-ə-,dō(ə)r, -ɪdō(ə)r, -əd-ər\ [Gk] gift of God
Thom-as \ˈtām-əs\ [Aram] twin
Thur-man \ˈθər-mən\ [fr. a surname]
Tim \ˈtɪm\ *dim of* TIMOTHY
Tim-o-thy \ˈtɪm-ə-thē\ [Gk] revering God
To-by \ˈtō-bē\ *dim of* Tobias
Todd \ˈtād\ [prob. fr. a surname]
Tom \ˈtām\ or **Tom-my** or **Tom-mie** \ˈtām-ē\ *dim of* THOMAS
To-ny \ˈtō-nē\ *dim of* ANTHONY
Tra-cy \ˈtrā-sē\ [fr. a surname]
Travis \ˈtrav-əs\ [fr. a surname]
Trent \ˈtrent\ [fr. a surname]
Tre-vor \ˈtrev-ər\ [Celt]
Troy \ˈtrōi\ [prob. fr. a surname]
Tru-man \ˈtrū-mən\ [fr. a surname]
Tyler \ˈtɪ-lər\ [fr. a surname]
Ty-rone \ˈtɪ-rōn, tɪ-ˈ; tɪr-ˈōn\ [prob. fr. the county in Ireland]

Val \ˈval\ *dim of* Valentine
Van \ˈvan\ [fr. surnames beginning with *Van*, fr. Dutch *van of*]
Vance \ˈvan(t)s\ [fr. a surname]
Vaughn \ˈvɒn, ˈvæn\ [fr. a surname]
Verne or **Vern** \ˈvɜrn\ *prob alter of* VERNON
Ver-non \ˈvɜr-nən\ [prob. fr. a surname]
Vic-tor \ˈvik-tər\ [L] conqueror
Vin-cent \ˈvin(t)-sənt\ [LL] of or relating to the conquering one
Vir-gil \ˈvɜr-jəl\ [L]

Wade \ˈwād\ [fr. a surname]
Wal-lace or **Wal-lis** \ˈwāl-əs\ [fr. a surname]
Walt \ˈwɒlt\ *dim of* WALTER
Wal-ter \ˈwɒl-tər\ [Gmc] army of dominion
Wal-ton \ˈwɒlt-ən\ [fr. a surname]
Ward \ˈwɒ(ə)rɪd\ [fr. a surname]
War-ner \ˈwɔr-nər\ [fr. a surname]
War-ren \ˈwɔr-ən, ˈwār-\ [fr. a surname]
Wayne \ˈwān\ [fr. a surname]
Wel-don \ˈwel-dən\ [fr. a surname]
Wen-dell \ˈwen-dəl\ [fr. a surname]
Wer-ner \ˈwɜr-nər, ˈwe(ə)r-\ [Gmc] army of the Varini, a Germanic people
Wes-ley \ˈwes-lē also ˈwez-\ [fr. a surname]

Wil-bur or **Wil-ber** \ˈwɪl-bər\ [fr. a surname]
Wiley or **Wy-lie** \ˈwɪ-lē\ [fr. a surname]
Wil-ford \ˈwɪl-fərd\ [fr. a surname]
Wil-fred \ˈwɪl-frəd\ [OE] desired peace
Will \ˈwɪl\ or **Willie** \-ē\ *dim of* WILLIAM
Wil-lard \ˈwɪl-ərd\ [fr. a surname]
Wil-liam \ˈwɪl-jəm\ [Gmc] desired helmet
Wil-lis \ˈwɪl-əs\ [fr. a surname]
Wil-mer \ˈwɪl-mər\ [fr. a surname]
Wil-son \ˈwɪl-sən\ [fr. a surname]
Wil-ton \ˈwɪlt-ən\ [fr. a surname]
Win-field \ˈwɪn-fēld\ [fr. a surname]
Win-fred \ˈwɪn-frəd\ [OE] *prob* joyous peace
Win-ston \ˈwɪn(t)-stən\ [fr. a surname]
Win-ton \ˈwɪnt-ən\ [fr. a surname]
Wood-row \ˈwʊd-(j)rō\ [fr. a surname]
Wy-att \ˈwɪ-ət\ [fr. a surname]

Yale \ˈjā(ə)\ [fr. a surname]

Zach-a-ry \ˈzak-ə-rē\ *dim of* Zachariah
Zane \ˈzæn\ [fr. a surname]

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Ab-by \ˈab-ē\ *dim of* ABIGAIL
Ab-i-gail \ˈab-ə-,gāl\ [Heb] *prob* source of joy
Ada \ˈād-ə\ [Heb] *prob* ornament
Ad-di-son \ˈad-ə-sən\ [fr. a surname]
Ade-laide \ˈad-ɪ-,lād\ [Gmc] of noble rank
Adele \ə-ˈdel\ [Gmc] noble
Adri-enne \ˈā-drē-,ən, -ən\ [F] *fem of* ADRIEN
Ag-nes \ˈag-nəs\ [LL]
Ai-leen \ɪ-ˈlēn\ [IrGael] *var of* HELEN
Al-ber-ta \əl-ˈbɔrt-ə\ *fem of* ALBERT
Alex-an-dra \ˈæl-ɪg-ˈzan-drə\ [Gk] *fem of* ALEXANDER
Alex-is \ə-ˈlek-səs\ [Gk]
Alice or **Alyce** \ˈal-əs\ [OF] *var of* ADELAIDE
Ali-cia \ə-ˈlish-ə\ [ML] *var of* ADELAIDE
Al-i-son or **Al-lison** \ˈal-ə-sən\ [OF] *dim of* ALICE
Al-ma \ˈal-mə\ [L] nourishing, cherishing
Al-vā \ˈal-və\ [Sp. fr. L] white
Aman-da \ə-ˈman-də\ [L] worthy to be loved
Am-ber \ˈam-bər\ [E]
Amelia \ə-ˈmēl-yə\ [Gmc]
Amy \ˈā-mē\ [L] beloved
An-as-ta-sia \ˈan-ə-ˈstā-zh(ē)-ə\ [LGk] of the resurrection
Andrea \ˈan-drē-ə, an-ˈdrā-ə\ *fem of* ANDREW
An-gela \ˈan-jə-lə\ [It, fr. Gk] angel
Angel-i-ca \ˈan-ˈjel-i-kə\ *var of* ANGELA
An-geline \ˈan-jə-,lɪn, -lĕn\ *dim of* ANGELA
Ani-ta \ə-ˈnēt-ə\ [Sp] *dim of* ANN
Ann or **Anne** \ˈan\ or **An-na** \ˈan-ə\ [Heb] grace
An-na-belle \ˈan-ə-,bel\ *prob var of* MABEL
An-nette \ə-ˈnet, ə-\ or **An-netta** \-ˈnet-ə\ [F] *dim of* ANN
An-nie \ˈan-ē\ *dim of* ANN
Antoi-nette \ˈan-t(w)ə-ˈnet\ [F] *dim of* Antonia
April \ˈā-prəl\ [E] April (the month)
Ar-dell or **Ar-delle** \är-ˈdel\ *var of* ADELE
Ar-lene or **Ar-leen** or **Ar-line** \är-ˈlĕn\
Ash-ley \ˈash-lē\ [OE] ash-tree meadow
As-trid \ˈas-trəd\ [Scand] beautiful as a deity
Au-dra \ˈō-drə\ *var of* AUDREY
Au-drey \ˈō-drē\ [OE] noble strength

Ba-bette \ba-ˈbet\ [F] *dim of* ELIZABETH
Bar-bara \bär-b(ə)-rə\ [Gk] foreign

Be-atrice \bē-ə-trəs\ [It, fr. ML] she that makes happy
Becky \bek-ē\ *dim* of REBECCA
Ber-na-dette \,bər-nə-'det\ [F] *fem* of BERNARD
Ber-na-dine \bər-nə-,dēn\ *fem* of BERNARD
Ber-nice \,jəbər-'nēs, 'bər-nəs\ [Gk] bringing victory
Ber-tha \bər-thə\ [Gmc] bright
Ber-yl \ber-əl\ [Gk] beryl (the mineral)
Bes-sie \bes-ē\ *dim* of ELIZABETH
Beth \beth\ *dim* of ELIZABETH
Bet-sy or **Bet-sey** \bet-sē\ *dim* of ELIZABETH
Bet-ty or **Bet-te** or **Bet-tye** or **Bet-tie** \bet-ē\ *dim* of ELIZABETH
Beu-lah \byū-lə\ [Heb] married
Bev-er-ly or **Bev-er-ley** \bev-ər-lē\ [prob. fr. a surname]
Bil-lie \bil-ē\ *fem* of BILLY
Blair \ble(ə)r\ [fr. a surname]
Blake \blāk\ [fr. a surname]
Blanche \blanch\ [OF, fr. Gmc] white
Bob-bie \bāb-ē\ *dim* of ROBERTA
Bo-ni-ta \bə-'nēt-ə\ [Sp] pretty
Bon-nie \bān-ē\ [ME] pretty
Brandy \bran-dē\ [E]
Brenda \bren-də\ [Scand]
Bri-gitte \brij-ət, brə-'jit\ [G] *var* of Bridget
Brit-tany \brit-'n-ē\ [E]
Brooke \brūk\ [OE] brook

Cait-lin \kāt-lin\ [Ir] *var* of CATHERINE
Ca-mi-la \kə-'mil-ə\ [L] freeborn girl attendant at a sacrifice
Ca-mille \kə-'mē(ə)\ [F] *var* of CAMILLA
Can-da-ce \kan-dəs, kan-'dā-sē\ [Gk]
Car-la \kär-lə\ [It] *fem* of Carlo
Car-lene \kär-'lēn\ *var* of CARLA
Car-lot-ta \kär-'lāt-ə\ [It] *var* of CHARLOTTE
Car-men \kär-mən\ or **Car-mine** \kär-'mēn, 'kär-mən\ [Sp, fr. L] song
Car-ol or **Car-ole** or **Car-yl** \kar-əl\ *dim* of CAROLYN
Car-ol-yn \kar-ə-lən\ or **Car-ol-line** \-lən, -,lin\ [It] *fem* of CHARLES
Car-rie \kar-ē\ *dim* of CAROLINE
Cath-er-ine or **Cath-a-rine** \kath-(ə-)rən\ [LGk]
Cath-leen \kath-'lēn\ [IrGael] *var* of CATHERINE
Cath-ryn \kath-rən\ *var* of CATHERINE
Cathy or **Cath-ie** \kath-ē\ *dim* of CATHERINE
Cec-ile \sə-'sē(ə)\ *var* of CECILIA
Cec-ilia \sə-'sēl-yə, -'sil-ə\ or **Ce-ce-ilia** \-'sēl-ə\ [L] *fem* of CECIL
Ce-leste \sə-'lest\ [L] heavenly
Ce-lia \sēl-yə\ *dim* of CECILIA
Char-lene \shär-'lēn\ *fem* of CHARLES
Char-lotte \shär-lət\ [F] *fem* *dim* of CHARLES
Cher-ie \sher-ē\ [F] dear
Cher-ry \cher-ē\ [E] cherry
Cher-yl \cher-əl, 'sher-ə\ *prob* *var* of CHERRY
Chloe \klō-ē\ [Gk] young verdure
Chris-tie \kris-tē\ *dim* of CHRISTINE
Chris-tine \kris-'tēn\ or **Christi-na** \-'tē-nə\ [Gk] Christian
Cin-dy \sin-dē\ *dim* of LUCINDA
Claire or **Clare** \kla(ə)r, 'kle(ə)r\ *var* of CLARA
Clara \klar-ə\ [L] bright
Clar-ice \klar-əs, klə-'rēs\ *dim* of CLARA
Clau-dette \klō-'det\ [F] *fem* of CLAUDE
Clau-dia \klōd-ē-ə\ [L] *fem* of CLAUDE
Clau-dine \klō-'dēn\ [F] *fem* of CLAUDE
Cleo \klē-(,ə)\ *dim* of Cleopatra
Co-lette \kä-'let\ [OF] *fem* *dim* of NICHOLAS
Col-leen \kä-'lēn\ [IrGael] girl
Con-nie \kän-ē\ *dim* of CONSTANCE
Con-stance \kän(t)-stən(t)s\ [L] constancy
Cora \kōr-ə, 'kōr-ə\ [Gk] maiden
Cor-ey \kōr-ē\ [Ir]

Co-rinne or **Cor-rine** \kə-'rin, -'rēn\ [Gk] *dim* of CORA
Cor-ne-lia \kōr-'nēl-yə\ [L] *fem* of CORNELIUS
Court-ney \kō(ə)rt-nē, 'kō(ə)rt-ə\ [OE] of the court
Cryst-al \kris-təl\ [E]
Cyn-thia \sin(t)-thē-ə\ [Gk] she of Mount Cynthus on the island of Delos
Daisy \dā-zē\ [E] daisy
Dale \dā(ə)\ [E] valley
Da-na \dā-nə\ [fr. a surname]
Dani-elle \dān-'yel\ [F] *fem* of DANIEL
Daph-ne \daf-nē\ [Gk] laurel
Dar-la \där-lə\ [deriv. of *darling*]
Dar-lene \där-'lēn\ [deriv. of *darling*]
Dawn \dōn, 'dän\ [E] dawn
De-an-na \dē-'an-ə\ or **De-anne** \-'an\ *var* of DIANA
Deb-bie or **Deb-by** \deb-ē\ *dim* of DEBORAH
Deb-o-rah or **Deb-o-ra** \deb-(ə-)rə\ [Heb] bee
Deb-ra \deb-rə\ *var* of DEBORAH
Dee \dē\ *prob* *dim* of EDITH
Deir-dre \di(ə)r-drē, 'de(ə)r-ə\ [IrGael]
De-lia \dēl-yə\ [Gk] she of Delos (i.e. the goddess Artemis)
Del-la \del-ə\ *dim* of ADELAIDE, DELIA
Delo-res \də-'lör-əs, -'lör-ə\ *var* of DOLORES
De-na or **Dee-na** \dē-nə\ *dim* of GERALDINE
De-nise \də-'nēz, -'nēs\ [F] *fem* of DENIS
Di-ana or **Di-an-na** \di-'an-ə\ [L]
Diane or **Di-anne** or **Di-an** or **Di-ann** \dī-'an\ [F] *var* of DIANA
Di-na or **Di-nah** \dī-nə\ [Heb] judged
Dix-ie \dik-sē\ [E] *prob* Dixie (nickname for the southern states of the U.S.)
Dolo-res \də-'lör-əs, -'lör-ə\ [Sp, fr. L] sorrows (i.e. those of the Virgin Mary)
Don-na \dän-ə\ or **Do-na** \dän-ə, 'dō-nə\ [It, fr. L] lady
Do-ra \dōr-ə, 'dör-ə\ *dim* of THEODORA, Eudora
Dor-reen \dō-'rēn, dā-ə\ [IrGael]
Dor-is \dōr-əs, 'där-ə\ [Gk] *prob* Dorian (a member of an ancient Hellenic race)
Dor-o-thy \dōr-ə-thē, 'där-ə\ or **Dor-o-thea** \,dōr-ə-'thē-ə, 'där-ə\ [LGk] goddess of gifts
Dot-tie or **Dot-ty** \dāt-ē\ *dim* of DOROTHY
Edith or **Edythe** \ēd-əth\ [OE]
Ed-na \ved-nə\ [Aram]
Ed-wi-na \e-'dwē-nə, -'dwin-ə\ *fem* of EDWIN
Ef-fie \ef-ē\ *dim* of Euphemia
Ei-leen \i-'lēn\ [IrGael] *var* of HELEN
Elaine \i-'län\ [OF] *var* of HELEN
El-ea-nor or **El-i-nor** or **El-ea-nore** \el-ə-nər, -,nō(ə)r, -,nō(ə)r\ [OProv] *var* of HELEN
Ele-na \el-ə-nə, ə-'lē-nə\ [It] *var* of HELEN
Elise \ə-'lēz, -'lēs\ [F] *var* of ELIZABETH
Eliz-a-beth or **Elis-a-beth** \i-'liz-ə-both\ [Heb] God has sworn
El-la \el-ə\ [OF]
El-len or **El-lyn** \el-ən\ *var* of HELEN
El-o-ise \el-ə-,wēz, ,el-ə-'\ [OF, fr. Gmc]
El-sa \el-sə\ [G] *dim* of ELIZABETH
El-sie \el-sē\ *dim* of ELIZABETH
El-va \el-və\ [Gmc] elf
Em-i-ly or **Em-i-lie** \em-(ə-)lē\ [L] *fem* of EMIL
Em-ma \em-ə\ [Gmc] *var* of ERMA
Enid \ē-nəd\ [W]
Er-i-ka \er-i-kə\ *fem* of ERIC
Er-in \er-ən\ [IrGael]
Er-ma \ər-mə\ [Gmc]
Er-nes-tine \ər-nə-'stēn\ *fem* of ERNEST
Es-tel-le \e-'stel\ or **Es-tel-la** \e-'stel-ə\ [OProv, fr. L] star
Es-ther \es-tər\ [prob. fr. Per] *prob* star
Eth-el \eth-əl\ [OE] noble
Et-ta \et-ə\ *dim* of HENRIETTA

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Eu-ge-nia \yü-'jên-yə\ or **Eu-ge-nie** \-'jē-nē\ *fem of EU-GENE*

Eu-nice \yü-nəs\ [Gk] having (i.e. bringing) happy victory

Eva \ē-və\ *var of EVE*

Evan-ge-line \i-'van-jə-lən, -,lən, -,līn\ [Gk] bringing good news

Eve \ēv\ [Heb] life, living

Ev-e-lyn \ev-(ə)lən, chiefly Brit \ēv-\ [OF, fr. Gmc]

Faith \fāth\ [E] faith

Faye or Fay \fā\ *dim of FAITH*

Felice \fə-'lēs\ [L] happiness

Fern or Ferne \fərn\ [E] fern

Flo-ra \flōr-ə, 'flōr-\ [L] goddess of flowers

Flor-ence \flōr-ən(t)s, 'flār-\ [L] bloom, prosperity

Franc-es \fran(t)-səs, -səz\ *fem of FRANCIS*

Fran-cine \fran-'sēn\ [F] *prob dim of FRANCES*

Fred-a or Frieda \frēd-ə\ *dim of WINIFRED*

Fred-er-ic-ka or Fred-er-i-ca \,fred-(ə)'rē-kə, -'rik-ə\ *fem of FREDERICK*

Gail or Gayle or Gale \gā(ə)\ *dim of ABIGAIL*

Gay \gā\ [E] gay

Ge-ne-va \jə-'nē-və\ *var of GENEVIEVE*

Gen-e-vieve \jen-ə-,vēv\ [prob. fr. Celt]

George-ann \jōr-'jan\ [George + Ann]

Geor-gette \jōr-'jet\ *fem of GEORGE*

Geor-gia \jōr-jə\ *fem of GEORGE*

Geor-gina \jōr-'jē-nə\ *fem of GEORGE*

Ger-al-dine \jer-əl-,dēn\ *fem of GERALD*

Ger-trude \gər-,trüd\ [Gmc] spear strength

Gil-li-an \jil-ē-ən\ *var of JULIANA*

Ginger \jin-jər\ [E] ginger

Gis-ela \jə-'sel-ə, -'zel-\ [Gmc] pledge

Gis-elle \jə-'zel\ *var of GISELA*

Glad-ys \glad-əs\ [W]

Glen-da \glen-də\ *prob var of GLENNA*

Glen-na \glen-ə\ *fem of GLENN*

Glo-ria \glōr-ē-ə, 'glōr-\ [L] glory

Grace \grās\ [L] favor, grace

Greta \grēt-ə, 'gret-\ *dim of MARGARET*

Grethen \grech-ən\ [G] *dim of MARGARET*

Gwen \gwen\ *dim of GWENDOLYN*

Gwen-do-lyn \gwen-də-lən\ [W]

Han-nah \han-ə\ [Heb] *var of ANN*

Har-ri-et or Har-ri-ett or Har-ri-ette \har-ē-ət\ *var of HEN-RIETTA*

Hat-tie \hat-ē\ *dim of HARRIET*

Haz-el \hā-zəl\ [E] hazel

Heath-er \heth-ər\ [ME] heather (the shrub)

Hei-di \hid-ē\ [G] *dim of ADELAIDE*

He-laine \hə-'lān\ *var of HELEN*

Hen-ri-etta \,hen-rē-'et-ə\ [MF] *fem of HENRY*

He-lene \hə-'lēn\ [F] *var of HELEN*

Hel-ga \hel-gə\ [Scand] holy

Hen-ri-etta \,hen-rē-'et-ə\ [MF] *fem of HENRY*

Her-mine \hər-,mēn\ [G] *prob fem of HERMAN*

Hes-ter \hes-tər\ *var of ESTHER*

Hil-ary or Hil-la-ry \hil-ə-rē\ [L] cheerful

Hil-da \hil-də\ [OE] battle

Hil-de-gard or Hil-de-garde \hil-də-,gärd\ [Gmc] *prob bat-tle enclosure*

Hol-ly \hāl-ē\ [E] holly

Hope \hōp\ [E] hope

Ida \id-ə\ [Gmc]

Ilene \i-'lēn\ *var of EILEEN*

Imo-gene \im-ə-jēn, 'i-mə-\

Ina \i-nə\

Inez \i-'nez, 'i-nəz\ [Sp] *var of AGNES*

In-grid \in-grad\ [Scand] beautiful as Ing (an ancient Germanic god)

Irene \i-'rēn\ [Gk] peace

Iris \i-rəs\ [Gk] rainbow

Ir-ma \ər-mə\ *var of ERMA*

Is-a-bel or Is-a-belle \iz-ə-,bel\ [OProv] *var of ELIZABETH*

Jack-ie or Jacky \jak-ē\ *dim of JACQUELINE*

Jac-que-line or Jac-que-lyn or Jac-que-lin \jak-(w)ə-lən, -,lən\ [OF] *fem of JACOB*

Ja-mie \jā-mē\ *fem of JAMES*

Jan \jan\ *dim of JANET*

Jane or Jayne \jān\ [OF] *var of JOAN*

Ja-net or Ja-nette \jan-ət, jə-'net\ *dim of JANE*

Ja-nice \jan-əs, jə-'nēs\ or **Jan-is** \jan-əs\ *prob dim of JANE*

Ja-nie \jā-nē\ *dim of JANE*

Jean or Jeanne \jēn\ [OF] *var of JOAN*

Jea-nette or Jean-nette \jə-'net\ [F] *dim of JEANNE*

Jean-nie or Jean-ie \jē-nē\ *dim of JEAN*

Jean-nine or Jea-nine \jə-'nēn\ [F] *dim of JEANNE*

Jen-nie or Jen-ny \jen-ē\ *dim of JANE*

Jen-nifer \jen-ə-fər\ [Celt]

Jer-al-dine \jer-əl-,dēn\ *var of GERALDINE*

Jer-i-lyn \jer-ə-lən\ *var of GERALDINE*

Jer-ry or Jeri or Jer-rie \jer-ē\ *dim of GERALDINE*

Jes-sica \jes-i-kə\ [prob. Heb]

Jess-ie \jes-ē\ [Sc] *dim of JANET*

Jew-el or Jew-ell \ju-(ə)l, 'jü-(ə)l\ [E] jewel

Jill \jil\ *dim of JULIANA*

Jo \jō\ *dim of JOSEPHINE*

Joan or Joann or Joanne \jō-(ə)n, jə-'an\ [Gk] *fem of JOHN*

Jo-an-na \jō-'an-ə\ or **Jo-han-na** \-(h)an-ə\ *var of JOAN*

Joc-e-lyn \jäs-(ə)lən\ [OF, fr. Gmc]

Jo-dy or Jo-die \jō-dē\ *alter of JUDITH*

Jo-lene \jō-'lēn\ *prob dim of JO*

Jo-se-phine \jō-zə-,fēn also 'jō-sə-\ *fem of JOSEPH*

Joy \joi\ [E] joy

Joyce \jois\ [OF]

Jua-ni-ta \wā-'nēt-ə\ [Sp] *fem dim of JOHN*

Ju-dith \jüd-əth\ [Heb] Jewess

Ju-dy or Ju-di or Jud-ie \jüd-ē\ *dim of JUDITH*

Julia \jül-yə\ [L] *fem of JULIUS*

Julia-na \jü-lē-'an-ə\ [LL] *fem of JULIAN*

Julia-nne or Juli-ann \jü-lē-'an, jül-'yan\ *var of JULIANA*

Ju-lie \jü-lē\ [MF] *var of JULIA*

Ju-liet \jül-yət, -ē-,et, -ē-ət; jül-ē-'et, jül-'yet, 'jül-,yet\ [It] *dim of JULIA*

June \jün\ [E] June (the month)

Jus-tine \jəs-'tēn\ [F] *fem of JUSTIN*

Ka-ra \kär-ə, 'kar-ə\ *var of CATHERINE*

Kar-en or Kar-in or Kaa-ren \kar-ən, 'kär-\ [Scand] *var of CATHERINE*

Kar-la \kär-lə\ *var of CARLA*

Kar-ol \kar-əl\ *var of CAROL*

Kar-o-lyn \kar-ə-lən\ *var of CAROLYN*

Kate \kät\ *dim of CATHERINE*

Kath-er-ine or Kath-a-rine or Kath-ryn \kath-(ə)rən\ *var of CATHERINE*

Kath-leen \kath-'lēn\ [IrGael] *var of CATHERINE*

Kathy \kath-ē\ *dim of CATHERINE*

Ka-tie \kät-ē\ *dim of KATE*

Kay or Kaye \kā\ *dim of CATHERINE*

Kel-ly \kel-ē\ [fr. a surname]

Ker-ry \ker-ē\ [prob. fr. the county of Ireland]

Kim \kim\ *prob dim of KIMBERLY*

Kim-ber-ly \kim-bər-lē\ [OE]

Kit-ty \kit-ē\ *dim of CATHERINE*

Kris-tin \kris-tən\ [Scand] *var of CHRISTINE*

Kris-tine \kris-'tēn\ *var of CHRISTINE*

La-na \lan-ə, 'län-ə, 'lä-nə\

Lau-ra \lōr-ə, 'lär-\ [ML] *prob fem dim of LAWRENCE*

Laurel \lōr-əl, 'lär-\ [E] laurel

Lau-ren \lór-ən, 'lär-ə\ *var of LAURA*
Lau-rie \lór-ē, 'lär-ə\ *dim of LAURA*
La-verne or **La-vern** \lə-'vɜrn\
Le-ah \lê-ə\ [Heb] *prob wild cow*
Le-anne \lê-'an\ [prob. fr. *Lee* + *Ann*]
Lee \lê\ [fr. a surname]
Leigh \lê\ *var of LEE*
Leila or **Leila** \lê-lə\ [Per] *dark as night*
Le-lia \lêl-yə\ [L]
Le-na \lê-nə\ [G] *dim of HELENA, Magdalena*
Le-nore \lê-'nò(ə)r, -'nò(ə)r\ or **Le-no-ra** \lə-'nòr-ə, -'nòr-ə\ *var of LEONORA*
Le-o-na \lê-'ò-nə\ *fem of LEON*
Le-o-no-ra \lê-ə-'nòr-ə, -'nòr-ə\ *var of ELEANOR*
Les-lie or **Les-ley** \les-lê also 'lez-ə\ [fr. a surname]
Les-ti-tia \li-'tish-ə, -'tê-shə\ [L] *gladness*
Lib-by \lib-ē\ *dim of ELIZABETH*
Li-la \li-lə\ *var of LEILA*
Lil-li-an \lil-yən, 'lil-ē-ən\ *prob dim of ELIZABETH*
Lil-lie \lil-ē\ *dim of LILLIAN*
Lily \lil-ē\ [E] *lily*
Lin-da or **Lyn-da** \lin-də\ *dim of MELINDA, Belinda*
Lind-sey or **Lind-say** \lin-zē\ [OE] *linden isle*
Li-sa \li-zə, 'lê-ə\ *dim of ELIZABETH*
Lo-is \lò-əs\ [Gk]
Lo-la \lò-lə\ [Sp] *dim of DOLORES*
Lon-na \län-ə\ *fem of LON*
Lo-ra \lór-ə, 'lór-ə\ *var of LAURA*
Lo-re-lei \lór-ə, 'li, 'lór-ə\ [G]
Lo-re-ne \lò-'rén\ *dim of LORA*
Lo-ret-ta \lə-'ret-ə, lò-ə\ [ML] *var of Lauretta*
Lo-ri \lór-ē, 'lór-ə\ *var of LAURA*
Lo-r-na \lór-nə\
Lor-raine or **Lo-raine** \lə-'rán, lò-ə\ [prob. fr. *Lorraine*, region in northeast France]
Lou \lù\ *dim of LOUISE*
Louise \lù-'éz\ or **Lou-i-sa** \-'ê-zə\ *fem of LOUIS*
Lu-an-ne \lù-'an\ [Lu- + *Anne*]
Lu-cille or **Lu-cile** \lù-'sê(ə)\ [L] *prob dim of LUCIA*
Lu-cin-da \lù-'sin-də\ [L] *var of LUCY*
Lu-cre-tia \lù-'krê-shə\ [L]
Lu-cy \lù-'sê\ or **Lu-cia** \lù-shə\ [L] *fem of Lucius*
Lu-el-la \lù-'el-ə\ [prob. fr. *Lou* (dim. of *Louise*) + *Ella*]
Ly-dia \lid-ē-ə\ [Gk] *woman of Lydia, ancient country in Asia Minor*
Lyn-nette \lə-'net\ [W]
Lynne or **Lynn** \lin\ *dim of CAROLYN, JACQUELYN, etc.*

Ma-bel \mā-bəl\ [L] *lovable*
Mac-ken-zie \mə-'ken-zē\ [fr. a surname]
Mad-e-line or **Mad-e-leine** or **Mad-e-lyn** \mad-əl-ən\ [Gk] *woman of Magdala, ancient town in northern Palestine*
Madge \maj\ *dim of MARGARET*
Mal-lory \mal-(ə)rē\ [fr. a surname]
Ma-mie \mā-mē\ *dim of MARGARET*
Ma-ra \mār-ə\ *var of MARY*
Mar-cel-la \mār-'sel-ə\ [L] *fem of Marcellus*
Mar-cia \mār-shə\ [L] *fem of MARCUS*
Mar-ga-ret \mār-g(ə)rət\ [Gk] *pearl*
Mar-gery \mār-j(ə)rē\ [OF] *var of MARGARET*
Mar-gie \mār-jē\ *dim of MARGARET*
Mar-go \mār-(j)gō\ *var of MARGOT*
Mar-got \mār-(j)gō, -gət\ *dim of MARGARET*
Mar-gue-rite \mār-g(y)ə-'rēt\ [OF] *var of MARGARET*
Ma-ria \mə-'rê-ə also -'rî-ə\ *var of MARY*
Mar-ian \mer-ē-ən, 'mar-ə\ *var of MARIANNE*
Mari-ianne \mer-ē-'an, 'mar-ə\ or **Mari-an-na** \-'an-ə\ [F] *dim of MARY*
Ma-rie \mə-'rê\ [OF] *var of MARY*
Mari-et-ta \mer-ē-'et-ə, 'mar-ə\ *dim of MARY*
Mari-lee \mer-ə-(j)lē, 'mar-ə\ [prob. fr. *Mary* + *Lee*]
Mari-lyn or **Mari-lynn** or **Mar-y-lyn** \mer-ə-lən, 'mar-ə\ [prob. fr. *Mary* + -lyn]

Ma-ri-na \mə-'rê-nə\ [LGk]
Mar-ion \mer-ē-ən, 'mar-ə\ *dim of MARY*
Mar-jo-rie or **Mar-jory** \mār-j(ə)rē\ *var of MARGERIE*
Mar-la \mār-lə\ *prob dim of MARLENE*
Mar-lene \mār-'lên-(ə), -'lā-nə\ [G] *dim of Magdalene*
Mar-lyn \mār-lən\ *prob var of MARLENE*
Mar-sha \mār-shə\ *var of MARCIA*
Mar-ta \mārt-ə\ [It] *var of MARTHA*
Mar-tha \mār-thə\ [Aram] *lady*
Mar-va \mār-və\ *prob fem of MARVIN*
Mary \me(ə)r-ē, 'mā-rē\ [Gk, fr. Heb]
Mary-ann or **Mary-anne** \mer-ē-'an, 'mā-rē-ə\ [Mary + *Ann*]
Mary-ellen \mer-ē-'el-ən, 'mā-rē-ə\ [Mary + *Ellen*]
Mar-y-lyn \mer-ə-lən, 'mar-ə\ *var of MARILYN*
Maude \mòd\ [OF] *var of Matilda*
Mau-reen or **Mau-rine** \mò-'rên\ [Ir] *dim of MARY*
Max-ine \mak-'sên\ [F] *fem dim of Maximilian*
May or **Mae** \mā\ *dim of MARY*
Me-gan \meg-ən, 'mê-gən\ [Ir]
Mel-a-nie \mel-ə-nē\ [Gk] *blackness*
Mel-ba \mel-bə\ [E] *woman of Melbourne, Australia*
Me-lin-da \mə-'lin-də\ *prob alter of Belinda*
Me-lis-sa \mə-'lis-ə\ [Gk] *bee*
Mel-va \mel-və\ *prob fem of MELVIN*
Mer-edith \mer-əd-əth\ [W]
Mer-le \mər-(ə)\ [F] *blackbird*
Mer-ri-ly \mer-ə-lē\ *alter of MARILEE*
Mer-ry \mer-ē\ [E] *merry*
Mia \mê-ə\ [It]
Mi-chele or **Mi-chelle** \mi-'shel\ [F] *fem of MICHAEL*
Mil-dred \mil-drəd\ [OE] *gentle strength*
Mil-li-cent \mil-ə-sənt\ [Gmc]
Mil-lie \mil-ē\ *dim of MILDRED*
Min-nie \min-ē\ [Sc] *dim of MARY*
Mir-an-da \mə-'ran-də\ [L] *admirable*
Miri-iam \mir-ē-əm\ [Heb] *var of MARY*
Mit-zi \mit-sē\ *prob dim of MARGARET*
Mol-ly or **Mol-lie** \māl-ē\ *dim of MARY*
Mo-na \mò-nə\ [IrGael]
Mon-i-ca \mān-i-kə\ [LL]
Mu-ri-el \myūr-ē-əl\ [prob. Celt]
My-ra \mi-rə\
Myr-na \mər-nə\
Myr-tle \mər-tl-ə\ [Gk] *myrtle*

Na-dine \nā-'dên, nə-ə\ [F, fr. Russ] *hope*
Nan \nan\ *dim of ANN*
Nan-cy \nan(t)-sē\ *dim of ANN*
Nan-nette or **Na-nette** \na-'net, nə-ə\ [F] *dim of ANN*
Na-o-mi \nā-'ò-mē\ [Heb] *pleasant*
Nat-a-lie \nat-əl-ē\ [LL] *of or relating to Christmas*
Nel-lie \nel-ē\ or **Nell** \nel\ *dim of ELLEN, HELEN, ELEANOR*
Net-tie \net-ē\ [Sc] *dim of JANET*
Ni-cole \nê-'kòl\ [F] *fem of NICHOLAS*
Ni-na \nê-nə\ [Russ] *dim of ANN*
Ni-ta \nêt-ə\ [Sp] *dim of JUANITA*
No-na \nò-nə\ [L] *ninth*
No-ra \nòr-ə, 'nòr-ə\ *dim of LEONORA, ELEANOR, Honora*
No-reen \nò-'rên\ [IrGael] *dim of NORA*
Nor-ma \nòr-mə\ [It]

Ol-ga \äl-gə, 'öl-ə\ [Russ] *var of HELGA*
Olive \äl-iv, -əv\ or **O-liv-ia** \ə-'liv-ē-ə, ò-ə\ [L] *olive*
Opal \ò-pəl\ [E] *opal*

Pam \pam\ *dim of PAMELA*
Pa-me-la \pam-ə-lə; pə-'mê-lə, pa-ə\
Pa-tri-cia \pə-'trish-ə, -'trê-shə\ [L] *fem of PATRICK*
Pat-sy \pat-sē\ *dim of PATRICIA*
Pat-ty or **Pat-ti** or **Pat-tie** \pat-ē\ *dim of PATRICIA*
Paul-a \pò-lə\ [L] *fem of PAUL*
Paul-ette \pò-'let\ *fem dim of PAUL*

Pauline \pó-'lën\ *fem dim of PAUL*

Pearl \'pɔr-(ə)\ [E] pearl

Peggy \'peg-ē\ *dim of MARGARET*

Penelope \pə-'nel-ə-pē\ [Gk]

Pen-ny \'pen-ē\ *dim of PENELOPE*

Phoebe \'fē-bē\ [Gk] shining

Phyllis \'fil-əs\ [Gk] green leaf

Polly \'pāl-ē\ *dim of MARY*

Portia \'pōr-shə, 'pōr-\ [L]

Priscilla \prə-'sil-ə\ [L]

Prudence \'prūd-n(t)s\ [E] prudence

Rachel \'rā-čəl\ [Heb] ewe

Rae \'rā\ *dim of RACHEL*

Ramona \rə-'mō-nə\ [Sp] *fem of RAMON*

Reba \'rē-bə\ *dim of REBECCA*

Rebecca \ri-'bek-ə\ [Heb]

Regina \ri-'jē-nə, -'ji-\ [L] queen

Reene \rə-'nā, 'ren-(j)ā, 'rā-nē, 'rē-nē\ [F] reborn

Rhea \'rē-ə\ [Gk]

Rhoda \'rōd-ə\ [Gk] rose

Riata \'rēt-ə\ [It] *dim of MARGARET*

Robert \rə-'bɔrt-ə, rō-\ *fem of ROBERT*

Robin or **Robyn** \'rāb-ən\ [E] robin

Rochelle \rō-'shel\ [prob. fr. a surname]

Rona or **Rhona** \'rō-nə\

Ronda \'rān-də\ *var of Rhonda*

Ronnie \'rān-ē\ *dim of VERONICA*

Rosalie \'rō-zə-(j)lē, 'rāz-ə\ [L] festival of roses

Rosalind \'rāz-(ə)lænd, 'rō-zə-lænd\ [Sp]

Rose \'rōz\ or **Rosa** \'rō-zə\ [L] rose

Roseanne \'rō-'zan\ [*Rose + Anne*]

Rosemary \'rōz-,mer-ē\ or **Rosemarie** \,rōz-mə-'rē\ [E]

Rosetta \rō-'zet-ə\ *dim of ROSE*

Roslyn \'rāz-lən\ or **Rosalyn** or **Roselyn** \'rāz-(ə)lən, 'rō-zə-lən\ *var of ROSALIND*

Rosema \rə-'wē-nə\ [perh. fr. OE]

Roxanne \rāk-'san\ [OPer]

Ruby \'rū-bē\ [E] ruby

Ruth \'rūth\ [Heb]

Ruthann \rū-'than\ [*Ruth + Ann*]

Sabra \'sā-brə\ *dim of Sabra*

Sadie \'sād-ē\ *dim of SARA*

Sally or **Sallie** \'sal-ē\ *dim of SARA*

Samantha \sə-'man-thə\ [Aram]

Sandra \'san-drə, 'sān-\ *dim of ALEXANDRA*

Sandy \'san-dē\ *dim of ALEXANDRA*

Sarah or **Sara** \'ser-ə, 'sar-ə, 'sā-rə\ [Heb] princess

Sarahlee \'ser-ə-(j)lē, 'sar-\ [prob. fr. *Sara + Lee*]

Saundra \'sōn-drə, 'sān-\ *var of SANDRA*

Selma \'sel-mə\ [Sw] *fem dim of Anselm*

Shari \'sha-(ə)r-ē, 'she-(ə)r-\ *dim of SHARON*

Shardene \shār-'lën\ *var of CHARLENE*

Sharon or **Shar-ron** \'shar-ən, 'sher-\ [Heb]

Sheila \'shē-lə\ [IrGael] *var of CECILIA*

Sheila \'shēl-yə\ *var of SHEILA*

Shelley \'shel-ē\ [fr. a surname]

Sherill or **Sher-yl** \'sher-əl\ [prob. fr. a surname]

Sher-ry or **Sher-rie** or **Sheri** \'sher-ē\

Shirley \'shɔr-lē\ [fr. a surname]

Sigrid \'sig-rəd\ [Scand] beautiful as victory

Sondra \'sān-drə\ *var of SANDRA*

Sonia or **So-nya** or **So-nja** \'sō-nyə, 'sò-\ [Russ] *dim of SOPHIA*

Sophia \sə-'fē-ə, -'fi-\ or **So-phia** \'sō-fē\ [Gk] wisdom

Stacy or **Stacey** \'stā-sē\ *dim of ANASTASIA*

Stella \'stel-ə\ [L] star

Stephanie \'stef-ə-nē\ *fem of STEPHEN*

Sue \'sü\ or **Susie** \'sü-zē\ *dim of SUSAN*

Suzellen \sü-'el-ən\ [*Sue + Ellen*]

Susan or **Suzan** \'süz-n\ *dim of SUSANNA*

Susanna or **Su-san-nah** \sü-'zan-ə\ [Heb] lily

Suzanne or **Su-sanne** or **Su-zann** \sü-'zan\ [F] *var of SUSAN*

Sybil \'sib-əl\ [Gk] sibyl

Sylvia \'sil-vē-ə\ [L] she of the forest

Tamara \tə-'mar-ə\ [prob. fr. Georgian (language of the Soviet republic of Georgia)]

Tanya \tan-yə\ [Russ] *dim of TATIANA*

Tara \'tār-ə\ [IrGael]

Tatiana \,tāt-ē-'ān-ə\ [Russ]

Theresa \tə-'rē-sə\ *var of THERESA*

Terry or **Terri** \'ter-ē\ *dim of THERESA*

Thelma \'thel-mə\

Theodora \,thē-ə-'dör-ə, -'dör-\ [LGk] *fem of THEODORE*

Theresa or **Terresa** \tə-'rē-sə\ [LL]

Theresa \tə-'rēs\ *var of THERESA*

Tiffany \'tif-ə-nē\ [Gk]

Tina \'tē-nə\ *dim of CHRISTINA*

Toby \'tō-bē\

Toni \'tō-nē\ *dim of Antonia*

Tracy \'trā-sē\ [fr. a surname]

Trudy \'trüd-ē\ *dim of GERTRUDE*

Ursula \'ɔr-sə-lə\ [LL] little she-bear

Valerie \'val-ə-rē\ [L] *prob strong*

Vanesa \və-'nes-ə\

Velma \'vel-mə\

Veira \'vir-ə\ [Russ] faith

Verna \'vɔr-nə\ *prob fem of VERNON*

Vernice \və-'rān-i-kə\ [LL]

Vicki or **Vicky** or **Vickie** \'vik-ē\ *dim of VICTORIA*

Victoria \vik-'tōr-ē-ə, -'tōr-\ [L] victory

Vida \'vēd-ə, 'vid-\ *fem dim of DAVID*

Violeta \vī-'ō-lə, vē-'ō-, 'vī-ə, 'vē-ə-\ [L] violet

Violet \'vī-ə-lət\ [OF, fr. L] violet

Virginia \vɔr-'jin-yə, -'jin-ē-ə\ [L]

Vivian \'viv-ē-ən\ [LL]

Wanda \'wān-də\ [Pol]

Wendy \'wen-dē\

Whitney \'hwit-nē, 'wit-\ [OE]

Wil-da \'wil-də\ *var of WILLA*

Will-a \'wil-ə\ or **Willie** \'wil-ē\ *prob fem dim of WILLIAM*

Wilma \'wil-mə\ *prob fem dim of WILLIAM*

Winifred \'win-ə-frəd\ [W]

Yvette \i-'vet\ [F]

Yvonne \i-'vān\ [F]

Zelda \'zel-də\ *dim of Griselda*

Foreign Words and Phrases

ab-eunt stu-dia in mo-res \äb-e-,ünt-¹stüd-ē-,ä-,in-¹mō-,räs\ [L] : practices zealously pursued pass into habits
à bien-tôt \ä-byä-tō\ [F] : so long : farewell
ab in-cu-na-bu-lis \äb-,iŋ-kä-¹näb-ə-,lēs\ [L] : from the cradle : from infancy
à bon chat, bon rat \ä-bō-¹shä- bō-¹rä\ [F] : to a good cat, a good rat : retaliation in kind
à bouche ou-verte \ä-bü-shü-vert\ [F] : with open mouth : eagerly : uncritically
ab ovo us-que ad ma-la \äb-¹ō-vō-,üs-kwe-,äd-¹mäl-ä\ [L] : from egg to apples : from soup to nuts : from beginning to end
à bras ou-verts \ä-brä-zü-ver\ [F] : with open arms : cordially
ab-sit in-vi-dia \äb-,sit-in-¹wid-ē-,ä\ [L] : let there be no envy or ill will
ab uno dis-ce om-nes \äb-¹ü-nō-,dis-ke-¹öm-,näs\ [L] : from one learn to know all
ab ur-be con-di-ta \äb-¹ür-be-¹kön-dä-,tä\ [L] : from the founding of the city (Rome, founded 753 B.C.) — used by the Romans in reckoning dates
ab-usus non tol-lit usum \äb-,ü-səs-,nōn-,tō-lät-¹ü-səm\ [L] : abuse does not take away use, i.e., is not an argument against proper use
à compte \ä-kōpt\ [F] : on account
à coup sûr \ä-kü-sür\ [F] : with sure stroke : surely
acte gra-tuit \äk-tə-grä-twɛ\ [F] : gratuitous impulsive act
ad ar-bi-tri-um \äd-är-¹bit-rē-əm\ [L] : at will : arbitrarily
ad as-tra per as-pe-ra \äd-¹as-trä-,pər-¹as-pə-rä\ [L] : to the stars by hard ways — motto of Kansas
ad ex-tre-mum \äd-ik-¹strē-məm\ [L] : to the extreme : at last
ad ka-len-das Grae-cas \äd-kä-¹len-däs-¹grī-,käs\ [L] : at the Greek calends : never (since the Greeks had no calends)
ad ma-jo-rem Dei glo-ri-am \äd-mä-¹yör-,em-¹de-,ē-¹glör-ē-,äm\ [L] : to the greater glory of God — motto of the Society of Jesus
ad pa-tres \äd-¹pä-,träs\ [L] : (gathered) to his fathers : deceased
à droite \ä-drwät\ [F] : to or on the right hand
ad un-guem \äd-¹üŋ-,gwem\ [L] : to the fingernail : to a nicety : exactly (from the use of the fingernail to test the smoothness of marble)
ad utrum-que pa-ra-tus \äd-ü-¹trüm-kwe-pä-¹rät-əs\ [L] : prepared for either (event)
ad vi-vum \äd-¹wē-,wüm\ [L] : to the life
ae-gri som-nia \i-grē-¹sóm-nē-,ä\ [L] : a sick man's dreams
ae-quam ser-va-re men-tem \i-,kwäm-sər-,wä-rä-¹men-,tem\ [L] : to preserve a calm mind
ae-quo ani-mo \i-,kwō-¹än-ə-,mō\ [L] : with even mind : calmly
ae-re per-en-ni-us \i-rä-pä-¹ren-ē-,üs\ [L] : more lasting than bronze
à gauche \ä-gəsh\ [F] : to or on the left hand
age quod agis \äg-e-,kwōd-¹äg-is\ [L] : do what you are doing : to the business at hand
à grands frais \ä-grä-¹fre\ [F] : at great expense
à huis clos \ä-wɛ-¹klō\ [F] : with closed doors
aide-toi, le ciel t'ai-dera \ed-twä-¹syel-te-drä\ [F] : help yourself (and) heaven will help you
ai-né \e-nä\ [F] : elder : senior (masc.)

ai-née \e-nä\ [F] : elder : senior (fem.)
à l'aban-don \ä-lä-bä-¹dō\ [F] : carelessly : in disorder
à la belle étoile \ä-lä-bel-ä-twä\ [F] : under the beautiful star : in the open air at night
à la bonne heure \ä-lä-bō-nœr\ [F] : at a good time : well and good : all right
à la fran-çaise \ä-lä-frä-¹sez\ [F] : in the French style
à l'an-glaise \ä-lä-¹glez\ [F] : in the English style
alea jac-ta est \äl-ē-,ä-,yäk-tä-¹est\ [L] : the die is cast
à l'im-pro-viste \ä-lä-prō-věst\ [F] : unexpectedly
ali-quan-do bo-nus dor-mi-tat Ho-me-rus \äl-i-,kwän-dō-¹bō-näs-dör-¹mē-tät-hō-¹mer-əs\ [L] : sometimes (even) good Homer nods
alis vo-lat pro-pri-is \äl-,ēs-¹wō-,lät-¹prō-prē-,ēs\ [L] : she flies with her own wings — motto of Oregon
al-ki \äl-,ki\ [Chinook Jargon] : by and by — motto of Washington
alo-ha oe \ä-,lö-hä-¹oi-,¹ō-ē\ [Hawaiian] : love to you : greetings : farewell
al-ter idem \öl-tär-¹i-,dem-,¹äl-tär-¹ē-\ [L] : second self
a max-i-mis ad mi-ni-ma \ä-¹mäk-sə-,mēs-,äd-¹min-ə-,mä\ [L] : from the greatest to the least
ami-cus hu-ma-ni ge-ne-ris \ä-¹mē-kəs-¹hü-,män-ē-¹gen-ə-rəs\ [L] : friend of the human race
ami-cus us-que ad aras \i-,üs-kwe-,äd-¹är-,äs\ [L] : a friend as far as to the altars, i.e., except in what is contrary to one's religion; *also* : a friend to the last extremity
ami de cour \ä-,mēd-ə-¹kür\ [F] : court friend : insincere friend
amor pa-tri-ae \äm-,ör-¹pä-trē-,ä\ [L] : love of one's country
amor vin-cit om-nia \ä-,mör-,wiŋ-kät-¹öm-nē-ä\ [L] : love conquers all things
an-cienne no-blesse \än-syen-nō-bles\ [F] : old-time nobility : the French nobility before the Revolution of 1789
an-guis in her-ba \äŋ-gwis-in-¹her-,bä\ [L] : snake in the grass
ani-mal bi-pes im-plu-me \än-i-,mäl-,bip-,äs-im-¹plü-mē\ [L] : two-legged animal without feathers (i.e., man)
ani-mis opi-bus-que pa-ra-ti \än-ə-,mēs-,ö-pi-¹büs-kwe-pä-¹rät-ä\ [L] : prepared in mind and resources — one of the mottoes of South Carolina
an-no ae-ta-tis su-ae \än-ö-i-,tät-is-¹sü-,ä\ [L] : in the (specified) year of his (or her) age
an-no mun-di \än-ö-¹mün-dē\ [L] : in the year of the world — used in reckoning dates from the supposed period of the creation of the world, esp. as fixed by James Ussher at 4004 B.C. or by the Jews at 3761 B.C.
an-no ur-bis con-di-tae \än-ö-,ür-bis-¹kön-dä-,tä\ [L] : in the year of the founded city (Rome, founded 753 B.C.)
an-nu-it coep-tis \än-ə-,wit-¹koip-,tēs\ [L] : He (God) has smiled on our undertakings — motto on the reverse of the Great Seal of the United States
à peu près \ä-pœ-pre\ [F] : nearly : approximately
à pied \ä-pyä\ [F] : on foot
après moi le dé-luge \ä-pre-mwä-lä-dä-lüz\ [F] : after me the deluge (at-tributed to Louis XV)
à pro-pos de bottes \ä-prä-pöd-ə-böt\ [F] : apropos of boots — used to change the subject
à pro-pos de rien \ä-ryä\ [F] : apropos of nothing
aqua et ig-ni in-ter-dic-tus \äk-wä-et-¹ig-nē-,int-ər-¹dik-təs\ [L] : forbidden to be furnished with water and fire : outlawed
Ar-ca-des am-bo \är-kä-,des-¹äm-bō\ [L] : both Arcadi-

ans : two persons of like occupations or tastes; also : two rascals
ar-rec-tis au-ri-bus \ä-¹rek-,tēs-¹au-ri-,būs\ [L] : with ears pricked up : attentively
ar-ri-ve-der-ci \ä-,rē-ve-¹der-chē\ [It] : till we meet again : farewell
ars est ce-la-re ar-tem \ärs-,est-kä-,lä-rē-¹är-,tem\ [L] : it is (true) art to conceal art
ars lon-ga, vi-ta bre-vis \ärs-¹lōŋ-,gä-, wē-,tä-¹bre-wis\ [L] : art is long, life is short
a ter-go \ä-¹ter-(¹)gō\ [L] : from behind
à tort et à tra-vers \ä-tōr-ä-ä-trä-ver\ [F] : wrong and crosswise : at random : without rhyme or reason
au bout de son la-tin \ö-büd-(ə)-sō-¹lä-¹ta\ [F] : at the end of one's Latin : at the end of one's mental resources
au con-traire \ö-kō-¹trēr\ [F] : on the contrary
au-de-mus ju-ra nos-tra de-fen-de-re \äu-¹dä-mēs-,yür-ə-¹nō-strä-dä-¹fen-dä-rä\ [L] : we dare defend our rights — motto of Alabama
au-den-tes for-tu-na ju-vat \äu-¹den-,täs-för-,tü-nä-¹yü-,wät\ [L] : fortune favors the bold
au-di al-ter-am par-tem \äü-,dē-,äl-tä-,rä-m-¹pär-,tem\ [L] : hear the other side
au fait \ö-fet-,fē\ [F] : to the point : fully competent : fully informed : socially correct
au fond \ö-fō\ [F] : at bottom : fundamentally
au grand sé-rieux \ö-grän-sä-ryō\ [F] : in all seriousness
au pays des aveugles les borgnes sont rois \ö-pä-ē-dä-zä-vœgl-ä-lä-börn-¹-ə-sō-rwä\ [F] : in the country of the blind the one-eyed men are kings
au pied de la lettre \ö-pyäd-lä-letr\ [F] : literally
au-rea me-di-o-cri-tas \äü-rē-ə-,med-ē-¹ö-kri-,tä\ [L] : the golden mean
au reste \ö-rest\ [F] : for the rest : besides
aus-si-tôt dit, aus-si-tôt fait \ö-sē-tō-dē ö-sē-tō-fē\ [F] : no sooner said than done
aut Caesar aut ni-hil \äüt-¹kī-sär-,äüt-¹ni-,hil\ [L] : either a Caesar or nothing
aut Caesar aut nul-lus \ä-¹nül-əs\ [L] : either a Caesar or a nobody
au-tres temps, au-tres mœurs \ö-trä-tä-¹ ö-trä-mœrs\ [F] : other times, other customs
aut vin-ce-re aut mo-ri \äüt-¹wiŋ-kä-rē-,äüt-¹mó-,rē\ [L] : either to conquer or to die
aux armes \ö-zärm\ [F] : to arms
ave at-que va-le \ä-,wä-,ät-kwē-¹wä-,lä\ [L] : hail! and farewell
à vo-tre san-té \ä-vōt-sän-tä-,vō-trä\ [F] : to your health — used as a toast
beaux yeux \bō-zyē\ [F] : beautiful eyes : beauty of face
bien en-ten-du \bya-nän-tän-dü\ [F] : well understood : of course
bien-pen-sant \bya-nän-pän-sän\ [F] : right-minded : one who holds orthodox views
bien-sé-ance \bya-nän-sä-äs\ [F] : propriety
bis dat qui ci-to dat \bis-,dät-kwē-¹kī-tō-,dät\ [L] : he gives twice who gives promptly
bon ap-pé-tit \bō-nä-pä-tē\ [F] : good appetite : enjoy your meal
bon gré, mal gré \bō-n-,grä-¹mäl-,grä\ [F] : whether with good grace or bad : willy-nilly
bo-nis avi-bus \bō-,nēs-¹ä-wi-,būs\ [L] : under good auspices
bon jour \bō-n-zhür\ [F] : good day : good morning
bonne foi \bón-fwä\ [F] : good faith
bon soir \bō-n-swär\ [F] : good evening
bru-tum ful-men \brüt-əm-¹ful-men\ [L] : insensible thunderbolt : a futile threat or display of force
buon gior-no \bwón-¹jör-nō\ [It] : good day
ca-dit quae-stio \kä-d-ət-¹kwē-stē-,ō\ [L] : the question drops : the argument collapses
cau-sa si-ne qua non \kau-,sä-,sin-ē-kwä-¹nōn\ [L] : an indispensable cause or condition

ca-ve ca-nem \kä-wä-¹kän-,em\ [L] : beware the dog
ce-dant ar-ma to-gae \kä-,dänt-,är-mä-¹tō-,gä\ [L] : let arms yield to the toga : let military power give way to civil power — motto of Wyoming
ce n'est que le premier pas qui coûte \snek-lä-prä-myä-pä-kē-küt\ [F] : it is only the first step that costs
c'est a dire \se-tä-dēr\ [F] : that is to say : namely
c'est au-tre chose \se-töt-shōz-,tō-trä\ [F] : that's a different thing
c'est la guerre \se-lä-ger\ [F] : that's war : it cannot be helped
c'est la vie \se-lä-vē\ [F] : that's life : that's how things happen
c'est plus qu'un crime, c'est une faute \se-plü-kœ-nkrēm-se-tüen-fōt\ [F] : it is worse than a crime, it is a blunder
ce-te-ra de-sunt \kä-t-ä-,rä-¹dä-,sunt\ [L] : the rest is missing
cha-cun à son goût \shä-kœ-nä-sōn-gü\ [F] : everyone to his taste
châ-teau en Es-pagne \shä-tō-än-nes-pän\ [F] : castle in Spain : a visionary project
cher-chez la femme \sher-shä-lä-fäm\ [F] : look for the woman
che sa-rà, sa-rà \kä-sä-,rä-sä-¹rä\ [It] : what will be, will be
che-val de ba-taille \shä-väl-dä-bä-tä\ [F] : war-horse : argument constantly relied on : favorite subject
co-gi-to, er-go sum \kō-gi-,tō-er-gō-¹süm\ [L] : I think, therefore I exist
co-mé-die hu-maine \kō-mä-dē-üe-men\ [F] : human comedy : the whole variety of human life
comme ci, comme ça \kóm-sē-kóm-sä\ [F] : so-so
com-pa-gnon de voy-age \kō-pä-n¹ö-dä-vwä-yáz\ [F] : traveling companion
compte ren-du \kōpt-rän-dü\ [F] : report (as of proceedings in an investigation)
con-cord-ia dis-cors \kän-körd-ē-ä-¹dis-,kōrs\ [L] : discordant harmony
cor-rup-tio op-ti-mi pes-si-ma \kä-rüp-tē-,ö-äp-tä-,mē-¹pes-ä-,mä\ [L] : the corruption of the best is the worst of all
coup de mai-tre \kü-d-(ə)-metr\ [F] : masterstroke
coup d'es-sai \kü-dä-sē\ [F] : experiment : trial
coûte que coûte \küt-kä-küt\ [F] : cost what it may
cre-do quia ab-sur-dum est \kräd-ö-¹kwē-ä-äp-,sürd-əm-¹est\ [L] : I believe it is false : it is absurd
cres-cit eun-do \kres-kät-¹eün-dō\ [L] : it grows as it goes — motto of New Mexico
crise de nerfs or crise des nerfs \krēz-dä-ner\ [F] : crisis of nerves : nervous collapse : hysterical fit
crux cri-ti-co-rum \krüks-,krit-ä-¹kör-əm\ [L] : crux of critics
cum gra-no sa-lis \küm-,grän-ö-¹säl-is\ [L] : with a grain of salt
cus-tos mo-rum \küs-tös-¹mör-əm\ [L] : guardian of manners or morals : censor
d'ac-cord \dä-kór\ [F] : in accord : agreed
dame d'hon-neur \däm-dō-nœr\ [F] : lady-in-waiting
dam-nant quod non in-tel-li-gunt \däm-,nänt-,kwöd-,nōn-in-¹tel-ä-,gunt\ [L] : they condemn what they do not understand
de bonne grâce \dä-bón-gräs\ [F] : with good grace : willingly
de gust-ti-bus non est dis-pu-tan-dum \dä-¹güs-tä-,büs-,nōn-,est-,dis-pü-¹tän-,düm\ [L] : there is no disputing about tastes
Dei gra-tia \de-,ē-¹grät-ē-,ä\ [L] : by the grace of God
de in-te-gro \dä-¹int-ä-,grō\ [L] : anew : afresh
de l'au-dace, en-core de l'au-dace, et tou-jours de l'au-dace \dä-lö-däs ä-¹kör-dä-lö-däs ä-tü-¹zhür-dä-lö-däs\ [F] : audacity, more audacity, and ever more audacity
de-len-da est Car-tha-go \dä-¹len-dä-,est-kär-¹täg-ō\ [L] : Carthage must be destroyed

de-li-ne-a-vit \də-,lē-nā-ā-wit\ [L] : he (or she) drew it
de mal en pis \də-mā-lān-pē\ [F] : from bad to worse
de mi-ni-mis non cu-rat lex \də-ˈmin-ə-,mēs-,nōn-,kū-,
 rāt-ˈleks\ [L] : the law takes no account of trifles
de mor-tu-is nil ni-si bo-num \də-ˈmōrt-ə-,wēs-,nēl-,nis-
 ē-ˈbō-,nūm\ [L] : of the dead (say) nothing but good
de nos jours \də-nō-zhūr\ [F] : of our time : contempo-
 rary — used postpositively esp. after a proper name
Deo fa-ven-te \də-ō-fā-vent-ā\ [L] : with God's favor
Deo gra-ti-as \də-ō-ˈgrāt-ē-,ās\ [L] : thanks (be) to God
de pro-fun-dis \də-prō-ˈfūn-dēs\ [L] : out of the depths
der Geist der stets ver-neint \dər-ˈgist-dər-,shtäts-fer-
 ˈnint\ [G] : the spirit that ever denies — applied origi-
 nally to Mephistopheles
de-si-pe-re in lo-co \də-ˈsip-ə-rē-in-ˈlō-kō\ [L] : to indulge
 in trifling at the proper time
Deus vult \də-əs-ˈwult\ [L] : God wills it — rallying cry
 of the First Crusade
dies fau-stus \də-,ās-ˈfau-stəs\ [L] : lucky day
dies in-fau-stus \-ˈin-,fau-stəs\ [L] : unlucky day
dies irae \-ˈē-,rā\ [L] : day of wrath — used of the Judg-
 ment Day
Dieu et mon droit \dyē-ā-mōn-drwā\ [F] : God and my
 right — motto on the British royal arms
Dieu vous garde \dyē-vū-gard\ [F] : God keep you
di-ri-go \dē-ri-,gō\ [L] : I direct — motto of Maine
dis ali-ter vi-sum \dēs-,āl-ə-,ter-ˈwē-,sūm\ [L] : the
 Gods decreed otherwise
di-tat De-us \də-,tāt-ˈdā-,ūs\ [L] : God enriches — mot-
 to of Arizona
di-vi-de et im-pe-ra \dē-wi-,de-,et-ˈim-pə-,rā\ [L] : di-
 vide and rule
do-cen-do dis-ci-mus \də-,ken-dō-ˈdis-ki-,mūs\ [L] : we
 learn by teaching
Do-mi-ne di-ri-ge nos \dō-mi-,ne-,dē-ri-ge-ˈnōs\ [L]
 : Lord, direct us — motto of the City of London
Do-mi-nus vo-bis-cum \dō-mi-,nūs-wō-ˈbēs-,kūm\ [L]
 : the Lord be with you
dul-ce et de-co-rum est pro pa-tria mo-ri \dūl-,ket-de-
 ˈkōr-,est-prō-,pā-trē-,ā-ˈmō-,rē\ [L] : it is sweet and
 seemly to die for one's country
dum spi-ro, spe-ro \dūm-ˈspē-rō-ˈspā-rō\ [L] : while I
 breathe I hope — one of the mottoes of South Carolina
dum vi-vi-mus vi-va-mus \dūm-ˈwē-wē-,mūs-wē-ˈwām-
 ūs\ [L] : while we live, let us live
dux fe-mi-nae fac-ti \dūks-,fā-mi-nā-ˈfāk-,tē\ [L] : a wom-
 an was leader of the exploit
ec-ce sig-num \ek-e-ˈsig-,nūm\ [L] : behold the sign
 : look at the proof
e con-tra-rio \ā-kōn-ˈtrār-ē-,ō\ [L] : on the contrary
écra-sez l'in-fâme \ā-krā-zā-lā-fām\ [F] : crush the infa-
 mous thing
ehue fu-ga-ces la-bun-tur an-ni \ā-,heū-fū-ˈgā-,kās-lā-
 būn-,tūr-ˈān-,ē\ [L] : alas! the fleeting years glide on
ein' feste Burg ist un-ser Gott \in-,fes-tə-ˈbūrk-ist-,ūn-
 zər-ˈgót\ [G] : a mighty fortress is our God
em-bar-ras de ri-ches \ān-bā-rād-(ə)-rē-shēs\ [F] : em-
 barrassing surplus of riches : confusing abundance
em-bar-ras du choix \ān-bā-rā-dū-shwā\ [F] : embarrass-
 ing variety of choice
en ami \ān-nā-mē\ [F] : as a friend
en ef-fet \ān-nā-fe\ [F] : in fact : indeed
en fa-mille \ān-fā-mē\ [F] : in or with one's family : at
 home : informally
en-fant gâ-té \ān-fān-gā-tā\ [F] : spoiled child
en-fants per-dus \ān-fān-per-dū\ [F] : lost children : sol-
 diers sent to a dangerous post
en-fin \ān-fān\ [F] : in conclusion : in a word
en gar-çon \ān-gār-sōm\ [F] : as or like a bachelor
en pan-tou-fles \ān-pān-tūfl\ [F] : in slippers : at ease : in-
 formally
en plein air \ān-plen-er\ [F] : in the open air
en plein jour \ān-plān-zhūr\ [F] : in broad day

en règle \ān-rēgl\ [F] : in order : in due form
en re-tard \ār-(ə)-tār\ [F] : behind time : late
en re-traite \ān-rə-tret\ [F] : in retreat : in retirement
en re-vanche \ār-(ə)-vānsh\ [F] : in return : in compensa-
 tion
en se-condes nocēs \ās-(ə)-gōd-nōs\ [F] : in a second
 marriage
en-se pe-tit pla-ci-dam sub li-ber-ta-te qui-e-tem \en-se-
 pet-at-ˈplāk-i-,dām-sūb-,lē-ber-,tā-te-kwē-ˈā-,tem\ [L]
 : with the sword she seeks calm repose under liberty
 — motto of Massachusetts
épa-ter les bour-geois \ā-pā-tā-lā-būr-zhwā\ [F] : to shock
 the middle classes
e plu-ri-bus unum \ē-,plūr-ə-bēs-ˈ(y)ū-nəm, ā-,plūr-
 \ [L] : one out of many — used on the seal of the U.S. and
 on several U.S. coins
ep-pur si muo-ve \āp-,pūr-sē-ˈmwō-vā\ [It] : and yet it
 does move — attributed to Galileo after recanting his
 assertion of the earth's motion
Erin go bragh \er-ən-gə-ˈbrò-,gō-ˈbrā\ [IrGael *go bràth*,
 lit., till doomsday] : Ireland forever
er-ra-re hu-manum est \e-ˈrār-e-hū-,mān-əm-est\ [L]
 : to err is human
es-prit de l'es-ca-lier \es-prēd-les-kā-lyā\ or **es-prit d'es-ca-
 lier** \-prē-des-\ [F] : staircase wit : repartee thought of
 only too late
es-se quam vi-de-ri \es-ē-,kwām-wi-ˈdā-rē\ [L] : to be
 rather than to seem — motto of North Carolina
est mo-dus in re-bus \est-ˈmō-,dūs-in-ˈrā-,būs\ [L] : there
 is a proper measure in things, i.e., the golden mean
 should always be observed
es-to per-pe-tua \es-,tō-pər-ˈpet-ə-,wā\ [L] : may she en-
 dure forever — motto of Idaho
et hoc ge-nus om-ne \et-,hōk-,gen-əs-ˈōm-ne\ or **et id
 genus omne** \et-,id-\ [L] : and everything of this kind
et in Ar-ca-dia ego \et-in-ār-,kād-ē-ə-ˈeg-ō\ [L] : I too
 (lived) in Arcadia
et sic de si-mi-li-bus \et-,sēk-dā-si-ˈmil-ə-,būs\ [L] : and
 so of like things
et tu Bru-te \et-ˈtū-brū-te\ [L] : thou too, Brutus — ex-
 clamation attributed to Julius Caesar on seeing his
 friend Brutus among his assassins
eu-re-ka \yū-ˈrē-kə\ [Gk] : I have found it — motto of
 California
Ewig-Weib-li-che \ā-vīk-ˈvīp-li-kə\ [G] : eternal femi-
 nine
ex ani-mo \ek-ˈsān-ə-,mō\ [L] : from the heart : sincerely
ex-cel-si-or \ik-ˈsel-sē-ar, eks-ˈkel-sē-,ōr\ [L] : still higher
 — motto of New York
ex-cep-tio pro-bat re-gu-lam de re-bus non ex-cep-tis \eks-
 ˈkep-tē-,ō-,prō-bāt-ˈrā-gə-,lām-dā-ˈrā-,būs-,nōn-eks-
 ˈkep-,tēs\ [L] : an exception establishes the rule as to
 things not excepted
ex-cep-tis ex-ci-pi-en-dis \eks-ˈkep-,tēs-eks-,kip-ē-ˈen-
 ˈdēs\ [L] : with the proper or necessary exceptions
ex-i-tus ac-ta pro-bat \ek-ə-,tūs-,āk-tə-ˈprō-,bāt\ [L]
 : the event justifies the deed
ex li-bris \eks-ˈlē-bris\ [L] : from the books of — used on
 bookplates
ex me-ro mo-tu \eks-,mer-ō-ˈmō-tū\ [L] : out of mere
 impulse : of one's own accord
ex ne-ces-si-ta-te rei \eks-ne-,kes-i-ˈtā-te-rā-(ē)\ [L]
 : from the necessity of the case
ex ni-hi-lo ni-hil fit \eks-ˈni-hi-,lō-,ni-,hil-ˈfit\ [L] : from
 nothing nothing is produced
ex pe-de Her-cu-lem \eks-,ped-e-ˈher-kə-,lem\ [L] : from
 the foot (we may judge of the size of) Hercules : from a
 part we may judge of the whole
ex-per-to cre-di-te \eks-,pert-ō-ˈkrād-ə-,te\ [L] : believe
 one who has had experience
ex un-gue le-o-nem \eks-ˈūn-gwe-le-ˈō-,nem\ [L] : from
 the claw (we may judge of) the lion : from a part we may
 judge of the whole

ex vi ter-mi-ni \eks-,wē-¹ter-mə-,nē\ [L] : from the force of the term
fa-cile prin-ceps \fäk-i-le-¹prin-,keps\ [L] : easily first
fa-ci-lis de-scen-sus Aver-no \fäk-i-,lis-dä-,skän-,süs-ä-¹wer-nō\ or **facilis descensus Aver-ni** \-(i)nē\ [L] : the descent to Avernus is easy : the road to evil is easy
fa-çon de par-ler \fä-sō-də-pär-lä\ [F] : manner of speaking : figurative or conventional expression
faire suivre \fer-sw'ëvr\ [F] : have forwarded : please forward
fas est et ab ho-ste do-ce-ri \fäs-¹est-et-äb-¹hō-ste-dō-¹kä-(i)rē\ [L] : it is right to learn even from an enemy
Fa-ta vi-am in-ve-ni-ent \fä-tä-¹wē-,äm-in-¹wen-ē-,ent\ [L] : the Fates will find a way
fat-ti mas-chii, pa-ro-le fe-mi-ne \fät-tē-¹mäs-,kē pä-,rō-lä-¹fä-mē-,nä\ [It] : deeds are males, words are females : deeds are more effective than words — motto of Maryland, where it is generally interpreted as meaning "manly deeds, womanly words"
faux bon-homme \fō-bō-nōm\ [F] : pretended good fellow
faux-naïf \fō-nä-ēf\ [F] : pretending to be childlike
femme de cham-bre \fäm-də-shä-br\ [F] : chambermaid : lady's maid
fe-sti-na len-te \fe-,stē-nä-¹len-,tä\ [L] : make haste slowly
feux d'ar-ti-fice \fē-där-tē-fēs\ [F] : fireworks : display of wit
fi-at ex-pe-ri-men-tum in cor-po-re vi-li \fē-,ät-ek-,sper-ē-¹men-,tüm-in-,kōr-pə-re-¹wē-lē\ [L] : let experiment be made on a worthless body
fi-at ju-sti-tia, ru-at cae-lum \fē-ät-yūs-¹tīt-ē-ä-,rū-,ät-¹kī-,lüm\ [L] : let justice be done though the heavens fall
fi-at lux \fē-,ät-luks\ [L] : let there be light
Fi-dei De-fen-sor \fid-e-,ē-dä-¹fän-,sōr\ [L] : Defender of the Faith — a title of the sovereigns of England
fi-dus Acha-es \fēd-əs-ä-¹kä-,täs\ [L] : faithful Achates : trusty friend
fil-le de cham-bre \fēy-də-shä-br\ [F] : lady's maid
fil-le d'hon-neur \fēy-dō-nēr\ [F] : maid of honor
fil-s \fēs\ [F] : son — used after French proper names to distinguish a son from his father
fi-nem re-spi-ce \fē-,nem-¹rä-spi-,ke\ [L] : consider the end
fi-nis co-ro-nat opus \fē-nəs-kä-¹rō-,nät-¹ō-,pūs\ [L] : the end crowns the work
fluc-tu-at nec mer-gi-tur \flük-tə-,wät-,nek-¹mer-gə-,tūr\ [L] : it is tossed by the waves but does not sink — motto of Paris
fo-lie de gran-deur or fo-lie des gran-deurs \fō-lē-də-grä-dēr\ [F] : delusion of greatness : megalomania
fors-an et haec olim me-mi-nis-se ju-va-bit \fōr-,sän-,et-¹hik-,ō-lim-,mem-ə-¹nīs-e-yū-¹wä-bit\ [L] : perhaps this too will be a pleasure to look back on one day
for-tes for-tu-na ju-vat \fōr-,täs-fōr-,tū-nä-¹yū-,wät\ [L] : fortune favors the brave
fron-ti nul-la fi-des \frōn-,tē-,nül-ə-¹fid-,äs\ [L] : no reliance can be placed on appearance
fu-it Ili-um \fū-ət-¹il-ē-əm\ [L] : Troy has been (i.e., is no more)
fu-ror lo-quen-di \fūr-,ōr-lō-¹kwen-(i)dē\ [L] : rage for speaking
furor po-e-ti-cus \pō-¹ät-i-kūs\ [L] : poetic frenzy
furor scri-ben-di \skrē-¹ben-(i)dē\ [L] : rage for writing
Gal-li-ce \gäl-ē-,ke\ [L] : in French : after the French manner
gar-çon d'hon-neur \gär-sō-dō-nēr\ [F] : bridegroom's attendant
gar-de du corps \gärd-dü-kōr\ [F] : bodyguard
gar-dez la foi \gär-dä-lä-fwä\ [F] : keep faith
gau-de-a-mus igi-tur \gäud-ē-¹äm-əs-¹ig-ə-,tūr\ [L] : let us then be merry
gens d'é-glise \zhä-dä-glēz\ [F] : church people : clergy

gens de guerre \zhä-dä-ger\ [F] : military people : soldiery
gens du monde \zhä-dü-¹mōd\ [F] : people of the world : fashionable people
gno-thi se-au-ton \gə-¹nō-thē-,se-ä-¹tōn\ [Gk] : know thyself
grand monde \grä-mōd\ [F] : great world : high society
guerre à ou-trance \ger-ä-ü-träs\ [F] : war to the uttermost
gu-ten Tag \güt-¹n-täk\ [G] : good day
has-ta la vis-ta \äs-tä-lä-¹vēs-tä\ [Sp] : good-bye
haut goût \ō-gü\ [F] : high flavor : slight taint of decay
hic et ubi-que \hēk-et-ü-¹bē-kwē\ [L] : here and everywhere
hic ja-cet \hik-¹jä-sət, hēk-¹yäk-ət\ [L] : here lies — used preceding a name on a tombstone
hinc il-lae la-cri-mae \hink-,il-,i-¹läk-ri-,mā\ [L] : hence those tears
hoc age \hōk-¹äg-e\ [L] : do this : apply yourself to what you are about
hoc opus, hic la-bor est \hōk-¹ō-,pūs-,hēk-,lä-,bōr-est\ [L] : this is the hard work, this is the toil
homme d'affaires \ōm-dä-fer\ [F] : man of business : business agent
homme d'es-prit \des-prē\ [F] : man of wit
homme moyen sen-suel \ōm-mwä-¹ya-n-sä-n-swē\ [F] : the average nonintellectual man
ho-mo sum: hu-ma-ni nil a me ali-e-num pu-to \hō-mō-,sūm hū-,mān-ē-¹nēl-ä-,mä-,äl-ē-¹ā-nam-¹pū-tō\ [L] : I am a man: I regard nothing that concerns man as foreign to my interests
ho-ni soit qui mal y pense \ō-nē-swä-kē-mäl-ē-päs\ [F] : shamed be he who thinks evil of it — motto of the Order of the Garter
hu-ma-num est er-ra-re \hū-,mān-əm-,est-e-¹rär-e\ [L] : to err is human
ich dien \ik-dēn\ [G] : I serve — motto of the Prince of Wales
ici on parle fran-cais \ē-sē-ō-pär-l-(ə)-frä-n-se\ [F] : French is spoken here
id est \id-est\ [L] : that is
ig-no-ran-tia ju-ris ne-mi-nem ex-cu-sat \ig-nə-,rānt-ē-ä-¹yūr-əs-¹nä-mə-,nem-eks-¹kü-,sät\ [L] : ignorance of the law excuses no one
ig-no-tum per ig-no-ti-us \ig-¹nōt-əm-,per-ig-¹nōt-ē-,ūs\ [L] : (explaining) the unknown by means of the more unknown
il faut cul-ti-ver no-tre jar-din \ēl-fō-kül-tē-vā-nōt-zhär-dä-, -nō-trə-zhär-ä\ [F] : we must cultivate our garden : we must tend to our own affairs
in æ-ter-num \in-¹tēr-,nūm\ [L] : forever
in du-bio \in-¹düb-ē-,ō\ [L] : in doubt : undetermined
in fu-tu-ro \in-fä-¹tūr-ō\ [L] : in the future
in hoc sig-no vin-ces \in-hōk-¹sig-nō-viŋ-,käs\ [L] : by this sign (the Cross) you will conquer
in li-mi-ne \in-¹lē-mə-,nē\ [L] : on the threshold : at the beginning
in om-nia pa-ra-tus \in-¹ōm-nē-ə-pä-¹rä-,tūs\ [L] : ready for all things
in par-ti-bus in-fi-de-li-um \in-¹pärt-ə-,būs-,in-fä-¹dä-lē-,ūm\ [L] : in the regions of the infidels — used of a titular bishop having no diocesan jurisdiction, usu. in non-Christian countries
in prae-sen-ti \in-pri-¹sen-,tē\ [L] : at the present time
in sae-cu-la sae-cu-lo-rum \in-¹sī-kū-,lä-,sī-kä-¹lōr-əm-,¹sä-kū-,lä-,sä-l\ [L] : for ages of ages : forever and ever
insh-al-lah \in-shä-¹lä\ [Ar] : if Allah wills : God willing
in sta-tu quo an-te bel-lum \in-¹stā-,tū-kwō-,änt-ē-¹bel-əm\ [L] : in the same state as before the war
in-te-ger vi-tae sce-le-ris-que pu-rus \in-tə-,ger-¹wē-,ti-,skel-ə-¹ris-kwē-¹pūs\ [L] : upright of life and free from wickedness
in-ter nos \int-ər-¹nōs\ [L] : between ourselves

in-tra mu-rös \in-trä-¹mü-rös\ [L] : within the walls
in usum Del-phi-ni \in-ü-səm-del-¹fē-nē\ [L] : for the use of the Dauphin : expurgated
in utrum-que pa-ra-tus \in-ü-¹trüm-kwe-pä-¹rä-tüs\ [L] : prepared for either (event)
in-ve-nit \in-¹wä-nit\ [L] : he (or she) devised it
in vi-no ve-ri-tas \in-¹wē-nō-wä-rä-täs\ [L] : there is truth in wine
in-vi-ta Mi-ner-va \in-¹wē-tä-mi-¹ner-wä\ [L] : Minerva being unwilling : without natural talent or inspiration
ip-sis-si-ma ver-ba \ip-sis-ə-mä-¹wer-bä\ [L] : the very words
ira fu-ror bre-vies est \i-ē-rä-¹fūr-ör-¹bre-wis-est\ [L] : anger is a brief madness
j'ac-cuse \zhä-küz\ [F] : I accuse
jac-ta alea est \yäk-tä-ä-lä-¹est\ [L] : the die is cast
j'adoube \zhä-düb\ [F] : I adjust — used in chess when touching a piece without intending to move it
ja-nu-is clau-sis \yän-ə-wēs-¹klaü-sēs\ [L] : behind closed doors
je main-tien-drai \zhə-mä-¹tyä-drä\ [F] : I will maintain — motto of the Netherlands
jeu de mots \zhäd-(ə)mō\ [F] : play on words : pun
Jo-an-nes est no-men eius \yō-¹än-äs-est-nō-men-¹ä-yüs\ [L] : John is his name — motto of Puerto Rico
jo-lie laide \zhō-lē-led\ [F] : good-looking ugly woman : woman who is attractive though not conventionally pretty
jour-nal in-time \zhür-näl-ä-tēm\ [F] : intimate journal : private diary
jus di-vi-num \yüs-di-¹wē-nüm\ [L] : divine law
jus-ti-tia om-ni-bus \yüs-tit-ē-ä-¹öm-ni-büs\ [L] : justice for all — motto of the District of Columbia
j'y suis, j'y reste \zhē-swē-zhē-rest\ [F] : here I am, here I remain
la belle dame sans mer-ci \lä-bel-däm-sä-¹mer-sē\ [F] : the beautiful lady without mercy
la-bo-ra-re est ora-re \läb-ō-rär-ä-est-ō-rär-ä\ [L] : to work is to pray
la-bor om-nia vin-cit \lä-bör-öm-nē-ä-¹win-kit\ [L] : labor conquers all things — motto of Oklahoma
la-cri-mae re-rum \läk-ri-mi-rä-rüm\ [L] : tears for things : pity for misfortune; *also* : tears in things : tragedy in life
lais-sez-al-lez or lais-ser-al-lez \le-sä-ä-lä\ [F] : letting go : lack of restraint
lap-sus ca-la-mi \läp-süs-¹käl-ə-mē\ [L] : slip of the pen
lap-sus lin-guae \läp-¹liŋ-gwä\ [L] : slip of the tongue
la reine le veut \lä-ren-lä-vē\ [F] : the queen wills it
la-scia-te ogni spe-ran-za, voi ch'en-tra-te \läsh-¹shä-tä-¹ön-¹spä-rän-tsä-¹vō-ē-kän-¹trä-tä\ [It] : abandon all hope, ye who enter
lau-da-tor tem-po-ris ac-ti \läu-¹dä-tör-tem-pä-ris-¹äk-tē\ [L] : one who praises past times
laus Deo \läus-¹dä-ō\ [L] : praise (be) to God
le cœur a ses raisons que la raison ne con-naît point \lä-ker-ä-sä-re-zōk-lä-re-zōn-(ə)kō-ne-pwä\ [F] : the heart has its reasons that reason knows nothing of
le roi est mort, vive le roi \lä-rwä-e-mör vëv-lä-rwä\ [F] : the king is dead, long live the king
le roi le veut \lä-vē\ [F] : the king wills it
le roi s'avi-se-ra \-sä-vëz-rä\ [F] : the king will consider the style, c'est l'homme \lä-stël-se-lòm\ [F] : the style is the man
l'état, c'est moi \lä-tä-se-mwä\ [F] : the state, it is I
L'étoile du nord \lä-twäld-dü-nör\ [F] : the star of the north — motto of Minnesota
Lie-der-kranz \läd-ər-kräns\ [G] : wreath of songs : German singing society
lit-tera scrip-ta ma-net \lit-ə-rä-skip-tä-¹män-et\ [L] : the written letter abides
lo-cus in quo \lö-kəs-in-¹kwō\ [L] : place in which

l'union fait la force \lü-nyō-¹fē-lä-fōrs\ [F] : union makes strength — motto of Belgium
lu-sus na-tu-rae \lü-səs-nä-¹tür-ē-¹tür-ä\ [L] : freak of nature
ma foi \mä-fwä\ [F] : my faith! : indeed
mag-na est ve-ri-tas et prae-va-le-bit \mäg-nä-est-¹wä-ri-täs-et-pri-wä-¹lä-bit\ [L] : truth is mighty and will prevail
mag-ni no-mi-nis um-bra \mäg-nē-nō-mä-nis-¹üm-brä\ [L] : the shadow of a great name
mai-son de san-té \mä-zōd-(ə)sä-tä\ [F] : private hospital : asylum
ma-lade ima-gi-naire \mä-läd-ē-mä-zhē-ner\ [F] : imaginary invalid : hypochondriac
ma-lis avi-bus \mäl-ēs-ä-wi-büs\ [L] : under evil auspices
ma-no a ma-no \män-ō-ä-¹män-ō\ [Sp] : hand to hand : in direct competition or confrontation
man spricht Deutsch \män-shprikt-¹döich\ [G] : German spoken
ma-riage de con-ve-nance \mä-ryäzh-dä-kōv-näs\ [F] : marriage of convenience
mau-vaïse honte \mö-vez-ōnt\ [F] : bad shame : bashfulness
mau-vaïss quart d'heure \mö-ve-kär-dær\ [F] : bad quarter hour : an uncomfortable though brief experience
me-dio tu-tis-si-mus ibis \¹med-ē-ō-tü-tis-ə-müs-¹ē-bis\ [L] : you will go most safely by the middle course
me ju-di-ce \mä-¹yüd-ə-ke\ [L] : I being judge : in my judgment
mens sa-na in cor-po-re sa-no \mäns-¹sän-ə-in-kör-pä-re-¹sän-ō\ [L] : a sound mind in a sound body
me-um et tu-um \mē-əm-et-tü-əm-mä-əm\ [L] : mine and thine : distinction of private property
mi-ra-bi-le vi-su \mi-räb-ə-lä-¹wē-sü\ [L] : wonderful to behold
mi-ra-bi-lia \mir-ə-¹bil-ē-ä\ [L] : wonders : miracles
mœurs \mør(s)\ [F] : mores : attitudes, customs, and manners of a society
mo-le ru-it sua \¹mō-le-rü-it-sü-ä\ [L] : it collapses from its own bigness
mon-de \mōd\ [F] : world : fashionable world : society
mon-ta-ni sem-per li-be-ri \món-tän-ē-sem-pär-¹lë-bä-rē\ [L] : mountaineers are always free men — motto of West Virginia
mo-nu-men-tum ae-re per-en-ni-us \mō-nä-¹men-tüm-¹re-pä-¹ren-ē-üs\ [L] : a monument more lasting than bronze — used of an immortal work of art or literature
mo-ri-tu-ri te sa-lu-ta-mus \mör-ə-¹tür-ē-tä-säl-ə-¹täm-üs\ *or* **morituri te sa-lu-tant** \¹säl-ə-tänt\ [L] : we (or those) who are about to die salute thee
mul-tum in par-vo \mül-təm-in-pär-vō\ [L] : much in little
mu-ta-to no-mi-ne de te fa-bu-la nar-ra-tur \mü-tät-ō-¹nō-mē-nä-¹tä-fäb-ä-lä-nä-rä-tür\ [L] : with the name changed the story applies to you
na-tu-ram ex-pel-las fur-ca, ta-men us-que re-cur-ret \nä-tü-räm-ek-spel-äs-¹für-kä-tä-män-üs-kwe-re-¹kür-et\ [L] : you may drive nature out with a pitchfork, but she will keep coming back
na-tu-ra non fa-cit sal-tum \nä-¹tü-rä-nōn-fäk-ət-¹säl-tüm\ [L] : nature makes no leap
ne ce-de ma-lis \nä-kä-de-¹mäl-ēs\ [L] : yield not to misfortunes
ne-mo me im-pu-ne la-ces-sit \nä-mō-¹mä-im-pü-nä-lä-¹kes-ət\ [L] : no one attacks me with impunity — motto of Scotland and of the Order of the Thistle
ne quid ni-mis \nä-kwid-¹nim-əs\ [L] : not anything in excess
n'est-ce pas? \nes-pä\ [F] : isn't it so?
nicht wahr? \niht-vär\ [G] : not true? : isn't it so?
nil ad-mi-ra-ri \nël-äd-mä-rär-ē\ [L] : to be excited by nothing : equanimity

nil de-spe-ran-dum \ˈnēl-,dā-spā-ˈrān-dūm\ [L] : never despair
nil si-ne nu-mi-ne \ˈnēl-,sin-e-ˈnū-mə-ne\ [L] : nothing without the divine will — motto of Colorado
n'im-porte \na-ˈpōrt\ [F] : it's no matter
no-lens vo-lens \ˈnō-,lenz-ˈvō-,lenz\ [L] : unwilling (or) willing : willy-nilly
non om-nia pos-su-mus om-nes \nōn-ˈōm-nē-ā-,pō-sə-mūs-ˈōm-,nās\ [L] : we can't all (do) all things
non om-nis mo-ri-ar \nōn-ˈōm-nis-ˈmōr-ē-,ār\ [L] : I shall not wholly die
non sans droict \nō-sā-drwā\ [OF] : not without right — motto on Shakespeare's coat of arms
non sum qua-lis eram \nōn-,sūm-,kwāl-əs-ˈer-,ām\ [L] : I am not what I used to be
nos-ce te ip-sum \nōs-ke-,tā-ˈip-,sūm\ [L] : know thyself
nos-tal-gie de la boue \nōs-tāl-zhēd-(ə-)lā-bū\ [F] : nostalgia for the mud : homesickness for the gutter
nous avons chan-gé tout ce-la \nū-zā-vō-shā-zhā-tū-slā\ [F] : we have changed all that
nous ver-rons ce que nous ver-rons \nū-ve-rōs-(ə-)kə-nū-ve-rō\ [F] : we shall see what we shall see
no-vus ho-mo \ˈnō-wəs-ˈhō-mō\ [L] : new man : man newly ennobled : upstart
no-vus or-do se-clo-rum \ˈvōr-,dō-sā-ˈklōr-əm\ [L] : a new cycle of the ages — motto on the reverse of the Great Seal of the United States
nu-gae \ˈnū-,gā\ [L] : trifles
nuît blanche \nw̃-ē-blāsh\ [F] : white night : a sleepless night
nyet \ˈnyet\ [Russ] : no
ob-ii-t \ˈō-bē-,it\ [L] : he (or she) died
ob-scu-rum per ob-scu-ri-us \əb-ˈskyūr-əm-,per-əb-ˈskyūr-ē-əs\ [L] : (explaining) the obscure by means of the more obscure
ode-rint dum me-tu-ant \ˈōd-ə-,rint-,dūm-ˈmet-ə-,wānt\ [L] : let them hate, so long as they fear
odi et amo \ˈō-,dē-et-ˈām-(ə-)dō\ [L] : I hate and I love
om-ne ig-no-tum pro mag-ni-fi-co \ˈōm-ne-ig-ˈnō-,tūm-prō-māg-nif-i-,kō\ [L] : everything unknown (is taken) as grand : the unknown tends to be exaggerated in importance or difficulty
om-nia mu-tan-tur, nos et mu-ta-mur in il-lis \ˈōm-nē-ām-mū-ˈtān-,tūr ,nōs-,et-mū-,tām-ər-in-ˈil-,ēs\ [L] : all things are changing, and we are changing with them
om-nia vin-cit amor \ˈōm-nē-ā-ˈwiŋ-kət-ˈām-,ōr\ [L] : love conquers all
onus pro-ban-di \ˈō-nəs-prō-ˈban-,dī-,dē\ [L] : burden of proof
ora pro no-bis \ˈō-rā-prō-ˈnō-,bēs\ [L] : pray for us
ore ro-tun-do \ˈōr-ā-ō-ˈtūn-dō\ [L] : with round mouth : eloquently
oro y pla-ta \ˈōr-ō-ē-ˈplāt-ə\ [Sp] : gold and silver — motto of Montana
o tem-pora! o mo-res! \ˈō-ˈtem-pə-rā-ō-ˈmō-,rās\ [L] : oh the times! oh the manners!
oti-um cum dig-ni-ta-te \ˈōt-ē-,ūm-kūm-,dig-nə-ˈtā-te\ [L] : leisure with dignity
où sont les neiges d'an-tan? \ū-sō-ˈlā-nezh-dā-ˈtā\ [F] : where are the snows of yesteryear?
pal-li-da Mors \ˈpal-id-ə-ˈmōrz\ [L] : pale Death
pa-nem et cir-cen-ses \ˈpān-,em-et-kir-ˈkān-,sās\ [L] : bread and circuses : provision of the means of life and recreation by government to appease discontent
pan-ta rhei \ˈpān-,tā-ˈ(h)rā\ [Gk] : all things are in flux
par avance \pār-ā-vās\ [F] : in advance : by anticipation
par avion \pār-ā-vyō\ [F] : by airplane — used on airmail
par ex-em-ple \pār-äg-zāˈplā\ [F] : for example
par-tu-ri-unt mon-tes, nas-ce-tur ri-di-cu-lus mus \pār-,tūr-ē-,ūnt-ˈmōn-,tās nās-ˈkā-,tūr-ri-,dik-ə-lūs-ˈmūs\ [L] : the mountains are in labor, and a ridiculous mouse will be brought forth

pa-ter pa-tri-ae \ˈpā-,ter-ˈpā-trē-,ā\ [L] : father of his country
pau-cis ver-bis \ˈpau-,kēs-ˈwer-,bēs\ [L] : in a few words
pax vo-bis-cum \ˈpāks-vō-ˈbēs-,kūm\ [L] : peace (be) with you
peine forte et dure \pen-fōr-tā-dūr\ [F] : strong and hard punishment : torture
per an-gus-ta ad au-gus-ta \per-ˈān-,gūs-tā-ād-ˈāu-,gūs-tā\ [L] : through difficulties to honors
père \per\ [F] : father — used after French proper names to distinguish a father from his son
per-eant qui an-te nos nos-tra dix-e-runt \per-e-,ānt- kwē-,ān-te-ˈnōs-ˈnōs-trā-dēk-ˈsā-,runt\ [L] : may they perish who have expressed our bright ideas before us
per-fide Al-bion \per-fēd-āl-byō\ [F] : perfidious Albion (England)
peu a peu \pō-ā-pō\ [F] : little by little
peu de chose \pēd-(ə-)shōz\ [F] : a trifle
pièce d'oc-ca-sion \pyes-dō-kā-zyō\ [F] : piece for a special occasion
pinx-it \ˈpiŋk-sət\ [L] : he (or she) painted it
place aux dames \plās-ō-dām\ [F] : (make) room for the ladies
ple-no ju-re \ˈplā-nō-ˈyūr-e\ [L] : with full right
plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose \plū-sā-shā-zh plū-se-lā-mem-shōz\ [F] : the more that changes, the more it's the same thing
plus roy-a-liste que le roi \plū-rwā-yā-lēst-kəl-rwā\ [F] : more royalist than the king
po-cas pa-la-bras \ˈpō-kās-pā-ˈlāb-rās\ [Sp] : few words
po-e-ta nas-ci-tur, non fit \pō-,ā-tā-ˈnās-kə-,tūr nōn-ˈfit\ [L] : a poet is born, not made
pol-li-ce ver-so \ˈpō-li-ke-ˈver-sō\ [L] : with thumb turned : with a gesture or expression of condemnation
post hoc, er-go prop-ter hoc \ˈpōst-,hōk,er-gō-ˈprōp-ter-,hōk\ [L] : after this, therefore on account of it (a fallacy of argument)
post ob-itu-m \ˈpōst-ˈō-bə-,tūm\ [L] : after death
pour ac-quit \pūr-ā-kē\ [F] : received payment
pour le mé-rite \pūr-lə-mā-rēt\ [F] : for merit
pro aris et fo-cis \prō-,ā-,rēs-et-ˈfō-,kēs\ [L] : for altars and firesides
pro bo-no pu-bli-co \prō-,bō-nō-ˈpū-bli-,kō\ [L] : for the public good
pro hac vi-ce \prō-,hāk-ˈwik-e\ [L] : for this occasion
pro pa-tria \prō-ˈpā-trē-,ā\ [L] : for one's country
pro re-ge, le-ge, et gre-ge \prō-ˈrā-,ge-ˈlā-,ge-et-ˈgreg-,ē\ [L] : for the king, the law, and the people
pro re na-ta \ˈprō-,rā-ˈnāt-ə\ [L] : for an occasion that has arisen : as needed — used in medical prescriptions
quand même \kā-mem\ [F] : even though : whatever may happen
quan-tum mu-ta-ta ab il-lo \kwānt-əm-mū-ˈtāt-əs-āb-ˈil-ō\ [L] : how changed from what he once was
quan-tum suf-fi-cit \kwānt-əm-ˈsəf-ə-,kit\ [L] : as much as suffices : a sufficient quantity — used in medical prescriptions
¿quién sa-be? \kyān-ˈsā-bā\ [Sp] : who knows?
qui fa-cit per ali-um fa-cit per se \kwē-,fāk-it-,per-ˈāl-ē-,ūm-,fāk-it-,per-ˈsā\ [L] : he who does (anything) through another does it through himself
quis cus-to-di-et ip-sos cus-to-des? \kwis-kūs-ˈtōd-ē-,et-ip-,sōs- kūs-ˈtō-,dās\ [L] : who will keep the keepers themselves?
qui s'ex-cuse s'ac-cuse \kē-ˈsek-,skūz-ˈsā-,kūz\ [F] : he who excuses himself accuses himself
quis se-pa-ra-bit? \kwis-,sā-pā-rāb-it\ [L] : who shall separate (us)? — motto of the Order of St. Patrick
qui trans-tu-lit sus-ti-net \kwē-ˈtrāns-tə-,lit-ˈsūs-tə-,net\ [L] : He who transplanted sustains (us) — motto of Connecticut
qui va là? \kē-vā-lā\ [F] : who goes there?

quo-ad hoc \kwō-äd-^hōk\ [L] : as far as this : to this extent

quod erat de-mon-stran-dum \kwōd-^{er}-ät-,dem-ən-^{strän}-däm\ [L] : which was to be proved

quod erat fa-ci-en-dum \kwōd-^{er}-ät-,en-,dum\ [L] : which was to be done

quod sem-per, quod ubi-que, quod ab om-ni-bus \kwōd-^{sem}-,per kwōd-^{ub}-i-,kwā kwōd-^{ab}-^{om}-ni-,būs\ [L] : what (has been held) always, everywhere, by everybody

quod vi-de \kwōd-^{vi}-dē\ [L] : which see

quo-rum pars mag-na fui \kwōr-əm-,pārs-,māg-nā-^{fui}-ē\ [L] : in which I played a great part

quos de-us vult per-de-re pri-us de-men-tat \kwōs-^{de}-ūs-,vult-^{per}-dē-,re-,prē-ūs-dā-^{men}-tāt\ [L] : those whom a god wishes to destroy he first drives mad

quot ho-mi-nes, tot sen-ten-ti-ae \kwōt-^{hō}-mā-,nās-,tōt-sen-^{ten}-tē-,ē\ [L] : there are as many opinions as there are men

quo va-dis? \kwō-^{va}-dīs-,^{wa}-dā\ [L] : whither are you going?

rai-son d'état \re-zōn-dā-tā\ [F] : reason of state

re-cu-ler pour mieux sau-ter \rā-kū-^{lā}-pūr-myē-sō-tā\ [F] : to draw back in order to make a better jump

reg-nat po-pu-lus \^{reg}-,nāt-^{pō}-pā-,lūs\ [L] : the people rule — motto of Arkansas

re-in-fec-ta \rā-in-^{fē}-kē-,tā\ [L] : the business being unfinished : without accomplishing one's purpose

re-li-gio lo-ci \re-,līg-ē-,ō-^{lō}-kē\ [L] : religious sanctity of a place

rem acu te-ti-gis-ti \rem-^ā-,kū-,tē-^{gis}-tē\ [L] : you have touched the point with a needle : you have hit the nail on the head

ré-pon-dez s'il vous plait \rā-pōn-dā-sēl-vü-ple\ [F] : reply, if you please

re-qui-es-cat in pa-ce \rek-wē-^{es}-,kāt-in-^{pā}-,e-,^{rā}-kwē-^{es}-,kāt-in-^{pā}-,ē\ [L] : may he (or she) rest in peace — used on tombstones

res-pi-ce fi-nem \rā-spi-,ke-^{fē}-,nem\ [L] : look to the end : consider the outcome

re-sur-gam \re-^{sür}-,gām\ [L] : I shall rise again

re-te-nue \rēt-nūē\ [F] : self-restraint : reserve

re-ve-nons à nos mou-tons \rēv-nō-^ā-nō-mū-tō\ [F] : let us return to our sheep : let us get back to the subject

ruse de guerre \rūz-dē-gēr\ [F] : war stratagem

rus in ur-be \rūs-in-^{ür}-,bē\ [L] : country in the city

sae-va in-di-gna-tio \sī-wā-,in-dig-^{nāt}-ē-ō\ [L] : fierce indignation

sal At-ti-cum \sal-^{at}-i-kəm\ [L] : Attic salt : wit

salle à man-ger \sāl-^ā-mān-zhā\ [F] : dining room

sa-lus po-pu-li su-pre-ma lex es-to \sāl-,ūs-^{pō}-pā-,lē-sū-,prā-mā-,leks-^{es}-tō\ [L] : let the welfare of the people be the supreme law — motto of Missouri

sans doute \sān-düt\ [F] : without doubt

sans gêne \sān-zhen\ [F] : without embarrassment or constraint

sans peur et sans re-proche \sān-pēr-^ā-sān-rā-^{prō}-sh\ [F] : without fear and without reproach

sans sou-ci \sān-sü-sē\ [F] : without worry

sa-yo-na-ra \sā-yō-nār-ə\ [Jp] : good-bye

sculp-sit \skūlp-sit\ [L] : he (or she) carved it

scu-to bo-nae vo-lun-ta-tis tu-ae co-ro-nas-ti nos \skū-,tō-^{bō}-,nī-,vō-lūn-,tāt-^{as}-^{tū}-,i-,kōr-^{as}-,nās-tē-^{nōs}\ [L] : Thou hast crowned us with the shield of Thy good will — a motto on the Great Seal of Maryland

se-cun-dum ar-tem \se-,kūn-dəm-^{ār}-,tem\ [L] : according to the art : according to the accepted practice of a profession or trade

secundum na-tu-ram \nā-^{tū}-,rām\ [L] : according to nature : naturally

se-de-fen-den-do \sā-,dā-,fen-^{den}-dō\ [L] : in self-defense

se ha-bla es-pa-ñol \sā-,āb-lā-,ās-pā-^{nō}\ [Sp] : Spanish spoken

sem-per ea-dem \sem-,per-^e-ā-,dem\ [L] : always the same (fem.) — motto of Queen Elizabeth I

sem-per fi-de-lis \sem-par-fi-^{dā}-lis\ [L] : always faithful — motto of the U.S. Marine Corps

sem-per idem \sem-,per-^{idē}-,dem\ [L] : always the same (masc.)

sem-per pa-ra-tus \sem-par-pā-^{rāt}-əs\ [L] : always prepared — motto of the U.S. Coast Guard

se non ē ve-ro, ē ben tro-va-to \sā-,nōn-e-^{vā}-rō-e-,ben-trō-^{vā}-tō\ [It] : even if it is not true, it is well conceived

sic itur ad as-tra \sēk-ⁱ-,tūr-,äd-^{ās}-trā\ [L] : thus one goes to the stars : such is the way to immortality

sic sem-per ty-ran-nis \sik-,sem-par-ti-^{ran}-is\ [L] : thus ever to tyrants — motto of Virginia

sic trans-it glo-ria mun-di \sēk-^{trān}-sēt-,glōr-ē-^ā-^{mūn}-dē\ [L] : so passes away the glory of the world

si jeu-nesse sa-vait, si vieil-lesse pou-vait \sē-^{zhœ}-nes-^{sā}-ve sē-^{vye}-yes-^{pū}-vē\ [F] : if youth only knew, if age only could!

si-lent leges in-ter ar-ma \sil-,ent-^{lā}-,gās-,int-^{er}-^{ār}-mā\ [L] : the laws are silent in the midst of arms

s'il vous plait \sēl-vü-ple\ [F] : if you please

si-mi-lia si-mi-li-bus cu-ran-tur \sim-^{il}-ē-^ā-sim-^{il}-ē-būs-kū-^{rān}-,tūr\ [L] : like is cured by like

si-mi-lis si-mi-li gau-det \sim-^ā-lis-^{sim}-^ā-lē-^{gāu}-,det\ [L] : like takes pleasure in like

si mo-nu-men-tum re-qui-ris, cir-cum-spi-ce \sē-,mō-nā-,ment-^{am}-re-^{kwē}-rās kir-^{kūm}-spi-ke\ [L] : if you seek his monument, look around — epitaph of Sir Christopher Wren in St. Paul's, London, of which he was architect

si quae-ris pen-in-su-lam amoe-nam, cir-cum-spi-ce \sē-,kwī-rās-pā-,nin-sā-,lām-^ā-mōi-,nām kir-^{kūm}-spi-ke\ [L] : if you seek a beautiful peninsula, look around — motto of Michigan

sis-te vi-a-tor \sis-te-wē-^ā-,tōr\ [L] : stop, traveler — used on Roman roadside tombs

si vis pa-cem, pa-ra bel-lum \sis-,wēs-^{pā}-,kem-,pā-rā-^{bel}-,ūm\ [L] : if you wish peace, prepare for war

sol-vi-tur am-bu-lan-dō \sōl-wi-,tūr-,ām-bā-^{lān}-dō\ [L] : it is solved by walking : the problem is solved by a practical experiment

splen-di-de men-dax \splēn-dā-,dā-^{men}-,dāks\ [L] : nobly untruthful

spo-lia opi-ma \spō-lē-^ā-ō-^{pē}-mā\ [L] : rich spoils : the arms taken by the victorious from the vanquished general

sta-tus in quo \stāt-^{as}-,in-^{kwō}\ [L] : state in which : the existing state

status quo an-te bel-lum \kwō-,ānt-^ā-^{bel}-ūm\ [L] : the state existing before the war

sua-vi-ter in mo-do, for-ti-ter in re \swā-wā-,ter-in-^{mō}-dō-^{fōrt}-^{as}-,ter-in-^{rā}\ [L] : gently in manner, strongly in deed

sub ver-bo \süb-^{wer}-bō\ or **sub vo-ce** \süb-^{wō}-ke\ [L] : under the word — introducing a cross-reference in a dictionary or index

sunt la-cri-mae re-rum \sunt-,lāk-ri-,mī-^{rā}-rūm\ [L] : there are tears for things

suo ju-re \sū-ō-^{yur}-ē\ [L] : in his (or her) own right

suo lo-co \^{lō}-kō\ [L] : in its proper place

suo Mar-te \^{mār}-tē\ [L] : by one's own exertions

su-um cui-que \sū-^{am}-^{kwik}-wē\ [L] : to each his own

tant mieux \tān-myē\ [F] : so much the better

tant pis \^{pē}\ [F] : so much the worse

tem-po-ra mu-tan-tur, nos et mu-ta-mur in il-lis \tem-pā-rā-mū-^{tān}-,tūr-,^{nōs}-,et-mū-,tām-^{er}-in-^{il}-,ēs\ [L] : the times are changing, and we are changing with them

tem-pus edax re-rum \tem-pūs-,ed-,āks-^{rā}-rūm\ [L] : time, that devours all things

tem-pus fu-git \tem-pās-^{fū}-jēt-,^{fū}-git\ [L] : time flies

ti-meo Da-na-os et do-na fe-ren-tes \,tim-ē-,ō-¹dän-ä-,ōs-,et-,dō-nä-fe-¹ren-,täs\ [L] : I fear the Greeks even when they bring gifts
to-ti-dem ver-bis \,tót-ə-,dem-¹wer-,bēs\ [L] : in so many words
to-tis vi-ri-bus \,tō-,tēs-¹wē-ri-,būs\ [L] : with all one's might
to-to cae-lo \,tō-tō-¹ki-lō\ or **toto** coe-lo \-¹kói-lō\ [L] : by the whole extent of the heavens : diametrically
tou-jours per-drix \tü-zhür-per-drē\ [F] : always partridge : too much of a good thing
tour d'ho-ri-zon \tür-dó-rē-zō\ [F] : circuit of the horizon : general survey
tous frais faits \tü-fre-fe\ [F] : all expenses defrayed
tout à fait \tü-tá-fe\ [F] : altogether : quite
tout au con-traire \tü-tō-kō¹-trēr\ [F] : quite the contrary
tout à vous \tü-tá-vü\ [F] : wholly yours : at your service
tout bien ou rien \tü-¹byaⁿ- nü-¹ryaⁿ\ [F] : everything well (done) or nothing (attempted)
tout com-pren-dre c'est tout par-don-ner \tü-kōⁿ- prä-drä se-¹tü-pär-dō-nä\ [F] : to understand all is to forgive all
tout court \tü-kür\ [F] : quite short : simply; *also* : brusquely
tout de même \tüt-mem\ [F] : all the same : nevertheless
tout de suite \tüt-sw'et\ [F] : immediately; *also* : all at once : consecutively
tout en-sem-ble \tü-täⁿ-säⁿbl\ [F] : all together : general effect
tout est per-du fors l'hon-neur \tü-te-per-dü-för-ló-nœr\ or **tout est perdu hors l'honneur** \-dü-ör-\ [F] : all is lost save honor
tout le monde \tül-mōⁿd\ [F] : all the world : everybody
tranche de vie \träⁿsh-də-¹vē\ [F] : slice of life
trist-esse \trē-stēs\ [F] : melancholy
tru-di-tur di-es die \trüd-ə-,tür-,di-,äs-¹di-,ä\ [L] : day is pushed forth by day : one day hurries on another
tu-e-bor \tü-¹ä-,bör\ [L] : I will defend — a motto on the Great Seal of Michigan
ua mau ke ea o ka ai-na i ka po-no \,ü-ä-¹mä-ü-ke-¹e-ä-ö-kä-¹ä-ē-nä-,ē-kä-¹pō-nō\ [Hawaiian] : the life of the land is established in righteousness — motto of Hawaii
ue-ber-mensch \üē-bēr-,mensch\ [G] : superman
ul-ti-ma ra-tio re-gum \ül-ti-mä-,rát-ē-ō-¹rä-güm\ [L] : the final argument of kings, i.e., war
und so wei-ter \ünt-zō-¹vī-tər\ [G] : and so on
uno ani-mo \,ü-nō-¹än-ə-,mō\ [L] : with one mind : unanimously
ur-bi et or-bi \,ür-bē-,et-¹ör-bē\ [L] : to the city (Rome) and the world

uti-le dul-ci \,üt-¹l-e-¹dül-,kē\ [L] : the useful with the agreeable
ut in-fra \üt-¹in-frä\ [L] : as below
ut su-pra \üt-¹sü-prä\ [L] : as above
va-de re-tro me, Sa-ta-na \,wä-de-¹rä-trō-,mä-¹sä-tə-,nä\ [L] : get thee behind me, Satan
vae vic-tis \wi-¹wik-,tēs\ [L] : woe to the vanquished
va-ria lec-tio \,wär-ē-ä-¹lek-tē-,ō\ *pl* **va-ri-ae lec-ti-o-nes** \vär-ē-,i-,lek-tē-¹ō-,näs\ [L] : variant reading
va-ri-um et mu-ta-bi-le sem-per fe-mi-na \,wär-ē-,et-,mü-¹tä-bä-le-,sem-,per-¹fä-mä-nä\ [L] : woman is ever a fickle and changeable thing
ve-di Na-po-li e poi mo-ri \,vä-dē-¹nä-pō-lē-ä-,pō-ē-¹mō-rē\ [It] : see Naples, and then die
ve-ni, vi-di, vi-ci \,wä-nē-,wēd-ē-¹wē- kē\ [L] : I came, I saw, I conquered
ven-tre à terre \vär-ⁿ-trä-ter\ [F] : belly to the ground : at very great speed
ver-ba-tim ac lit-te-ra-tim \wer-¹bä-tim-,äk-,lit-ə-¹rä-tim\ [L] : word for word and letter for letter
ver-bum sat sa-pi-en-ti est \,wer-büm-¹sät-,säp-ē-¹ent-ē-,est\ [L] : a word to the wise is sufficient
vin-cit om-nia ve-ri-tas \,wiŋ-ket-¹öm-nē-ä-¹wä-rä-,täs\ [L] : truth conquers all things
vin-cu-lum ma-tri-mo-ni-i \,wiŋ-kə-lüm-,mä-trä-¹mō-nē-,ē\ [L] : bond of marriage
vir-gi-ni-bus pu-e-ris-que \wir-¹gin-ə- būs-,pü-ə-¹rēs-kwe\ [L] : for girls and boys
vir-tu-te et ar-mis \wir-¹tü-te-,et-¹är-mēs\ [L] : by valor and arms — motto of Mississippi
vis me-di-ca-trix na-tu-rae \wēs-,med-i-¹kä-triks-nä-¹tü-rä\ [L] : the healing power of nature
vive la dif-fé-rence \vēv(-ə)-lä-dē-fä-räs\ [F] : long live the difference (between the sexes)
vive la reine \vēv-lä-ren\ [F] : long live the queen
vive le roi \vēv-lä-rwä\ [F] : long live the king
vix-e-re for-tes an-te Aga-mem-no-na \wik-,sä-re-¹för-,täs-,änt-,äg-ə-¹mem-nə-,nä\ [L] : brave men lived before Agamemnon
vogue la ga-lère \vóg-lä-gä-lēr\ [F] : let the galley be kept rowing : keep on, whatever may happen
voi-là \vwä-lä\ [F] : there you are : there you see (it)
voi-là tout \vwä-lä-tü\ [F] : that's all
vox et prae-te-rea ni-hil \wöks-et-pri-,ter-e-ä-¹ni-,hil\ [L] : voice and nothing more
vox po-pu-li vox Dei \wöks-¹pó-pä-,lē-,wöks-¹de-ē\ [L] : the voice of the people is the voice of God
Wan-der-jahr \vän-dər-,yär\ [G] : year of wandering
wie geht's? \vē-¹gäts\ [G] : how goes it?

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In Congress, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our People, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & Perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

The Constitution of the United States of America

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

SECTION 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the age of twenty five Years, and been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons.

The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand, but each State shall have at Least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to chuse three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New-York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five, and Georgia three.

When vacancies happen in the Representation from any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue Writs of Election to fill such Vacancies.

The House of Representatives shall chuse their Speaker and other Officers; and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.

SECTION 3. The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for six Years; and each Senator shall have one Vote.

Immediately after they shall be assembled in Consequence of the first Election, they shall be divided as equally as may be into three Classes. The Seats of the Senators of the first Class shall be vacated at the Expiration of the second Year, of the second Class at the Expiration of the fourth Year, and of the third Class at the Expiration of the sixth Year, so that one-third may be chosen every second Year; and if Vacancies happen by Resignation, or otherwise, during the Recess of the Legislature of any State, the Executive thereof may make temporary Appointments until the next Meeting of the Legislature, which shall then fill such Vacancies.

No Person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty Years, and been nine Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State for which he shall be chosen.

The Vice President of the United States shall be President of the Senate, but shall have no Vote, unless they be equally divided.

The Senate shall chuse their other Officers, and also a President pro tempore, in the Absence of the Vice President, or when he shall exercise the Office of President of the United States.

The Senate shall have the sole Power to try all Impeachments. When sitting for that Purpose, they shall be on Oath or Affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside: And no Person shall be convicted without the Concurrence of two thirds of the Members present.

Judgment in Cases of Impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from Office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any Office of honor, Trust, or Profit under the United States: but the Party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to Indictment, Trial, Judgment, and Punishment, according to Law.

SECTION 4. The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except as to the Places of chusing Senators.

The Congress shall assemble at least once in every Year, and such Meeting shall be on the first Monday in December, unless they shall by Law appoint a different Day.

SECTION 5. Each House shall be the Judge of the Elections, Returns, and Qualifications of its own Members, and a Majority of each shall constitute a Quorum to do Business; but a smaller Number may adjourn from day to day, and may be authorized to compel the Attendance of absent Members, in such Manner, and under such Penalties as each House may provide.

Each House may determine the Rules of its Proceedings, punish its Members for disorderly Behavior, and, with the Concurrence of two thirds, expel a Member.

Each House shall keep a Journal of its Proceedings, and from time to time publish the same, excepting such Parts as may in their Judgment require Secrecy; and the Yeas and Nays of the Members of either House on any question shall, at the Desire of one fifth of those Present, be entered on the Journal.

Neither House, during the Session of Congress, shall, without the Consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other Place than that in which the two Houses shall be sitting.

SECTION 6. The Senators and Representatives shall receive a Compensation for their Services, to be ascertained by Law, and paid out of the Treasury of the United States. They shall in all Cases, except Treason, Felony and Breach of the Peace, be privileged from Arrest during their Attendance at the Session of their respective Houses, and in going to and returning from the same; and for any Speech or Debate in either House, they shall not be questioned in any other Place.

No Senator or Representative shall, during the Time for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil Office under the Authority of the United States, which shall have been created, or the Emoluments whereof shall have been increased during such time; and no Person holding any Office under the United States, shall be a Member of either House during his Continuance in Office.

SECTION 7. All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments as on other Bills.

Every Bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it become a Law, be presented to the President of the United States; If he approve he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it, with his Objections to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the Objections at large on their Journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such Reconsideration two thirds of that House shall agree to pass the Bill, it shall be sent, together with the Objections, to the other House by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by two thirds of that House, it shall become a Law. But in all such Cases the Votes of both Houses shall be determined by yeas and Nays, and the Names of the Persons voting for and against the Bill shall be entered on the Journal of each House respectively. If any Bill shall not be returned by the President within ten Days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the Same shall be a Law, in like Manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress by their Adjournment prevent its Return, in which Case it shall not be a Law.

Every Order, Resolution, or Vote to which the Concurrence of the Senate and House of Representatives may be necessary (except on a question of Adjournment) shall be presented to the President of the United States; and before the Same shall take Effect, shall be approved by him, or being disapproved by him, shall be repassed by two thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives, according to the Rules and Limitations prescribed in the Case of a Bill.

SECTION 8. The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

To borrow Money on the credit of the United States;

To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

To establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization, and uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States;

To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures;

To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States;

To establish Post Offices and post Roads;

To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries;

To constitute Tribunals inferior to the supreme Court;
 To define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offenses against the Law of Nations;
 To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water;
 To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years;
 To provide and maintain a Navy;
 To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces;
 To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions;
 To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers and the Authority of training the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;
 To exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the Acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of the Government of the United States, and to exercise like Authority over all Places purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings;—
 And

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

SECTION 9. The Migration or Importation of such Persons as any of the States now existing shall think proper to admit, shall not be prohibited by the Congress prior to the Year one thousand eight hundred and eight, but a Tax or duty may be imposed on such Importation, not exceeding ten dollars for each Person.

The Privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it.

No Bill of Attainder or ex post facto Law shall be passed.

No capitation, or other direct, Tax shall be laid, unless in Proportion to the Census or Enumeration herein before directed to be taken.

No Tax or Duty shall be laid on Articles exported from any State.

No Preference shall be given by any Regulation of Commerce or Revenue to the Ports of one State over those of another; nor shall Vessels bound to, or from, one State be obliged to enter, clear, or pay Duties in another.

No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time.

No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States; And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.

SECTION 10. No State shall enter into any Treaty, Alliance, or Confederation; grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal; coin Money; emit Bills of Credit; make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts; pass any Bill of Attainder, ex post facto Law, or Law impairing the Obligation of Contracts, or grant any Title of Nobility.

No State shall, without the Consent of the Congress, lay any Imposts or Duties on Imports or Exports, except what may be absolutely necessary for executing its inspection Laws; and the net Produce of all Duties and Imposts, laid by any State on Imports or Exports, shall be for the Use of the Treasury of the United States; and all such Laws shall be subject to the Revision and Control of the Congress.

No State shall, without the Consent of Congress, lay any duty of Tonnage, keep Troops, or Ships of War in time of Peace, enter into any Agreement or Compact with another State, or with a foreign Power, or engage in War, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent Danger as will not admit of delay.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1. The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his Office during the Term of four Years, and, together with the Vice President, chosen for the same Term, be elected, as follows

Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress: but no Senator or Representative, or Person holding an Office of Trust or Profit under the United States, shall be appointed an Elector.

The Electors shall meet in their respective States, and vote by Ballot for two Persons, of whom one at least shall not be an Inhabitant of the same State with themselves. And they shall make a List of all the Persons voted for, and of the Number of Votes for each; which List they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the Seat of the Government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall, in the Presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the Certificates and the Votes shall then be counted. The Person having the greatest Number of Votes shall be the President, if such Number be a Majority of the whole Number of Electors appointed; and if there be more than one who have such Majority, and have an equal Number of Votes, then the House of Representatives shall immediately chuse by Ballot one of them for President; and if no Person have a Majority, then from the five highest on the List the said House shall in like Manner chuse the President. But in chusing the President, the Votes shall be taken by States, the Representation from each State having one Vote; A quorum for this Purpose shall consist of a Member or Members from two-thirds of the States, and a Majority of all the States shall be necessary to a Choice. In every Case, after the Choice of the President, the Person having the greatest Number of Votes of the Electors shall be the Vice President. But if there should remain two or more who have equal Votes, the Senate shall chuse from them by Ballot the Vice President.

The Congress may determine the Time of chusing the Electors, and the Day on which they shall give their Votes; which Day shall be the same throughout the United States.

No Person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty-five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.

In Case of the Removal of the President from Office, or of his Death, Resignation, or Inability to discharge the Powers and Duties of the said Office, the Same shall devolve on the Vice President, and the Congress may by Law provide for the Case of Removal, Death, Resignation or Inability, both of the President and Vice President, declaring what Officer shall then act as President, and such Officer shall act accordingly, until the Disability be removed, or a President shall be elected.

The President shall, at stated Times, receive for his Services, a Compensation, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the Period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States, or any of them.

Before he enter on the Execution of his Office, he shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:—"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

SECTION 2. The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States; he may require the Opinion, in writing, of the principal Officer in each of the executive Departments, upon any Subject relating to the Duties of their respective Offices, and he shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offenses against the United States, except in cases of Impeachment.

He shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two-thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States, whose Appointments are not herein otherwise provided for, and which shall be established by Law; but the Congress may by Law vest the Appointment of such inferior Officers, as they think proper, in the President alone, in the Courts of Law, or in the Heads of Departments.

The President shall have power to fill up all Vacancies that may happen during the Recess of the Senate, by granting Commissions which shall expire at the End of their next Session.

SECTION 3. He shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient; he may, on extraordinary Occasions, convene both Houses, or either of them, and in Case of Disagreement between them, with Respect to the Time of Adjournment, he may adjourn them to such Time as he shall think proper; he shall receive Ambassadors and other public Ministers; he shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed, and shall Commission all the Officers of the United States.

SECTION 4. The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1. The judicial Power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish. The Judges, both of the supreme and inferior Courts, shall hold their Offices during good Behaviour, and shall, at stated Times, receive for their Services a Compensation which shall not be diminished during their Continuance in Office.

SECTION 2. The judicial Power shall extend to all Cases, in Law and Equity, arising under this Constitution, the Laws of the United States, and Treaties made, or which shall be made, under their Authority:—to all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls:—to all Cases of admiralty and maritime Jurisdiction:—to Controversies to which the United States shall be a Party:—to Controversies between two or more States:—between a State and Citizens of another State:—between Citizens of different States:—between Citizens of the same State claiming Lands under Grants of different States, and between a State, or the Citizens thereof, and foreign States, Citizens or Subjects.

In all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, and those in which a State shall be Party, the supreme Court shall have original Jurisdiction. In all the other Cases before mentioned, the supreme Court shall have appellate Jurisdiction, both as to Law and Fact, with such Exceptions, and under such Regulations as the Congress shall make.

The Trial of all Crimes, except in Cases of Impeachment, shall be by Jury; and such Trial shall be held in the State where the said Crimes shall have been committed; but when not committed within any State, the Trial shall be at such Place or Places as the Congress may by Law have directed.

SECTION 3. Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort. No Person shall be convicted of Treason unless on the Testimony of two Witnesses to the same overt Act, or on Confession in open Court.

The Congress shall have Power to declare the Punishment of Treason, but no Attainder of Treason shall work Corruption of Blood, or Forfeiture except during the Life of the Person attained.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1. Full Faith and Credit shall be given in each State to the public Acts, Records, and judicial Proceedings of every other State. And the Congress may by general Laws prescribe the Manner in which such Acts, Records and Proceedings shall be proved, and the Effect thereof.

SECTION 2. The Citizens of each State shall be entitled to all Privileges and Immunities of Citizens in the several States.

A Person charged in any State with Treason, Felony, or other Crime, who shall flee from Justice, and be found in another State, shall on Demand of the executive Authority of the State from which he fled, be delivered up, to be removed to the State having Jurisdiction of the Crime.

No Person held to Service or Labour in one State, under the Laws thereof, escaping into another, shall, in Consequence of any Law or Regulation therein, be discharged from such Service or Labour, but shall be delivered up on Claim of the Party to whom such Service or Labour may be due.

SECTION 3. New States may be admitted by the Congress into this Union; but no new State shall be formed or erected within the Jurisdiction of any other State; nor any State be formed by the Junction of two or more States, or Parts of States, without the Consent of the Legislatures of the States concerned as well as of the Congress.

The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular State.

SECTION 4. The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) against domestic Violence.

ARTICLE V

The Congress, whenever two-thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, or, on the Application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments, which, in either Case, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, as Part of this Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States, or by Conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other Mode of Ratification may be proposed by the Congress;

Provided that no Amendment which may be made prior to the Year One thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any Manner affect the first and fourth Clauses in the Ninth Section of the first Article; and that no State without its Consent, shall be deprived of its equal Suffrage in the Senate.

ARTICLE VI

All Debts contracted and Engagements entered into, before the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be as valid against the United States under this Constitution, as under the Confederation.

This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof, and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land, and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.

The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution; but no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States.

ARTICLE VII

The Ratification of the Conventions of nine States, shall be sufficient for the Establishment of this Constitution between the States so ratifying the Same.

Done in Convention by the Unanimous Consent of the States present the Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Twelfth In witness whereof We have hereunto subscribed our Names.

Go. WASHINGTON—*Presid.*
and deputy from Virginia

In Convention Monday, September 17th 1787.

Present
The States of

New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Mr. Hamilton from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Resolved,

That the preceding Constitution be laid before the United States in Congress assembled, and that it is the Opinion of this Convention, that it should afterwards be submitted to a Convention of Delegates, chosen in each State by the People thereof, under the Recommendation of its Legislature, for their Assent and Ratification; and that each Convention assenting to, and ratifying the Same, should give Notice thereof to the United States in Congress assembled. Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Convention, that as soon as the Conventions of nine States shall have ratified this Constitution, the United States in Congress assembled should fix a Day on which Electors should be appointed by the States which shall have ratified the same, and a Day on which the Electors should assemble to vote for the President, and the Time and Place for commencing Proceedings under this Constitution. That after such Publication the Electors should be appointed, and the Senators and Representatives elected: That the Electors should meet on the Day fixed for the Election of the President, and should transmit their Votes certified, signed, sealed and directed, as the Constitution requires, to the Secretary of the United States in Congress assembled, that the Senators and Representatives should convene at the Time and Place assigned; that the Senators should appoint a President of the Senate, for the sole Purpose of receiving, opening and counting the Votes for President; and, that after he shall be chosen, the Congress, together with the President, should, without Delay, proceed to execute this Constitution.

By the Unanimous Order of the Convention

Go. WASHINGTON *Presid.*

W. JACKSON *Secretary.*

Articles in Addition to, and Amendment of, the Constitution of the United States of America, Proposed by Congress, and Ratified by the Several States, Pursuant to the Fifth Article of the Original Constitution.

AMENDMENT [I]

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

AMENDMENT [II]

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

AMENDMENT [III]

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

AMENDMENT [IV]

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

AMENDMENT [V]

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

AMENDMENT [VI]

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

AMENDMENT [VII]

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

AMENDMENT [VIII]

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

AMENDMENT [IX]

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

AMENDMENT [X]

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

AMENDMENT [XI]

The Judicial power of the United States shall not be construed to extend to any suit in law or equity, commenced or prosecuted against one of the United States by Citizens of another State, or by Citizens or Subjects of any Foreign State.

AMENDMENT [XII]

The Electors shall meet in their respective states and vote by ballot for President and Vice-President, one of whom, at least, shall not be an inhabitant of the same state with themselves; they shall name in their ballots the persons voted for as President, and in distinct ballots the person voted for as Vice-President, and they shall make distinct lists of all persons voted for as President, and of all persons voted for as Vice-President, and of the number of votes for each, which lists they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the seat of the government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate;—The President of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates and the votes shall then be counted;—The person having the greatest number of votes for President, shall be the President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of Electors appointed; and if no person have such majority, then from the persons having the highest numbers not exceeding three on the list of those voted for as President, the House of Representatives shall choose immediately, by ballot, the President. But in choosing the President, the votes shall

be taken by states, the representation from each state having one vote; a quorum for this purpose shall consist of a member or members from two-thirds of the states, and a majority of all the states shall be necessary to a choice. And if the House of Representatives shall not choose a President whenever the right of choice shall devolve upon them, before the fourth day of March next following, then the Vice-President shall act as President, as in the case of the death or other constitutional disability of the President.—The person having the greatest number of votes as Vice-President, shall be the Vice-President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of Electors appointed, and if no person have a majority, then from the two highest numbers on the list, the Senate shall choose the Vice-President; a quorum for the purpose shall consist of two-thirds of the whole number of Senators, and a majority of the whole number shall be necessary to a choice. But no person constitutionally ineligible to the office of President shall be eligible to that of Vice-President of the United States.

AMENDMENT [XIII]

SECTION 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AMENDMENT [XIV]

SECTION 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

SECTION 2. Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the Executive and Judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

SECTION 3. No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice-President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

SECTION 4. The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations and claims shall be held illegal and void.

SECTION 5. The Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

AMENDMENT [XV]

SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude—

SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AMENDMENT [XVI]

The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration.

AMENDMENT [XVII]

The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote. The electors in each State shall

have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State legislatures.

When vacancies happen in the representation of any State in the Senate, the executive authority of such State shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies; *Provided*, That the legislature of any State may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct.

This amendment shall not be so construed as to affect the election or term of any Senator chosen before it becomes valid as part of the Constitution.

AMENDMENT [XVIII]

SECTION 1. After one year from the ratification of this article the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.

SECTION 2. The Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

SECTION 3. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

AMENDMENT [XIX]

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AMENDMENT [XX]

SECTION 1. The terms of the President and Vice-President shall end at noon on the 20th day of January, and the terms of Senators and Representatives at noon on the 3d day of January, of the years in which such terms would have ended if this article had not been ratified; and the terms of their successors shall then begin.

SECTION 2. The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall begin at noon on the 3d day of January, unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

SECTION 3. If, at the time fixed for the beginning of the term of the President, the President elect shall have died, the Vice-President elect shall become President. If a President shall not have been chosen before the time fixed for the beginning of his term, or if the President elect shall have failed to qualify, then the Vice-President elect shall act as President until a President shall have qualified; and the Congress may by law provide for the case wherein neither a President elect nor a Vice-President elect shall have qualified, declaring who shall then act as President, or the manner in which one who is to act shall be selected, and such person shall act accordingly until a President or Vice-President shall have qualified.

SECTION 4. The Congress may by law provide for the case of the death of any of the persons from whom the House of Representatives may choose a President whenever the right of choice shall have devolved upon them, and for the case of the death of any of the persons from whom the Senate may choose a Vice-President whenever the right of choice shall have devolved upon them.

SECTION 5. Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on the 15th day of October following the ratification of this article.

SECTION 6. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission.

AMENDMENT [XXI]

SECTION 1. The eighteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. The transportation or importation into any State, Territory, or possession of the United States for delivery or use therein of intoxicating liquors, in violation of the laws thereof, is hereby prohibited.

SECTION 3. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by conventions in the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

AMENDMENT [XXII]

SECTION 1. No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not

apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative, from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

SECTION 2. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress.

AMENDMENT [XXIII]

SECTION 1. The District constituting the seat of Government of the United States shall appoint in such manner as the Congress may direct:

A number of electors of President and Vice President equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives in Congress to which the District would be entitled if it were a State, but in no event more than the least populous State; they shall be in addition to those appointed by the States, but they shall be considered, for the purposes of the election of President and Vice President, to be electors appointed by a State; and they shall meet in the District and perform such duties as provided by the twelfth article of amendment.

SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AMENDMENT [XXIV]

SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any primary or other election for President or Vice President, for electors for President or Vice President, or for Senator or Representative in Congress, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay any poll tax or other tax.

SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AMENDMENT [XXV]

SECTION 1. In case of the removal of the President from office or of his death or resignation, the Vice President shall become President.

SECTION 2. Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the Vice President, the President shall nominate a Vice President who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of both Houses of Congress.

SECTION 3. Whenever the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, and until he transmits to them a written declaration to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice President as Acting President.

SECTION 4. Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President.

Thereafter, when the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that no inability exists, he shall resume the powers and duties of his office unless the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive department or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit within four days to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office. Thereupon Congress shall decide the issue, assembling within forty-eight hours for that purpose if not in session. If the Congress, within twenty-one days after receipt of the latter written declaration, or, if Congress is not in session, within twenty-one days after Congress is required to assemble, determines by two-thirds vote of both Houses that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall continue to discharge the same as Acting President; otherwise, the President shall resume the powers and duties of his office.

AMENDMENT [XXVI]

SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States, who are 18 years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of age.

SECTION 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Nations of the World

name and pronunciation	population	name and pronunciation	population
Afghanistan		Fiji \ 'fē-(i)jē \	588,000
\ af-'gan-ə-'stan \	13,051,000	Finland \ 'fin-land \	4,718,000
Albania \ al-'bā-nē-ə \	2,841,000	France \ 'frans \	52,656,000
Algeria \ al-'jir-ē-ə \	16,948,000	Gabon \ ga-'bōn \	1,108,000
Andorra \ an-'dōr-ə \	40,000	Gambia \ 'gam-bē-ə \	696,000
Angola \ an-'gō-lə, an-\	6,761,000	Ghana \ 'gān-ə \	12,244,000
Antigua and Barbuda		Greece \ 'grēs \	9,707,000
\ an-'tē-gə-ən-bār-'būd-ə \	77,000	Grenada \ grə-'nād-ə \	110,000
Argentina		Guatemala	
\ ār-jen-'tē-nə \	27,947,000	\ 'gwāt-ə-'mäl-ə \	6,044,000
Australia \ ó-'sträl-yə \	14,574,000	Guinea \ 'gin-ē \	5,057,000
Austria \ 'ös-trē-ə \	7,555,000	Guinea-Bissau \ -bis-'au \	768,000
Bahamas \ bə-'hām-əz \	223,000	Guyana \ gi-'an-ə \	900,000
Bahrain \ bā-'rān \	359,000	Haiti \ 'hät-ē \	5,054,000
Bangladesh		Honduras	
\ bāŋ-glə-'desh, -'dāsh \	87,052,000	\ hān-'d(y)ūr-əs \	3,955,000
Barbados \ bār-'bād-əs,		Hungary \ 'həŋ-g(ə)-rē \	10,709,000
-(i)ōz, -(i)ās \	249,000	Iceland \ 'is-lənd, -'land \	235,000
Belgium \ 'bel-jəm \	9,849,000	India \ 'in-dē-ə \	685,185,000
Belize \ bə-'lēz \	145,000	Indonesia	
Benin \ bə-'nin \	3,338,000	\ 'in-də-'nē-zhə, -shə \	147,490,000
Bhutan \ bū-'tān, -'tān \	1,333,000	Iran \ i-'rān, -'rān \	33,592,000
Bolivia \ bə-'liv-ē-ə \	4,613,000	Iraq \ i-'rāk, -'rak \	12,000,000
Botswana \ bāt-'swān-ə \	937,000	Ireland (Irish Republic)	
Brazil \ brə-'zil \	118,675,000	\ 'i(ə)r-lənd \	3,443,000
Brunei \ brü-'nī \	193,000	Israel \ 'iz-rē-əl \	4,112,000
Bulgaria		Italy \ 'it-ə-jē \	56,244,000
\ bəl-'gar-ē-ə, bül-\	8,730,000	Ivory Coast \ 'iv-(ə)-rē-\	6,710,000
Burkina Faso		Jamaica \ jə-'mā-kə \	2,096,000
\ бүр-'kē-nə-'fā-sō \	5,638,000	Japan \ jə-'pan \	117,057,000
Burma \ 'bər-mə \	35,314,000	Jordan \ 'jōrd-ən \	2,152,000
Burundi \ бү-'rүн-dē \	3,638,000	Kenya \ 'ken-yə, 'kēn-\	15,327,000
Cambodia		Kuwait \ kə-'wāt \	1,356,000
\ kam-'bōd-ē-ə \	6,646,000	Laos \ 'laüs, 'lä-ös \	4,104,000
Cameroon \ 'kam-ə-'rүн \	7,090,000	Lebanon \ 'leb-ə-nən \	3,161,000
Canada \ 'kan-əd-ə \	24,098,000	Lesotho \ lə-'sü-tü \	1,214,000
Cape Verde \ -'vərd \	303,000	Liberia \ li-'bir-ē-ə \	1,503,000
Central African Republic		Libya \ lib-ē-ə \	3,224,000
\ -'af-ri-kən-\	2,055,000	Liechtenstein	
Chad \ 'chad \	4,681,000	\ 'lik-tən-ıs(h)tın \	26,000
Chile \ 'chil-ē \	11,275,000	Luxembourg	
China, People's Republic of		\ 'lək-səm-'ibərg,	
\ -'chi-nə \	1,031,882,000	\ 'lūk-səm-'ibürg \	365,000
Colombia \ kə-'lām-bē-ə \	26,929,000	Madagascar	
Comoro Islands		\ 'mad-ə-'gas-kər \	7,604,000
\ 'kām-ə-'rō- \	421,000	Malawi \ mə-'flä-wē \	5,547,000
Congo \ 'käng-go \	1,300,000	Malaysia \ mə-'flä-zh(ē)-ə \	13,700,000
Costa Rica		Maldives \ 'möl-'idəvz,	
\ 'käs-tə-'rē-kə \	2,435,000	-idivz \	143,000
Cuba \ 'kyü-bə \	9,706,000	Mali \ 'mäl-ē \	6,525,000
Cyprus \ 'si-prəs \	613,000	Malta \ 'möl-tə \	366,000
Czechoslovakia		Mauritania	
\ 'chek-ə-slō-'vāk-ē-ə \	15,283,000	\ 'mör-ə-'tä-nē-ə \	1,420,000
Denmark \ 'den-'märk \	5,119,000	Mauritius	
Djibouti \ jə-'bit-ē \	323,000	\ 'mō-'rish-(ē)-əs \	993,000
Dominica		Mexico \ 'mek-si-'kō \	67,396,000
\ 'dām-ə-'nē-kə \	74,000	Monaco \ 'män-ə-'kō \	27,000
Dominican Republic		Mongolia \ män-'göl-yə \	1,595,000
\ də-'min-i-kən-\	5,648,000	Morocco \ mə-'rāk-ō \	21,392,000
East Germany		Mozambique	
\ -'jar-mən-ē \	16,706,000	\ 'mō-zəm-'bēk \	11,674,000
Ecuador \ 'ek-wə-'dör \	6,522,000	Nauru \ nä-'ü-(i)rü \	7,000
Egypt \ 'ē-jəpt \	36,626,000	Nepal \ nə-'pöl \	15,020,000
El Salvador		Netherlands	
\ el-'sal-və-'dör \	4,813,000	\ 'neth-ər-lən(d)z \	14,386,000
Equatorial Guinea		New Zealand \ -'zē-lənd \	3,176,000
\ -'gin-ē \	300,000	Nicaragua	
Ethiopia \ ē-'thē-'ō-pē-ə \	32,775,000	\ 'nik-ə-'räg-wə \	2,824,000

642 Nations of the World

Niger \ 'ni-jər \	5,098,000	Sweden \ 'swēd-ən \	8,208,000
Nigeria \ 'ni-'jir-ē-ə \	86,126,000	Switzerland	
North Korea \ -kə-'rē-ə \	18,747,000	\ 'swit-sər-lənd \	6,366,000
Norway \ 'nōr-ɪwā \	4,091,000	Syria \ 'sir-ē-ə \	9,172,000
Oman \ ō-'mān \	1,079,000	Taiwan (Republic of China) \ 'ti-'wān \	14,811,000
Pakistan \ 'pak-i-'stān,		Tanzania \ 'tān-zə-'nē-ə \	17,528,000
'pāk-i-'stān \	83,782,000	Thailand \ 'ti-'lānd,	
Panama \ 'pān-ə-'mā \	1,825,000	-lənd \	44,278,000
Papua New Guinea		Togo \ 'tō-gō \	2,703,000
\ 'pāp-ə-wə- \	3,011,000	Trinidad and Tobago	
Paraguay \ 'par-ə-'gwī,		\ 'trin-ə-'dad-ən-	
-'gwā \	3,026,000	tə-'bā-gō \	1,060,000
Peru \ pə-'rū \	17,031,000	Tunisia	
Philippines \ 'fil-ə-'pēnz, 'fil-ə-'pēnz \	48,098,000	\ 't(y)ü-'nē-zh(ē-)ə \	6,966,000
Poland \ 'pō-lənd \	35,061,000	Turkey \ 'tər-kē \	44,737,000
Portugal \ 'pōr-chi-gəl \	9,784,000	Uganda \ 'yü-'gān-də \	12,630,000
Qatar \ 'kāt-ər \	270,000	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	
Romania \ rü-'mā-nē-ə \	21,560,000	(U.S.S.R.)	
Rwanda \ rü-'ān-də \	4,819,000	\ -'sō-vē-iet-,	
St. Christopher-Nevis		(yü-'es-'es-'ār) \	262,436,000
\ 'sānt-'kris-tə-fər-'nē-vəs \	44,000	United Arab Emirates	
St. Lucia \ -'lū-shə \	122,000	\ -'em-ə-rəts \	1,043,000
St. Vincent and the Grenadines		United Kingdom of Great Britain and	
\ -'vin-sənt . . .		Northern Ireland	
'gren-ə-'dēnz \	124,000	\ -'brit-ən . . .	
San Marino		'i(ə)r-lənd \	55,671,000
\ 'sān-mə-'rē-nō \	19,000	England \ 'iŋ-glənd \	
Sao Tome and Principe		Northern Ireland	
\ 'sau-tə-'mā-ən-		Scotland \ 'skāt-lənd \	
'prin-sə-pə \	89,000	Wales \ 'wālz \	
Saudi Arabia \ 'sauḍ-ē-ə-'rā-bē-ə, sā-'iüd-		United States of America \ -ə-'mer-i-	
ē- \	10,025,000	kə \	226,504,825
Senegal \ 'sen-i-'gōl \	5,811,000	Uruguay \ 'y(y)ür-ə-'gwī, 'yür-ə-'gwā \	2,788,000
Seychelles \ 'sā-'chel(z) \	62,000	Vanuatu \ 'van-ə-'wāt-ü \	112,000
Sierra Leone		Vatican City State	
\ 'sē-'rē-ə-lē-'ōn \	2,735,000	\ 'vat-i-kən- \	700
Singapore		Venezuela	
\ 'siŋ-(g)ə-'pōr \	2,414,000	\ 'ven-əz(-ə)-'wā-lə \	14,517,000
Solomon Islands		Vietnam \ vē-'et-'nām \	52,742,000
\ 'säl-ə-mən- \	197,000	Western Samoa	
Somalia \ sō-'māl-ē-ə \	5,085,000	\ -sə-'mō-ə \	156,000
South Africa, Republic of	26,129,000	West Germany	
South Korea \ -kə-'rē-ə \	37,436,000	\ -'jər-mə-nē \	61,371,000
Spain \ 'spān \	37,746,000	Yemen, People's Democratic Republic of	
Sri Lanka \ ('s)rē-'lāŋ-kə,		\ -'yem-ən \	2,158,000
(')shrē- \	14,850,000	Yemen Arab Republic	5,238,000
Sudan \ sü-'dān \	20,564,000	Yugoslavia	
Suriname		\ 'yü-gō-'slāv-ē-ə \	22,839,000
\ 'sür-ə-'nām-ə \	352,000	Zaire \ zā-'i(ə)r \	30,261,000
Swaziland		Zambia \ 'zam-bē-ə \	5,680,000
\ 'swāz-ē-'lānd \	494,000	Zimbabwe \ zim-'bāb-wā \	7,550,000

Population of Places in the United States

Having 16,500 or More Inhabitants in 1980

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Aberdeen, S. Dak.	25,956
Aberdeen, Wash.	18,739
Abilene, Tex.	98,315
Acton, Mass.	17,544
Addison, Ill.	29,759
Adrian, Mich.	21,186
Agawam, Mass.	26,271
Aiea, Hawaii	32,879
Akron, Ohio	237,177
Alameda, Calif.	63,852
Alamogordo, N. Mex.	24,024
Albany, Ga.	74,059
Albany, N.Y.	101,727
Albany, Oreg.	26,546
Albert Lea, Minn.	19,200
Albuquerque, N. Mex.	331,767
Alexandria, La.	51,565
Alexandria, Va.	103,217
Alhambra, Calif.	64,615
Alice, Tex.	20,961
Aliquippa, Pa.	17,094
Allen Park, Mich.	34,196
Allentown, Pa.	103,758
Alliance, Ohio	24,315
Alsip, Ill.	17,134
Altamonte Springs, Fla.	22,028
Alton, Ill.	34,171
Altoona, Pa.	57,078
Altus, Okla.	23,101
Alvin, Tex.	16,515
Amarillo, Tex.	149,230
Ames, Iowa	45,775
Amherst, Mass.	33,229
Amsterdam, N.Y.	21,872
Anaheim, Calif.	221,847
Anchorage, Alaska	174,431
Anderson, Ind.	64,695
Anderson, S.C.	27,313
Andover, Mass.	26,370
Annapolis, Md.	31,740
Ann Arbor, Mich.	107,966
Anniston, Ala.	29,523
Ansonia, Conn.	19,039
Antioch, Calif.	43,559
Appleton, Wis.	59,032
Apple Valley, Minn.	21,818
Arcadia, Calif.	45,994
Ardmore, Okla.	23,689
Arlington, Mass.	48,219
Arlington, Tex.	160,113
Arlington Heights, Ill.	66,116
Arnold, Mo.	19,141
Arvada, Colo.	84,576
Asbury Park, N.J.	17,015
Asheville, N.C.	53,583
Ashland, Ky.	27,064
Ashland, Ohio	20,326
Ashtabula, Ohio	23,449
Athens, Ga.	42,549
Athens, Ohio	19,743
Atlanta, Ga.	425,022
Atlantic City, N.J.	40,199
Attleboro, Mass.	34,196
Atwater, Calif.	17,530
Auburn, Ala.	28,471

Auburn, Me.	23,128
Auburn, N.Y.	32,548
Auburn, Wash.	26,417
Augusta, Ga.	47,532
Augusta, Me.	21,819
Aurora, Colo.	158,588
Aurora, Ill.	81,293
Austin, Minn.	23,020
Austin, Tex.	345,496
Azusa, Calif.	29,380

B

Bakersfield, Calif.	105,611
Baldwin, Pa.	24,598
Baldwin Park, Calif.	50,554
Baltimore, Md.	786,775
Bangor, Me.	31,643
Barberton, Ohio	29,751
Barnstable, Mass.	30,898
Barstow, Calif.	17,690
Bartlesville, Okla.	34,568
Bartlett, Tenn.	17,170
Batavia, N.Y.	16,703
Baton Rouge, La.	219,419
Battle Creek, Mich.	35,724
Bay City, Mich.	41,593
Bay City, Tex.	17,837
Bayonne, N.J.	65,047
Baytown, Tex.	56,923
Bay Village, Ohio	17,846
Beaumont, Tex.	118,102
Beavercreek, Ohio	31,589
Beaverton, Oreg.	30,582
Beckley, W. Va.	20,492
Bedford, Tex.	20,821
Bell, Calif.	25,450
Belle Glade, Fla.	16,535
Belleville, Ill.	41,580
Belleville, N.J.	35,367
Bellevue, Nebr.	21,813
Bellevue, Wash.	73,903
Bellflower, Calif.	53,441
Bell Gardens, Calif.	34,117
Bellingham, Wash.	45,794
Bellwood, Ill.	19,811
Belmont, Calif.	24,505
Belmont, Mass.	26,100
Beloit, Wis.	35,207
Bend, Oreg.	17,263
Benton, Ark.	17,717
Berea, Ohio	19,567
Bergenfield, N.J.	25,568
Berkeley, Calif.	103,328
Berkley, Mich.	18,637
Berwyn, Ill.	46,849
Bessemer, Ala.	31,729
Bethany, Okla.	22,130
Bethel Park, Pa.	34,755
Bethlehem, Pa.	70,419
Bettendorf, Iowa	27,381
Beverly, Mass.	37,655
Beverly Hills, Calif.	32,367
Biddeford, Me.	19,638
Big Spring, Tex.	24,804
Billerica, Mass.	36,727
Billings, Mont.	66,798
Biloxi, Miss.	49,311

Binghamton, N.Y.	55,860	Cape Coral, Fla.	32,103
Birmingham, Ala.	284,413	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	34,361
Birmingham, Mich.	21,689	Carbondale, Ill.	26,287
Bismarck, N. Dak.	44,485	Carlisle, Pa.	18,314
Blacksburg, Va.	30,638	Carlsbad, Calif.	35,490
Blaine, Minn.	28,558	Carlsbad, N. Mex.	25,496
Bloomfield, Conn.	18,608	Carmel, Ind.	18,272
Bloomfield, N.J.	47,792	Carpentersville, Ill.	23,272
Bloomington, Ill.	44,189	Carrollton, Tex.	40,595
Bloomington, Ind.	52,044	Carson, Calif.	81,221
Bloomington, Minn.	81,831	Carson City, Nev.	32,022
Blue Island, Ill.	21,853	Carteret, N.J.	20,598
Blue Springs, Mo.	25,927	Cary, N.C.	21,763
Blytheville, Ark.	23,844	Casper, Wyo.	51,016
Boca Raton, Fla.	49,505	Cedar Falls, Iowa	36,322
Bogalusa, La.	16,976	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	110,243
Boise, Idaho	102,451	Centerville, Ohio	18,886
Bolingbrook, Ill.	37,261	Central Falls, R.I.	16,995
Bossier City, La.	50,817	Cerritos, Calif.	53,020
Boston, Mass.	562,994	Champaign, Ill.	58,133
Boulder, Colo.	76,685	Chandler, Ariz.	29,673
Bountiful, Utah	32,877	Chapel Hill, N.C.	32,421
Bowie, Md.	33,695	Charleston, Ill.	19,355
Bowling Green, Ky.	40,450	Charleston, S.C.	69,510
Bowling Green, Ohio	25,728	Charleston, W. Va.	63,968
Boynton Beach, Fla.	35,624	Charlotte, N.C.	314,447
Bozeman, Mont.	21,645	Charlottesville, Va.	39,916
Bradenton, Fla.	30,170	Chattanooga, Tenn.	169,565
Braintree, Mass.	36,337	Chelmsford, Mass.	31,174
Branford, Conn.	23,363	Chelsea, Mass.	25,431
Brea, Calif.	27,913	Chesapeake, Va.	114,486
Bremerton, Wash.	36,208	Cheshire, Conn.	21,788
Bridgeport, Conn.	142,546	Chester, Pa.	45,794
Bridgeton, Mo.	18,445	Cheyenne, Wyo.	47,283
Bridgeton, N.J.	18,795	Chicago, Ill.	3,005,072
Bristol, Conn.	57,370	Chicago Heights, Ill.	37,026
Bristol, R.I.	20,128	Chico, Calif.	26,601
Bristol, Tenn.	23,986	Chicopee, Mass.	55,112
Bristol, Va.	19,042	Chillicothe, Ohio	23,420
Brockton, Mass.	95,172	Chino, Calif.	40,165
Broken Arrow, Okla.	35,761	Chula Vista, Calif.	83,927
Brookfield, Ill.	19,395	Cicero, Ill.	61,232
Brookfield, Wis.	34,035	Cincinnati, Ohio	385,457
Brookline, Mass.	55,062	Claremont, Calif.	30,950
Brooklyn Center, Minn.	31,230	Clarksburg, W. Va.	22,371
Brooklyn Park, Minn.	43,332	Clarksdale, Miss.	21,137
Brook Park, Ohio	26,195	Clarksville, Tenn.	54,777
Broomfield, Colo.	20,730	Clearfield, Utah	17,982
Brownsville, Tex.	84,997	Clearwater, Fla.	85,528
Brownwood, Tex.	19,396	Cleburne, Tex.	19,218
Brunswick, Ga.	17,605	Cleveland, Ohio	573,822
Brunswick, Me.	17,366	Cleveland, Tenn.	26,415
Brunswick, Ohio	28,104	Cleveland Heights, Ohio	56,438
Bryan, Tex.	44,337	Cliffside Park, N.J.	21,464
Buena Park, Calif.	64,165	Clifton, N.J.	74,388
Buffalo, N.Y.	357,870	Clinton, Iowa	32,828
Burbank, Calif.	84,625	Clovis, Calif.	33,021
Burbank, Ill.	28,462	Clovis, N. Mex.	31,194
Burlingame, Calif.	26,173	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho	20,054
Burlington, Iowa	29,529	Cohoes, N.Y.	18,144
Burlington, Mass.	23,486	College Park, Ga.	24,632
Burlington, N.C.	37,266	College Park, Md.	23,614
Burlington, Vt.	37,712	College Station, Tex.	37,272
Burnsville, Minn.	35,674	Collinsville, Ill.	19,613
Burton, Mich.	29,976	Colonial Heights, Va.	16,509
Butler, Pa.	17,026	Colorado Springs, Colo.	215,150
Butte, Mont.	36,817	Colton, Calif.	21,310
C			
Cahokia, Ill.	18,904	Columbia, Mo.	62,061
Caldwell, Idaho	17,699	Columbia, S.C.	99,296
Calumet City, Ill.	39,697	Columbia, Tenn.	26,372
Camariillo, Calif.	37,732	Columbia Heights, Minn.	20,029
Cambridge, Mass.	95,322	Columbus, Ga.	169,441
Camden, N.J.	84,910	Columbus, Ind.	30,614
Campbell, Calif.	27,067	Columbus, Miss.	27,383
Canton, Mass.	18,182	Columbus, Nebr.	17,328
Canton, Ohio	94,730	Columbus, Ohio	564,871
		Compton, Calif.	81,286
		Concord, Calif.	103,255

Concord, N.H.	30,400
Concord, N.C.	16,942
Connersville, Ind.	17,023
Conroe, Tex.	18,034
Conway, Ark.	20,375
Cookeville, Tenn.	20,535
Coon Rapids, Minn.	35,826
Copperas Cove, Tex.	19,469
Coral Gables, Fla.	43,241
Coral Springs, Fla.	37,349
Corona, Calif.	37,791
Coronado, Calif.	16,859
Corpus Christi, Tex.	231,999
Corsicana, Tex.	21,712
Cortland, N.Y.	20,138
Corvallis, Oreg.	40,960
Costa Mesa, Calif.	82,562
Cottage Grove, Minn.	18,994
Council Bluffs, Iowa	56,449
Coventry, R.I.	27,065
Covina, Calif.	33,751
Covington, Ky.	49,563
Cranston, R.I.	71,992
Crystal, Minn.	25,543
Crystal Lake, Ill.	18,590
Cudahy, Calif.	17,984
Cudahy, Wis.	19,547
Culver City, Calif.	38,139
Cumberland, Md.	25,933
Cumberland, R.I.	27,069
Cupertino, Calif.	34,015
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	43,890
Cypress, Calif.	40,391

D

Dallas, Tex.	904,078
Dalton, Ga.	20,939
Daly City, Calif.	78,519
Danbury, Conn.	60,470
Danvers, Mass.	24,100
Danville, Ill.	38,985
Danville, Va.	45,642
Darien, Conn.	18,892
Dartmouth, Mass.	23,966
Davenport, Iowa	103,264
Davie, Fla.	20,877
Davis, Calif.	36,640
Dayton, Ohio	203,371
Daytona Beach, Fla.	54,176
Dearborn, Mich.	90,660
Dearborn Heights, Mich.	67,706
Decatur, Ala.	42,002
Decatur, Ga.	18,404
Decatur, Ill.	94,081
Dedham, Mass.	25,298
Deerfield, Ill.	17,430
Deerfield Beach, Fla.	39,193
Deer Park, Tex.	22,648
Defiance, Ohio	16,810
De Kalb, Ill.	33,099
Delaware, Ohio	18,780
Del City, Okla.	28,424
Delray Beach, Fla.	34,325
Del Rio, Tex.	30,034
Denison, Tex.	23,884
Denton, Tex.	48,063
Denver, Colo.	492,365
Depew, N.Y.	19,819
Derry, N.H.	18,875
Des Moines, Iowa	191,003
Des Plaines, Ill.	53,568
Detroit, Mich.	1,203,339
Dodge City, Kans.	18,001
Dolton, Ill.	24,766
Dothan, Ala.	48,750
Dover, Del.	23,512
Dover, N.H.	22,377
Downers Grove, Ill.	42,572

Downey, Calif.	82,602
Dracut, Mass.	21,249
Duarte, Calif.	16,766
Dubuque, Iowa	62,321
Duluth, Minn.	92,811
Dumont, N.J.	18,334
Duncan, Okla.	22,517
Duncanville, Tex.	27,781
Dunedin, Fla.	30,203
Dunmore, Pa.	16,781
Durham, N.C.	100,831

E

Eagan, Minn.	20,700
Eagle Pass, Tex.	21,407
East Chicago, Ind.	39,786
East Cleveland, Ohio	36,957
East Detroit, Mich.	38,280
East Hartford, Conn.	52,563
East Haven, Conn.	25,028
Eastlake, Ohio	22,104
East Lansing, Mich.	51,392
East Liverpool, Ohio	16,687
East Moline, Ill.	20,907
Easton, Mass.	16,623
Easton, Pa.	26,027
East Orange, N.J.	77,690
East Peoria, Ill.	22,385
East Point, Ga.	37,486
East Providence, R.I.	50,980
East Ridge, Tenn.	21,236
East St. Louis, Ill.	55,200
Eau Claire, Wis.	51,509
Edina, Minn.	46,073
Edinburg, Tex.	24,075
Edmond, Okla.	34,637
Edmonds, Wash.	27,679
El Cajon, Calif.	73,892
El Centro, Calif.	23,996
El Cerrito, Calif.	22,731
El Dorado, Ark.	25,270
Elgin, Ill.	63,798
Elizabeth, N.J.	106,201
Elk Grove Village, Ill.	28,907
Elkhart, Ind.	41,305
Elmhurst, Ill.	44,276
Elmira, N.Y.	35,327
El Monte, Calif.	79,494
Elmwood Park, Ill.	24,016
Elmwood Park, N.J.	18,377
El Paso, Tex.	425,259
Elyria, Ohio	57,538
Emporia, Kans.	25,287
Enfield, Conn.	42,695
Englewood, Colo.	30,021
Englewood, N.J.	23,701
Enid, Okla.	50,363
Enterprise, Ala.	18,033
Erie, Pa.	119,123
Escondido, Calif.	64,355
Euclid, Ohio	59,999
Eugene, Oreg.	105,624
Eufess, Tex.	24,002
Eureka, Calif.	24,153
Evanston, Ill.	73,706
Evansville, Ind.	130,496
Everett, Mass.	37,195
Everett, Wash.	54,413
Evergreen Park, Ill.	22,260

F

Fairbanks, Alaska	22,645
Fairborn, Ohio	29,702
Fairfax, Va.	19,390
Fairfield, Calif.	58,099
Fairfield, Conn.	54,849
Fairfield, Ohio	30,777
Fair Lawn, N.J.	32,229

Fairmont, W. Va.	23,863	Glendale, Calif.	139,060
Fairview Park, Ohio	19,311	Glendale Heights, Ill.	23,163
Fall River, Mass.	92,574	Glendora, Calif.	38,654
Falmouth, Mass.	23,640	Glen Ellyn, Ill.	23,649
Fargo, N. Dak.	61,383	Glenview, Ill.	32,060
Farmers Branch, Tex.	24,863	Gloucester, Mass.	27,768
Farmington, N. Mex.	31,222	Gloversville, N.Y.	17,836
Farmington Hills, Mich.	58,056	Golden Valley, Minn.	22,775
Fayetteville, Ark.	36,608	Goldsboro, N.C.	31,871
Fayetteville, N.C.	59,507	Goose Creek, S.C.	17,811
Ferguson, Mo.	24,740	Goshen, Ind.	19,665
Ferndale, Mich.	26,227	Grand Forks, N. Dak.	43,765
Findlay, Ohio	35,594	Grand Island, Nebr.	33,180
Fitchburg, Mass.	39,580	Grand Junction, Colo.	28,144
Flagstaff, Ariz.	34,743	Grand Prairie, Tex.	71,462
Flint, Mich.	159,611	Grand Rapids, Mich.	181,843
Floral Park, N.Y.	16,805	Grandview, Mo.	24,502
Florence, Ala.	37,029	Granite City, Ill.	36,815
Florence, S.C.	30,062	Great Bend, Kans.	16,608
Florissant, Mo.	55,372	Great Falls, Mont.	56,725
Fond du Lac, Wis.	35,863	Greeley, Colo.	53,006
Fontana, Calif.	37,111	Green Bay, Wis.	87,899
Forest Park, Ga.	18,782	Greenbelt, Md.	17,332
Forest Park, Ohio	18,675	Greendale, Wis.	16,928
Fort Collins, Colo.	65,092	Greenfield, Mass.	18,436
Fort Dodge, Iowa	29,423	Greenfield, Wis.	31,467
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	153,279	Greensboro, N.C.	155,642
Fort Lee, N.J.	32,449	Greensburg, Pa.	17,558
Fort Myers, Fla.	36,638	Greenville, Miss.	40,613
Fort Pierce, Fla.	33,802	Greenville, N.C.	35,740
Fort Smith, Ark.	71,626	Greenville, S.C.	58,242
Fort Walton Beach, Fla.	20,829	Greenville, Tex.	22,161
Fort Wayne, Ind.	172,196	Greenwich, Conn.	59,578
Fort Worth, Tex.	385,164	Greenwood, Ind.	19,327
Foster City, Calif.	23,287	Greenwood, Miss.	20,115
Fountain Valley, Calif.	55,080	Greenwood, S.C.	21,613
Framingham, Mass.	65,113	Gresham, Ore.	33,005
Frankfort, Ky.	25,973	Gretna, La.	20,615
Franklin, Mass.	18,217	Griffin, Ga.	20,728
Franklin, Wis.	16,871	Griffith, Ind.	17,026
Franklin Park, Ill.	17,507	Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.	18,886
Frederick, Md.	28,086	Groton, Conn.	41,062
Freeport, Ill.	26,266	Grove City, Ohio	16,816
Freeport, N.Y.	38,272	Groves, Tex.	17,090
Fremont, Calif.	131,945	Guilford, Conn.	17,375
Fremont, Nebr.	23,979	Gulfport, Miss.	39,676
Fremont, Ohio	17,834		
Fresno, Calif.	218,202	H	
Fridley, Minn.	30,228	Hackensack, N.J.	36,039
Fullerton, Calif.	102,034	Hagerstown, Md.	34,132
		Hallandale, Fla.	36,517
G		Haltom City, Tex.	29,014
Gadsden, Ala.	47,565	Hamden, Conn.	51,071
Gahanna, Ohio	18,001	Hamilton, Ohio	63,189
Gainesville, Fla.	81,371	Hammond, Ind.	93,714
Gaithersburg, Md.	26,424	Hampton, Va.	122,617
Galesburg, Ill.	35,305	Hamtramck, Mich.	21,300
Gallatin, Tenn.	17,191	Hanford, Calif.	20,958
Gallup, N. Mex.	18,161	Hannibal, Mo.	18,811
Galveston, Tex.	61,902	Hanover Park, Ill.	28,850
Gardena, Calif.	45,165	Harlingen, Tex.	43,543
Garden City, Kans.	18,256	Harrisburg, Pa.	53,264
Garden City, Mich.	35,640	Harrison, N.Y.	23,046
Garden City, N.Y.	22,927	Harrisonburg, Va.	19,671
Garden Grove, Calif.	123,351	Hartford, Conn.	136,392
Gardner, Mass.	17,900	Harvey, Ill.	35,810
Garfield, N.J.	26,803	Hastings, Nebr.	23,045
Garfield Heights, Ohio	34,938	Hattiesburg, Miss.	40,829
Garland, Tex.	138,857	Havelock, N.C.	17,718
Gary, Ind.	151,953	Haverhill, Mass.	46,865
Gastonia, N.C.	47,333	Hawthorne, Calif.	56,447
Germantown, Tenn.	20,459	Hawthorne, N.J.	18,200
Gilroy, Calif.	21,641	Hayward, Calif.	94,167
Gladstone, Mo.	24,990	Hazel Park, Mich.	20,914
Glastonbury, Conn.	24,327	Hazleton, Pa.	27,318
Glen Cove, N.Y.	24,618	Helena, Mont.	23,938
Glendale, Ariz.	97,172	Hemet, Calif.	22,454

Hempstead, N.Y.	40,404
Henderson, Ky.	24,834
Henderson, Nev.	24,363
Hendersonville, Tenn.	26,561
Hermosa Beach, Calif.	18,070
Hialeah, Fla.	145,254
Hibbing, Minn.	21,193
Hickory, N.C.	20,757
Highland, Ind.	25,935
Highland Park, Ill.	30,611
Highland Park, Mich.	27,909
High Point, N.C.	63,380
Hillsboro, Oreg.	27,664
Hilo, Hawaii	35,269
Hingham, Mass.	20,339
Hinsdale, Ill.	16,726
Hobart, Ind.	22,987
Hobbs, N. Mex.	29,153
Hoboken, N.J.	42,460
Hoffman Estates, Ill.	37,272
Holland, Mich.	26,281
Hollywood, Fla.	121,323
Holyoke, Mass.	44,678
Homestead, Fla.	20,668
Homewood, Ala.	21,412
Homewood, Ill.	19,724
Honolulu, Hawaii	365,048
Hoover, Ala.	19,792
Hopewell, Va.	23,397
Hopkinsville, Ky.	27,318
Hot Springs, Ark.	35,781
Houma, La.	32,602
Houston, Tex.	1,595,138
Huber Heights, Ohio	35,480
Huntington, W. Va.	63,684
Huntington Beach, Calif.	170,505
Huntington Park, Calif.	46,223
Huntsville, Ala.	142,513
Huntsville, Tex.	23,936
Hurst, Tex.	31,420
Hutchinson, Kans.	40,284

I

Idaho Falls, Idaho	39,590
Imperial Beach, Calif.	22,689
Independence, Mo.	111,806
Indianapolis, Ind.	700,807
Indio, Calif.	21,611
Inglewood, Calif.	94,245
Inkster, Mich.	35,190
Inver Grove Heights, Minn.	17,171
Iowa City, Iowa	50,508
Irvine, Calif.	62,134
Irving, Tex.	109,943
Irvington, N.J.	61,493
Ithaca, N.Y.	28,732

J

Jackson, Mich.	39,739
Jackson, Miss.	202,895
Jackson, Tenn.	49,131
Jacksonville, Ark.	27,589
Jacksonville, Fla.	540,920
Jacksonville, Ill.	20,284
Jacksonville, N.C.	17,056
Jamestown, N.Y.	35,775
Janesville, Wis.	51,071
Jefferson City, Mo.	33,619
Jeffersonville, Ind.	21,220
Jennings, Mo.	17,026
Jersey City, N.J.	223,532
Johnson City, N.Y.	17,126
Johnson City, Tenn.	39,753
Johnston, R.I.	24,907
Johnstown, Pa.	35,496
Joliet, Ill.	77,956
Jonesboro, Ark.	31,530

Joplin, Mo.	38,893
Junction City, Kans.	19,305
Juneau, Alaska	19,528

K

Kailua, Hawaii	35,812
Kalamazoo, Mich.	79,722
Kaneohe, Hawaii	29,919
Kankakee, Ill.	30,141
Kansas City, Kans.	161,087
Kansas City, Mo.	448,159
Kearney, Nebr.	21,158
Kearny, N.J.	35,735
Keene, N.H.	21,449
Kenmore, N.Y.	18,474
Kenner, La.	66,382
Kennewick, Wash.	34,397
Kenosha, Wis.	77,685
Kent, Ohio	26,164
Kent, Wash.	23,152
Kentwood, Mich.	30,438
Kettering, Ohio	61,186
Key West, Fla.	24,382
Killeen, Tex.	46,296
Kingsport, Tenn.	32,027
Kingston, N.Y.	24,481
Kingsville, Tex.	28,808
Kinston, N.C.	25,234
Kirkland, Wash.	18,779
Kirksville, Mo.	17,167
Kirkwood, Mo.	27,987
Klamath Falls, Oreg.	16,661
Knoxville, Tenn.	175,030
Kokomo, Ind.	47,808

L

La Canada Flintridge, Calif.	20,153
Lackawanna, N.Y.	22,701
La Crosse, Wis.	48,347
Lafayette, Calif.	20,879
Lafayette, Ind.	43,011
Lafayette, La.	81,961
La Grange, Ga.	24,204
Laguna Beach, Calif.	17,901
La Habra, Calif.	45,232
Lake Charles, La.	75,226
Lake Jackson, Tex.	19,102
Lakeland, Fla.	47,406
Lake Oswego, Oreg.	22,868
Lakewood, Calif.	74,654
Lakewood, Colo.	112,860
Lakewood, Ohio	61,963
Lake Worth, Fla.	27,048
La Mesa, Calif.	50,308
La Mirada, Calif.	40,986
Lancaster, Calif.	48,027
Lancaster, Ohio	34,953
Lancaster, Pa.	54,725
Lansdale, Pa.	16,526
Lansing, Ill.	29,039
Lansing, Mich.	130,414
La Porte, Ind.	21,796
La Puente, Calif.	30,882
Laramie, Wyo.	24,410
Laredo, Tex.	91,449
Largo, Fla.	58,977
Las Cruces, N. Mex.	45,086
Las Vegas, Nev.	164,674
Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.	25,426
Lauderhill, Fla.	37,271
Laurel, Miss.	21,897
La Verne, Calif.	23,508
Lawndale, Calif.	23,460
Lawrence, Ind.	25,591
Lawrence, Kans.	52,738
Lawrence, Mass.	63,175
Lawton, Okla.	80,054

648 Population of Places in the United States

Layton, Utah	22,862	Maple Grove, Minn.	20,525
League City, Tex.	16,578	Maple Heights, Ohio	29,735
Leavenworth, Kans.	33,656	Maplewood, Minn.	26,990
Lebanon, Pa.	25,711	Marblehead, Mass.	20,126
Lee's Summit, Mo.	28,741	Margate, Fla.	36,044
Lemon Grove, Calif.	20,780	Marietta, Ga.	30,829
Lenexa, Kans.	18,639	Marina, Calif.	20,647
Leominster, Mass.	34,508	Marion, Ind.	35,874
Lewiston, Idaho	27,986	Marion, Iowa	19,474
Lewiston, Me.	40,481	Marion, Ohio	37,040
Lewisville, Tex.	24,273	Marlborough, Mass.	30,617
Lexington, Ky.	204,165	Marquette, Mich.	23,288
Lexington, Mass.	29,479	Marshall, Tex.	24,921
Libertyville, Ill.	16,520	Marshalltown, Iowa	26,938
Lima, Ohio	47,381	Marshfield, Mass.	20,916
Lincoln, Nebr.	171,932	Marshfield, Wis.	18,290
Lincoln, R.I.	16,949	Martinez, Calif.	22,582
Lincoln Park, Mich.	45,105	Martinsville, Va.	18,149
Linden, N.J.	37,836	Maryville, Tenn.	17,480
Lindenhurst, N.Y.	26,919	Mason City, Iowa	30,144
Lindenwold, N.J.	18,196	Massapequa Park, N.Y.	19,779
Little Rock, Ark.	158,461	Massillon, Ohio	30,557
Littleton, Colo.	28,631	Mattoon, Ill.	19,055
Livermore, Calif.	48,349	Mayfield Heights, Ohio	21,550
Livonia, Mich.	104,814	Maywood, Calif.	21,810
Lockport, N.Y.	24,844	Maywood, Ill.	27,998
Lodi, Calif.	35,221	Medford, Mass.	58,076
Lodi, N.J.	23,956	Medford, Oreg.	39,603
Logan, Utah	26,844	Melbourne, Fla.	46,536
Logansport, Ind.	17,899	Melrose, Mass.	30,055
Lombard, Ill.	37,295	Melrose Park, Ill.	20,735
Lomita, Calif.	18,807	Memphis, Tenn.	646,356
Lompoc, Calif.	26,267	Menlo Park, Calif.	25,673
Long Beach, Calif.	361,334	Menomonee Falls, Wis.	27,845
Long Beach, N.Y.	34,073	Mentor, Ohio	42,065
Long Branch, N.J.	29,819	Merced, Calif.	36,499
Longmont, Colo.	42,942	Mercer Island, Wash.	21,522
Longview, Tex.	62,762	Meriden, Conn.	57,118
Longview, Wash.	31,052	Meridian, Miss.	46,577
Lorain, Ohio	75,416	Merrillville, Ind.	27,677
Los Altos, Calif.	25,769	Mesa, Ariz.	152,453
Los Angeles, Calif.	2,966,763	Mesquite, Tex.	67,053
Los Gatos, Calif.	26,593	Methuen, Mass.	36,701
Louisville, Ky.	298,451	Miami, Fla.	346,865
Loveland, Colo.	30,244	Miami Beach, Fla.	96,298
Lowell, Mass.	92,418	Michigan City, Ind.	36,850
Lubbock, Tex.	173,979	Middletown, Conn.	39,040
Ludlow, Mass.	18,150	Middletown, N.Y.	21,454
Lufkin, Tex.	28,562	Middletown, Ohio	43,719
Lumberton, N.C.	18,241	Middletown, R.I.	17,216
Lynbrook, N.Y.	20,424	Midland, Mich.	37,250
Lynchburg, Va.	66,743	Midland, Tex.	70,525
Lyndhurst, Ohio	18,092	Midwest City, Okla.	49,559
Lynn, Mass.	78,471	Milford, Conn.	50,898
Lynnwood, Wash.	22,641	Milford, Mass.	23,390
Lynwood, Calif.	48,548	Mililani, Hawaii	21,365
M		Millbrae, Calif.	20,058
McAlester, Okla.	17,255	Millington, Tenn.	20,236
McAllen, Tex.	66,281	Millville, N.J.	24,815
McKeesport, Pa.	31,012	Milpitas, Calif.	37,820
Macomb, Ill.	19,863	Milton, Mass.	25,860
Macon, Ga.	116,896	Milwaukee, Wis.	636,212
Madera, Calif.	21,732	Milwaukie, Oreg.	17,931
Madison, Wis.	170,616	Mineola, N.Y.	20,757
Madison Heights, Mich.	35,375	Minneapolis, Minn.	370,951
Madisonville, Ky.	16,979	Minnetonka, Minn.	38,683
Malden, Mass.	53,386	Minot, N. Dak.	32,843
Mamaroneck, N.Y.	17,616	Miramar, Fla.	32,813
Manchester, Conn.	49,761	Mishawaka, Ind.	40,201
Manchester, N.H.	90,936	Mission, Tex.	22,589
Manhattan, Kans.	32,644	Missoula, Mont.	33,388
Manhattan Beach, Calif.	31,542	Missouri City, Tex.	24,533
Manitowoc, Wis.	32,547	Mobile, Ala.	200,452
Mankato, Minn.	28,651	Modesto, Calif.	106,105
Mansfield, Conn.	20,634	Moline, Ill.	45,709
Mansfield, Ohio	53,927	Monroe, La.	57,597
Manteca, Calif.	24,925	Monroe, Mich.	23,531
		Monroeville, Pa.	30,977

Monrovia, Calif.	30,531	Newport News, Va.	144,903
Montclair, Calif.	22,628	New Rochelle, N.Y.	70,794
Montclair, N.J.	38,321	Newton, Mass.	83,622
Montebello, Calif.	52,929	Newtown, Conn.	19,107
Monterey, Calif.	27,558	New York City, N.Y.	7,071,639
Monterey Park, Calif.	54,338	Bronx	1,168,972
Montgomery, Ala.	177,857	Brooklyn	2,230,936
Moore, Okla.	35,063	Manhattan	1,428,285
Moorhead, Minn.	29,998	Queens	1,891,325
Morgan Hill, Calif.	17,060	Richmond	352,121
Morgantown, W. Va.	27,605	Niagara Falls, N.Y.	71,384
Morristown, N.J.	16,614	Niles, Ill.	30,363
Morristown, Tenn.	19,683	Niles, Ohio	23,088
Morton Grove, Ill.	23,747	Norco, Calif.	21,126
Moscow, Idaho	16,513	Norfolk, Nebr.	19,449
Moss Point, Miss.	18,998	Norfolk, Va.	266,979
Mountain Brook, Ala.	19,718	Normal, Ill.	35,672
Mountain View, Calif.	58,655	Norman, Okla.	68,020
Mount Clemens, Mich.	18,806	Norristown, Pa.	34,684
Mountlake Terrace, Wash.	16,534	North Adams, Mass.	18,063
Mount Pleasant, Mich.	23,746	Northampton, Mass.	29,286
Mount Prospect, Ill.	52,634	North Andover, Mass.	20,129
Mount Vernon, Ill.	17,193	North Arlington, N.J.	16,587
Mount Vernon, N.Y.	66,713	North Attleboro, Mass.	21,095
Muncie, Ind.	77,216	Northbrook, Ill.	30,778
Mundelein, Ill.	17,053	North Charleston, S.C.	62,534
Munster, Ind.	20,671	North Chicago, Ill.	38,774
Murfreesboro, Tenn.	32,845	Northglenn, Colo.	29,847
Murray, Utah	25,750	North Haven, Conn.	22,080
Muscatine, Iowa	23,467	North Kingstown, R.I.	21,938
Muskegon, Mich.	40,823	North Las Vegas, Nev.	42,739
Muskogee, Okla.	40,011	North Lauderdale, Fla.	18,479
Myrtle Beach, S.C.	18,446	North Little Rock, Ark.	64,288
N		North Miami, Fla.	42,566
Nacogdoches, Tex.	27,149	North Miami Beach, Fla.	36,553
Nampa, Idaho	25,112	North Olmsted, Ohio	36,486
Napa, Calif.	50,879	North Plainfield, N.J.	19,108
Naperville, Ill.	42,330	North Platte, Nebr.	24,479
Naples, Fla.	17,581	North Providence, R.I.	29,188
Nashua, N.H.	67,865	North Richland Hills, Tex.	30,592
Nashville, Tenn.	446,027	North Ridgeville, Ohio	21,522
Natchez, Miss.	22,015	North Royalton, Ohio	17,671
Natchitoches, La.	16,664	North Tonawanda, N.Y.	35,760
Natick, Mass.	29,461	Norton Shores, Mich.	22,025
National City, Calif.	48,772	Norwalk, Calif.	85,286
Naugatuck, Conn.	26,456	Norwalk, Conn.	77,767
Nederland, Tex.	16,855	Norwich, Conn.	38,074
Needham, Mass.	27,901	Norwood, Mass.	29,711
Neenah, Wis.	22,432	Norwood, Ohio	26,342
New Albany, Ind.	37,103	Novato, Calif.	43,916
Newark, Calif.	32,126	Novi, Mich.	22,525
Newark, Del.	25,247	Nutley, N.J.	28,998
Newark, N.J.	329,248	O	
Newark, Ohio	41,200	Oak Creek, Wis.	16,932
New Bedford, Mass.	98,478	Oak Forest, Ill.	26,096
New Berlin, Wis.	30,529	Oakland, Calif.	339,288
New Braunfels, Tex.	22,402	Oakland Park, Fla.	23,035
New Brighton, Minn.	23,269	Oak Lawn, Ill.	60,590
New Britain, Conn.	73,840	Oak Park, Ill.	54,887
New Brunswick, N.J.	41,442	Oak Park, Mich.	31,537
Newburgh, N.Y.	23,438	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	27,662
New Canaan, Conn.	17,931	Ocala, Fla.	37,170
New Castle, Ind.	20,056	Oceanside, Calif.	76,698
New Castle, Pa.	33,621	Odessa, Tex.	90,027
New Haven, Conn.	126,109	Ogden, Utah	64,407
New Hope, Minn.	23,087	Oklahoma City, Okla.	403,213
New Iberia, La.	32,766	Olathe, Kans.	37,258
Newington, Conn.	28,841	Olean, N.Y.	18,207
New Kensington, Pa.	17,660	Olympia, Wash.	27,447
New London, Conn.	28,842	Omaha, Nebr.	314,255
New Milford, Conn.	19,420	Ontario, Calif.	88,820
New Milford, N.J.	16,876	Opelika, Ala.	21,896
New Orleans, La.	557,515	Opelousas, La.	18,903
New Philadelphia, Ohio	16,883	Orange, Calif.	91,788
Newport, Ky.	21,587	Orange, N.J.	31,136
Newport, R.I.	29,259	Orange, Tex.	23,628
Newport Beach, Calif.	62,556	Oregon, Ohio	18,675

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Orem, Utah	52,399
Orlando, Fla.	128,291
Orland Park, Ill.	23,045
Ormond Beach, Fla.	21,378
Oshkosh, Wis.	49,620
Ossining, N.Y.	20,196
Oswego, N.Y.	19,793
Ottawa, Ill.	18,166
Ottumwa, Iowa	27,381
Overland, Mo.	19,620
Overland Park, Kans.	81,784
Owatonna, Minn.	18,632
Owensboro, Ky.	54,450
Oxford, Ohio	17,655
Oxnard, Calif.	108,195

P

Pacific, Calif.	36,866
Paducah, Ky.	29,315
Palatine, Ill.	32,166
Palm Bay, Fla.	18,560
Palm Springs, Calif.	32,271
Palo Alto, Calif.	55,225
Palos Hills, Ill.	16,654
Pampa, Tex.	21,396
Panama City, Fla.	33,346
Paradise, Calif.	22,571
Paramount, Calif.	36,407
Paramus, N.J.	26,474
Paris, Tex.	25,498
Parkersburg, W. Va.	39,967
Park Forest, Ill.	26,222
Park Ridge, Ill.	38,704
Parma, Ohio	92,548
Parma Heights, Ohio	23,112
Pasadena, Calif.	119,374
Pasadena, Tex.	112,560
Pascagoula, Miss.	29,318
Pasco, Wash.	17,944
Passaic, N.J.	52,463
Paterson, N.J.	137,970
Pawtucket, R.I.	71,204
Peabody, Mass.	45,976
Pearl, Miss.	20,778
Pearl City, Hawaii	42,575
Peekskill, N.Y.	18,236
Pekin, Ill.	33,967
Pembroke Pines, Fla.	35,776
Pensacola, Fla.	57,619
Peoria, Ill.	124,160
Perth Amboy, N.J.	38,951
Petaluma, Calif.	33,834
Petersburg, Va.	41,055
Pharr, Tex.	21,381
Phenix City, Ala.	26,928
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,688,210
Phillipsburg, N.J.	16,647
Phoenix, Ariz.	789,704
Pico Rivera, Calif.	53,459
Pine Bluff, Ark.	56,636
Pinellas Park, Fla.	32,811
Piqua, Ohio	20,480
Pittsburg, Calif.	33,034
Pittsburg, Kans.	18,770
Pittsburgh, Pa.	423,938
Pittsfield, Mass.	51,974
Placentia, Calif.	35,041
Plainfield, N.J.	45,555
Plainview, Tex.	22,187
Plano, Tex.	72,331
Plantation, Fla.	48,501
Plant City, Fla.	19,270
Plattsburgh, N.Y.	21,057
Pleasant Hill, Calif.	25,124
Pleasanton, Calif.	35,160
Plum, Pa.	25,390
Plymouth, Mass.	35,913
Plymouth, Minn.	31,615

Pocatello, Idaho	46,340
Point Pleasant, N.J.	17,747
Pomona, Calif.	92,742
Pompano Beach, Fla.	52,618
Ponca City, Okla.	26,238
Pontiac, Mich.	76,715
Poplar Bluff, Mo.	17,139
Portage, Ind.	27,409
Portage, Mich.	38,147
Port Angeles, Wash.	17,311
Port Arthur, Tex.	61,251
Port Chester, N.Y.	23,565
Porterville, Calif.	19,707
Port Hueneme, Calif.	17,803
Port Huron, Mich.	33,981
Portland, Me.	61,572
Portland, Oreg.	366,383
Port Orange, Fla.	18,756
Portsmouth, N.H.	26,254
Portsmouth, Ohio	25,943
Portsmouth, Va.	104,577
Pottstown, Pa.	22,729
Pottsville, Pa.	18,195
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	29,757
Prairie Village, Kans.	24,657
Prattville, Ala.	18,647
Prescott, Ariz.	20,055
Prichard, Ala.	39,541
Providence, R.I.	156,804
Provo, Utah	73,907
Pueblo, Colo.	101,686
Pullman, Wash.	23,579
Puyallup, Wash.	18,251

Q

Quincy, Ill.	42,554
Quincy, Mass.	84,743

R

Racine, Wis.	85,725
Rahway, N.J.	26,723
Raleigh, N.C.	150,255
Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.	55,250
Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.	36,577
Randolph, Mass.	28,218
Rantoul, Ill.	20,161
Rapid City, S. Dak.	46,492
Raytown, Mo.	31,759
Reading, Mass.	22,678
Reading, Pa.	78,686
Redding, Calif.	41,995
Redlands, Calif.	43,619
Redmond, Wash.	23,318
Redondo Beach, Calif.	57,102
Redwood City, Calif.	54,951
Reno, Nev.	100,756
Renton, Wash.	30,612
Revere, Mass.	42,423
Reynoldsburg, Ohio	20,661
Rialto, Calif.	37,474
Richardson, Tex.	72,496
Richfield, Minn.	37,851
Richland, Wash.	33,578
Richmond, Calif.	74,676
Richmond, Ind.	41,349
Richmond, Ky.	21,705
Richmond, Va.	219,214
Ridgefield, Conn.	20,120
Ridgewood, N.J.	25,208
Riverside, Calif.	170,876
Riviera Beach, Fla.	26,489
Roanoke, Va.	100,220
Rochester, Minn.	57,890
Rochester, N.H.	21,560
Rochester, N.Y.	241,741
Rockford, Ill.	139,712
Rock Hill, S.C.	35,344
Rock Island, Ill.	47,036

Rock Springs, Wyo.	19,458
Rockville, Md.	43,811
Rockville Centre, N.Y.	25,412
Rocky Mount, N.C.	41,283
Rocky River, Ohio	21,084
Rogers, Ark.	17,429
Rohnert Park, Calif.	22,965
Rolling Meadows, Ill.	20,167
Rome, Ga.	29,654
Rome, N.Y.	43,826
Romulus, Mich.	24,857
Roseburg, Oreg.	16,644
Roselle, Ill.	16,948
Roselle, N.J.	20,641
Rosemead, Calif.	42,604
Rosenberg, Tex.	17,995
Roseville, Calif.	24,347
Roseville, Mich.	54,311
Roseville, Minn.	35,820
Roswell, Ga.	23,337
Roswell, N. Mex.	39,676
Roy, Utah	19,694
Royal Oak, Mich.	70,893
Ruston, La.	20,585
Rutherford, N.J.	19,068
Rutland, Vt.	18,436

S

Sacramento, Calif.	275,741
Saginaw, Mich.	77,508
St. Charles, Ill.	17,492
St. Charles, Mo.	37,379
St. Clair Shores, Mich.	76,210
St. Cloud, Minn.	42,566
St. Joseph, Mo.	76,691
St. Louis, Mo.	453,085
St. Louis Park, Minn.	42,931
St. Paul, Minn.	270,230
St. Petersburg, Fla.	238,647
Salem, Mass.	38,220
Salem, N.H.	24,124
Salem, Oreg.	89,233
Salem, Va.	23,958
Salina, Kans.	41,843
Salinas, Calif.	80,479
Salisbury, N.C.	22,677
Salt Lake City, Utah	163,033
San Angelo, Tex.	73,240
San Antonio, Tex.	785,880
San Benito, Tex.	17,988
San Bernardino, Calif.	117,490
San Bruno, Calif.	35,417
San Carlos, Calif.	24,710
San Clemente, Calif.	27,325
San Diego, Calif.	875,538
San Dimas, Calif.	24,014
Sandusky, Ohio	31,360
Sandy City, Utah	50,546
San Fernando, Calif.	17,731
Sanford, Fla.	23,176
Sanford, Me.	18,020
San Francisco, Calif.	678,974
San Gabriel, Calif.	30,072
San Jose, Calif.	636,550
San Juan Capistrano, Calif.	18,959
San Leandro, Calif.	63,952
San Luis Obispo, Calif.	34,252
San Marcos, Calif.	17,479
San Marcos, Tex.	23,420
San Mateo, Calif.	77,561
San Pablo, Calif.	19,750
San Rafael, Calif.	44,700
Santa Ana, Calif.	203,713
Santa Barbara, Calif.	74,542
Santa Clara, Calif.	87,746
Santa Cruz, Calif.	41,483
Santa Fe, N. Mex.	48,953
Santa Maria, Calif.	39,685

Santa Monica, Calif.	88,314
Santa Paula, Calif.	20,552
Santa Rosa, Calif.	83,205
Sarasota, Fla.	48,868
Saratoga, Calif.	29,261
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.	23,906
Saugus, Mass.	24,746
Savannah, Ga.	141,390
Sayreville, N.J.	29,969
Scarsdale, N.Y.	17,650
Schaumburg, Ill.	53,305
Schenectady, N.Y.	67,972
Schofield Barracks, Hawaii	18,851
Scituate, Mass.	17,317
Scottsdale, Ariz.	88,412
Scranton, Pa.	88,117
Seal Beach, Calif.	25,975
Seaside, Calif.	36,567
Seattle, Wash.	493,846
Sedalia, Mo.	20,927
Seguin, Tex.	17,854
Selma, Ala.	26,684
Shaker Heights, Ohio	32,487
Sharon, Pa.	19,057
Shawnee, Kans.	29,653
Shawnee, Okla.	26,506
Sheboygan, Wis.	48,085
Shelton, Conn.	31,314
Sherman, Tex.	30,413
Shively, Ky.	16,819
Shoreview, Minn.	17,300
Shreveport, La.	205,820
Shrewsbury, Mass.	22,674
Sidney, Ohio	17,657
Sierra Vista, Ariz.	24,937
Sikeston, Mo.	17,431
Simi Valley, Calif.	77,500
Simsbury, Conn.	21,161
Sioux City, Iowa	82,003
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	81,343
Skokie, Ill.	60,278
Slidell, La.	26,718
Smithfield, R.I.	16,886
Smyrna, Ga.	20,312
Somerset, Mass.	18,813
Somerville, Mass.	77,372
South Bend, Ind.	109,727
Southbridge, Mass.	16,665
South El Monte, Calif.	16,623
South Euclid, Ohio	25,713
Southfield, Mich.	75,568
South Gate, Calif.	66,784
Southgate, Mich.	32,058
South Holland, Ill.	24,977
Southington, Conn.	36,879
South Kingstown, R.I.	20,414
South Lake Tahoe, Calif.	20,681
South Milwaukee, Wis.	21,069
South Pasadena, Calif.	22,681
South Plainfield, N.J.	20,521
South Portland, Me.	22,712
South St. Paul, Minn.	21,235
South San Francisco, Calif.	49,393
South Windsor, Conn.	17,198
Sparks, Nev.	40,780
Spartanburg, S.C.	43,968
Spokane, Wash.	171,300
Springdale, Ark.	23,458
Springfield, Ill.	99,637
Springfield, Mass.	152,319
Springfield, Mo.	133,116
Springfield, Ohio	72,563
Springfield, Oreg.	41,621
Spring Valley, N.Y.	20,537
Stamford, Conn.	102,453
Stanton, Calif.	23,723
State College, Pa.	36,130
Statesville, N.C.	18,622

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Staunton, Va.	21,857
Sterling Heights, Mich.	108,999
Steubenville, Ohio	26,400
Stevens Point, Wis.	22,970
Stillwater, Okla.	38,268
Stockton, Calif.	149,779
Stoneham, Mass.	21,424
Stoughton, Mass.	26,710
Stow, Ohio	25,303
Stratford, Conn.	50,541
Streamwood, Ill.	23,456
Strongsville, Ohio	28,577
Suffolk, Va.	47,621
Sulphur, La.	19,709
Summit, N.J.	21,071
Sumter, S.C.	24,890
Sunnyvale, Calif.	106,618
Sunrise, Fla.	39,681
Superior, Wis.	29,571
Syracuse, N.Y.	170,105

T

Tacoma, Wash.	158,501
Talladega, Ala.	19,128
Tallahassee, Fla.	81,548
Tamarac, Fla.	29,376
Tampa, Fla.	271,523
Taunton, Mass.	45,001
Taylor, Mich.	77,568
Tempe, Ariz.	106,743
Temple, Tex.	42,483
Temple City, Calif.	28,972
Terre Haute, Ind.	61,125
Tewksbury, Mass.	24,635
Texarkana, Ark.	21,459
Texarkana, Tex.	31,271
Texas City, Tex.	41,403
Thomasville, Ga.	18,463
Thornton, Colo.	40,343
Thousand Oaks, Calif.	77,072
Tiffin, Ohio	19,549
Tinley Park, Ill.	26,171
Titusville, Fla.	31,910
Toledo, Ohio	354,635
Tonawanda, N.Y.	18,693
Topeka, Kans.	115,266
Torrance, Calif.	131,497
Torrington, Conn.	30,987
Tracy, Calif.	18,428
Trenton, Mich.	22,762
Trenton, N.J.	92,124
Troy, Mich.	67,102
Troy, N.Y.	56,638
Troy, Ohio	19,086
Trumbull, Conn.	32,989
Tucson, Ariz.	330,537
Tulare, Calif.	22,475
Tulsa, Okla.	360,919
Tupelo, Miss.	23,905
Turlock, Calif.	26,287
Tuscaloosa, Ala.	75,211
Tustin, Calif.	32,317
Twin Falls, Idaho	26,209
Tyler, Tex.	70,508

U

Union City, Calif.	39,406
Union City, N.J.	55,593
University City, Mo.	42,738
University Park, Tex.	22,254
Upland, Calif.	47,647
Upper Arlington, Ohio	35,648
Urbana, Ill.	35,978
Urbandale, Iowa	17,869
Utica, N.Y.	75,632

V

Vacaville, Calif.	43,367
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Valdosta, Ga.	37,596
Vallejo, Calif.	80,303
Valley Stream, N.Y.	35,769
Valparaiso, Ind.	22,247
Vancouver, Wash.	42,834
Ventura (San Buenaventura), Calif.	74,474
Vernon, Conn.	27,974
Vicksburg, Miss.	25,434
Victoria, Tex.	50,695
Villa Park, Ill.	23,185
Vincennes, Ind.	20,857
Vineland, N.J.	53,753
Virginia Beach, Va.	262,199
Visalia, Calif.	49,729
Vista, Calif.	35,834

W

Waco, Tex.	101,261
Wahiawa, Hawaii	16,911
Waipahu, Hawaii	29,139
Wakefield, Mass.	24,895
Walla Walla, Wash.	25,618
Wallingford, Conn.	37,274
Walnut Creek, Calif.	53,643
Walpole, Mass.	18,859
Waltham, Mass.	58,200
Wareham, Mass.	18,457
Warner Robins, Ga.	39,893
Warren, Mich.	161,134
Warren, Ohio	56,629
Warrensville Heights, Ohio	16,565
Warwick, R.I.	87,123
Washington, D.C.	637,651
Washington, Pa.	18,363
Waterbury, Conn.	103,266
Waterford, Conn.	17,843
Waterloo, Iowa	75,985
Watertown, Conn.	19,489
Watertown, Mass.	34,384
Watertown, N.Y.	27,861
Watertown, Wis.	18,113
Waterville, Me.	17,779
Watsonville, Calif.	23,543
Waukegan, Ill.	67,653
Waukesha, Wis.	50,319
Wausau, Wis.	32,426
Wauwatosa, Wis.	51,308
Waycross, Ga.	19,371
Wayne, Mich.	21,159
Webster Groves, Mo.	23,097
Weirton, W. Va.	24,736
Wellesley, Mass.	27,209
Wenatchee, Wash.	17,257
Weslaco, Tex.	19,331
West Allis, Wis.	63,982
West Bend, Wis.	21,484
Westchester, Ill.	17,730
West Chester, Pa.	17,435
West Covina, Calif.	80,291
West Des Moines, Iowa	21,894
Westerly, R.I.	18,580
Westerville, Ohio	23,414
Westfield, Mass.	36,465
Westfield, N.J.	30,447
West Hartford, Conn.	61,301
West Haven, Conn.	53,184
West Jordan, Utah	27,192
West Lafayette, Ind.	21,247
Westlake, Ohio	19,483
Westland, Mich.	84,603
West Memphis, Ark.	28,138
West Mifflin, Pa.	26,279
Westminster, Calif.	71,133
Westminster, Colo.	50,211
Westmont, Ill.	16,718
West New York, N.J.	39,194
West Orange, N.J.	39,510

West Palm Beach, Fla.	63,305	Winston-Salem, N.C.	131,885
Westport, Conn.	25,290	Winter Haven, Fla.	21,119
West St. Paul, Minn.	18,527	Winter Park, Fla.	22,339
West Springfield, Mass.	27,042	Winthrop, Mass.	19,294
West Warwick, R.I.	27,026	Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.	17,995
Wethersfield, Conn.	26,031	Woburn, Mass.	36,626
Weymouth, Mass.	55,601	Woodland, Calif.	30,235
Wheaton, Ill.	43,043	Woodridge, Ill.	22,322
Wheat Ridge, Colo.	30,293	Woonsocket, R.I.	45,914
Wheeling, Ill.	23,266	Wooster, Ohio	19,289
Wheeling, W. Va.	43,070	Worcester, Mass.	161,799
White Bear Lake, Minn.	22,538	Wyandotte, Mich.	34,006
Whitehall, Ohio	21,299	Wyoming, Mich.	59,616
White Plains, N.Y.	46,999		
Whittier, Calif.	69,717	X	
Wichita, Kans.	279,272	Xenia, Ohio	24,653
Wichita Falls, Tex.	94,201	Y	
Wickliffe, Ohio	16,790	Yakima, Wash.	49,826
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	51,551	Yarmouth, Mass.	18,449
Wilkinsburg, Pa.	23,669	Yonkers, N.Y.	195,351
Williamsport, Pa.	33,401	Yorba Linda, Calif.	28,254
Willoughby, Ohio	19,329	York, Pa.	44,619
Willowick, Ohio	17,834	Youngstown, Ohio	115,436
Wilmette, Ill.	28,229	Ypsilanti, Mich.	24,031
Wilmington, Del.	70,195	Yuba City, Calif.	18,736
Wilmington, Mass.	17,471	Yukon, Okla.	17,112
Wilmington, N.C.	44,000	Yuma, Ariz.	42,433
Wilson, N.C.	34,424	Z	
Winchester, Mass.	20,701	Zanesville, Ohio	28,655
Winchester, Va.	20,217	Zion, Ill.	17,861
Windham, Conn.	21,062		
Windsor, Conn.	25,204		
Winona, Minn.	25,075		

Population of the United States in 1980

SUMMARY BY STATES AND DEPENDENCIES

(Figures in parentheses give rank of states in population)

THE STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Alabama	(22)	3,893,888
Alaska	(50)	401,851
Arizona	(29)	2,718,215
Arkansas	(33)	2,286,435
California	(1)	23,667,902
Colorado	(28)	2,889,964
Connecticut	(25)	3,107,576
Delaware	(47)	594,338
District of Columbia		638,333
Florida	(7)	9,746,324
Georgia	(13)	5,463,105
Hawaii	(39)	964,691
Idaho	(41)	943,935
Illinois	(5)	11,426,518
Indiana	(12)	5,490,224
Iowa	(27)	2,913,808
Kansas	(32)	2,363,679
Kentucky	(23)	3,660,777
Louisiana	(19)	4,205,900
Maine	(38)	1,124,660
Maryland	(18)	4,216,975
Massachusetts	(11)	5,737,037
Michigan	(8)	9,262,078
Minnesota	(21)	4,075,970
Mississippi	(31)	2,520,638
Missouri	(15)	4,916,686
Montana	(44)	786,690
Nebraska	(35)	1,569,825
Nevada	(43)	800,493
New Hampshire	(42)	920,610

New Jersey	(9)	7,364,823
New Mexico	(37)	1,302,894
New York	(2)	17,558,072
North Carolina	(10)	5,881,766
North Dakota	(46)	652,717
Ohio	(6)	10,797,630
Oklahoma	(26)	3,025,290
Oregon	(30)	2,633,105
Pennsylvania	(4)	11,863,895
Rhode Island	(40)	947,154
South Carolina	(24)	3,121,820
South Dakota	(45)	690,768
Tennessee	(17)	4,591,120
Texas	(3)	14,229,191
Utah	(36)	1,461,037
Vermont	(48)	511,456
Virginia	(14)	5,356,818
Washington	(20)	4,132,156
West Virginia	(34)	1,949,644
Wisconsin	(16)	4,705,767
Wyoming	(49)	469,557
TOTAL		226,545,805

DEPENDENCIES

American Samoa	32,297
Guam	105,979
Puerto Rico	3,196,520
Virgin Islands of the U.S.	96,569
Other (Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, etc.)	132,929
TOTAL	3,564,294

TOTAL U.S. & Dependencies 230,110,099

Population of Places in Canada

Having 16,500 or More Inhabitants in 1981

Ajax, Ont.	25,475	Lévis, Que.	17,895
Alma, Que.	26,322	London, Ont.	254,280
Anjou, Que.	37,346	Longueuil, Que.	124,320
Aylmer, Que.	26,695	Markham, Ont.	77,037
Barrie, Ont.	38,423	Mascouche, Que.	20,345
Beaconsfield, Que.	19,613	Medicine Hat, Alta.	40,380
Beauport, Que.	60,447	Milton, Ont.	28,067
Belleville, Ont.	34,881	Mississauga, Ont.	315,056
Beloeil, Que.	17,540	Moncton, N.B.	54,743
Boucherville, Que.	29,704	Montreal, Que.	980,354
Brampton, Ont.	149,030	Montreal-Nord, Que.	94,914
Brandon, Man.	36,242	Mont-Royal, Que.	19,247
Brantford, Ont.	74,315	Moose Jaw, Sask.	33,941
Brockville, Ont.	19,896	Nanaimo, B.C.	47,069
Brossard, Que.	52,232	Nanticoke, Ont.	19,816
Burlington, Ont.	114,853	Nepean, Ont.	84,361
Burnaby, B.C.	136,494	Newcastle, Ont.	32,229
Caledon, Ont.	26,645	Newmarket, Ont.	29,753
Calgary, Alta.	592,743	New Westminster, B.C.	38,550
Cambridge, Ont.	77,183	Niagara Falls, Ont.	70,960
Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Que.	32,626	North Bay, Ont.	51,268
Charlesbourg, Que.	68,326	North Vancouver, B.C.	33,952
Châteauguay, Que.	36,928	North York, Ont.	559,521
Chatham, Ont.	40,952	Oakville, Ont.	75,773
Chicoutimi, Que.	60,064	Orillia, Ont.	23,955
Chilliwack, B.C.	40,642	Oshawa, Ont.	117,519
Corner Brook, Nfld.	24,339	Ottawa, Ont.	295,163
Cornwall, Ont.	46,144	Outremont, Que.	24,338
Côte-St-Luc, Que.	27,531	Owen Sound, Ont.	19,883
Dartmouth, N.S.	62,277	Penticton, B.C.	23,181
Delta, B.C.	74,692	Peterborough, Ont.	60,620
Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Que.	39,940	Pickering, Ont.	37,754
Dorval, Que.	17,722	Pierrefonds, Que.	38,390
Drummondville, Que.	27,347	Pointe-aux-Trembles, Que.	36,270
Dundas, Ont.	19,586	Pointe-Claire, Que.	24,571
East York, Ont.	101,974	Port Alberni, B.C.	19,892
Edmonton, Alta.	532,246	Port Colborne, Ont.	19,225
Elliot Lake, Ont.	16,723	Port Coquitlam, B.C.	27,535
Etobicoke, Ont.	298,713	Prince Albert, Sask.	31,380
Fort Erie, Ont.	24,096	Prince George, B.C.	67,559
Fort McMurray, Alta.	31,000	Quebec, Que.	166,474
Fredericton, N.B.	43,723	Red Deer, Alta.	46,393
Gaspé, Que.	17,261	Regina, Sask.	162,613
Gatineau, Que.	74,988	Repentigny, Que.	34,419
Glace Bay, N.S.	21,466	Richmond Hill, Ont.	37,778
Gloucester, Ont.	72,859	Rimouski, Que.	29,120
Granby, Que.	38,069	Rouyn, Que.	17,224
Grande Prairie, Alta.	24,263	St. Albert, Alta.	31,996
Greenfield Park, Que.	18,527	St-Bruno-de-Montarville, Que.	22,880
Guelph, Ont.	71,207	St. Catharines, Ont.	124,018
Haldimand, Ont.	16,866	Ste-Foy, Que.	68,883
Halifax, N.S.	114,594	Ste-Thérèse, Que.	18,750
Halton Hills, Ont.	35,190	St. Eustache, Que.	29,716
Hamilton, Ont.	306,434	St-Hubert, Que.	60,573
Hull, Que.	56,225	St-Hyacinthe, Que.	38,246
Joliette, Que.	16,987	St-Jean, Que.	35,640
Jonquière, Que.	60,354	St-Jérôme, Que.	25,123
Kamloops, B.C.	64,048	Saint John, N.B.	80,521
Kanata, Ont.	19,728	St. John's, Nfld.	83,770
Kelowna, B.C.	59,196	St-Lambert, Que.	20,557
Kingston, Ont.	52,616	St-Laurent, Que.	65,900
Kitchener, Ont.	139,734	St-Léonard, Que.	79,429
La Baie, Que.	20,935	St. Thomas, Ont.	28,165
Lachine, Que.	37,521	Sarnia, Ont.	50,892
LaSalle, Que.	76,299	Saskatoon, Sask.	154,210
Laval, Que.	268,335	Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.	82,697
Lethbridge, Alta.	54,072	Scarborough, Ont.	443,353

Sept-Îles, Que.	29,262	Vancouver, B.C.	414,281
Shawinigan, Que.	23,011	Vanier, Ont.	18,792
Sherbrooke, Que.	74,075	Vaughan, Ont.	29,674
Sorel, Que.	20,347	Verdun, Que.	61,287
Stoney Creek, Ont.	36,762	Vernon, B.C.	19,987
Stratford, Ont.	26,262	Victoria, B.C.	64,379
Sudbury, Ont.	91,829	Victoriaville, Que.	21,838
Sydney, N.S.	29,444	Waterloo, Ont.	49,428
Thetford Mines, Que.	19,965	Welland, Ont.	45,448
Thunder Bay, Ont.	112,486	Westmount, Que.	20,480
Timmins, Ont.	46,114	Whitby, Ont.	36,698
Toronto, Ont.	599,217	Windsor, Ont.	192,083
Trois-Rivières, Que.	50,466	Winnipeg, Man.	564,473
Val-d'Or, Que.	21,371	Woodstock, Ont.	26,603
Valley East, Ont.	20,433	York, Ont.	134,617
Valleyfield, Que.	29,574		

Population of Canada in 1981

SUMMARY BY PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES

Alberta	2,237,724	Prince Edward Island	122,506
British Columbia	2,744,467	Quebec	6,438,403
Manitoba	1,026,241	Saskatchewan	948,313
New Brunswick	696,403	Yukon Territory	21,836
Newfoundland	567,681	Northwest Territories	45,741
Nova Scotia	847,442	TOTAL	24,098,473
Ontario	8,625,107		

Signs and Symbols

Astronomy

- ☉ the sun; Sunday
- ☾, ☾, or ☾ the moon; Monday
- new moon
- ☾, ☾, ☾, ☾ first quarter
- or ☽ full moon
- ☾, ☾, ☾, ☾ last quarter
- ♿ Mercury; Wednesday
- ♀ Venus; Friday

- ⊕, ⊖, or ♂ the earth
- ♂ Mars; Tuesday
- ♃ Jupiter; Thursday
- ♄ or ♅ Saturn; Saturday
- ♅, ♅, or ♅ Uranus
- ♆, ♆, or ♆ Neptune
- ♇ Pluto
- ☄ comet
- * or * fixed star

Business

- a/c account (in a/c with)
- @ at; each (4 apples @ 5¢ = 20¢)
- per
- c/o care of
- # number if it precedes a numeral (track #3); pounds if it follows (a 5# sack of sugar)
- lb pound; pounds

- % percent
- ‰ per thousand
- \$ dollars
- ¢ cents
- £ pounds
- / shillings
- © copyrighted
- ® registered trademark

Mathematics

- + plus; positive (a + b = c)—used also to indicate omitted figures or an approximation
- minus; negative
- ± plus or minus (the square root of 4a² is ± 2a)
- × multiplied by; times (6 × 4 = 24)—also indicated by placing a dot between the factors (6·4 = 24) or by writing factors other than numerals without signs
- ÷ or : divided by (24 ÷ 6 = 4)—also indicated by writing the divisor under the dividend with a line between ($\frac{24}{6} = 4$) or by writing the divisor after the dividend with an oblique line between (3/8)
- = equals (6 + 2 = 8)
- ≠ or ≠ is not equal to
- > is greater than (6 > 5)
- >> is much greater than
- < is less than (3 < 4)
- << is much less than
- ≧ or ≧ is greater than or equal to
- ≡ or ≡ is less than or equal to
- ≧ is not greater than
- ≦ is not less than
- ≈ is approximately equal to
- ≡ is identical to
- ∼ equivalent; similar
- ≡ is congruent to
- ∝ varies directly as; is proportional to
- : is to; the ratio of
- ∴ therefore
- ∞ infinity
- ∠ angle; the angle (∠ABC)
- ⊥ right angle (⊥ABC)
- ⊥ the perpendicular; is perpendicular to (AB ⊥ CD)
- ∥ parallel; is parallel to (AB ∥ CD)
- ⊙ or ⊙ circle
- ⌒ arc of a circle
- △ triangle
- square
- ▭ rectangle
- √ or √ radical—used without a figure to indicate a square root (as in √4 =) or

with an index above the sign to indicate the root to be taken (as $\sqrt[n]{x}$) if the root is not a square root

- () parentheses } indicate that the quantities
[] brackets } enclosed by them are to be
{ } braces } taken together

π pi; the number 3.14159265 + ; the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter

° degree (60°)

' minute; foot (30')

" second; inch (30")

! factorial—used to indicate the product of all the whole numbers up to and including a given preceding number

U union of two sets

$\cap$ intersection of two sets

$\subset$ is included in, is a subset of

$\supset$ contains as a subset

$\in$ or ϵ is an element of

$\notin$ is not an element of

Λ or $\emptyset$ empty set, null set

or ϕ or { }

Medicine

$\overline{AA}$, $\bar{A}$, or $\bar{a}\bar{a}$ of each

$\mathcal{R}$ take—used on prescriptions; prescription; treatment

$\mathcal{P}$ poison

APOTHECARIES' MEASURES

$\mathfrak{z}$ ounce

$f\mathfrak{z}$ fluidounce

$f\mathfrak{z}$ fluidram

$\mathfrak{m}$, $\mathfrak{m}$, $\mathfrak{m}$ minim

or min

APOTHECARIES' WEIGHTS

$\mathfrak{lb}$ pound

$\mathfrak{z}$ ounce (as $\mathfrak{z}$ i or $\mathfrak{z}$ j, one ounce; $\mathfrak{z}$ ss, half an ounce; $\mathfrak{z}$ iss or $\mathfrak{z}$ jss, one ounce and a half; $\mathfrak{z}$ ij, two ounces)

$\mathfrak{d}$ dram

$\mathfrak{s}$ scruple

Miscellaneous

& and

&c et cetera; and so forth

"or" ditto marks

/ virgule; used to mean "or" (as in *and/or*), "and/or" (as in *dead/wounded*), "per" (as in *feet/second*), indicates end of a line of verse; separates the figures of a date (4/8/74)

$\mathfrak{f}$ index or fist

< derived from

> whence derived

+ and

* assumed

† died—used esp. in genealogies

✝ cross

* monogram from Greek XP signifying Christ

卐 swastika

✡ Judaism

† ankh

✠ versicle

$\mathfrak{R}$ response

* —used in Roman Catholic and Anglican service books to divide each verse of a psalm, indicating where the response begins

✝ or + —used in some service books to indicate where the sign of the cross is to be made; also used by certain Roman Catholic and Anglican prelates as a sign of the cross preceding their signatures

LXX Septuagint

f or *f*: relative aperture of a photographic lens

☒ civil defense

☺ peace

Reference marks

- * asterisk *or* star
- † dagger
- ‡ double dagger

- § section *or* numbered clause
- || parallels
- ¶ *or* ¶ paragraph

Stamps and stamp collecting

- ★ unused
- used

- ⊞ block of four or more
- ⊠ entire cover or card

Weather

- barometer, changes of
- ^ Rising, then falling
- ↗ Rising, then steady; or rising, then rising more slowly
- / Rising steadily, or unsteadily
- ✓ Falling or steady, then rising; or rising, then rising more quickly
- Steady, same as 3 hours ago
- ∨ Falling, then rising, same or lower than 3 hours ago
- ↘ Falling, then steady; or falling then falling more slowly
- \ Falling steadily, or unsteadily
- ^ Steady or rising, then falling; or falling, then falling more quickly
- ⊙ calm
- clear
- ◐ cloudy (partly)
- cloudy (completely overcast)
- + drifting or blowing snow
- ☂ drizzle

- fog
- ☁ freezing rain
- ▲▲▲ cold front
- ▲▲▲ warm front
- ▲▲▲ stationary front
-)} funnel clouds
- ∞ haze
- hurricane
- ☼ tropical storm
- rain
- ⋮ rain and snow
- ⚄ frost
- ☄ sandstorm or dust storm
- ▼ shower(s)
- ▼ shower of rain
- ▼ shower of hail
- △ sleet
- snow
- ⚡ thunderstorm
- ☁ visibility reduced by smoke

Tina Marie
Said to the people used
Said to you & me
amb

Heidi-
Diana

X

camp
D
120

camp

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